

Outdoor School Planning Meeting 4/18/17

In Attendance: Terrie McFadden, Jolene Petersen, Lindsey Defoe, Kelli Massey, Tara Reich, Deena McDonald, Carolyn Hinrichs, Sally Crum, Wendy Thelander

The minutes from the 3/21/17 meeting were read and no changes or additions were made to them.

Terrie shared the updates with the group which included the elimination of one clan so the schedule would work. This made the clans slightly larger but was the only workable solution.

No word back from Cabela's at the meeting time but since then Tina Nash was successful in getting the Educational Outreach Coordinator to commit to June 12th and 13th for archery from Cabela's again this year.

Doug Barrett is unable to lead the nature trail station this year but Mark Stifel, a TES parent, stepped up to fill that position.

Terrie spoke with Pony Gilbert, storyteller. During the conversation in which Terrie shared our theme for the year, she learned that Pony doesn't allow any editing to his stories and he wants the truth told regarding what happened to the Native Americans who lived here when the pioneers moved west. After consideration, Terrie decided that while telling the truth about that time period is important, a little more control is desired. Terrie decided to ask Wendy Thelander, storyteller extraordinaire, to lead that station. Wendy generously accepted the position.

Terrie called Wade Skinner and left a message about getting him to bring his covered wagon to camp one day. No call back as yet. Jolene shared that he is very expensive but maybe it would be less for a school. Terrie will follow up next week.

Deena McDonald shared about getting the fabric for the buffs. She and her mother Carolyn went to several stores to find enough yardage of 11 different colors of the same spandex fabric. Carolyn Hinrichs is willing to sew the whole bunch of them because the fabric is difficult to cut and the cutting must be accurate to get the most buffs out of it. She said she would work about an hour a day to complete them and was grateful for enough lead time to do them.

Terrie said that we would not need any more outdoor school planning meetings since we are planned and that the clan leader meeting would happen the first week in May with the clan meetings following usually on Fridays during buddy reading. We will have three clan meetings prior to camp. The dates for those are May 12, May 19 and June 2 from 8:30 to 8:45AM.

We are in need of clan helpers and Terrie will have a sign up in the office by the end of this week. It was discussed that all adults at camp need to have an approved background check on file with the school district before they can come to outdoor school. This is for any visitors as well. These need to be submitted by May 1st to allow enough time for Stephanie White to submit them and get them back by June 12th. It is no longer online so we must allow a 6 week turn around.

We still need bright colored Sharpie markers and cool rocks or shells for our treasure hunt.