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Summer Program Weekly Up-Date

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

Good News: All participants, Junior Counselors, Counselors In Training, Senior Counselors, and staff have successfully completed week one of the Flagler County Youth Center's Summer Program!

On Monday, June 15th, we spent time introducing all staff members, as well as reviewing our expectations of ALL participants. **Mr. Shannon "Coach" Diamond**, returns this year as Assistant Director of the Flagler County Youth Center and Summer Program Director. Front desk responsibilities will be in the competent hands of veterans: **Ms. Laura Bloom and Ms. Dottie Shelton**. Our 2009 Senior Counselors will be headed by returning counselor and recent MHS graduate, **Marleigh Milnac**. Also returning this summer is **Brandon Seminara (FPC)**, a very competent young man who serves as Chair the Youth Center Student Advisory Council and is our designated Web-Master. Our third a final Sr. Counselor is **Vinny Checchi**. Vinny is not new at the Youth Center, for he worked in the past as one of our Rink Managers. Vinny, a 2008 graduate of FPC, just completed his freshman year in college and is the oldest member of our Sr. Counselor staff. "The remainder of our staff is comprised with CIT's or Counselors in Training. The following individuals have officially aged out of our program, but are interested in assisting with camp coverage and hopefully working there way into a part-time position, in years to come. We are happy to have: **Conor Bertha, Adam Gonzalez, Chase Gindin, Alicia Hineman, Christina Jackson, Matt Manizione, Kyle Seminara, Ashton Stevens, Brandon Rodriguez, and Jon Weaver**. I almost forgot that we have to Jr. Counselors: **Jessica Arnold & Frankie Short**, who responsibility include helping counselors as needed.

During the first week of camp we discussed center rules & regulations, and explained how we plan to organize daily summer activities. As Director, I took this opportunity to go over appropriate behavior and behaviors that will not be tolerated. I explained that participants will be disciplined in the form of a "Time Out". However, persistent poor behavior will result in elimination from the opportunity to participate in this unique summer program. As Director, I am stressing the fact that is a PRIVILEGE to participate in the Youth Center's Summer Program, and that we have a list of kids wishing to replace them, should the need arise. Hopefully, the need will never arise, and we will all have a SUPER SUMMER TOGETHER!!

Our daily schedule includes Free Time from 8:00am-9:30am, when we meet to discuss the day and upcoming events, and then start our fist program. Three activity groups have been identified for kids to participate in. Each group has been assigned a Senior Counselor, CIT's, assigned randomly, every day. All morning, all three groups rotate between the Game Room, Computer Lab, E-Games, and playing various games outdoors. At 12:30pm, everyone walks over to eat lunch in the High School Cafeteria. In the afternoon, two groups head to the HS Gym for a game, while a third group watches a selected Movie, on our 51" TV. At 2:30pm everyone returns to the Youth Center for two more hours of scheduled activities. Daily, at 4:30pm, we allow everyone free time to use any of the rooms and games independently, until they are ready to leave for the day.

Our first trip, scheduled for Wednesday, 6/17 was moved to Friday, June 19th, to allow for more time to sign-up participants, Friday, June 19th, trip to Coquina Bowling Lanes was cancelled. Next week we head to **Universal's Island's of Adventure**, on **Wednesday June 24th**. The cost for this trip is \$40pp. **The deadline to sign-up and participate in this trip will be Monday, June 29th, at 5:30PM.**

In closing, week one has been a HUGE success! Please extend our congratulations to your children for a job well done! Both Shannon & I would like to thank each of you for allowing your child to participate in our program, and in making a super effort to pick your child up before our 5:30pm closing!

Looking forward to and wonderful summer and the continued opportunity to work with you and your child!

Respectfully,

Cheryl Massaro, Director and Shannon Diamond, Assistant Director