

Hello fellow LEO Advisors and Happy Summer!

It is that time of year again! We have begun preparing for the **Sixth Annual "LEO Leadership Bash at the Beach"**. Last year's event was extremely successful and so much fun, but this year we really plan to ramp it up! We had upwards of 50 LEO members from 5 clubs in our district arrive in the early afternoon at our new location of **Camp Barnes** and participate in one hands on leadership developing or team building activity after another, ending the day with a Lion's sponsored BBQ ! It was a BLAST! The students were actively engaged in the slightly competitive activities and participated in a culminating discussion about the qualities present in a successful leader. Similarly to the year before, they tried to sign up for this year's "Bash" right away! Well, with such enthusiasm from our 'young people' we had no other choice than to pull out all our stops!

This year we definitely plan to kick it up a notch. The layout and opportunities that Camp Barnes presents have been taken into account and while the competition within each club has always been evident and fun to watch, why not create an element of competition between clubs as well. We plan to provide clear opportunities for students from varying clubs to communicate their differences and how they could improve their own organizations based on both their experiences in our planned activities and those that they've participated in at their home schools.

The purpose of our "Bash" remains the same; to get our LEOs involved with those from other local clubs while participating in leadership development and team building activities. Students will arrive at Camp Barnes on Sunday, October 1st by 12:30 PM ready to kick off the day with a welcome from the District Governor. Around 1:00 PM. they will switch gears into fully engaging leadership development activities. These activities, while similar in style to those from last year, will be new and exciting to avoid repeats. That said, keep in mind our goal is to get the kids involved, intermingling clubs, and fostering those leadership skills that got them noticed by us in the first place!

Mid-afternoon we will break for a Lions sponsored BBQ (parents welcome). In addition, we will be devoting time to sharing ideas on each clubs' most successful fundraisers and community service ideas. We are confident that this year will do just as well to create working friendships that will be revisited at events throughout the year.

We have also done well creating a "theme" to our bash. One enthusiastic LEO has been awarded a prize for an over the top outfit. Keeping with that idea this year's is a **Power of LEO'S** theme, so please share that with your students! We will make an attempt to follow this theme throughout our planning especially when it comes to decorations and prizes and we are asking that you share it with your students so they can come dressed to impress; let's fill Camp Barnes with our best LEO'S 50th Anniversary Celebration ☺. The Lion's in attendance will give a prize to the student with the most creative outfit.



While I'm sure 'back to school' can't be further from your mind, September 27<sup>th</sup> will be here before we know it. We wanted you to have plenty of notice so you can hopefully be thinking about which LEOS to bring once school begins. Remember, like in year's past, to maximize the outcome of the day we are asking each of you to urge 8-10 of your officers, cabinet members, and potential club leaders to get involved. This event has proven to be a blast year after year, but this year's surprises are sure to make it the best yet!

Looking forward to seeing you,

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