

SSPRPA CAMP/TEEN MEETING

Date: October 17 1:30pm

Attendees:

Meghan Fenlon, TPPD, Kristen Morrison, Frankfort Park District, Dyana Methany, H-F Park District, Devin Frendries, H-F Park District, Casey O'Connell, Joliet Park District, Bethany Lerch, New Lenox Park District, Rebecca Perkaus, Alsip Park District

Item
• Teen Programming Updates
• Camp Budget
• Staff Salaries
• Camp Fees
• Payment Plans
• Staff Recruitment Ideas
• Open Roundtable Discussion
• Art Project Sharing
IPRA Update-none at this time
Announcements
Adjournment

Minutes:

Teen Updates-

Here is the information for a co-op Teen Ski Trip, if interested reach out to Jennah at H-F jcarlson@hfparks.com-email for additional details and to conform participation

Who: Grades 6-8

When: Monday, January 15th 9am-7pm

Where: Wilmot Mountain Ski Resort, 11931 River Road, Wilmot, WI

Fee: \$125 R / \$150 NR

Rentals: \$48 for skis, poles, boots, and helmet

Additional Information:

Fee includes transportation and lift ticket

Bus will depart from the Irwin Community Center at 9:00am
Approximate arrival at the resort will be 10:30am. Departure will be around 5:30pm

Rebecca at Alsip Park District is planning a trip for January to a Gaming Arcade, details to follow, reach out if interested.

If anyone plans a teen trip and you would like to offer it to the group as a co-op please out details as soon as you have them. Several agencies are working on bringing back their teen programs and looking for opportunities!

Camp Salaries

Camp Counselors

- \$1 increase to start \$14.50
- .50 increase if returning, base pay was raised to \$15.00 previously and will stay for new staff
- \$15 to start with bump each year worked (3% yearly)
- \$1 increase to \$14/.50 for returning
- \$1 increase to \$15
- Already at \$15 (2-3% bump for returners yearly)

Camp Site Leaders

- \$1 increase to start \$15.50
- \$16 to start with bump each year worked (3% yearly)
- \$17.29 to start
- \$15 to start with bump for returning-5%
- \$16.50 to start with .50 to returning staff

Camp Fees

- Many still working on fees, most looking at %8-%10 increase over last year.
- 20% increase over last year (had kept static for several years)
- Increase yearly of a flat \$100

Registration Fees-non refundable if canceled, who is charging them?

- \$30
- \$35
- \$125
- \$50

Staff Recruitment Ideas

- College Fairs
- Direct Mailers to School Districts (found great paras this way!)
- Social Media/Tik Tok
- High School Career Fairs and Job Readiness Fairs
- H.S. Lunch Room Tables
- Job Fair at agency
- Mailers to last year applicants did not hire or late applicants

Open Round Table

- Request for Parent Communication Workshops for Day Camp Workshop was made
- COW's- Counselors of the Week
 - Cow theme lanyard, parking space, shirt
- Camper of the Week
 - Certificate
 - Game leader
- Idea for earned raffle ticket instead of counselor of the week -i.e. going above and beyond, dressing up on dress up day, lesson plans in on time, etc. pick prizes they want to all have a chance and less ambiguous
- Have staff complete sheet at orientation with favorites so you know what they want for rewards throughout summer
- Who is taxing on uniforms?
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IPRA Update

IPRA School Age had KIDDOS there, they provide camp lunches. Minimum number of lunches required for delivery, pick-up available., ilovekiddos.com 773-360-8081 Agencies had great response, but for larger camps and can be pricey, will not do sporadic, must be daily.

Agencies discussed zero tolerance policies and who had them, how structured. Step-policies to remove from camp but what to do if a major incident occurred. Carol Stream requires a professional screening and medical note to return to camp if threats made against self or others.

Parent code of conduct as well!

Southside Camp Challenge

Do we want to offer a south side camp challenge where participating agencies plan a field day and camps (older /middle grades) some together for a competition day? Similar to IPRA Teen Camp challenge.

- 4th and above or older?
- Each agency coming plans one activity for all to do
- Mix smaller groups together
- Are you interested?

If enough interest we will start planning so please commit now!

Upcoming Meeting Information:

November 14: Frankfort Park District, Founders Center, 140 Oak St, Frankfort, 1:30pm

Topic: 2024 Field Trip/Visitor Ideas, Calendar Planning

***bring a one day field day you have run successfully to share with group!**

February 20 ZOOM 1:30pm

Topic: Conference Re-cap-bring your top 3 take-aways from conference sessions!

***bring your favorite rainy day activity (not put on a movie!) to share with group!**

Art Sharing



Beaded Suncatchers



Painted and coloring book pictures



Nature's paintbrushes



DIY Flower Leis

