**STATUS REPORT**

**OF**

**CHAIR/COUNSELORS**

**WEEK 2 YOUNG RYLA**

**January 18, 2014**

Head Counselors Dana Kiel and Elan Seideman completed the selection of the Counselor Team for Week 2 plus alternates. Updates to our original report are highlighted in yellow.

1. **WEEK 2 COUNSELOR TEAM:**
   1. **COUNSELORS (alpha order):** Aubrey Campbell, Benjamin Wdowik, Brenna Jensen, Brian Winstanley, Caroline Vickstrom, Colton Kindvall, Connor Pierce, Katie Lyons, Lucas Smith, Maddy Searchinger, Sami Elliot, Temesgen (Tamu) Abdumer.
   2. **ALTERNATES (alpha order):** Andrew Strutzenberg, Annelise Myer, Emma Harris, Julia Thompson, Katherine McVey, Kurt Delos Trio, Kylee Shoeman, Michael Seaberg, Smriti Malhotra, Soren Fuchs, Stefani Messick, Taylor Bowman.
   3. **STAFF (alpha order):** Brisco Arechederra, Daniel Buhler, Monica Weller, Rotarian/guru still to be determined.
2. **SCHEDULE:** **NEED HELP FROM JIM HOOPS IN #C BELOW.**
   1. Tentative date for initial Meet/Greet is June 20-21 at the Halderman residence in

Lakewood.

* 1. Manuals will be sent out by June 25, 2014.
  2. Team training is requested for July 11-13 at the Boys & Girls Club in Ft. Collins, pending feedback/confirmation from Dave Boon.  (**NEED HELP IN GETTING THIS FIRMED UP, PLEASE, JIM HOOPS.)**
  3. Post-conference counselor “down time” is scheduled for Patricia/Terry Fiske’s home on Friday, August 1, 2014.
  4. Debrief schedule/location still needs to be identified.

1. **COUNSELOR SELECTION STRATEGY/CRITERIA:**
   1. Survey of past Rotarians and Counselors complete. Insight will be incorporated into the pairing of teams for Week 2 Camp.
2. **TRAINING: Proposal remains the same.**
   1. Head Counselors will develop a training strategy that develops teams of counselors (a first year paired with a second year “buddy”) who are geographically similar.  Emphasis will be placed on as much “in person” meeting and discussions as possible, using Google Hang Out as an example of technology.  (This allows for free face-to-face video of up to 20 people.)
   2. Head Counselors will develop a pre-training curriculum that will introduce important concepts of Young RYLA, begin development of words of focus, establish a solid team of counselors, and introduce teaching concepts through a multi-media approach.
   3. A strategy to review existing training program for Rotarians will be completed following the completion of the Rotarian Selection Strategy/Criteria.
   4. The Team will explore the development of a library of videos to help create consistency in training around topics such as debriefing.  This would allow new counselors and Rotarians to come to training with the logistical knowledge of how activities work so that they may focus on learning effective debriefing. Examples of good and bad debriefing would accommodate various learning styles.
3. **PROGRAM:**
   1. Counselors and Chair discussed existing program and identified several areas that will be explored with the Program Committee, including but not limited to:
      1. The addition of a “flip side” to Take A Look Around, based on curriculum from PeaceJam.
      2. The addition of “I Messages” in debriefing skills to support positive reinforcement around self esteem issues for Young RYLArians.
      3. A redefinition of Passion To Action that moves throughout the week and teaches conferees what it means to be passionate about something, driving home the goal of service and its relation to leadership.
      4. The exploration of an activity to teach awareness of diversity and inequality of opportunity.
4. **BUDGET/PROCESS:**
   1. Peggy is developing a simple, clear conference budget and clarifying process/procedures for Week 2.
5. **COLLABORATION:**
   1. Peggy will continue to partner and collaborate with other chairs including Craig Essex and Curt Harris to identify opportunities for efficiencies.
6. **VIDEO LIBRARY: NEED HELP FROM HEATHER MCCALLIN.**
   1. Dana Kiel will send out a call for volunteers through a variety of networks, including past Head JC’s, interested RYLArians/Young RYLArians, and Rotarians to develop a team to create the story board for each and come up with final video list/timeline for consideration by Program Committee.  Past YRYLA Head Counselors Stan DeVore and Miguel Perez Luna have expressed interested in attending camp as a “film crew”, gathering footage for such a library as well as a marketing video to bring in more Rotarians as senior counselors. Request assistance from Heather McCallin.