

VIA Meeting Minutes September 28, 2009

Kidstuff

General Co-Chairs: Dana Fortunato and Dana Thomson

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Kidstuff is a carnival put together for underprivileged children from UNC and other organizations

There are various Committee Co-Chair positions available

Decorations

Brainstorm decoration ideas to coincide with the theme, design the decorations, hang them in Latour and recruit volunteers to assist the process

Entertainment

Create and organize simple and fun activities for the kids in addition to the multiple booths and recruit volunteers to assist as needed

Food

Order and pick up food/refreshments for Kidstuff, solicit donations from area businesses and work with Chartwells, recruit volunteers to assist in setting up, running, and cleaning up the food table

Friends

Recruit Marywood and the University of Scranton students to be buddies for the kids, publicize for the Friend volunteers, orienting the volunteers that morning and work with the registration committee the morning of Kidstuff

Games and Booths

Recruit student clubs and organizations to hold a booth for Kidstuff and organize the tables and chairs for the clubs

Registration

Contact and invite local agencies and children of Marywood staff to participate, make nametags for the children, run registration the morning of Kidstuff

T-Shirts

Create the design for the t-shirts, order and sell t-shirts and keep track of the money being used for the shirts

All chairs will recruit other volunteers to assist with their responsibilities

Chairs *must* attend organizational meetings that will occur two or three times a month

Applications are due by October 28th in the Campus Ministry Office

Fall Fest

Still in need of buddies!!!

Right now, the projected number of children attending is 185

VIA will have a booth

“Feely Box” and create-your-own ghost lollipops

Thanksgiving Adopt-A-Family

Groups are needed to fill food baskets for needy families

Need lots of volunteers to distribute the baskets to the families and manning phones in the Campus Ministry office

Baskets will be distributed on Sat. Nov. 21st from 11am – 2pm

Sign ups will occur during the Oct. 26th VIA meeting

On-Going Service Events

EOTC Toyland Toyshop

First two weeks in December

Volunteers needed to sort toys and test them to make sure they work

Contact: Colleen Dunn- cdunn@m.marywood.edu

Lackawanna River Corridor Association

Volunteers for leaf-raking and bagging on the grounds of the Silkman House, which is their historic office building in north scranton

Friday, Oct 30 at 10AM and Friday, Nov 13 at 10 AM (10-15 volunteers needed at each)

Contact: Barbara Semian- volunteers@lrca.org or 570-347-6311

United Neighborhood Centers Older Adult Programs

Volunteers to assist with a Fall Festival fundraiser at their West Side Senior Center, 1004 Jackson Street, Scranton.

Volunteers are needed to help run children's games form 1:30PM-5PM on October 24th (Saturday). Volunteers Needed: 8-12 ppl

Contact: Cathy Hardaway- chardaway@uncnepa.org or call 346-0759 ext 110

United Neighborhood Centers Elm Street Project

Volunteers to assist with an ongoing Community Justice Initiative. Volunteers will work with a community justice team (made up of people from DAs office, police, property inspectors,) to direct residents' complaints, to address blighted properties, etc. Will accompany team in walks around neighborhood to identify and assess problem. GOAL IS TO DETER CRIME.

1st & 3rd Thursday of every month -- 12-2pm (on the 1st Thursday); 10am-12pm on 3rd Thursday

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJORS related to community policing.

Contact: Stephanie Bressler- sbressler@uncnepa.org or call 346-0759 ext 114

Open Floor

Shelter Meals

Jill Troiano (jtroiano@m.marywood.edu)

Volunteers are needed to cook and deliver food to local shelters on Sat. Oct. 24th

Cooking from 4-6:30pm then Delivering from 6:30-8:30pm

Sign- up for one or both!

Fall Fest Decorations

Beth Schneider (eschneider@m.marywood.edu)

Volunteers are needed to help with the decorations for Fall Fest

Pugwash's Hallo-Green

Chuck Fisher (elangomat191@hotmail.com)

Volunteers are needed to go trick-or-treating on Halloween from 4:30-6:30pm to collect food and hard to recycle items

The houses will be receiving flyers about the event shortly

Spring Break Service Trips

Nikki Steiner (nsteiner@m.marywood.edu)

All applications are due by Fri. Nov. 13th in the Campus Ministry office

