



# STUDENT WOW

## Director's Fun Day

### Overview

Setting aside time for fun is important. It is healing and good for the soul. Most of our students did not have the opportunity to have a normal, healthy and fun childhood and adolescence. Even as adults, their lives are shaped by trauma, which quickly takes the place of God's plan for joy in their life. A Director's Fun Day creates an opportunity for the Director to lead that joy - and to provide a creative, fun and meaningful way to engage and enjoy time with students.

### Preparing for the Moment

Directors can brainstorm with their staff teams on ways to create a fun event day. Set a date, put it on the calendar and begin assigning tasks to the team. While this event is primarily for students, staff are welcome to participate and enjoy the fellowship and fun with the Director as well.

### Staff Needed

The Director and team can decide what is appropriate for the specific activities. As long as this Fun Day is led by the Director, staff can be invited to share in the experience as well. Please keep in mind what staff care attendance is needed to provide a safe and suitably-resourced activity.

### Supplies Needed

This will depend on the activity that is chosen. Here are some suggestions:

- Balloon tosses, team-building games, sack races and hot potato, sport tournaments with prizes with staff included, board games, etc.
- Prepare prizes that are meaningful to your campus: Gift cards (items or time with Director), surprise bags, extra free time, calls with kids or family, dinner with staff - provide their favorite foods, extra coffee or treats at Movie Nights, allowing students to choose movies and meals
- Go to the pool, for a hike, cross-country skiing, make snow forts or have a water gun fight! Fish & Chips night - make or order in. Enjoy!



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## **Budget**

This depends on the activity that is chosen.

Some things are free. (Extra calls, coffee/treats, etc) Other activity items can be purchased at the Dollar Store or made at the center. If your budget does not have room for added expenses, think creatively. What can you make yourself? Who do you know that can help?

## **Potential Partners**

Consider what individuals, groups, businesses and community partners can help.

Do you know someone that owns a spa, or has access to free community pool passes? During the year, can you seek out gift cards and services in the community? Set these aside for your Director Day!

## **Execution**

Plan the day and the time. Brainstorm with your staff team. Delegate the basics.

Remind everyone that your Director's Fun Day is coming!!! Build the anticipation for your WOW moments and watch your students light up with excitement and joy! The outcome of your execution? Letting everyone know that Directors are fun people too and they LOVE their students and staff!