Camp Quest NorthWest Radio Weekend

Proposal for Radio Club of Tacoma









Overview

- Camp Quest NorthWest is a youth-serving nonprofit organization that hosts residential summer camp for kids ages 8-17
- CQNW also hosts retreats for its volunteer staff, and a Leadership Track retreat for teens during the school year.
- The CQNW experience includes educational activities focused on critical thinking, ethics, scientific inquiry, and philosophy in addition to the traditional summer camp crafts, games, swimming, boating, campfires, archery, climbing, and hiking.







Building Radio Interest over 4 years

- Basic circuitry projects
- QSOs opportunities for campers
- Building and erecting antennas
- Satellite weather images via ham radio

Current Licensed Operators

- 4 counselors (1 extra, 2 general, 1 tech)
- Zero campers

Interested in Earning their License:

- 6+ counselors
- 20+ campers



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- CQNW participants (teen campers and counselors) would completely fill the scheduled Nov 11-12 tech class
- CQNW staff Sam Mulvey (N9MII) and Becky Friedman (KG7FZH) co-teach the tech class with Stephen Morton





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- Thurs, Nov. 9 Sun, Nov. 12
- RCT Clubhouse as home base
- Sleeping accommodations "lock-in" style at the clubhouse with campers on bedrolls/sleeping bags
- CQNW staff chaperones
- Off-site trips to local broadcast stations



Schedule

Thursday, Nov 9:

• 8pm arrival at RCT Clubhouse for checkin, ground rules, tour

Friday, Nov 10:

- 9am-1pm Tech class learning in the classroom
- 1-2pm Lunch
- 2-6pm Tech class learning in the classroom
- 6pm dinner
- 7pm social time and working stations



Schedule

Saturday, Nov 11:

- 9am-2pm field trip off site to allow RCT open clubhouse
- 2pm-5pm Tech class learning in the classroom
- 6pm dinner
- 7-9pm Tech class learning in the classroom

Sunday, Nov 12:

- 8-11am Tech class learning
- 11am lunch
- 12-2pm Tech class learning
- 2pm VE testing
- 3pm departure



Personnel

- Stephen as tech class instructor
- RCT hosts for clubhouse
 orientation/tour/supervision
- CQNW chaperones for supervision (decades experience as professional educators and leaders of overnight camps/retreats)
- VE team

Financial

- CQNW to cover all costs associated with food, transportation, & background checks of adult participants
- CQNW eager to seek funding for learning materials, class fees, & test fees, especially if they present a barrier to participation
- CQNW to carry liability insurance for the duration of the event



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