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Roundup

We discussed a number of items at our monthly meeting, most of which needs feedback from each of you parents.

Upcoming Activities at Serendipity Kids Ranch Outdoor Camp:

1. Skoolzout: April 18 – 22 camp will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Right now the only person for certain coming to do something with the campers will be on Monday at 1:00 p.m. Polk County Children's Librarian will be coming for story time.
2. Guitar Lessons: We will be offering guitar lessons through our camp. Steve Whiteside, a local guitarist, will be offering lessons for \$20 per one hour a week. Several campers expressed interest in learning guitar. Please talk this over with your child and let us know as soon as possible. The lessons will be taught here at camp during the afternoons – no need to drive any place to accommodate this in your schedule!
3. Summer Camp: Whew! Seems this year has flown past again and summer is almost on us. Several things are being planned for the summer.
 - a. Sports Camp: We will be offering a Sports Camp every morning from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Regular campers attending all or most of summer will not be charged an extra fee, but we will be offering this to those who wish to just come for the Sport Camp. Each week will feature a different sport, with some sports repeating. Please tell your friends and neighbors about this. We will get the list of sports and dates posted soon!
 - b. Bicycle Week will be in July (will get the dates posted soon!). This year's event is being sponsored by Great Escapes in Spartanburg. They will be donating a lot of neat prizes to be offered the last day of the week during Bicycle Rodeo time. They will also be providing every camper that week a free helmet.
 - c. Physical Fitness: Fran Friday is willing to come and do a Physical Fitness program with the campers this summer. There will be small charge above regular camp fees for this program. She will be coming next week during Skoolzout and doing a free session with the campers so they can see a little of what she would like to offer and so she can get acquainted with the surroundings here. She has worked at Spartanburg YMCA for several years, but is now working at Pro Fitness in Columbus.

Fundraising suggestions and plans:

1. Pancake Supper at the Log Cabin: Cathy Hoosier works at Spartan Foods where they make delicious Mama's Pancakes! She can get us ten boxes of 144/box pancakes donated to us for a fundraiser. We are planning to do this one Thursday in May while there are lots of soccer and baseball players around Harmon Field. I have to check with the Harmon Field Board of Supervisors on May 2 in order to finalize the authorization of this, but George believes there will be no problem; therefore, we can proceed with plans. Currently, there are no Thursday's that the log cabin is rented. I need to know if you have a Thursday that you CANNOT help with this event! I will make a list of other items that will be needed; i.e., syrup, butter, milk, plates, forks, napkins and have each of you sign up for some of the items.
2. Parking Lot Flea Market: George does not have a problem, but again, I have to take this to the Board of Supervisors on May 2. When do you think it would be good to do this? Offer suggestions and I will pool the results! We would set up a flea market area in the parking lot across from the Presbyterian Church and charge anyone that wishes to have a space a small fee. Any other suggestions as to days, times, etc., please contact me as soon as possible so that we can organize this more.
3. Car Wash: We could pick some time to do a car wash out here when there is a lot of activity going on such as the Soccer or Baseball. George recommended some Saturday morning, but I would need someone to head this up as I would not be doing it on Saturday. I can also check with Lee Thompson who did this with us last spring. Is there any interest in doing a Car Wash once a month out here?

4. George has stated that Paul at Harmon Field Concession Stand does not do anything for the crowds that are out here on Saturday's. I have spoken to Paul and he is not at all interested. George says if we were interested in cleaning up the old concession stand and just selling pre-packaged items (sodas, water, chips) we would be welcome to do so, provided I get permission from the Board of Supervisors. I need some feedback if there is anyone that is interested in helping with this. If we fixed up the building we could have it open anytime any of our camp families would be willing to have it open when there are things happening at Harmon Field, as long as Paul is not open at the other concession stand. There are a lot of times there are people around Harmon Field, but Paul is not open. We would need to keep it strictly pre-packaged items. The place needs to be pressured washed inside and then painted. If anyone knows someone with a pressure washer and spray painter, it would be a relatively easy job, if not, I am not certain it is worth our time, but it is certainly worth some thought if you care to bounce ideas off of each other via e-mail for now.

Please let me know by e-mail, speaking to me at camp, or a phone call (not on Saturday please) your response to (Circle or Answer Question):

1. Is your child interested in guitar lessons? Yes No
2. Is your child interested in Sports Camp? Yes No Depends on Sport
3. Is your child interested in a Physical Fitness Program? Yes No
4. What date (Thursday in May) could you help with a Pancake Supper? _____
5. What day of the week or date would you recommend for a Parking Lot Flea Market? _____
6. Would you be willing to help with the Parking Lot Flea Market? _____
7. Would you be willing to help with a Car Wash? Yes No Monthly
Quarterly Day of Week _____
8. What are your thoughts about doing something with the old concession stand? _____

9. Any other suggestions you have for us: _____

Name: _____