

SAJE Club Run - Arms Of Hope / Medina Children's Home

April 30, 2016

Note: For obvious reasons, we were not allowed to take photos at this event, and unfortunately, the DropBox link has expired...JB

To say the event last Saturday was a resounding success would be an understatement! With Joyce & Doug Philips handling all the communication and preliminary organizational duties, Juan "Mo" & Maria Morales handling the Humpty Dumpty Challenge, Alicia Horn handling the food & Ice Cream Social, Doug Livingston handling the Trail Ride, and Steve Solitto handling "The Pit", everything went off without a hitch. So much so that we finished early, and had the Awards Ceremony at 1 PM, instead of 4!

Here is a followup email from Joel at Arms Of Hope that really puts what our Club did into perspective:

Subject: Thanks!

Had so much fun yesterday - and thanks to Jack for taking me out on that last run - was a blast. I just want to say again - I appreciate you guys being so organized - really allowed you guys to focus on the kids and for everyone to have a good time instead of running around trying to figure out what's going on.

Here's some of our feedback from church today from moms and houseparents:

- (from a mom) Really liked it - something I never thought I would do
- (houseparent) Our kids really enjoyed it - one of them said he wants a jeep when he gets older
- (from a mom) - it was really fun but I was glad that it didn't go much longer - two of mine were getting pretty tired (she has a 3,6, 7 and 9 year old)
- (staff) is the best event I can remember having on campus - super interactive - they (group) were super good with the kids and engaging them
- (kid) that radio was so cool (hahahaha)

My takeaways and next year thoughts if you guys indeed decide to do so:

- Very fluid throughout - there might have been a little bit of waiting around - but not much for the kids. Rough math - 30 jeeps with one driver and three passengers - equates to holding about 90 residents at one time
- I rode in 3 jeeps I think - enjoyed all of them - your members were great at engaging in conversation - explaining the jeep and functions - I overheard it with our kids and moms as well - so I know I wasn't the only one who enjoyed that engagement
- Timing - we ran fast through everything - but in hindsight - I think it was good timing for our moms - went naturally into lunch and then into the awards - I think if we would have gone on into the afternoon we would have had some tired kids on our hands

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- Another game on the field? Plenty of room if there's another Jeep game out there
- Room availability - I think some of your members would want to come out early to play/setup and then stay the night - you are more than welcome!

Would love to hear your thoughts as well - again - THANK YOU! - sent a pic to our facebook guy - so expect it to show up on our page this next week.

- Joel

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As you can tell from these comments and the photos in the link above, the kids and moms had a great time...the smiles say it all!

Special thanks to all (listed below...) who came and volunteered their time and Jeeps for this wonderful cause! We are already looking forward to next year.

Connie Hilburn
SAJE President

Club Members Attending: Doug & Joyce, Jack & Connie, Geoff, Tim & Alison, Mo & Maria, Ray & Alicia, Ray B., Rafael, Pat, Jerry, Jason & Tara with Morgan, Jessi & Christina with Jessi & Katie, Jim & Kelly, Ben, Seth & Andrew, Zach & Faith, Josh & Madison, Rich & Michelle with Alexis, Tim & Bridget, Doug & Lisa, Jack 2, Christine R., Cheryl, Greg & Renee, Steve B., Steve S., Homer, Jeff, Milt & Donnalee, Val & Vallery, Gary, and Trey.