

EEE Hotline

August 9, 2009

Good evening everyone! Hope you are all staying cool. First, thanks to everyone who has helped with our Celebration duties, parking, parade and beer sales. It has been an interesting weekend, starting with rain and ending with 90+ degrees.

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 3 so it is time for Team 3 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 that as of August 1st, 2009 we will 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, this is not our 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. 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.

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: 1 camcorder and some spotlights, inflatable palm trees and Christmas lights (clear). 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 9am-12 pm 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. This amount can be paid at the retreat however you must contact Pam or Clint Sargeant before Friday so they know how many people to prepare food for. Please make plans to attend this is a great opportunity for networking.

Paparazzi needed for Saturday night!! 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. Instruct your child to pack something semi-formal/dressy for the dinner on Saturday night. They will be allowed to change for the dance afterwards if they would like. An instruction sheet regarding retreat is attached to the hotline.

Please have camcorders, extension cords and food donations at Camp Warren by 12 noon on Friday or make arrangements to get them to Diana, Shannon, Pam or Clint before that time. Students need to be at Camp Warren by 1 pm on Friday, August 14 and picked up by 10 am, Sunday, August 16.

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 & EEE Apparel

Judi Sturgell is getting an order ready for new polo shirts and other EEE apparel. If you have a freshman or new member in the group or your child just needs a new polo shirt, please contact Judi Sturgell. An order form and pictures of new apparel are attached to the hotline.

Scott

This is a fall/winter 2009 practice schedule for EEE. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

August - 13 – Pre-retreat rehearsal – ALL at EHS 6-8 pm. Load trailer afterwards
14 – EEE girls only – 9am - 12 pm at EHS with Miss Linda
18 – Full rehearsal 6pm - 9pm at EHS
26 & 27 – “Beauty and the Beast” auditions – 3-6pm at EHS auditorium

September - 19 – “Beauty and the Beast” rehearsal 10am-4pm at EHS
29 – EEE rehearsal 6-9pm – APRIL JAMES HERE, DO NOT MISS THIS REHEARSAL

October - 1 – EEE rehearsal 6-9pm – APRIL JAMES HERE, DO NOT MISS THIS REHEARSAL
6 & 8 – Preview show solo act auditions – before and after rehearsal
9 & 10 – Rehearsal with Miss Linda – DO NOT MISS THESE REHEARSALS
27 & 29 – NO EEE rehearsals. “Beauty and the Beast” dress/tech rehearsals
29, 30, & 31 – “Beauty and the Beast” at EHS time TBA

November - 7, 14 & 21 – Thanksgiving Basket Project – unload food 9am, location TBA
14 – EEE rehearsal 10:30am - 6pm at EHS
22 – Thanksgiving Basket Project Assembly – 6 pm, location TBA
23 – Thanksgiving Basket Project distribution – 7am – 4pm

December - 5 – EEE Preview show rehearsal, 10am - 6pm at EHS
9 – Preview show solo act rehearsal, 6p-9p at EHS
12 – Preview show at EHS
13 – EEE student xmas party, time and location TBA

Calendar

AUGUST 25 – NO FAIRGROUNDS BINGO

August 14-16 – EEE Retreat, Camp Warren

September 3 – EEE booster club meeting at EHS library at 7 pm

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