

Maine Principals' Association

The Essential Elements of Maintaining A National Honor Society Chapter
October 15, 2008

Ideas from the Round Robin Sharing Sessions

Service Projects

- School beautification - planting/landscaping (Jay High School)
- Feeding hungry, food bank, and baskets (Monmouth Academy)
- Penny Drive - Winter Carnival (Winthrop High School)
- Charity Foundation (Edward Little High School)
- Variety Show - grade 10 - talent - awareness (Sanford High School)
- Relief - Red Cross - Breast Cancer - Christmas Toy Fund - Music Concert - i.e. Farm Aid (Westbrook High School)
- Peer tutoring - wellness - K-8 (Old Orchard Beach High School)
- Breast Cancer - fundraising - "Cup-cakes for the Cure" and bottle drive - rotated monthly (Greely High School)
- Charity donations - elementary schools - tutor (St. Dominic Regional High School)
- Thanksgiving Dinner - donations - all students/employees
 - Blood-drive - "coats-for-kids" - party - prom dress (Telstar Regional High School)
- School climate - Grade-4 transition - NHS t-shirts to i.d. (Monmouth Academy)
- Back-packs - purchase supplies (Winthrop High School)
- Kiddie night - K-6, activities 6-9 p.m. (Edward Little High School)
- "Holi" days - festival - X-mas trees - "United Way - Day of Caring" (Sanford High School)
- Bracelets - school - bracelets (Telstar Regional High School)
- Learning Center - tutors
- Kiddie night - activities K-8 (Edward Little High School)
- Phone bank - open house - volunteer in-school (Sullivan)
- Beach clean-up (Rockland)

- "Toys-for-Tots" (East Grand)
- Blood-drive - academic awards night - Habitat for Humanity (Maranacook)
- Rose sale - Valentine's day - donated - charity (Bonny Eagle High School)
- Special Olympics - hosting (Hall-Dale)
- Tutoring (elementary or middle)
- Penny wars for charity
- Dedicated monument - town (Edward Little)
- Senior Citizen Night - Dinner (Bonny Eagle)
- Assist senior citizens at home - teach interest (Rockland)
- "Senior Prom" - senior citizens (Rockland)
- Yarn - making items for "Ronald MacDonald House" (Bonny Eagle)
- Painting in town - "eye sores" (Rockland)
- "Keep Maine Warm" - winterize homes (Hall-Dale)
- Campership sponsor - international - \$ (Kents Hill)
- Veterans Day Breakfast (Camden Hills High School)
- Halloween Party - city-wide (Lewiston)
- Essentials Pantry - soap - shampoo - non-food-stamp (Falmouth)
- Holiday - food - toy drive (Wells)
- Collect for service men - overseas - alumni (Wells)
- Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (Lewiston)
- Community Service - local town - needy (Kents Hill)
- Soup Kitchen - Sunday per month (Camden)
- Warm training - winterizing (Camden)
- Big Brothers/Sisters (Lewiston)
- "Senior Prom" - senior citizens (Camden)
- Tutoring - in-house (Edward Little)

- Dance - fundraiser - TV charity (Wells)
- Talent Show
- Memorial Garden (student died in accident) (Lewiston)
- Animal Shelter - help
- Store donation via-card - "Shaws"
- Habitat for Humanity - donations
- Town thrift shop - help open vestry (Kents Hill)
- Adopt-A-Family - Holidays
- Chris Kringle Toy Drive - school-wide - gifts - unwrapped - to wrap (Sanford)
- Food drive - canoe in library (George Stevens Academy)
- Candy-cane Caper-church purchase for family (Belfast)
- Food drive - toy collection - awesome women - awareness - local (Wisdom High School)
- Breast Cancer Awareness - donations - "Cup-Cakes-for-A-Cure" (Greely High School)
- Purchase for "Ronald MacDonald House" (Livermore Falls High School)
- "Day-of-Caring" community clean-up (Sanford)
- Mother's Day - visit nursing homes - food/games (Belfast)
- Tutoring K-12 (George Stevens Academy)
- Contact local nursing homes - read to residents - single event (Greely)
- Focus on individual in a community
- Visit elementary school - Christmas art projects
- "Read Across America " (Belfast)
- Daffodills for organizations - charity (Belfast)

Fund Raising

- Bingo - buy basket - fill basket (gaming) - raffle (Belfast)
- Membership fee (\$10.00) (Lewiston)
- Dance/bottle drives (Buskport)

- Ice cream Social - Chapter 51? (Sanford)
- Taste of Maine Cookbook - \$24.98, \$9.00 back to school, cupcakes for cure - sold during advisory (Greely)
- Concessions at games (George Stevens Academy)
- Volunteer at Sunday River - contribute to scholarship fund (Telstar)
- Faculty vs. student basketball games - bid to play - top 15 bids play - raffle - babysitting time (Monmouth)
- Recycle ink cartridges - pie sale (St. Dom's)
- Funded by budget - extension of classroom (Westbrook)
- Hat day (\$1.00) - ice cream social - dress down day (Sanford)
- Carnival (scholarship) - dances (Old Orchard Beach)
- Roses - carnation sale - Valentine's Day flowers - money to scholarship (Bonny Eagle)
- Computer match (David Cordts, NASSP)
- Kiddie night - admission - Friday evenings (Edward Little)
- Christmas tree pickup (Hall-Dale)
- Dues - flower sales - power pennies - penny wars - chain link competition 10 cents link (Lewiston)
- Craft fair - face painting - gift wrapping or donations (Falmouth)
- Bottle redemption (Fridays) (Wells)
- Donut sales - dress down days 50/50 charity (Kents Hill)
- Talent show - scholarships (Camden Hills)

General Chapter Management

- Once a week meeting (7:15 a.m.)
- E-mail folder
- Co-advisers
- Delegate to officers
- Food

- Morning meetings
- Election/Selection of officers
- Aside - - inclusive/exclusive (104 members)
- NHS display case - pictures, agenda, NHS student pictures
- Short, frequent meetings
- Officers - weekly
- Full members - twice a month
- School newsletter - list activities
- Co-officers
- Parent page (out of guidance) (selection process posted)
- Bulletin board - adviser's room
- Newsletter
- Text messages
- Officer criteria
- Phone tree
- Dawn Theriault's binder *
- Split meeting - a.m. and p.m. (same day on Tuesday)
- Lunch meetings
- "Breakfast Break"

Induction Ceremonies

- Induction: Combine ceremony with awards ceremony in the spring
- Candles: Current member reads student biography of inducted member
- Inducted member is asked a question
- Candles lit only during pledge
- Students wear "Sunday" Clothes
- Students speak about leadership, etc.

- Bios read by officers at induction
- Four officers speak, candle ceremony, traditional
- Historian is an officer
- Guest speaker for induction
- Student speaks about a respected faculty member
- Induction part of spring awards
- Guest speakers 104 (large) candle lighting
- Hold NHS induction as a banquet
- Special issues around a boarding school - part of weekly assemblies
- Reception
- Guest speaker
- Use the symbols as part of the ceremony
- Stand alone ceremony
- Officers speak
- Candles lit for each of the four qualities
- Chapter candle with wax from each individual candle
- Reception
- Identify awards/accomplishments and future plans and read them to the audience
- Principal acknowledges seniors
- Induction at the beginning of evening of excellence
- Traditional, candle lighting officers speak to the four qualities, reasonably formal, speak of accomplishments of members.
- Induction as part of the school day
- Two inductions (November and Spring)
- Students select a speaker (15 minutes), entertainment
- A.M. with breakfast for parents. Full assembly - candle lighting. President M.C. important to award students in front of peers. Students write scripts for new members.

- Stand alone evening ceremony. Students "tapped" during assembly. Boosters provide meal - student centered.
- Induction in the fall, formal - seniors read accomplishments for new inductees
- Induction part of Evening of Excellence
- Dinner for inductees
- NHS private night with reception - try to get more students aware
- Informal and formal induction - school gathers in auditorium, parents invited (secret), and students call down.
- Formal ceremony one week later with reception in library.
- Separate night in March, read student bios, dinner following ceremony - one inductee and two guests.
- Induction in November, kick off toy drive
- Early May induction - - tapping ceremony during the week, notify kids who didn't make it -Sunday reception. Seniors presented with stolls at ceremony: members of 50th induction class invited.
- Assembly after the induction to congratulate new members. Explain it to freshman so they understand the criteria for membership.

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