

Developing News



The Raffle is coming!

I was hoping we would not need to have a raffle this year only because of all the restrictions on running a raffle. I also hoped to come up with a new way to help you raise much needed funds for your agency. Alas, no good thoughts as to how to make millions for you or for us so it's back to a raffle.

If we are going to make the Area budget this year, we will need to sell \$10,000 worth of raffle tickets. This can be done, I know it. But we REALLY need your help if this is going to happen.

We will be passing out the raffle tickets at our agency meeting. Please tell me in advance how many you would like; otherwise, I will go back to last year's totals. The drawing is not until November meaning you will be able to turn in your money and stubs at the district bowling tournaments.

Please, every agency attempt to sell some tickets. One of the rules is that we can't offer the athletes a prize for selling X amount of them. We'll have to put our collective heads together to come up with another gimmick to get them to sell.

Be A Fan T-shirts

Be on the look out for an announcement from the Program office alerting you to the Be A Fan T-shirt fund raiser for your agency. You know those great looking t-shirts we've been giving away to volunteers? From September to November your agency can sell them to everyone who has asked where they could get one! Details soon!

Wal-Mart

We have again applied to the 12 Wal-Mart stores in our 18-county area for \$1,000 grants. I've used the name of agency managers and co-managers as people that can be contacted as to the legitimacy of the grant. If you get a call, they are most likely checking on us. I would appreciate it if you tell me they called.

You can get matching funds from Wal-Mart by holding some sort of fundraiser at Wal-Mart (bake sale, t-shirt sale). Just talk to the manager or community service officer and they can explain the program to you.

Share Nights

Restaurants seem to be pulling out all the stops to drive business into their stores and they don't mind asking non-profits to help do just that. This is a good opportunity to pick up some cash without a lot of work. In most cases all you need to do is pass out share night coupons to friends and family. You can enhance the idea by having athletes greet people at the door, bus tables, and have some give-aways. The restaurant should give you at least 10-20% of the "take" for the event. Don't be afraid to approach a local restaurant yourself and ask them if they'd be interested in a share night. Usually they'll give you a day where business is slow in hopes you'll drive more business in for them on that day/night.



BENCH TALK

- Master calendar and calendar cards will be available at the annual conference along with a new agency contact list.
- Master calendar is already posted on the website.
- Agency accreditation materials are sent out this month. Return them ASAP.
- You can now check for athletes' medical status online as well as Class A volunteer status.
- We welcome new fall interns:
Renee Wierzba, VocRehab, Stout
Ryan Thibodeau, Marketing UWEC

Your Agency Management Team

We stress that you have an AMT in place to help run your agency. This is very important for a smooth running agency and to ensure that just 1 or 2 people are not doing all the work which quickly makes for burnout volunteers!

Attached is the latest information we have on those teams. Please email us any changes.

Welcome to our new agency and new agency managers:

3-13 Northwoods, Tony Erba agency manager, serving the Butternut area

3-12 Chequamegon Bay/Ashland, Bill Ertl is the new agency manager along with Michelle Fulweber as co-manager

3-10 Chippewa Falls Schools, Denise Buckli is the new agency manager, and Vonnie Bathke will be co-manager

3-34 Hayward, Stacy Briggs is the new agency manager, and Chris Mayou will be co-manager

3-31 Spoons, Shannon Wendel is the new agency manager, and Florence Rand will be co-manager

There are lots of changes in our agencies this year with the possibility of 2 more new ones joining us. Please give them your support. Remember, if you wish to discuss any issues with someone other than our office or have issues you want brought to the attention of our Program Office, please contact our reps on the Agency Manager Committee: Leanne Richter from Polk County and Jean Paulson from Eau Claire.

OFFICE CLOSINGS
September 7, September 11
October 5, October 12

OUT OF OFFICE
Patti ,September 14

ATTACHMENTS
Agency Conference information, Training Registrations, Agency Management team list, Book Fair memo



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