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Fellow Lions and Leos,

The MD18 Leo Gathering and Conference committee hereby invites all Leos, Lions, and adults/chaperones to this year's event-the Leo Rodeo! The committee is planning a lot of fun things around this theme and we want YOU to be there to enjoy all the festivities!

A major portion of all Gatherings held at the Camp will be performing service projects to get OUR Camp ready for the summer session and the campers we serve. The Camp will have a list of projects for us to work on so be prepared for a wide range of possibilities - and bring clothes you don't mind getting dirty! Also-if you are interested in being a Counselor or other position for the summer season see Camp Director Kristen Piccus during the weekend.

We will hold an MD18 Leo Council meeting at this year's Gathering. We will also hold the elections for MD18 Leo Multiple District. Officers (President, 1st Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Awareness Officer, and Chaplain) and those elected will be installed that weekend. The President, or duly designated replacement, of each MD18 Leo club in good standing is automatically on the MD18 Council and strongly encouraged to attend and represent their club's interests. Leos interested in serving as Officers are asked to bring a statement from their club endorsing them for serving as an officer and having another member of their club attend to read the statement. A Leo can run for President and Vice-President but can only be elected/serve in one capacity.

All Leos are encouraged to run for positions and will be allowed time to "campaign" during the weekend. Attendance at the Gathering is not required to run for office or vote but it will be difficult to campaign and get elected. This is an excellent opportunity to hone your leadership and communication skills and establish friendships that could last a lifetime!

Please find attached the Agenda/Itinerary and all forms. There is a Registration Fee of \$15.00 for ALL attendees.. Funds will be used to purchase food, drinks, and other related items and to help offset other expenses. (Note: Please let me know if there are any dietary restrictions or anything else you feel important.) An itemization of receipts and expenditures will be included in the final report to the Council. Please have each person attending complete a Registration form (include copy of insurance card) and mail all the forms and money at one time to the address above by the registration deadline of March 15, 2011. To comply with Camp rules we also MUST have an 8:1 Leo/chaperone ratio by gender.

As in past years - and by popular request - we will once again have the MANE EVENT Talent Night Saturday evening. Leos (and adults-if you dare!) are invited to "show their stuff". This is ALWAYS one of the most-fun parts of each Gathering so make your plans now!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!