

LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA DISTRICT 8 - TX & LA

Happy New Year District 8 Friends!

So, you want to go to a District 8 meeting to connect with friends, visit new places, learn new things and have a fun packed weekend? When you receive the registration packet, either by mail, email or facebook, check it out and start making plans to go!

BUT, do you know what goes into planning that fun packed weekend?

Hotel and Location:

The first step is to find an attractive location with a hotel to meet the "needs" of the guests, including a reasonable room rate. The more rooms we book for our room "block", the better rate they give us. Most hotels require us to meet certain quotas for us to receive a decent room rate. If we ask for 20 rooms for Friday night and 20 for Saturday night and only 11 rooms get booked; our group must pay a penalty. Plus, if we go over the room block numbers (which is good because more friends are coming) after the deadline, these individuals risk not getting our LPA rate or possibly not get a room at all! We also must consider the expenses related to the workshops and kids room. This space can cost upwards of \$1,000 or more. You like freebies, name tags, etc.

Next, you don't just go for meetings and dancing; you're going to want exciting and fun activities to do away from the hotel. This takes knowledge of the area, making sure the locations are accessible, scoring group rates for tickets, and most importantly fun for ALL ages!

Workshops/meetings:

What are the interests of the audience? Medical and School issues, Clothing alterations, Accessibility and Mobility needs, Adoption, Driving, etc.?

Kids Room:

If you are a parent and are entrusting your precious child in the care of one of our volunteers, you hope they know a little about caring and entertaining your child with something more than just playing a couple of movies. The ages of the children in the kid's room varies, so activities, supplies, and care must be considered to get enough volunteers, etc.

All of the above in one way or another is a motivator in your decision to attend!

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EVERY individual in LPA District 8 has a reason to attend the District meeting:

- Parents of Littles
- Parents of Toddlers to School age
- Elementary school age, to meet others "like" them/parents to learn ways to advocate with school staff
- Tweens/Teens to be mentors and role models for younger LP's who need to see themselves and ask questions like "where did you get those cool boots?"
- High school age - can mentor younger tweens/teens about related issues such as getting around on a bigger campus, playing sports, being in the band, pep squad, etc.
- College age - can mentor about living away from home, in a dorm, apartment. How do I pick a LP friendly career and or college for the career that I think I am interested in? What resources are available to me for financing college, etc.
- Young adults mentor about their college experience, dating, marriage
- Becoming a parent; whether you're an LP or average height parent, you can always use advice and tips from other parents.
- Middle age raising young adults
- OWLS - Older, Wiser, Little Seniors
- Retirement
- Independent Living/Dependent care

Registration Fee: Many people have questions about what this is for? It covers expenses that the planning committee has when setting up activities, workshops, supplies, etc.

SO, as you can see there are many reasons for coming to District meetings. With your input for ideas on locations, activities, and workshops we can truly have a memorable weekend for EVERYONE!

I challenge each family to come to the next District meeting. The Chapter with the most attendees from the area will win a prize for their chapter!

Also, we can have a rockin raffle! If each family brings an item, your chapter can get the money.



save the date

District 8 Spring Regional

April 28-30, 2017

Lafayette, LA



Room rate: \$105/night

Suite includes fridge, microwave, full breakfast both Saturday and Sunday morning.

Homewood Suites by Hilton Lafayette

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Registration packets & conference details will be available late February.