

BIG BLUE WEEKEND

Presented by Walla Walla High School ASB Leadership

At Washington Family Ranch in Antelope, OR

November 20-22, 2009

Wa-Hi ASB Vision:

Our vision is to make Walla Walla High School a place where every student and staff member is valued and connected, where the atmosphere is positive and inclusive, and where diversity

Purpose of the Big Blue Weekend - To positively impact the climate of Wa-Hi by building relationships between students and staff, breaking down social barriers, and giving students relational skills and experience that they can integrate into their lives.

Skills learned - Students will come away from the weekend with:

- Lifelong skills in relationship building.
- A group of peers who knows and supports them.
- At least one staff person who cares about them personally.
- A sense of their value and impact on others.
- New perspective on the kind of person they want to become.
- Greater vision for their life.
- Confidence to step outside of their comfort zone.
- Empowerment to make a positive difference in their school and community.

Method - All students at Walla Walla High School will be invited to attend the Big Blue Weekend. The variety of free-time activities will attract a diverse group of students with a wide range of interests. Over the next five years, ASB hopes to fill the facility to capacity with 750 students from Wa-Hi. Activities will include:

- Large group activities meant to break down social barriers.
- General sessions with a speaker on relational skills.
- Small group discussions and team-building activities led by student leaders and Wa-Hi staff.
- Free-time activities that allow students to take calculated risks in order to gain confidence by stepping out of their comfort zone:
 - Rock-Climbing
 - Gym with Basketball/Volleyball Courts, Weight Room, and Pool Tables
 - Indoor Skate Park
 - Three-Person Swing
 - Frisbee Golf

-Soccer Field

- Dorm-style housing with adult chaperones in every room.
- High-quality, family style meals prepared by property staff and served by volunteers from the Walla Walla community.
- Resort atmosphere and facility that promotes excellence in all activities.

Cost: In order to keep the weekend accessible to all students at Wa-Hi, ASB has committed to charge all Wa-Hi students only \$60 for the weekend. Fund-raising will subsidize the expenses deemed necessary to provide a high-quality weekend.

Supervision: Students will be supervised by staff from Walla Walla High School and full-time property staff at all times. Free time activities are monitored by property staff who have been certified by Adventure Experience Inc., an outside, independent company that specializes in building, training and certifying staff in camps that run activities that primarily take place off the ground.

To Sign-Up: Students can pick up forms in the ASB Office or in room C-1. Forms should be returned with \$60 to the ASB office by October 30, 2009.