



MOUNTAIN SKY Wake Up! Club

Parents' and Members' Handbook



Welcome to the 2016 school year for the Mountain Sky Wake Up! Club. It is our goal to build on students' sense of self-worth through strong community ties, integrity, and practicing citizenship.

INTRODUCTION

The Wake Up! Club is funded by a Block Watch Grant initiated by the Moon Valley Block Watch in conjunction with the City of Phoenix Police Department and the Washington Elementary School District. The purpose of the Wake Up! Club grant is to provide students the opportunity to learn about citizenship by taking action in their neighborhood and community. Community Service, knowledge about the laws in our community, and making great character choices are central to the mission of Wake Up! Club.

SPONSORS

Perry Mason – Principal at Mountain Sky – (602) 896-6105 – perry.mason@wesdschools.org
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Sarah Hall – Phoenix Police Officer

EVENTS:

Weekly Meetings:

We will have weekly meetings after school on Thursdays (typically). These meetings will focus on information about community involvement, and law related trainings with our sponsoring Police Officer.

Monthly Saturday Events:

Each month we will perform a Saturday community service. Some are local, such as events in our school, neighborhood or district. Some projects will be out in the larger community like a food shelter or retirement home, or ASU. Some months may have several events, such as in October.

Training Meetings:

The meeting prior to our Monthly Saturday Event will be dedicated to preparing for that event. For example, if our next event is going to St. Mary's Food Bank, then our weekly meeting will be a Training Meeting about why we are attending and what role that plays in our community. If a student does not attend the training meeting, they must be trained at a separate time, or they will not be able to attend the Weekend Event.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership is dependent on three things:

1. Attendance:

The purpose of Wake Up! Club is to get out into the community, so attendance is essential.

- In order to earn the Wake Up! Club shirt students must attend at least one weekend event.
- To remain an active member, students need to **attend six of the monthly weekend events and all of those prior weekly meeting training events**. Students are also expected to attend at least half of the Weekly Meetings per month.
- Students will have to complete the permission slip for each monthly event.

2. Citizenship:

Since the Wake Up! Club is about being good citizens, we expect members to be good examples.

When out on Saturday Events students are expected to be courteous and aware of their role as good citizens by displaying exemplary behavior.

As students, members should be good role models for others on campus.

If a student does not meet this standard, they will not be allowed to represent Mountain Sky on outings and may be removed from membership.

3. Engagement

Students will get out of Wake Up! Club what they put into it. Families are encouraged to participate in all of our activities, but at a minimum members should show up and be ready to embrace the service they are providing. We will have fun through our work, but the satisfaction of completing tasks with others, for others, only comes when a person is committed to that end.

CALENDAR:

Please see the first Month Calendar and Event Calendar.

We will be adding more information, but we want the students to be participants in the planning, so we have only scheduled for the first month. Once the rest of the planning is completed, we will send out more information.

DRESS CODE POLICY

Students may wear their regular school attire for weekly meetings and training meetings, but during Monthly Events, they must wear their Wake Up! Club Shirts once they have earned it.

Other than that, the school’s dress code applies on or off campus.

FEES/COSTS

Wake Up! Club is funded through a grant, so there are no direct costs.

SNACK/FOOD/DRINKS DONATIONS

The grant cannot be applied to food or drinks, so we ask for donations for our events.

We ask that each family donate one of the following items:

- A case of water or Gatorade type drinks (35+ bottles)
- A box or bag of snacks (individually wrapped items)
- A lunch for after Weekend Saturday Events (Pizza, Subs, etc.)

The weekend events are usually very busy and the students will get thirsty and hungry.

BEHAVIOR

All extracurricular activities related with Mountain Sky are considered school activities. As such, we expect students to adhere to the same rules and guidelines for student behavior outlined in the official student handbook. We hold our members to the highest levels of conduct and expect model behavior in the classroom, on campus, and to and from school. Violations of the student discipline code will result in club discipline. If a student is suspended from school for any reason, they will not be permitted to attend events as they are considered an extension of the school day.

TRANSPORTATION

The grant provides transportation to and from most events.

Students will need to have the school I.D.s to ride the bus.

If we are travelling less than 15 miles, however, we may ask that families drop off students at the event (**For example the Kiwanis’s Walk at Metro Center Mall on Saturday, October 22**)

HOW TO KEEP UP WITH THE WAKE UP! CLUB

Attend events

Watch our web page on the school site <http://mountainsky.wesdschools.org/>

PARENT CHECKLIST OF THINGS TO DO

___ Complete and return the Permission Form /Release to **Mr. Mason** (this allows your student to participate).

___ **Student / Parent Contract.** Return it to the **Mr. Mason.** (The bottom of this sheet)

___ Please make a Donation of water, snacks, or food for future event.

___ Send your email address to perry.mason@wesdschools.org so that I can add you to my distribution list.

___ Please volunteer to help and enjoy watching your student serve in the community.

___ Please consider donating extra tax credit dollars (optional). Each family may donate up to \$400.00 for a dollar-for-dollar tax credit.

My student and I have read and understand the expectations for participating in Mountain Sky’s Wake Up! Club.

Student Name _____

Student Signature

Parent Signature