

Upcoming Dates:

August 19 - Last Day Summer Modified/ Learn to Row Session

August 19- Last Day Varsity/Freshman 2 Week Session

August 29- Varsity/Freshman Fall Program Begins (7am -9am 8/29- 9/2)

August 31st – HS Walkthrough 11am – Recruiting team & Varsity volunteers

September 5 - Labor day-- No Practice

September 10 – Parent meeting 10am, following all team practice 8-10

September 7 – First Day of School – Freshman & Varsity practice moves to afterschool

September 12- Modified Fall Program Begins after school

September 17– Rowathon - Mandatory all teams – Report times Fresh/Var 8:00-1:00pm and Mod 8:00-11:00

September 17 – Mod Ice Cream social directly after rowathon 11-12:30

Store opens this week for Uni orders!

The sewy sport store will be open to order new Uni's for Freshman &/or Varsity members from 8/19-8/24 (link to order is on Shen Crew Website then go under Uniform & Clothing Tab).

Spring Survey Take Aways

After reviewing the spring survey responses, we will be implementing the following recommendations for Fall Season.

1. Food Tent - The food tent will be scaled down to make regattas less labor intensive, with healthier options and lower expenses so we can shift money to equipment - More to come in detail on this.
2. Transparency - Members would like to hear more about what the board is working on so starting with the September meeting, all board meetings will be open the entire time keeping with the first 30 minutes for members to come with questions or concerns then they are invited to stay and listen if they wish.
3. Team Travel - The new team travel policy was liked by the majority. This

will remain in place and we will continue to ask parents for each away "travel regatta" to volunteer to chaperone.

4. Equipment update - We have done a full year end inventory of existing equipment and have begun to identify what new equipment is on our wish list. We will be updating membership on the plan for new equipment at the fall parent meeting.

SPAC Update

We are getting closer to our goal of purchasing new equipment. All proceeds from SPAC concession is earmarked toward the purchase of a new boat(s). Thank you to all those that have volunteered so far. We are averaging \$1,000 for each concert (the big ones offset the smaller concerts &/or those where we did not have all workers on registers). Did you miss the training or attend the training and not yet work ?? YOU CAN STILL HELP. We need more volunteers to reach our goal... upcoming dates are: Sun 8/28 Florida Georgia Line and Thur 9/8 Joan Jett/Cheap Trick concerts. Please contact Laura McClendon at lauramcc9001@gmail.com

Fall Registration

Fall registration packets are being finalized and will be available at end of this week. Stay tuned for more. Please note the preliminary Fall regatta schedule is available on the website if anyone needs to confirm prior to packets being released.

The President's Volunteer Service Award

(PVSA) is the premier volunteer awards program, encouraging citizens to live a life of service through presidential gratitude and national recognition. This Presidential recognition program sets you apart from your peers and is a tremendous honor. The awards are offered in multiple levels and are designed to recognize each milestone of your service achievement. Levels include bronze, silver, gold (hrs depend on age so check their website but range from 50-250+ hrs to qualify for award).

Shen Crew is one of the approved community organizations that has registered and can approve awards for our crew students that are completing volunteer hours. We have many High School students that are looking for ways to differentiate themselves on their college transcripts - this

is one of them ! We have worked on the calendar year system (All hours earned w/in that calendar year only) but it can also be done w/in a 12 month period Oct-Oct so we can present any awards at the fall banquet in November for any qualifiers. If you have been doing volunteer work over the summer, please be sure to register and log the hours in coming months.

Visit the website to learn more& register at:

<http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/>

Shen Crew Website Updates

Have you looked at the Shen Crew website recently? You can find the following additions/updates:

- New Section – Weekly Newsletters – Past copies of newsletters starting this spring have been stored for reference.
- Updated Section - Board Documents - Copies of past minutes of board meetings –posted within 30 days from meeting going back to Dec 2014.
- Updated SafeSport policy & Code of Conduct – Annual policy updates were approved by board at July mtg and will start this fall for athletes & parents to sign.
- Coming soon for fall season Registration, Volunteer Spot and Clothing links to come.

Questions, Comments, or Complaints?

Please use the link on our website www.shencrew.com the link is in the upper right corner of the front page under the tag “Give Rowing A Try” It’s an easy way to communicate with the Shen Crew Board, Executive Director, and Head Coach.

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