

## MRPA Programming Network Meeting

Friday January 20, 2023

### Camp Themes

#### Burnsville –

- “sports of all sorts” badminton, cricket, kickball, frisbee, pickleball. (nontraditional)
- First drafts in now

#### Prior Lake

- March 1<sup>st</sup> registration opening
- Also sports of all sorts.
- “Pirates and mermaids” was popular last year, slip and slide, water fights, dressed up.
- Super hero, dazzling Disney.
- Prior Lake Patrollers – paw patrol theme and bring out the city stuff -

### When do people open registration

- March 1<sup>st</sup> Burnsville and Prior Lake
- Jan 31 Shoreview residents, public Feb 3 – second year doing this timeline
- Chaska first week of march
- Woodbury live march 15
- Feb 20 new Brighton

### What are you paying rec leaders this year?

\$13.75

\$14-16

St Cloud – Lifeguards \$20/hour

\$16-20 depending on experience

\$17 starting for youth programs

Camp \$13 – \$16, Sports staff \$16 – \$19

### Camp Directors:

- \$18-22
- \$17
- \$22-25
- \$22 coordinators

### Field Trips

- Ifly, MOA, Beaches

- Urban Air – Plymouth

#### Summer Resource Fair – MN Fieldtrip and Activity Library

Expo in August and January – free to attend. Kelsey with Prior Lake highly recommends it. Talked with Ninja Anywhere.

- Chanhassen dinner theater

#### Cheaper Coach Transportation options?

- Prices have gotten more expensive for coach busses, any ideas on options?
- Not really but want to hear some.

#### Contractors we use:

- RevSports – doing pickleball
- Inside Edge – simulator for indoor golf – doing a league in their space. Bringing in people who haven't typically taken their programs.
- Skyhawks
- Fishing – person contacted Blaine to do clinics for them.
- Curling – they reached out to Blaine to collaborate.
- Maple Grove – 3 rivers parks kayaking, SUP, Archery
- 3 rivers raised their age for youth, now have to be 10 to participate in activities. Was a change.
- Prior Lake – working with local residents more.
  - 2D chalk art camp with teachers in town.
  - Paddle boarding camp with a local owner.
  - Archery instructor who is local who teacher's archery in the schools.
  - Partnering with pickleball club to offer adult
- Maple Grove – found a local person to lead Dungeons and Dragons club and art club.

#### Special Event that is not an Egg Hunt

- Breakfast with the Bunny – Blaine
  - 4 sessions, usually full

#### Special Events

- Maple Grove –
  - Juneteenth last year went well, making changes this year. Doing it at the Amphitheater with focus on music and speakers then vendors around.
  - PRIDE festival not run by the city but do have community groups that do some things.
- Chaska
  - PRIDE event in it's 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Department is there to support and help and done through the Chaska Human Rights & Schools Gender Sexuality and Alignment group. Two groups came together. 450 – 500 attendees last year. 3 hours at a park, food truck, free ice cream. 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of June. Very successful thanks to community buy in and was wanted and needed by the community. Very community driven with P and R support.

- Easter time – Earth day celebration in partnership with water resources manager and the county.

Do you charge for food trucks?

- 2-day festival in Chaska had over 10K attendees.
  - Charge both days \$350, 1 day, \$250 or \$150
  - Non-fire & ice but over 500 attendees charge \$100
  - Smaller events no fees/waive the permit fee.
  - Summer concerts waive the fees
- Woodbury \$225/truck/event
- St Cloud - \$150 for private events, free if it's an event through the city.
- Prior Lake chalk fest – no charges but ask for vouchers for food to feed the chalk artists and staff and volunteers. Ask for 10/ truck /day

Parades?

- Maple Grove Days – brought it back and big success.
- Chaska started a pet parade last year. Successful, charged a fee but might have been too high. In conjunction with Bark in the Park.
  - Participants judged on their “float” 4 dogs and 1 cat participated. (5 families total)
  - Prizes were donated by the vendors.
  - Everyone won something, best dressed pet, silliest costume and what not.
  - Will do again, lower fee.
- West St Paul has Explore WSP days

4<sup>th</sup> of July Events budgets &

- Fireworks 10K/night common.
- \$30,000 for two headliners and two openers
- St. Peter uses Gambling proceeds for 10K/night fireworks.
- \$25K for 4<sup>th</sup> of July in EP

Super Hero Party every year

- Police come, fire come. Life Link is going to land this year at the event. Brooke from Life Link helicopters. They will do it as long as there isn't a priority that takes over.

MRPA Updates

- Wednesday Board Meeting – new board members welcome and orientation.
- Wrapped up the awards luncheon, photos on Facebook page.
- Trainings not coming up in person but yes for virtual!
- Lots of networks are meeting again, check out the network page!
- Awards committee is open for applicants. Deadline is Tuesday.
- Awards of Excellence is also open.
- MN Best is more of a sharing, not as detailed for the info