

## Winter Camp Evaluation Meeting

January 10, 2024

Held over the internet using Zoom

Attendance: Ethan Rein, Mark Bollman, Alan Wilson, Doug Wilson, Jeff Rand, Steve Donohue

*Note: These notes are organized by concept and may not reflect the order in which they were discussed in the meeting.*

### **Cabins**

We had enough beds. We didn't need a female youth room, but we could have used dividers to make one

We could swap Dan Beard for James West if we wanted to

Camp has moved from a weekend charge to a nightly charge, which has resulted in a big increase for Winter Camp. We expect this increase to continue

### **Duty Roster**

Self sign up went pretty well, but Steve covered a lot of holes for food prep

Youth tend to do more dishes and less cooking

**Kitchen Notes** – See Notes from Steve. They include feedback from others as well.

### **Ceremony**

Ethan to revise text to be more generally inclusive of all closed camps (not just CHR) as well as to be more descriptive with stage directions.

Revised ceremony will be shared for comments during 2024

Doug pointed out it would be nice to get a crate or two of candles to keep in the attic. Ethan to follow up with Bryan Mann about the availability of such candles

Brotherhood ceremony went ok. CAG rock was a good location. No plans to do another one in the future, but we could if the chapter wanted us to.

### **Check out**

The camp's preference that we were out by noon EST was revealed to us while at camp. We were out around 2 EST

Campers were observed driving from the JL parking lot to James West Cabin. The reason not to drive up to James West cabin is the septic fields around JL cabin at the shower house.

We can make clean up go faster by taking less stuff out of the attic and by returning it when we're done with it. The walk to the start of the Time Capsule hike on 12/30 is a good time to drop things off. That's how we got the golf clubs back this year.

We can also start breaking down the kitchen on 12/30 as we don't need all of our stuff for breakfast and lunch

## **Money**

Steve has to settle up with the MCC. To do so, he'll need to turn in the cash on hand and then request reimbursement from what's left of the event money. The cash on hand includes \$15.50 from the returnables

We ended with a slight positive balance, thanks largely to Gabe's \$700 donation.

We didn't increase the cost from Winter Camp XLVI to XLVII. An increase of \$1.01 or \$2.02 next year would be appropriate.

Pop consumption is way down. Dr. Pepper and Cherry Coke were the preferred flavors.

At the time of the meeting, Doug wasn't sure how much candy we sold. We may want to buy less next year.

## **Attic Storage**

There's no trouble with keeping things in the attic as of now, but we know that could to an end at any time, especially with turnover in the permanent camp staff

It would be a good idea to put notes in the attic that someone poking around up there should contact us.

## **El Mediodia (June 29, 2024)**

The chapter has a picnic planned for June 1, which we are all welcome to attend. LOCATION?

## **Work Weekend**

We all agreed that work weekend before or after summer camp is a good idea, but we're not sure if we can make it happen. Steve pointed out that our chapter's assigned camp is Teetonkah

## **Initial plans for Winter Camp XLVIII**

Leader – Ryan Shork. Assisted by Connor Johnson (Activities) and Sam Bagdachi (Kitchen)

Adviser – Steve Donohue. Assisted by Matt Grimble (Activities) and Doug Wilson (Kitchen)

Jeff Rand will continue to serve as Short Term Camp Administrator, although he was told that Ranch Director Julie could serve in that role as well.

Steve Donohue is Serv Safe certified through 2025

A charter will need to be submitted. It will be largely similar to previous versions

## **Future Jack Lord cabin improvements**

Funding – the chapter likely has money it could spend to improve the cabin. To do this, someone from the chapter would likely have to get the projects in front of the D-A properties committee

The showers in the cabin need attention

The stove and hood need attention

The cabin doesn't have a freezer, but it would be nice to have one. There was talk about the cabin having had a freezer in the past, but that it had was no longer working. Part of the problem might be that people were unplugging it and leaving it on the back porch. There's a concern that a new one would end up meeting the same fate

### **Winter Camp 50**

Jeff is working on plan to have a weekette long historical theme with each day focusing on one decade.

### **Winter Camp 50 (Reunion Banquet)**

Given the constraints around attendance at camp, we're looking to have a catered reunion banquet shortly after camp.

Saturday, January 2, 2027 is a possible date. The lodge has been having its annual banquet on the first Saturday of the year. This could present a conflict or a possible synergy opportunity.

Not sure about venue, but we could look at churches with fellowship halls in the Downriver area

Steve has asked if the lodge has a plan for a banquet on the same day

### **Miscellaneous**

Steve has lost and found.

No one in the meeting knew where the Lime Lake sign is currently. It's not in the attic or at the CHR site.

Ethan will send his draft of the history to Steve, Jeff, and Connor

Ethan suggested adding an "About Winter Camp" type page to theweekette.com. Steve said he could do so. This was motivated by confusion around our camp and Camp Rotary's camp in the WEYI coverage, which was very positive.