**Activities Committee Report**

**Open Board Meeting**

**9/10/2022**

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To: Nawakwa Outdoor Association Board of Directors

Person Reporting: Edie Blum

Committee Members: Edie Blum

Report Date: September 7, 2022

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**Committee Charge and Result:**

Nawakwa Outdoor Association resumed camp activities post-Covid in the summer of 2022.

On July 23rd at 7 pm, MaryLynne Malone, Educator from the Palisades Interstate Park Commission - Regional Museums Division, provided a lecture on Native American Impact on the Harriman Park area.

On August 6th, at 7 pm, two education staff (coordinated with the help of Chris O’Sullivan, Bear Mountain State Park) provided a live-animal presentation/discussion.

The Interpretive Nature Walk scheduled for July 30 at 4 PM with MaryLynne Malone was canceled at the last minute due to lack of camp attendees.

It is worth noting for future Activities Chairs that any activity scheduled in the late afternoon is unpopular both with the hosts and the members. The members that are assigned to dinner prep cannot attend, and those assigned to after-dinner clean-up would rather remain at the waterfront before dinner.

**Input from Board Requested for Potential Activities:**

1. Marty Kellerman and several veteran Nawakwans have suggested bringing back game night/sing-along night.

Moving forward on these and any other suggestions and based on running into some problems this year, we need to ensure that there is good communication between the potential hosts and any planned weekend activity. Hosts should know of the activity beforehand and be in willing agreement to having that activity of their weekend.

If the request for a game/sing-along host is included in the Spring 2023 emails sent out by the Hosting Committee, for example, we may find that a keyholder who hasn’t been active decides to step forward, or that someone suggests another novel activity in line with NOA’s style. This way, hosts are informed from the outset that an activity is being planned for that weekend and they can make their own suggestions and recommendations (they might have a friend/keyholder who has a guitar or loves Game Nights). In general, we need to make sure that potential hosts are made aware of and included in the planning of any weekend activities as much as possible so that all runs smoothly and well.

2. BOD is currently considering purchasing an inexpensive projector compatible with iPhones, iPads, Samsung phones, etc. for keyholders to use to provide presentations. NOA already owns a screen.