

WEEKLY

STAFF OUTING

On Friday evening we will depart for Portage for dinner and skating. It will be a shorter outing since we have a shorter break this weekend, and we will not be making a stop at Walmart.



NEWSLETTER

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Spiritual gift of the week: Administration

Four questions & answers that could be asked by an *administrator* during an interview process:

1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator? Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe, and close the door. This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

2. How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator? Did you say, Open the refrigerator, put in the elephant, and close the refrigerator? - Wrong Answer.

Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door. This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your previous actions.

3. The Lion King is hosting an animal conference. All the animals attend... except one. Which animal does not attend?

Correct Answer: The Elephant. The elephant is in the refrigerator. You just put him in there. This tests your memory.

4. There is a river you must cross but it is used by crocodiles, and you do not have a boat. How do you manage it?

Correct Answer: You jump into the river and swim across. Have you not been paying attention? All the crocodiles are attending the Animal Meeting. This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.

What is your favorite memory of being on the Zone Staff?

Out of all the memories that come to mind when I think of the Zone, from playing euchre and ultimate frisbee to putting a 500 pound air conditioner to the side of the Hitching Post, I think back to the summer of 2009, the year of the Secret Service, my second year. During the Challenge Girls camp, or as we use to call it "Stealth Camp" for the guys, Emily Cushman, Brandon Krantz, and myself were splitting wood when it started to rain, so Brett Krantz, our fearless Maintenance Foreman called us into the shop. The Barn Crew and Program were all in the area and joined us to stay dry. Or so we had thought. Emily Cushman walked out into the pouring rain and stood there until Jake Stodgel joined her, instigating the greatest mud fight I would have ever partaken in. Mud was thrown and soon nearly all of us in the Maintenance Shop joined the fray. By the end of the storm I had several welts from the gravel in the mud, and covered in wet muddy sand. It was a good day.

How has the Zone influenced you?

At Sky Lodge I learned how to mow, I learned how to build something with my own hands, and how to analyze and address a situation. I even learned how to be a hard worker and to put forth effort. On a personal note however, the Zone staff has conflicted me for years. I was never sure if I hated it or loved it. Dealing with anxiety I could never tell what was going on at the time, why some weeks on the Zone I was hurting and while others I was healing, but looking back everything makes sense. During those years at camp I was growing and changing; things that hurt, but are good. God finds you in the Zone. That's what makes it so special, not the staff, although great people. This is the one thing I will never forget about the Zone, how I learned how to approach God and how I fell in love with Him.



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