

Fathers-N-Flashlights 2024

Saturday, April 13-14, 2024

Oak Meadow Park in Bridgeland

No Trash Deposits No Physical Packet Pickup

Students will go home with t-shirts on Thursday, April 11, 2024

🔦 Calling All Fathers-N-Flashlights Adventurers! 🔦

Get ready to ignite the night! ^{*}The **Fathers-N-Flashlights** event is just around the corner, and the excitement is palpable. Brace yourselves for an unforgettable experience that'll light up your world!

What to Expect: This year we're cranking up the fun factor with epic competitions for both fathers and students. Picture this: four spirited teams, each rocking their team color like a badge of honor. And guess what? Every victory earns your team points, leading to the coveted title of **2024 Fathers-N-Flashlights Team of the Year!**

Now, hold onto your flashlights because we're taking things up a notch. Forget the usual bouncy houses – Saturday promises heart-pounding action!

Here's a sneak peek at what awaits:

- Tug-O-War: Channel your inner Hercules.
- The Ultimate Dodge Ball Showdown: Prepare for dodgeball history!
- **Competitive Inflatables**: Yes, they're back, and they mean business.
- Relay Races: Lightning speed, anyone?
- Scavenger Hunts: Clues, treasures, and adventure!
- **Dance-Offs**: Bust a move and groove your way to glory.

And that's not all - there's a secret surprise waiting for you!

Bonus Points: Want to level up? Dive into these bonus events:

- Fishing: Reel in those points: 100 extras for every fish caught!
- Volleyball: Spike your way to victory: another 100 points for winning teams.
- Hiking: Did you track your route? Turn in your route for another 100 points.

Pack Like a Pro: Before you pitch your tent, peek into the **<u>FNF Campsite Packet</u>** for what to pack if you haven't already. April weather means a mix of wet and warm, so pack smart:

- Hydration Heroes: Bring your refillable water bottles we will have a water dispenser!
- Battle the Bugs: Triple-check your bug spray supply.
- Sunscreen Savvy: Even on cloudy days, SPF is your BFF.
- Clean Hands, Happy Campers: Hand sanitizer and wipes = essential gear.
- Emergency TP: Personal toilet paper packs because nature calls.
- **Comfy Sleep**: Foam or air sleeping pads your back will thank you.
- Pajama Party: Fresh PJs for dreamy nights. Let those sweaty clothes breathe!

Feast Under the Stars: Keeping with the camping theme, we've made a few changes to the snacks and dinner arrangements. **No more punch cards!** While we encourage you to bring your family's favorite snacks, fear not - we'll have plenty of snacks and water available throughout the event. Plus, brace yourselves for two surprise treats before and during the movie, guaranteed to warm (or cool) everyone's hearts.

Dinner starting at 5:30pm:

- Fathers (and the occasional kid):
 - Regular & Specialty Hot Dogs with Chips
 - $_{\odot}$ Brisket Sandwiches with Chips

Brisket French Fries

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- Veggie Wraps

- Kids:
 - Chick-Fil-A Nuggets with Chips

Insider tip: I always pack Lunchables in a cooler for a midday or post-movie snack.

Grab-N-Go Breakfast starting at 7:00am:

- Breakfast burrito's
- Donuts, Kolache's

Night at the Movies: Picture this: a moonlit sky, a cozy blanket, a bunch of excited campers sprawled out on the grass, and the stars twinkling like they're in on the secret. And there, under the celestial canopy, we unleash the magic: **"Trolls: Band Together"** beams onto our outdoor screen!

We'll gather 'round and let the trolls take us on a wild, hair-raising adventure with popcorn rustling, giggles echoing, and hearts dancing to the rhythm of the movie. And remember, remind the little ones, if they spot a shooting star during the movie, make a wish—it might just come true!

No Trash Deposits: Fathers, I need your help. Let's keep our park clean! We've strategically placed additional trash cans around the park to make it easy. In the past, we didn't do our part, leaving our volunteers with a significant cleanup job. This year let's change that. Encourage students and others to toss trash in the designated bins. Together, we can follow the most important rule of camping: leave no trace!

I'm thrilled to see everyone at the FNF event this year, and I hope you all enjoy the exciting changes. <u>After the event, we'll send out a survey to gather feedback</u>. Your insights will help us improve and make next year even <u>better!</u> So, gather your gear, rally your team, and let's make this Fathers-N-Flashlights the stuff of legends! If you have any questions, holler - I'm here to guide you through the wilderness.

See you by the camp lights!

Warmly,

Bruce Robinson

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