

SSPRPA CAMP/TEEN MEETING

Date: Sept. 13 **Time:** 2pm

Attendees: Meghan Fenlon, TPPD, Bailey O'Connell, TPPD, Rebecca Perkus, Alsip Park District, Kristen Morrison, Frankfort Park District, Melissa Feruzza, Oak Lawn Park District, Laurie Murray, Pleasant Dale Park District, Sarah Carr, Pleasant Dale Park District

Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greatest Success-Staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greatest Success-Campers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Challenges
-to be addressed throughout year
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biggest Surprises!
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exciting plans for 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Roundtable Discussion
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teen Programming Updates
IPRA Update
Announcements
Adjournment

Minutes:

Greatest Staff Success:

- All new group leaders and staff did amazing, welcomed constructive criticism and grew from it, they were past counselors so understand basics of camp program
- 2 or 3 new Site Leaders-all worked well together and relied on each other, not afraid to ask questions and grow from the opportunity. Supervisor held bi-weekly meetings to keep them on track and provide support
- Staff on board were great, but not enough of them. Camp ½ day program were really good, could shorter day have lead to less burnout?

Greatest Camper Successes:

- Teen Campers paired with Tot Campers twice a week to work as Jr. Leaders, they did great and it was a really successful program teens loved

- Camper who struggled last year-brought in SRA for training staff and it worked great, camper and staff showed improvement in deescalating behaviors

Challenges:

- Bus issues
- Pool days-staff not supervising campers
- Staff moving too quickly to camper write-ups
- Parents requesting campers to move age groups frequently
- End of the day group dynamic issues
- Cell phone usage among staff
- Campers using cell phones to call parents during day
- Parents asking for mini refunds of a day or 2 missed
- Young staff and the potential that they will not stay as long so a lot of retraining each summer
- Staff don't want to be "bad guy" so campers got away with lots of stuff

Misc. Items:

What Field Trips went great:

- Early Santa's Village Trips
- Thunderbolts Game
- Urban Air
- Wintrust Park

Teen Updates-Rebecca planned a snowtubing trip to Villa Olivia, she will send out trip details if you would like to offer it to your teens.

Rebecca is looking for teen trip code of conduct for Fright Fest Trip, if you use one please send to her!

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!

Upcoming Meeting Information:

October 4: Alsip Park District, Apollo Recreation Center, 12521 Kostner Ave 2pm Topic: Camp 2023 Budget & Staff Recruitment Ideas

November 1: Oak Lawn Park District, Oak View Center, 4625 W 110th St 2pm Topic: Camper Behavior Management/Trauma Informed Training

December 6: Pleasant Dale Park District, 7425 S Wolf Rd, Burr Ridge 2pm Topic: 2023 Calendar Planning/Activities Roundtable