

HOSTING A BIG GROUP AT REC BASE IN OCTOBER

We hosted 35 youth and leaders for two nights (40 hours or 4 meals + snacks)

Friday at 8:00 p.m. to Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

It snowed about 3 inches

Temps were -5 to 0 degrees Celsius

Sleeping Breakdown

Main Cabin - 2 adults

1st Little Cabin - 2 adult leaders, 1 17 year old (all male), 3 total

2nd Little Cabin - 1 adult leader, 7 youth (all female), 8 total

Shop - 3 leaders, 17 youth (all male), 20 total

Trailer - 2 adults

Total: 35

In addition to what is provided we brought:

- 1 Instapot, cooked rice and kept scrambled eggs warm
- 1 Griddle for pancakes
- 1 Camp Stove with BBQ and Griddle
- 2 Tables for Serving
- 1 Big water cooler - used for brushing teeth and washing
- 1 Karaoke Machine, with downloaded songs
- 2 Jugs of drinking water
- Gloves for serving chips, etc.
- Paper plates
- Red Solo Cups
- Paper Cups for hot drinks
- Plastic Cutlery
- Bins for collecting garbage
- Additional cast iron for keeping food warm
- 5-6 extra camp chairs
- 18 cots
- Extra roasting sticks
- Wood for an extra big fire

Bathroom Usage

Girls used the bathrooms exclusively (10 girls total, it took a while in the morning and evening - may want to cap it at 15 girls)

Boys used the fence line for washroom use, as well as the bathrooms.

No showers, it wouldn't work well for timing as well as the silhouette that is shown outside.

Logistics

The idea was to use the shop as a gathering place, but it wasn't practical once the cots were set up. It would work well in the summer when people are sleeping in tents.

We had 31 in the main cabin for the lesson / study time. Floor room only.

We kept a fire going in the main cabin and shop all the time.

People gathered in the main cabin, shop or outside. Boys stacked their cots in the day to make more room.

All kids came in the side door to get their food and went out through the deck door to use condiments, etc.

Boys ate in the shop and girls ate inside the main cabin.

We put out bins for collecting garbage as you could then stack all the plates/cups and maximize your space.

Recommendation for Shoulder Season

The space would work well for sleeping:

- Shop: 2-4 people, with additional mattresses or cots (all one gender)
- Main Cabin: 4-6 people (mattress provided) (1 couple, 4 one gender)
- 1st Little Cabin: 7 people, with additional mattresses or cots (all one gender)
- 2nd Little Cabin: 7 people, with additional mattresses or cots (all one gender)

Total: 24 people (15 females might be a max, for the bathroom)

This would leave the shop available for a gathering / eating / serving food spot, which it is set up well for.

Summer Season

More people could be accommodated, with tents / trailers

Additional bathrooms might be utilized the following ways:

- 1) Trailers
- 2) A trip to Tay River Campground :-)
- 3) We provide an outhouse

Outdoor space is sufficient and could be rearranged for maximum eating space.

Activities

Volleyball

Walking

Amazing Race / Scavenger Hunt

- Count the fence posts (142)
- Count the birdhouses (11)
- Start a fire
- Carve a pumpkin
- Sort out books of the Bible
- Fill in the blanks (Bible Verses)
- Ring Toss
- Kan Jam
- How many seats by the fire pit
- Double Bubble (gum blowing contest)

Board Games

Karaoke around the fire

Lessons / Study Time

Free Time

Outside Games Available

- Ladder Ball
- Ring Toss
- Kan Jam
- Disc Golf
- Bocce Ball