

2019 OPRFHS Operation Snowball Retreat

“It’s who I am, how could I forget?”

March 8-10, 2019

Camp Manitoqua – 8122 W. Sauk Trail Road, Frankfort, IL

Applications and fees are due on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 by 3:30 PM.
Applications will not be accepted without fees or a Financial Assistance Application.
Space is limited to the first 150 students who turn in all required materials.

Students: Please check your school email address for additional registration information.

Operation Snowball Philosophy

“Operation Snowball is an ongoing youth and adult cooperative process, focusing on prevention, and founded on the belief that every person has the capacity to make sound decisions regarding life and behavior, based on accurate information and an understanding of self, attitudes, and motivations. This process is designed to promote personal and interpersonal growth, leadership skills, and healthy decision-making, regarding a broad range of life concerns.” – Operation Snowball, Inc.

Program Overview

Operation Snowball is a weekend retreat sponsored by OPRFHS faculty, staff, and student leaders. Student leaders collaborate with faculty and staff to plan relevant and meaningful presentations, discussions, and activities throughout the weekend. This year’s topics include cultivating connections, moving forward, reaching out and speaking out, saying what you mean, and sense of self.

During the weekend, topics will be presented in general sessions and mini-workshops. Following general sessions and mini-workshops, students will meet in small groups to discuss and reflect on their thoughts and feelings from the presentations. Each small group is co-facilitated by a trained student leader and a faculty or staff volunteer.

Registration and Transportation

Students will meet at the OPRFHS Student Activities Center by 7:30 AM on Friday, March 8th. All medication must be reported and checked-in at this time. All busses will depart for camp shortly after check-in/bag checks and return on Sunday, March 10th at approximately 12:45-1:00 PM.

Lodging and Meals

Standard dormitory style rooms with bunk beds will be available at the camp. Bedding supplies such as a twin size sleeping bag or fitted sheet, blanket, and pillow should be provided by each student.

Six meals will be served at the camp during Operation Snowball. Meals include lunch and dinner on Friday; breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday; and breakfast on Sunday.

Timeframe & Expectations

Students will miss school on Friday, March 8th and should contact their teachers for any work that needs to be completed upon their return to school on Monday, March 11th.

Students must stay at the camp for the duration of Operation Snowball. Students will not be permitted to leave (or leave and return to) camp for athletic, extracurricular, personal/family, or other conflicts. Student athletes and students in other extracurricular activities should check with their coaches or advisors before signing up to attend Operation Snowball.

Fees

The total cost to attend Operation Snowball is **\$150**. This fee includes transportation to and from the camp by school bus, two nights of lodging, six meals, presentation and activity materials, an event long sleeve t-shirt, and an event item.

Payment can be made on the OPRFHS website at www.oprfhs.org under Web Store or can be made via check or cash.

- If paying online, please attach a printed copy of the online receipt to your application.
- If paying by check, please make checks out to OPRFHS and attach the check to your application.

Partial fee scholarships will be considered for students in need of financial assistance, but are based on a first-come, first-served basis and are not guaranteed. Please note that financial assistance may run out before the February 13th application deadline. To apply for financial assistance, please pick up a Financial Assistance Application from the Student Activities Center and attach your completed form to this application.

Participant Application

Student Name _____ Grade _____
School ID # _____ School Email Address _____@student.oprfhs.org

Operation Snowball Participant Agreements

- I will demonstrate respect, consideration, and care for students, faculty, staff, and volunteers at Operation Snowball.
- I will strive to have a positive attitude, make healthy decisions, and be a leader at Operation Snowball.
- I will be on time and participate in all scheduled activities at Operation Snowball.
- I will be in my assigned bed/cabin at the designated "lights out" time and I will not leave my cabin after the designated "lights out" time at Operation Snowball.
- I will not go into a cabin that is not assigned to me and I will not take articles or items that do not belong to me at Operation Snowball.
- I will be alcohol-free, tobacco-free, and drug-free at Operation Snowball.
- I will follow all rules set by Operation Snowball, the OPRFHS Code of Conduct, and by Camp Manitoqua at Operation Snowball.
- I understand that if I do not follow these agreements or behave in an inappropriate manner, my parents will be notified immediately and I will be sent home from Operation Snowball. I understand that further action may also be taken by OPRFHS based on the OPRFHS Code of Conduct.

By signing below, I agree to abide by all of the above expectations for students attending Operation Snowball.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parental Consent & Emergency Information

Operation Snowball Parent Agreements

- I give permission for my student to attend Operation Snowball at Camp Manitoqua in Frankfort, IL on March 8-10, 2019.
- I understand that the school/district's insurance does not cover the personal property or physical liability of students, parents, faculty, staff, or volunteers at Operation Snowball.
- I understand that my student must turn in all medications, including over-the-counter and prescription medications, to Operation Snowball faculty or staff at registration on Friday, March 8th. I understand that my student will administer their medications as prescribed and will be monitored by a qualified nurse.
- I understand that my student must follow directions by faculty, staff, and volunteers and abide by all of the rules set by Operation Snowball, the OPRFHS Code of Conduct, and by Camp Manitoqua.
- I understand that if my student does not follow rules or behaves in an inappropriate manner, I will be notified immediately and my student will be sent home from Operation Snowball. I understand it will be my responsibility and at my expense to arrange transportation home for my student from Operation Snowball. I understand that further disciplinary action may also be taken by OPRFHS based on the OPRFHS Code of Conduct.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the above information and give permission for my student to attend Operation Snowball.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Emergency Contact Information

Parent/Guardian #1 Name _____ Relation to Student _____
Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____
Email Address (Please print clearly) _____

Parent/Guardian #2 Name _____ Relation to Student _____
Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____
Email Address (Please print clearly) _____

In case of an emergency when a parent/guardian cannot be reached, please contact:

Emergency Contact Name _____ Relation to Student _____
Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Family Physician Name _____ Phone Number _____

Health History and Status (Confidential)

Any limitations on your student's physical activities? _____

Any special dietary requirements? (i.e. vegetarian, food allergies, etc.): _____

Any other known allergies, including medications? _____

Please share your student's history of physical or emotional challenges (i.e. arthritis, asthma, chemical dependency, depression, diabetes, epilepsy, heart problems, etc.)

Please list all current medications, doses, and frequency. Please make sure the information is accurate and the medications listed are the ones that your child is sent with to Operation Snowball.

Medical Release

In case of an emergency, I will release any information requested of me in regards to _____ to the Operation Snowball nurse, faculty, or staff. I agree that should the Operation Snowball nurse, faculty, or staff be unable to contact me, medical aid may be sought in the event of an emergency and I will cover any financial responsibilities incurred. I will not hold the Operation Snowball nurse, faculty, or staff liable for any injury or damage. I have completed the necessary information requested above for my student and I agree to this medical release.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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