Etgar Proposal – Kayitz 2015

DRAFT – 11/2014

Edah Numbers:

* Bogrim: 89
* Machon: 50
* Nivonim: 80

Magshimim – Monday, July 6 – Tuesday, July 7 (Note: Tuesday is already Yom Meyuchad)

* Runs their normal Etgar program with
  + Day 1: Rafting and GPS Scavenger Hunt with AIAO - $1,500 flat rate
  + Overnight : Treehouse run by edah staff
  + Day 2: Teffilot and breakfast at Treehouse, normal day resumes after breakfast.

Bogrim – Monday, July 6 – Tuesday, July 7

* Option #1: Camping Only
* Edah-wide camping trip
  + Entire edah sleeps at one large campsite and goes out on different hiking trips during the day; OR
  + Edah split up into smaller groups (still larger than typical AIAO groups – about 20 per group) and hike parts of the trail and camp out as a group at night
  + Gear is taken by van/bus to campsite – campers do NOT use backpacks (we don’t have enough packs to accommodate the entire edah)
  + Trip is led by regular ratio of AIAO staff members (6.5:1 =14 staff;

@ $750/staff = $10,500 pre-transportation); OR

* Trip is led by fewer than normal AIAO staff members; OR
* Trip is led by Bogrim staff, PLUS one “higher level” staff/trip
* Option #2: Camping/Community Service Hybrid
* Camping Trips (2)
  + Backpacking for 13 campers ($2,050 includes staff, logistics, etc.)
  + Canoeing for 14 campers ($3,280 includes staff, logistics, etc.)
* Community Service in Boston (4)
  + Day 1 AM: Leave camp, travel to Boston, arrive at host synagogue
  + Day 1 PM: Community Service in Boston – (approx. 4 groups of 15)
    - Boston Food Bank
    - Day Camps/working with kids
    - Big brothers/Big Sister
    - Ecological service – cleaning up Charles River
    - Hebrew senior life (working with elderly/bikur cholim)
    - Working in fields/ Drumlin Farm
    - Local soup kitchens/preparing and serving food
  + Day 1 Eve: Entire group reconvene at host synagogue for dinner and peulat erev
  + Day 2 AM: Community Service projects (same projects as Day 1)
  + Day 2 PM: Back to Palmer
* Option #3: Community Service Only
* Entire Edah does Community Service option in Boston (expanded to accommodate all 89 campers)

Machon/Nivonim – Monday, July 6 – Thursday, July 9

* Camping Trips (run by AIAO) - 52 campers:
  + Backpacking for 13 campers ($3,500 includes staff, logistics, etc.)
  + Rock Climbing, Caving, and Canoeing for 12 campers ($4,710 includes staff, logistics, etc.)
  + Mountain Biking for 13 campers ($3,550 includes staff, logistics, etc.)
  + Connecticut River Canoeing for 14 campers ($3,550 includes, staff, logistics, etc.)
* Other trips – 78 Campers – 15-20 campers/trip
  + Washington, DC
    - Meet with politicians, AIPAC, tour of monuments, etc.
    - Spend a few days at Washington DC Day Camp!
    - Stop at Ramah Poconos on the way down, etc.
  + New York City
    - Community service with JustCity – cleaning up from Hurricane Sandy, etc.
    - Contact: Aliyah Vinikoor, JTS (have already discussed the idea with her).
    - With fewer kids, may be able to stay at JTS?
  + Habitat for Humanity in Western, MA
    - Note: only for campers age 16+
  + Community service in Western MA/Greater Palmer area
  + Boston Community Service trip
    - Similar to Bogrim trip – go to a different site each day for four days (some of the same sites that Bogrim is at).
  + Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Boston – Leora Kimmel Greene?

Questions moving forward:

1. Transportation Costs - most of the non-camping trips will require bussing every day – how much extra will this be? Further, how much are we really saving with this model?
2. Reach out to Gann Academy, re: Exploration Week community service options
3. Interests – are campers only going to want to do the camping trips? Only want to do the non-camping trips? Will there be an even split?
4. Bogrim camping trip – do we need AIAO to lead it? What would a trip run exclusively by our staff look like? What about using 1-2 AIAO staff as “on-site consultants?”
5. Dates: Do we stick with week 3? Switch with Kishroniya (week 6)? How do Tisha B’av and Shiva Asar B’Tamuz factor into this?
6. Can this version of Bogrim etgar be in lieu of an additional Bogrim trip during second session (which adds relatively little value)? Go to six flags second session?
7. Bikes – do we need to get new ones for this year (for our one Machon/Nivonim trip)? What is the cost for this?