

EEE Hotline

August 2, 2009

Good evening everyone! Remember this is meeting week, Thursday, August 6 at 7 pm at First Presbyterian Church on the corner of Prairie and Church St. This is an important meeting for EEE so please try to be there.

Goals

Your child should have \$600 in their account by retreat, August 14, 2009. If you do not have this amount in their account or at least showing in good faith you are working to earn the money then your child cannot attend retreat. Also you should have paid the \$75 participation fee by now. If you have not paid this amount please contact Kirk Myers to make arrangements to do so.

Majestic Bingo

This is Week 2 so it is time for Team 2 to work. Please arrive at the Majestic Hall no later than 4:15 pm. If you need a sub or cannot work due to illness or injury, please contact Lenny Lourash or Jeff Burnham. Due to the increasing incidence of no shows and late shows, effective July 1, you will be docked 60% of the take for not showing up and 1/5 of the take if you are late. This guideline has always been in the bingo rules but we have not had to enforce it until now.

Bingo Jr.

The Decatur Macon County Fair folks informed us this week that as of August 1st, 2009 we will only be paid 10% of what we sell in pull-tabs. They have also told us we must cut back to 5 workers instead of 6. The change is being made because pull-tab sales have been down.

So what does that mean to us? Normally, we sell around \$3000 a night which equals the \$300 (or \$50 per person) we are paid per night. However, for the past several weeks sales have been down to around \$1300 a night which with the new method will mean \$26 per person. The players are just not buying right now, this is not our workers fault. With the new process, we also will not know what we are making until the night is over.

Where do we go from here? We are planning to continue working bingo through August. We have made a commitment and we will stick with it. We will accumulate the profits for the entire month and spread them across the board for everyone who works, just like we do at Majestic. This is due to the fact that sales in the beginning of the month are generally better than at the end of the month and we don't want what day you work to affect how much you will make. This will give us a month under the new rules to determine how much we can expect to make. At least one group has already quit under the new circumstances and we can make our decision in September whether or not we want to continue.

How do we cut back 1 person each night? First we will take volunteers, so if you are willing to give a shift please contact Cindy Wakeland. If we don't get any volunteers, we will go in order of who has the highest balance in their account so those with a lower balance still get the opportunity to work.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

If you cannot work due to illness or injury or you need a sub, please contact Cindy Wakeland ASAP. **Please note there are 4 dates in August (4 & 25) and September (8 & 29) that EEE will not work as another group is working them.** If you were scheduled to work these nights then you are freed up. Enjoy your night off.

Decatur Celebration Parade

The Razzle Dazzle Goodtimes parade starts Saturday morning, August 8 at 10:00 AM. Student participation is mandatory. One parent per EEE member must also attend. Students and parents must wear their white EEE polos, khaki pants or shorts and comfortable walking shoes (no flip flops). We may need to have parents participate in the parade as well, as we have numerous students obligated to other groups (band, cheerleading, football, etc.) We will meet in the northwest corner of the Ameren IP parking lot at 9:00 AM.

Decatur Celebration Parking

EEE will once again be selling parking spaces in the tech academy parking lot at the northwest corner of Eldorado and Jackson streets. There are currently two time slots open. Two people are needed for the Saturday, 11 AM – 2 PM slot. We also need three people for the 2 PM – 5 PM slot on Saturday. If you are available to work either of these times, please contact Linda Mauzy to sign-up for these slots. This is a great way for your student to earn some of the money towards their goal.

Decatur Celebration Beer Sales

EEE will also be selling beer tickets and beer at the Celebration. We are in need of workers especially for Sunday. I am attaching a schedule and it will also be available at the next meeting. I really need workers for Sunday 12-2:30, 5-7, and 7-9:30. If you would like to work a shift please contact Amy Dobrinick.

EEE Retreat

Remember to mark your calendars for this event on August 14-16 at Camp Warren. We will need parent chaperones, kitchen help and food donations. If you are interested in helping out please contact Shannon Livingston or Diana Bolt. More information will be coming in regards to this event. **There will be a pre-retreat rehearsal on Thursday, August 13, 2009 from 6-8 pm at EHS. You will load up the trailer for retreat at that time also. This practice is for everyone (singer/dancer, combo and tech crew).**

We are looking for a couple of items for retreat: 5 camcorders and some spotlights, inflatable palm trees and Christmas lights (clear or colored). If you have any of these items please contact Shannon or Diana.

Scott has also scheduled a rehearsal with Linda M. on Friday, August 14 from 9 am-12 pm at EHS for **singer/dancer girls only**. Please make plans to attend.

There will also be a family dinner on Friday, August 14. The cost is \$6 per person. Please make plans to attend this is a great opportunity for networking.

Paparazzi needed!! We need you, the parents, to have cameras, posters with names and the like on them. We want the kids to feel welcome. Hype up and brag on your child.

Costumes

We will only be ordering new body briefers for the new members and replacing the briefers for girls that have outgrown theirs. Please have your daughter bring their clean body briefer to retreat. We want to collect all of them. Linda Burnham will collect them at that time so that they will be ready for dress fittings. Thank you!

Polos

Judi Sturgell is getting an order ready for new polo shirts. If you have a freshman or new member in the group or your child just needs a new polo shirt, please contact Judi Sturgell.

Calendar

AUGUST 4 & 25 – NO FAIRGROUNDS BINGO

August 6 – EEE Booster Club monthly meeting, First Presbyterian Church on Prairie St, 7 PM

August 7-9 – Decatur Celebration (parade, parking and beer sales)

August 14-16 – EEE Retreat, Camp Warren

If you have any questions or comments regarding anything in the hotline feel free to contact Amy Dobrinick.