



*APRIL FAMILY  
READINESS MONTHLY MEETING*

April 24, 2014  
1100 – Order food / 1130 – Meeting Starts  
Wild Flour Cafe

**Agenda Items**

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted
✓ Welcome Remarks		
✓ Review of previous meeting minutes/open items		
✓ Family Day	- Events Activities you want to see	
	How do you get your information	
✓ Communication: Most Effective	- What more do you want to see	
✓ USO's Oxygen for Couples program	- Awaiting information from USO Jax on program support.	
✓ Positive comments, concerns, Issues, Suggestions		
✓ Open Floor	MCFTB / OSC / ESC	

**Other Information**

**Meeting Minutes:** Can be found at: [www.logcom.marines.mil/Marines/FRO](http://www.logcom.marines.mil/Marines/FRO)

Resources:

Special notes:

\* = if spouse is a civilian/contractor; leave must be submitted.



**Attendees:**

Jillian Fielder

Ruthie Garcia\*

Hannah Shrouf

Dawn Mixa & Lucy Mixa

Rachel Riemke

**Minutes**

**Agenda item:** 2014 Family Day

**Discussion:**

FRO discussed the preliminary details for this event. Date has been set for the 30<sup>th</sup> of May @ Covella Pond (on base) from 1000 – 1530. FRO solicited activity ideas from the volunteers. Some include:

- Adventure Geo-caching: 5 member teams (1 SMP/2 teens/2 youth) will be given coordinates and must find five (5) hidden boxes within the area. Teams will get a “team passport”. Each box will contain a stamp along with the team’s next coordinates. Each team will stamp their passport, collect their next clue until they collect all five clues. The first team to the finish line will get a prize. (max. teams = 10).
- Water Balloon Toss: 2 member teams. The team left standing without their balloon bursting wins.
- Volleyball sand court: 3-4 member teams. Max teams = 12. Round robin. Team captains will pull for their start. First team to 15 wins. Single elimination.
- Kickball: 9 member team. Peg rules are in effect (runner can be pegged with the ball). 6 inning maximum. Run rule during the inning is 10. Max teams = 4. Target audience: teens and above.
- Rockwall: individual climbs. Safety personnel will be available to assist all participants.
- Waterslides: individually monitored by parents. One waterslide will be designated for 7 and younger. One waterslide will be designated for 8 thru 15.
- Bounce Houses: same as water slides
- Static Displays: strategically positioned on the field with knowledgeable personnel to answer questions, take pictures, etc.
- Scavenger hunt: 2 member teams (adult/child/youth). A list will be provided. Bring all the items back for a prize.

\* please ensure there are activities for adults that have no kids to do \*

Food options were discussed. Some suggestions include:

Meats: Ribs/Chicken/Hotdog/Hamburgers

Sides: Watermelon / chips / corn on the cob / salad (mac/potato)

Drinks: Water / juice boxes / lemonade / powdered juice

Desserts: cookies / snow cones / frozen popsicles

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**Agenda item:** Communication – Most effective

**Discussion:**

Suggestions for communication improvement includes text messages of upcoming events. FRO suggested Remind101; a FREE, online solution. FRO will look into it.

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**Agenda item:** Program Awareness & Feedback

**Discussion:**

FRO solicited feedback...starting with positive comments first. Here are a few:

- Great duty station to be a part of the local community. Great spouses make the transition easier; especially since we reside off base.

- NPSP has been very helpful and a great resource.

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**Agenda item:** USO's Oxygen for Couples

**Discussion:**

FRO contacted USO @ NAS JAX regarding this program. Program manager was not aware but is taking a looking into the program. She is not sure if this is a local program or a HQ's program. Will provide input at the next meeting.

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**Agenda item:** Upcoming Events

**Discussion:**

FRO provided a list of upcoming events:

1 May – Day of Prayer / 0800 / Bldg 3500

6 May - School Shopping Tour / 0800 / CDC

9 May – CPR/FA Certification / POC: 639.6171

5 jun – Teen Expo

13 Jun – LINKS Meeting / POC: 639.6171

20 Jun – Teen Auto Workshop / POC: 639.6171

24 Jun – LINKS for Kids / POC: 639.6171

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Next meeting; 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month (No meeting held in May/June).

Meeting minutes can be found at: <http://www.logcom.marines.mil/Marines/FRO/volunteer.aspx>