

Rhodes College

Service Scholar/Bonner/Burch Retreat

Fall 2004

Saturday September 11

- 4:00 pm Meet at the Mallory Gymnasium Lot to Carpool to St. Columba. Sign waivers (Tiffany). Make sure drivers have directions and that we know who is riding in which cars (Marie)
- 4:30 pm Check-In and get settled at St. Columba. Find out about campfire building supplies (Marie)
- 5:00 pm Meet in the main meeting room of Scheibler Lodge.
Retreat Rules (Marie)
- Rules of retreat center: no alcohol, no swimming in lake, no damage to center
 - I like this place and I want to keep coming back so don't do anything to jeopardize that.
 - There is poison ivy in the woods.
 - Clean up after yourselves
 - Cell phones should remain off throughout this experience including at night. We are here to be together with the service scholars. Make the most of this time by interacting with as many different people as you can.
- The Long Ass Name Game outside if the weather is nice
Entire group sits in a circle. The person who begins says their name with either an action or an adjective. For example, "Magnificent Marie". Then the next person says, "Magnificent Marie" and adds their own, "Jubilant Julie". And this goes on all the way around the circle.
- 5:30 pm Do You Love Your Neighbor Game if time permits (Adam)
- The group stands in a circle with room in the center. One person begins in the circle and says to an individual in the group "(insert name), do you love your neighbor?" The individual pointed out can either say:*
- "Yes, I love my neighbors (insert name 1) and (insert name 2), but I REALLY love people who (insert a phrase like wear green, or are from Texas, or love chocolate, etc.)"*
- Or they can say :*
- "No, I do not love my neighbors (insert name 1) and (insert name 2)."*
- If the individual uses the first phrase all members of the group with that characteristic must find a new spot in the circle at least 3 space from where they are standing. The person with no space (last person remaining) becomes the person in the center.*

If the individual uses the second phrase, his/her neighbors must switch places with one another. The person in the center moves quickly to take one of their spaces. The person without a space becomes the caller.

- 5:45 pm Explain the evening's activities and what they will do at dinner. (Tiffany)
- 5:50 pm Have them line up by birthday to determine groups for dinner seating. (Tiffany)
- 6:00 pm Dinner. Sit with your assigned group to discuss the common commitment listed at your table. (Tiffany)
- 6:45-7:15 Plan a creative presentation about the common commitment your group discussed (Tiffany)
- 7:15-8pm Creative presentations (Tiffany)
- 8pm Reflection on the common commitments (Billy)
- 9pm 1 minute game with the first years
- 9:30 pm Other Fun Games
- 2 Truths and a Lie
 - Do You Love Your Neighbor if not played earlier
 - Stinger
- Have the group form a circle and close their eyes. The facilitator circles the group and selects a stinger by squeezing an individual's shoulder. The group then opens their eyes and spends time introducing themselves to others while shaking their hands (and trying to spot the stinger). The stinger tries to eliminate everyone without getting caught. The stinger strikes by injecting poison with their index finger, while shaking hands. A person stung may not die until at least 5 seconds after they are stung. The more dramatic the death, the better! When someone thinks they have discovered who the stinger is, they may announce that they know. If they get a second from someone else in the group within 10 seconds, the two of them may make an accusation. If the person does not get a second, he/she must wait to challenge again, after another person dies. If another person does step forward to second the challenge, both point to who they think it is on a count to three. If they do not point to the same person, or they both point to the wrong person, they both are automatically dead. If they select the correct person, the stinger is dead and the game is over.*
- Have someone go start the fire
- 10:15 pm Watch Joseph Bynum's video (Joseph)
- 10:45 pm S'mores and free time
- Change, hike to campfire area, make s'mores

- Mafia

Sunday, September 12

- 8:30 am Wake Up in a Fun Way
- 9:00 am Breakfast in the main lodge. Sit by favorite breakfast food and fill out Favorites form. Discuss favorite favorites with table. (Marie)
- 9:45 am Confusion Wake Up Game
Each person has a sheet with a list of tasks that they must complete. Everyone runs around and tries to get their sheet completed first. Here are the tasks on the sheet:
- *Get someone in the room to do 5 push-ups*
 - *Stand on one foot with your arms outstretched for 20 seconds. Have someone time you.*
 - *Leap frog over someone 5 times.*
 - *Play "Ring Around the Rosie" with 2 other people.*
 - *Shake hands with someone you don't know very well and continue holding hands while debating the merits of your favorite ice cream flavor.*
 - *Have someone teach you a dance step they know (even if they made it up)*
- 10:00 Discuss Parents Weekend Program and Making Service Matter Day (Marie). Introduce idea of finding a rock and what to write on it (Tiffany)
- 10:30 am Take a walk through the woods to find a rock for later, explore the grounds. Frisbees in the field. A half hour of this time will be devoted to anything that groups want to do to worship. (Tiffany)
- 10:45 am Viewing of *Stranger with a Camera* (Marie)
- 11:45 am Movie Debriefing (Marie)
- 12:30 pm Lunch seated by Kinney area of primary interest (Tiffany)
- 1:15 pm I Like to Do a Little outside if weather permits
Everyone stand in a circle. One person steps forward to introduce himself/herself and says: "Hi. My name is _____, and I like to do a little _____." The person fills in the second blank with a favorite activity such as dancing, jogging, gardening, shopping, typing, etc. Then performs if for the group. The group in turn says: "Hi, _____. We'd like to do a little _____ with you." Then the whole group copies the activity.
 Everyone brings their rock with them (Tiffany)
- 1:30 pm Retreat wrap-up outside if weather permits (Tiffany)