Three Owls Federation – Council Meeting
July 10, 2018 7:00 pm


Circles not in attendance: Little Thunder Guides, Seminoles, Snowy Owls, Black Bear

Y Staff Present: Polly Rhodes

Agenda
1. Welcome & Program Stories - share & send to us

2. Past Events
   - Trailblazers campout Devil’s Lake – 5/4-5/6

   - Spring Campout – YMCA Camp Benson 5/18-5/20
     Feedback was generally good for our 2nd visit to Camp Benson. The new suspension bridges over the river were a favorite. Only negative shared was that it felt like the camp was understaffed for our visit.

3. Upcoming Events
   - Movies Under the Stars – 6/15, 7/6, 7/28, 8/10, 9/7 - save the dates!
     9/7 is Three Owls night at the movies! We discussed creating a Three Owls video or commercial to show before the movie. In order to share photos or videos, the group discussed using a google drive to drop those into.

4. Council meetings – please arrange to have a rep at each meeting
   For 2017/2018, the council had decided on 4 council meetings throughout the year. The group felt this was a good schedule and selected 4 dates for the 2018/2019 school year. Dates are as follows:
     8/28 7:30 pm at Kroehler YMCA
     12/4 7:00 pm at offsite location TBD
     4/9 7:30 pm at Kroehler YMCA
     5/14 7:00 pm at offsite location TBD – tentative planning meeting for 2019/2020
5. Federation council positions – **Need a new Federation chief!**
   Polly to send out the Federation council position list. Please ask your circle to help fill some of these positions. Most require very little time to help support the federation.

6. Duties as circle chief to the Federation office:
   - **Make sure we have up to date information for your circle (complete form attached)**
   - **Be attentive to email communications – we place new members in the fall**
   - **Understand registration process and communicate this to your circle and new members – must register every school year, annual registration required in order to register for events.**
   - **Promote attendance at federation events**

7. Trailblazers update
   Brief discussion about TB events for next year. Devil’s Lake is already booked for 5/3-5/5/19. Discussed clarifying the description of Trailblazers to include that most participants choose to stay with their circle, go to extra activities for TB only and also help at events.

8. Communications – e-news, google group, Facebook – feedback please
   Suggestion to look into Instagram for Three Owls

9. Other business?
   - Flyers to schools?
   - Possibly plan Batavia kick-off with Red Oak and Hawks
   - In an effort to encourage earlier annual program registration, the group talked about setting up Early Bird fees. These would be available until 9/21 after which time the fee increases for anyone who hasn’t paid the annual fee.
10. 2018/2019 school year planning – Federation Events, Trailblazers events? (events in italics are not fully confirmed/booked yet).

- **September** – 9/3 – Labor Day parade??, 9/7 – movie night/ Federation kickoff event – *dodgeball at event?*, Trailblazers – *canoe trip, date TBD*

- **October** – 10/5-10/7 – Campout at Camp MacLean – *make sure to do cookies, cocoa & games in the evening*, 10/26 - Y Halloween Party 6-8 pm

- **November** – *DuPage Children’s museum late night – dates in order of preference F 11/2, F 11/9, Sa 11/3, Sa 11/10; 11/16 – Operation Turkey Drop at Kroehler 6:30-8 pm*

- **December** – *Sat 12/8 1 pm – Caroling & Crafts – meet at Kroehler, Trailblazers meet-up – Rock climbing (open to all at Vertical Endeavors) TBD*

- **January** – 1/18-1/20 – Campout at Camp Tecumseh - *skits, TB hike*

- **February** – 2/23 or 2/9 – *Canoe on Wheels and late night swim at 5 pm, Chicago Wolves game end of February?*

- **March** – 3/8 or 3/9 – *Ultimate Ninja or Funway*

- **April** – *Museum overnight preferred this month, Sat 4/27 4 pm – Stained glass/jewelry & Mother’s day activity*

- **May** – *5/17-5/19 - Spring campout at YMCA Camp Benson (tentative), 5/3-5/5 – Trailblazers at Devil’s Lake*

**Notes:**

- Field Museum overnight – preferred dates Sat 4/6, Fri 3/8, Fri 3/1 (cannot reserve dates with museum yet)

- Look into new location for Fall 2019 campout
Circle Name: ______________________________________

Chief: __________________________________________

Email: _________________________________________  Phone: ________________

Assistant Chief (secondary contact): ______________________________

Email: _________________________________________  Phone: ________________

Please answer the following based on your anticipated group for 2018/2019

Circle one:  Guides only    Princesses Only    Co-ed

Trailblazers participants?    Yes    No    Don’t know

Accepting new members for 2018/2019 school year: Yes    No    Unsure __________

What ages are the kids in your group? _____________________________________________

What schools do they attend? _____________________________________________________

What neighborhoods or areas do your members live in? _____________________________

What support do you need to boost recruiting at your neighborhood schools, sports teams, etc? ________________________________________________________________

Please describe your circle and general meeting day/frequency, type of meetings (outings, in-home, other). Include anything that will help us when matching new members to your group. ________________________________________________________________

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