

LARGE GROUP ACTIVITIES

Dear CARS Committee,

Our sub-committee investigated several different large group activities in the OKC Metro. We tried to pick a wide variety, but are happy to investigate additional suggestions as well. These summaries are just to show how much a certain size group might cost, and what MLS employees would receive. These events span the calendar year, days of the week, and time of day. Most of group sizes presented below could be changed to accommodate interest level. We've only presented a summary in this handout, but could provide additional details from our research if we decide to pursue certain events.

Thanks!

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n.b.-all these prices are pre-tax estimations

OKC THUNDER: (November-April)

For \$2500, we could host 100 people. Staff would receive a ticket to Loud City (300 section) and two \$5 food vouchers. We could also allow staff to buy an additional ticket at \$25, or Metro could supplement some of the second ticket cost.

OKC DODGERS: (April-September)

For \$2300, we could host 100 people. Staff would receive entry to Terrace seating (200 level), access to an AYCE cookout, and a free hat. The organization name would be shown on the video screen, and we could throw out the first pitch. Group could be as large as 500, so we could allow staff to buy an additional ticket at \$23, or Metro could supplement some of the second ticket cost. If we elected to throw out the first pitch, there could be a contest, raffle, fundraiser to decide who would receive the honor.

OKC BALLPARK SNOWTUBING: (November 25-January 1)

For \$2925, we could host 150 employees for two hours of snowtubing on a night/weekend, plus a cookie/smores/brownie and hot chocolate/coffee snack.

DUSTBOWL: (Anytime)

For around \$1000, we can host a bowling night for 60 employees. We would provide the opportunity for one bowling game, shoe rental, and light appetizers. Employees could also buy their own food and beer/mixed drinks. While the room can only accommodate half of the 60 participants at once, others could sit and socialize upstairs at Fassler Hall. If additional staff did not want to bowl, they could still come to Fassler Hall.

OKC BALLET: (Nutcracker-December, Sleeping Beauty-February, A Midsummer Night's Dream-April)

For under \$900, we could provide Nutcracker tickets for 20 MLS employees. Additional ticket could be purchased by staff at the group rate.

OKC PHIL: (Disney-late January, Broadway's Best-mid March)

For under \$750 we can purchase 40 balcony tickets to either OKC Philharmonic's Broadway's Best or Disney in Concert: Tale as Old as Time. We could allow 20 employees to bring one guest, or allow them to purchase extra tickets at our discounted rate

OKCMOA: (Anytime, Sacred Word on display til January 2017, Kehinde Wiley begins June 2017)

For \$315, 45 MLS staffers could gain museum entry and receive a private group tour (60-90 minutes) of the museum: Tours could be arranged for different age groups.

OKC RIVERSPORTS: (Summer?)

For \$2750, 50 employees could use a Riversport Day Pass granting them access to whitewater rapids, Sky Zip, Sky Trail, newly expanded Sky Slide complex, Rumble Drop, cloud bounce, rock walls, kayaks, stand up paddle boards and more!

SFL Budget Proposal

Decision-making Process

1. Small Frequent and Local celebrations should not be a one-size-fits-all event.
2. A sum should be given to each branch/department, and the branch/dept. can decide how to spend the sum and recognize their staff according to their own particular culture.
3. Branches/departments can encourage a celebratory culture by posting activities and events for others in the system to see.
 - a. It was wholeheartedly agreed that a “fun mandate” from management would be the end of all fun as we know it.

Proposed Breakdown of funds:

- Friends of the Library Recognition fund = \$20,000.
- Formula
 - $(30\% \text{ of Friends fund} / \text{number of employees}) \times \text{number of people in each branch}$
- **\$5,904 for SFL budget = \$12/employee**

Allocation of Funds

- Branch/Dept. managers decide how to celebrate at their location.
- Regularly recognize staff throughout the year, not just \$1 per month.