I am Fred Bainbridge, house leader for the French River Bandits. Corin, my oldest daughter is in 5th grade and is a member of the French River Bandits. My son Calvin is in 3rd grade and is a member of the Might Men of Sasquatch. My youngest daughter Mae will be a French River Bandit next year. Other than at a Voyager’s event you are most likely to see me on the softball or baseball diamond coaching some ball. Go Huskies!

This year should be a good one. As is tradition the Voyager season kicks off with the Amazing race. If you haven’t registered for that yet, please do so. This is a recruitment event, so please invite any prospective Voyager families to join us. I am told to reinforce to all attendees of the Amazing Race to please show up on time so we can be ready to sort teams at 12:30 sharp. If the event actually happens on time it will be a Voyagers first… but I digress. For those doing this event for the first time, be prepared for moderate physical activity. It is a race after all.

The weekend after the after the amazing race we have a join event with MMOS to clean up the park play a little wiffle ball. It’s an event we did last year, and it was pretty fun. There was a surprising amount of trash picked up from a park that I would consider to be very clean to start with. Lunch, drinks and snacks will be provided, and each kid will get to take home at least one team signed wiffle ball.

After the initial kick off events I am planning on doing some unique things this year, but I am always looking for more ideas. Do any of you do something cool or interesting that you want share? Can the kids tour a curious facility or meet fascinating people? Let me know!

Thanks,

-Fred