Focus: HOPE Club 26-27 Informational Document

Introduction

Hi! I am Brooke Weisenstein. I am the Club Lead & Focus: HOPE Liaison of the Focus: HOPE Club, with our Teacher Sponsor being Ms. Antrup. Our Recruitment Leads are Madison Bentz, Cora Adams, and Evi Karrras. If you would like to learn more about our E-Board, please visit Focus: HOPE Club E-Board Roles. In this document, you can find information about what The Focus: HOPE Club is and what we do.

What is Focus: HOPE?

Focus: HOPE is a nonprofit organization located in Detroit that focuses on combating racism, poverty, and injustice through various volunteering and community programs. The organization was created in 1968 following the tragic 1967 Detroit riots. We partner with Focus: HOPE in their Food for Seniors Program, where members of the club go to Focus: HOPE and pack boxes with food for seniors in need in the Detroit area.

What/When Will the Meetings Be?

We will likely have 3 Meetings throughout the year, an Introductory Meeting at the beginning of the school year, a Semester 2 Meeting at the start of the second semester, and possibly an End-of-Year Meeting before the end of the school year. These will be located at SCHS, and we will go over our transportation availability, review what we have achieved so far,

plan for our next Packing Events, answer questions, and more. They will typically be from 2:45 - 3:00 in room C262 or in the media center.

What Will the Packing Events Be Like?

The SCHS Focus: HOPE Club is a club centered around taking action. Excluding the 3 Planning Meetings, we will have a volunteer activity each month, our Packing Events, located at the Focus: HOPE facility in Detroit. We will pack boxes full of food on an assembly line to be distributed to those in need in the Metro Detroit area. Volunteers may also unwrap and unbox pallets of food, collapse boxes for recycling, and dispose of plastic waste. These tasks will require moderate levels of activity, bending, and lifting. As far as clothing goes:

- For safety purposes, volunteers are prohibited from wearing open-toed shoes, sleeveless shirts, short shorts, or exposing midriff.
- Keep your valuables at home, in your car, or on your person.
- Other than that, comfortable clothing is welcome, and Stoney Creek-themed clothing would be appreciated :)

The Packing Events will be on one Saturday per month from 9 AM-12 PM. Whether you carpool or opt for individual transportation, you should show up about 5 minutes early, and it is around a 30-minute drive, so plan accordingly.

What is Mandatory?

For Packing Events, usually 10-20 of us are volunteering at a time. What this means is that volunteering is not mandatory to be in the club. Now obviously, there stands the assumption that if you join the club, you're going to want to help. So it is expected you would want to help when you are able!

Can I use this for Key Club/NHS?

"Can the Focus: HOPE Club help me with my Key Club, National Honors Society, or some other clubs' volunteering points?" - Yes. Our volunteering is not mandatory, unlike in other outreach and volunteering clubs. Members are not required to show up to Packing Events or to reach a specified number of volunteer points. What your goal is by joining the club, is to represent your school by helping those in need, and even making some friends. So yes, while the Focus: HOPE Club is not directly affiliated with these other clubs, you can use your volunteering at the Focus: HOPE Club as volunteering points for clubs like Key Club or National Honors Society, but not both at once. Additionally, Focus: HOPE Volunteering counts as both Social Justice and Volunteering on the Common Application for universities.

How Do I Sign Up?

As of now, 2 things are needed: (a) you need to join the Remind, as it is our primary source of announcements, schedules, and events, and (b) you need to register as part of SCHS at Focus: HOPE. To do so, you must fill out the Liability Waiver located on the Linktree and give it to an E-Board member. The Liability Waiver updates each calendar year, so you would need to turn in a new one when you first sign up and at the beginning of each year afterwards. You also do not need to pay a $30 school club fee, and you can join anytime within the school year.

For More Information

At the bottom of this document is the Linktree link and the club Instagram (give us a follow!). The Linktree contains the Liability Waiver, the Remind Join link, information on the club, the official Focus: HOPE website, the Focus: HOPE Club's Instagram, the Focus: HOPE Organization's Instagram, and more. The Linktree can also be found on the club's Instagram.

Contact Us

If any crucial information is to be changed on this document, I will inform the members via Remind and the Planning Meetings. If you have any questions or want to get in contact with an E-Board member, you can do so here:

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