

## **LARRY SURVIVAL GUIDE**

*The section in red is notes for you as an advisor. Please delete before you print the document for advisors or parents.*

**Dates:** November 10 – 12, 2013

**Departure Time:**

**Return Time:**

**Lead Advisor Phone Number:**

### **T&E I Prep**

Here is some useful information as you get ready for the Training & Elections I Conference. If you read over this and have any additional questions, please speak to an advisor BEFORE we meet to leave.

- **What to Pack**

- ☐ Sleeping bag (must be rated +30° or better)
- ☐ Tent (It should be waterproof, and someone should know how to set it up)
- ☐ Tarp for the tent to go on.
- ☐ Something soft (air mattress/ foam pad) to put your sleeping bag on.
- ☐ Backpack. You'll need to bring your daily supplies with you, since you won't be able to return to the sleeping area until the end of the day.
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ A water bottle. Drinking fountains are few and far between.
- ☐ Snacks
- ☐ Note taking stuff (pen, paper, hi-liter)
- ☐ Baby wipes, hand sanitizer. There will be no shower facilities available

When packing clothes, remember that it will most likely be cold and wet in the morning, but it might be hot and dry during the day. If clothes get wet, they will be almost impossible to dry. Bring extras!

- ☐ At least 3 sets of clothes
- ☐ Pants
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Shirts
- ☐ Undergarments
- ☐ Long Underwear
- ☐ Socks. If it's raining, bring plenty of spares.
- ☐ Delegation Sweatshirt
- ☐ Jacket of the warm and waterproof variety, in case of rain.
- ☐ Umbrella
- ☐ Clothes to sleep in.
- ☐ Shoes. Not anything fancy. It's going to be dirty and probably muddy. Remember: NO SANDALS OR FLIP-FLOPS other than a quick trip to the bathroom.
- ☐ Toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant
- ☐ Any medication needed for the weekend. Make sure you check it in with the Lead Advisor.

- What *NOT* to Pack
  - Anything that needs to be plugged in.
    - Hair Driers and curling irons
    - Yes, this includes cell phone, camera and iPod re-chargers.
    - No toasters or hot plates either.
  - Candles or anything with an open flame
  - Valuables. Every year people bring stuff that's valuable and every year, some of that stuff gets stolen. The YMCA and Y&G are not responsible if anything gets stolen. There won't be a place to store them, anyway.
  - Cigarettes, drugs, alcohol. Please remember that these items are against the Code of Conduct.

### **Expectations for Joint Sessions**

- Stay in your seat and be respectful when people are talking.
- Join in cheers.
- Standing ovations for governor and other guests. When the people sitting on the stage stand, everyone stands.
- All cell phones, mp3 players, iPods, text message thingies and stuff that play music, ring, or beep must be off during all sessions.

### **Expectations for the Housing Area**

- Be in YOUR sleeping area by curfew and quiet down at lights out. Remember, just because you want to stay up and talk doesn't mean everyone does.
- Remember that guys are only allowed in guy's tents and ladies are only allowed in ladies' tents.

### **Voting**

There will be designated times for everyone to vote (check your handbook when you get it at T&E). It is all done electronically. You will be given a pin code to enter on the computer and then you will be able to vote.

### **Reminders**

*Remind your delegates that they represent your delegation/YMCA/school at all times during the conference and any negative actions will reflect poorly on all of you. Also let them know that they need to respect other advisors and staff. If they have a problem with what an advisor or staff member tells them, they should come to you AFTER doing what they were told. Here's what I tell them:*

People know our delegation. The majority of staff and many advisors know at least one of our advisors personally. Thus, you are not anonymous – you are part of a well-respected team that supports you and expects your support in return. Respect other advisors and staff, even if they are rude. ***If you have a problem with something a staff member or advisor from another delegation asks you to do, DO IT ANYWAY (unless you will be harmed).*** After you do what you are told to do, come find one of your advisors and tell us what happened, what you did, the name and delegation of the staff/advisor, what they made you do and how you handled it. Be 100% honest with us, since we're going to bat for you. We'll take it from there and resolve the issue.

Remember, just because you see another delegation behaving badly, it doesn't make it okay for you to do it.