

Lessons Learned 2009

1. Suggest that Becky work with Anita in North Counties to try to increase day-only registrations.
2. Start registration in September, Early Bird Thanksgiving, deadline before Christmas, confirmations by first of January.
3. Nothing for check-in packets to be stuffed on Friday. MUST be ready for check-in at the advertised time.
4. Late registrants should just not be in the printed documentation – rosters, pre-printed nametags, etc.
5. MUST use microphone for announcements
6. Whiteboard was good, but needs to be higher
7. Small weekend agendas posted in units/dining hall were very helpful
8. Silkscreening – offer in lower level dining hall on Friday night so it can be painted.
9. Becky did a wonderful job with the Scouts Own – ask her to do again?
10. Ask Carla Lindemann to lead graces?
11. Have campfire Friday or Saturday to teach flag retirement? Include ashes tradition. Offer as class.
12. Instructors need to be confirmed by 9/1.
13. Instructors need to take roll instead of passing roster around.
14. Instructors – don't "sell" your stuff (can put flier in handouts that includes information and how to contact if interested).
15. Need standard craft supplies on generic packing list (glue gun/glue sticks, scissors, pen/pencil, paper
16. We need printed camp helper instructions
17. Possible New Committees – photography, hostess committee, instructor orientation, unit hostess/camp helper orientation?
18. Got an idea regarding the checkout process....

Why don't we checkout in order of cabin assignments from the farthest site from the dining hall to the closest (i.e. Echo Hill being last to checkout), of course the packages would be in alpha order per cabin for ease of locating). This would put a positive spin on electing those cabins over Echo Hill - if there have been any complaints??? Some may prefer to check out a.s.a.p. on Sunday and would "give up" convenience to dining hall for being able to leave first. Also, keep the Kaper assignment that was for this year that Echo Hill cleans the dining hall after Sunday lunch since they "have" the convenience.

We may even want to have assigned checkout times. Like 15-20 minute slots per cabin so the "gang" isn't all waiting in line for their cabin to be called to checkout.

Of course all of this would need to be stated in the registration form/packet.

19. Need "incident book" for First Aid
20. Overall evaluations – don't put in check-in packet? Make copies and put in DH.
21. Add new class designation - Workshop/Council Class/**Other** (assign free time, get acquainted game, etc. to OTHER category so we don't print

- labels/folders for those classes that don't need sign-in and which won't get "credit").
22. New committee – "Hostess/Camp Helper"? – coordinate directions & supervise duties of those folks
 23. New committee – Photography? Would be responsible for taking group pictures and creating Photo card gift (like the Croptoberfest card Kippy & I got) for all participants.
 24. New class for Friday Night – Tushy Cushy (Friendship Blanket no sew sit upon)
 25. Late additions to class need class pass + class evaluation form
 26. Lianne needs battery base for walkie talkie for entire weekend.
 27. Post bingo to website
 28. Need specific WRITTEN instructions for camp helpers. No changing out of camp helper unless we get \$5 back.
 29. Check-out – need A-G, H-M, N-Z kinds of lines to spread them out.
 30. Speak with Consuela Luna about HI
 31. Need confirmations earlier
 32. Offer swap contest – committee to bring board/banner, and each entrant's swap would be posted and voted on by all participants
 33. Offer orientation for instructors on Friday/Saturday?
 34. Special check-in line for instructors – make sure they feel welcome, make sure they know about instructions/rules for letting folks in their class.
 35. Include instructions for how check-out is going to work (ex. 3-step checkout).
 36. Have tables (meals) set up by age level
 37. Need station check-in signs (start here, etc.)
 38. Welcome committee/answer station – hostesses (committee members?) wear aprons/easily recognizable to answer questions – information station
 39. Provide bag of swaps for those who forgot theirs? What is a SWAP poster?

Things to Bring to Camp:
Microwave for snack table