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## Don't Forget DeMolay in the Summer

It is time to wrap up another school year and to get ready for all the fun and excitement that summer brings. Many of you are probably planning a job this summer or getting your things packed to head off to college or camp somewhere.



As you all head out for the summer, **DON'T FORGET DEMOLAY!**

There are a lot of activities that go on during the summer that need your participation. Many chapters and districts have camping events, prospect parties, a leadership retreat and, of course, CONCLAVE. Stay active and stay in touch with your chapters – they still need you!

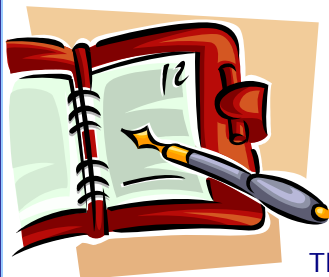
If you do have trips away from home planned, please let your advisors know, so they can make plans around your absence.

## Proper Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance (the 6 Ps)

Okay, I will admit it. It was seven Ps, but it was an old Navy phrase and I had to clean it up a little bit!

The role of DeMolay Advisors (like I have to tell you this) is to teach our young men how to be better leaders and individuals. One of the greatest gifts we can give them is how to get organized.

Think about it; if a young man has a planner or electronic personal digital assistant (PDA) with his day and week planned out, work schedule, homework assignments, practice schedules, to do list – how much better they would be able to think ahead and prevent "crisis management" – (*uh oh, I forgot I have a paper due tomorrow; I guess I can do it during study period in the morning-- yeah, right*). In order to teach this skill, we need to practice it first.



Being able to plan and think ahead will make DeMolays the leaders they should be... and the first place to start is... teaching them to plan events **ONE MONTH** in advance, then get the word out. That sounds fairly easy, but we fail to do this time and time again. Not only does it demonstrate poor planning skills, but it ensures that the Rainbows and Jobs Daughters won't be at our events.

They need more notice and, as a common courtesy, we should give it to them.

Put this on **your** 'to do' list this summer; work on using and teaching better planning skills. It will serve our young men well as they work their way into manhood.

## A Lot going on in May...

This is a busy month for DeMolays and Advisors alike. We get started with an Executive meeting in Siloam on the first Saturday of the month. The ODA Executive officers, DeMolay youth leadership and advisors are having a "skull session" to get everyone on the same sheet of music and ready to do great things. Each chapter can send two representatives to this meeting.

The next weekend, Shawnee District is hosting a school of instruction. This promises to be a special event with everyone getting an opportunity to work on language for degree teams and individual parts. If you don't have enough guys for a team or have one or two DeMolays who are really motivated to do ritual, this is the event for you!

Creek District is trying to reinstitute an old tradition of an early summer campout/ initiation at Akdar Shrine camp. We used to do this every summer and it was a lot of fun. We start Friday night with everyone arriving and setting up tents around 6 or 7pm. Then at 9pm, there is an outdoor initiation by torchlight! Saturday morning, there is a district meeting at 9am, and after that, an afternoon of swimming, and anything else you guys can come up with. Lots of good fun, good food and good fellowship. Contact Dad Branson for more details.



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## Pictures from Frank Marshall ...



**"Buddha" hamming it up at Frank Marshall**

**Yeah, I did it, uh huh...**





Pool Jockeys

Some more of our guys chowing down.



## UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY

**5 May – ODA Executive Meeting, Siloam Lodge 10-4**

**– Bethel 2 Hotdog and Hamburger sale /dance**

**12 May - Shawnee District School of Instruction**

**- Del City Masonic Youth Spaghetti Dinner**

**18-20 May – Creek District Campout/Initiation, Akdar Park**

**20 May – Mona McNabb Rainbow Installation, Catoosa Lodge 2pm**

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Order of DeMolay, of which Frank S. Land was the founder.**

