

Report of the National Physical Education Director

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Youth/Adult Volleyball Tournament

I have the Falcon Spirit up in my head, down in my feet, deep in my heart, and all over me. One of the Future Leaders favorite songs was out in full force the weekend of April 1 – 2, 2022 as our National Youth and Adult Volleyball Tournament was held in Pittsburgh. It is the first Volleyball Tournament since 2019.

The following Nests participated: Nest 45 St. Louisa with eleven athletes, Nest 86 had nine athletes, Nest 8 had five athletes, Nest 176 had four athletes, and there was one athlete from Nest 118. There were Chaperones and helpers that attended also. Overall, we ended up with fifty-one people who played, helped out, or just attended to watch their players.

A Cornhole Tournament was added to this year's tournament to make things even better. Everyone had a wonderful time mixing things up.

Thank you goes out to the following people:

National Falconette Commission for their donation to help cover all the costs of the Tournament. The Falconettes also purchased the T-shirts that all participants received at the Tournament. It all comes with your support of the raffle. Thank you to everyone for that!

Thank you to Nest 42 Chicago Heights for the donation of \$100 for snacks for the weekend

Thank you to District IV Pittsburgh for the delicious South Side pretzels for snacks on Saturday and to Melissa Puskar for picking them up and delivering them to us.

Thank you to Rege Paschel Nest 8 Pittsburgh for the donation of Gatorade and water for the entire weekend. Also, for all his help with the food and anything that we needed at the gym for the weekend.

Thank you to Druhna Trish for her delicious cookies for our dessert on Friday. Also, for her help keeping score all weekend and anywhere else help was needed.

Thank you to our scorekeepers and helpers: Patty Lawrence, Ruth Mangan, and Carol Ann Kuczma from Nest #118; Sam & Melissa Palombia, and Jan Rump from Nest #8; Janet Knauber from Nest 86. Thank you to Jason Yeske and Todd Gould from Nest 86 for helping me reassemble the balloon arch for the dance. It added a nice touch to the dance and the photos.

Special thank you to Patty Capozoli who is my right hand at the Youth Events. She keeps me organized and ready for anything.

Thank you to Brad Puskar who is always willing to take photos of the group. He does an excellent job of it too!

Last but not least, thank you to my husband Mark who helps with everything at all my events. There is not enough room to share every way he helps me before and during and after these events.

Thank you also to the people who coordinated the groups who attended. I know that in these COVID times it is difficult to get people to travel for things. I am grateful to those people who organized their groups and got them here to have a great weekend.

It takes a village to run our events. These people were my village this past weekend. Thank you for sharing your Falcon Spirit with me and all of the participants.

The Volleyball Tournament was completed on Saturday and the following are the order of the winners:

1st Place

Brooke McPherson – Nest 86
Sammy Palombia – Nest 8
Ellen La Londe – Nest 176
Bella Hoffman – Nest 176
Jason Yeske – Nest 86
Todd Gould – Nest 86
James Blessing – Nest 45

2nd Place

Haylee Hoke – Nest 45
Devin Yanick – Nest 45
Molly Yeske – Nest 86
Dorothy Kalinowski – Nest 176
Michael Blessing – Nest 45
Nicholas Blessing – Nest 45
Brad Puskar – Nest 118

3rd Place

Desiree Yanick – Nest 45 friend
Tyler Hoke – Nest 45
Parker Palombia – Nest 8
Chase Burks – Nest 8 Friend
Kristen Johns – Nest 86
Maya Yanick – Nest 45 Friend
Michael Johns – Nest 86
Kayla Yanick – Nest 45 friend

4th Place

Adam Hoffman – Nest 176
Stella Urquhart – Nest 86
Reese Bertich – Nest 86 Friend
Mary Blessing – Nest 45
Grant McPherson – Nest 86
Matt Zyntiak – Nest 45
Jaidon Jones – Nest 8 Friend
Ryanna Di Meglio – Nest 8

The Cornhole Tournament was completed after the Volleyball and the following are our winners:

1st Place

Todd Gould and Stella Urquhart Nest 86

2nd Place

Ryanna Di Meglio – Nest 8 and Jason Yeske Nest 86

3rd Place

Matt Zyntiak and Desiree Yanick Nest 45

4th Place

Patty Capozoli Nest 118 and Jaidon Jones Nest 8

We had a delicious dinner and passed out the awards for both Volleyball and Cornhole. We followed with our usual evening dance. Thank you to our DJ's Kristen and Michael Johns and Melissa Puskar.

I have to say it was so nice to be in person doing our thing again. My favorite part of the Volleyball is seeing how much everyone improves as the weekend progresses. It is all because we share that Falcons Spirit and help everyone to get better with every game we play. Thank you to everyone who was a part of the Tournament. It really was a fantastic weekend!

National Camp – Survivor-SNPJ Island

As stated before, camp will take place from July 24 – 31, 2022 at SNPJ Recreation Center. The theme is Survivor. I have reached out to several other organizations with an invitation to their Youth Members to come and participate in our camp week. I have also sent out flyers to all of our Youth Members ages 10 – 18 about camp.

At the Volleyball Tournament, there were several people who were interested in coming to camp as campers and Counselors and Junior Counselors. I have sent letters to those people with applications and online registration information.

In conjunction with the Falconette Commission, we are having a contest for this year's Future Leaders. For every person a Future Leader gets to come to camp, we will take off \$25 from their registration fee which will be covered by the Falconette Commission. This will go up to \$100 per Future Leader.

I have also been in contact with Allison Koppel from the American Fraternal Alliance and she is putting the camp information on their site to share with other Fraternals in the area too.

I have been planning the camp week and different activities and challenges that will take place during the week.

Together with Courtney, we have gotten all the information and forms on our website for people to register for Camp 2022. The main registration page is fillable and you can pay online or you can print them out and mail them to me. The health and Insurance information can be printed off and sent into me at the office.

I have set up our Background Check site for those adults who will be attending camp this year.

Special Convention

I am part of the Special Convention Committee. I attend the meetings and am part of the planning process for all of the events that will take place at the Convention.

I am also hoping to plan some fun "Survivor" activities for the Convention members who will be staying to spend the afternoon and evening with the campers. I will plan some challenges that the Convention members can join in on with us. We would also love to have some of the members stay and join us at our evening campfire. Maybe, they can teach us some of the campfire songs that they used to sing. Who knows, there may even be another Survivor Challenge at the campfire.

Nest and District President's Meetings

I have attended or given a report at every meeting of this group. I share information about the Youth Programs and what is ahead for the next event.

Let's Walk Program

I have purchased, packed up and mailed out the 2021 Walking prizes for all those that turned in their mileage for 2021.

Bowling Tournament

I attended the 2022 Bowling tournament in St. Louis hosted by Nest 45. It was a great tournament and wonderful to be together with old friends. Nest 45 did a great job with all aspects of the Tournament and I thank them for all their hard work.

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