

NMU Cru Round Table 4-26-24

Attendees: Alex W; Tobias; Josh C; Koryn; Elleah; Ruth; Corey E; Michael S; Jenna; Kelsey H; Taylor L; Daniel; Abby S; Kenny E; Amanda; Ainsley; Jayden; Bella; Cassie W; Marcus; Stephen C; Eva P;
Cru Staff: Jared O'C; Eric Kaitlyn H.; Zion & Sarah S.; Mieche; Dave Susan M;

Devotional - Alex Eph. 5:15-17; How can we best use our summer? How can we transfer where we've learned and done in Cru back home? Lead B study; Fishing; mission trip; Sharing in local community; initiating with HS friends; Just be a Christian all the time; Live in such a way that they see Christ in you; Praying for friends and coworkers; Initiate spiritual conversations with friends; Talk to your parents;

Opening Prayer- Kameron

Highlights; Lowlights; DiscoLights;

Highlights – Joint worship nights(2); PCB trip; People in Discipleship; Canoe trip; Sat. Prayer mtgs; Finding Cru and this community(2); Christian friends who want to talk about Jesus; Learning to go out and talk to people about Jesus; 6 bible studies; Being new and feeling welcome; Outreach things at MTU; Finding God thru Cru; Willing to answer questions; Worship team was awesome; Winter Conf attendance; Being there for me; Spr.Retreat w/Hersh & baton (2); ; Workshop at Retreat; Discipleship pod (2); Jayden leading worship; ME trip; Discipleship; Group of guys to have fun with; Connecting with students; Students following Jesus;

Lowlights – 1 person walking away from God; Only 4 students at PCB; Not enough time at MTU;

DiscoLights – Mental health night; Vulnerability; Stories of Faith; all those going on Sum.Mission; 6 bible studies; new songs; Sharing my story of faith; Baptized tomorrow; Enjoying being in a pod; Finding more Freshmen at PCB Laila and Taylor; Most people returning; BootCamp Outreach in JXJ; 20-22 new believers in Christ;

Topics for Discussion – each team helps make sure things happen, not just do it.

808 Planning - Taylor L; 45 min weekly; Ruth; Josh; Amanda; Josh;

Prayer – Kameron ➤ Tobias; lots of room for improvement; Daniel Elleah

Praise team – Jayden; looking for people with musical talent; Kylie; Alex Josh Piano

Outreach Team - Alex and Bella; cross over events; Cassie; Elleah

Socials – Not 1 person; Events that end up in good conversations; Taylor

Social media – Haley Kaitlyn; Instagram;

Service Team – Ruth & Koryn; helping with conversations; Wood: Amanda; Josh Ainsley;

Summer Orientation Jackson, Andrew Josh; Taylor; Alex

Summer Orientation follow up conversations: there is already a team – Taylor has that list.

Taylor will head this follow up thing. There are already 25 people being contacted from PCB outreach.

There will be a table with a sign up asking if the incoming students are already connected with Cru, Instagram, etc.

Taylor wants to evaluate if the incoming freshmen feel intimidated with all the contact or if it's positive. Abby said it was a positive experience for her, as well, as Tobias.

We go into Jamrich and pass out fliers to the commuter students that have orientation the week before classes.

First week activities:

Before welcome picnic bonfire to see friends first. So that you can meet new people at freshmen picnic.

Round Table #0 – first thing that happens. Saturday before classes start – Aug. 24th

Welcome Picnic – meet new people. Emcee person Clipboards: Amanda, Eva, Alex, Cassie

Capture the flag: organize and invite, get materials from Dave and know the rules.

Kenny, Alex, Bella,

Invite passers by to join – spontaneous outreach

Game nights: need board games – Daniel and Cassie will coordinate. Daniel will bring strategy games.

Front desk has games.

Labor Day Canoe Trip Sign up list – Taylor; Collect money - Taylor

Get canoes – UPBC and Water's Edge Josh can help get canoes

Vehicles:

Lunch: Staff organize this.

Sugarloaf Hike: Bella

Other Ideas: Welcome things before Saturday for early move in people.

Ruth idea: Outdoor movie set up – need power source – she needs to ask her Dad.

Target Area / Audience Strategy - Jared

God loves all NMU students and we should love them too.

If we are asking God to move but not preparing for Him to do so – Why? Do I really believe He will move?

Then, I will act on it.

Propose: Let's try to approach outreach strategically.

Reach the freshmen class each year. Every 4 years you'll reach all the students.

Do things in the dorm – outreach, pods, inviting others to activities, reaching freshmen.

It's called Target Areas.

As we pray to reach the whole campus, a snowball effect happens when one area is reached. It grows and it's noticeable. We haven't done this before, let's try it.

People you meet might mean that you're the only Christian that person might know.

Closed doors: The doors stay open in the Quad in the first two weeks.

Proposal: Map of dorms. Put your name on the sheet where you'll live next year - that has the dorms mapped out. Let's pick out 2/3 places. Hunt 3rd floor Toon Town (300-330) – Ruth and friends. #1 TARGET AREA
Jesus loves these people and we love them. The most loving thing we can do is share Christ with them.

Idea from Taylor: Do things in the hallway. People will gather and will be able to meet people because no one knows anybody in the beginning.

God sized ask: We have an incredible God – He wants us to ask.:

One of our requests this past year was target areas.

What would be a God-sized ask for this coming year?

1. Out-growing this place where we have Round Table.
2. Have one whole house come to Jesus and/or come to Cru. Actively involved. Toon Town is an option.
3. Outgrow our 808 room – JXJ 1320

Jaden requests that the 808 doors don't open until 8:00 for non-worship team people.

This helps practice go better and it helps with mingling outside the room.