

No Frills 2008: The Bearminimum

Philanthropy Highlights

Philanthropy is very important to the No Frills conference staff this year, as it is to the MACURH region. The No Frills 2008 conference will have a two-part philanthropic project that we would like you to know about.

The first part consists of a competition between the schools of MACURH. We are asking schools to sponsor a food drive that will benefit their local pantry. This allows each school to see a direct impact from their hard work in their local area. The competition will be based on on-campus population and items collected (total number of items collected divided by the number of on campus students). We ask that you and your local food pantry work together to draft a letter that tells us, the No Frills staff, how many items were collected.

Further, in line with the theme of the conference, we are working with the National Arbor Day Foundation to provide each delegate with a tree that they will be able to plant at home. This is an easy way for each delegate to be able to participate in something that could have a great impact on their community.

The winning school of the food-drive competition will receive a one-year membership to the National Arbor Day Foundation which will result in many membership benefits including the opportunity to receive 10 free trees (which are guaranteed to grow), a *Tree Book* which includes information on planting and care information, a subscription to *Arbor Day*, a bi-monthly newsletter, and other benefits. Also, we will provide a plaque that to the winning school to recognize the importance of their contributions to their local community. You can read more about the National Arbor Day Foundation at www.arborday.org.

Things to remember when collecting

1. Collect items up to **December 15**
2. Take a picture of the items you donate
3. Have the Food Pantry write a letter describing the exact quantity of items donated and the date donated – the letter should indicate specifically how many items were collected (see the No Frills website for details)
4. Send the picture and the letter to the No Frills staff at the address listed on the website by **December 20**.
5. Additional information will be posted on the No Frills 2008 website.

Highest can count per resident wins

The Conference Staff is all about your community and the environment so please help us help you. The No Frills Conference Staff would love to see 1 food item donated for each on-campus resident. While it is an ambitious goal, we believe in each and every person in the MACURH region.



READY.....SET.....The FOOD DRIVE STARTS NOW

See you at No Frills 2008: The Bearminimum