







Outdoor Education For All!
Steering Committee OPA!!! Meeting Agenda**
Wednesday, April 29, 4:00-6:30 pm
Chico Junior High School
Classroom of Mary Anne Pella-Donnelly, Rm. 304, Chico Jr. High
Bring your own cup! Potluck snacks if you wish-optional...Hi

Proposed outcomes:

-  Steering Committee membership affirmed for next terms.
-  Happy Anniversary Steering Committee! OEFA OPA!! celebration and reflection on our past year's work together and your thoughts on the year ahead - Action Plan
-  Final Steering Committee Recruitment Guidance *approved*
-  Steering Committee recruitment strategy developed (Matrix)
-  Outreach and Funding Matrix review and next steps
-  OEFA General meeting agenda developed for May 12

4:00 Welcome, ground rules, agenda review, March meeting minutes approved

4:05 Steering Committee Recruitment Guidance Document final draft discussion, approval

1. OEFA! (as Lucas says, "as in OPA! - a Greek traditional cry of HOORAY! LIFE IS GOOD! Etc. See bottom of agenda.)**

Affirmation of the OEFA Steering Committee moving forward.

A few minutes of reflection from each of you on what it has meant to you working with OEFA this past year and your thoughts/hopes for the future of the Steering Committee and for the OEFA network based on our Action Plan.

4:30 2. Review and approve Recruitment Guidelines and Core Values

5:00 Steering Committee Recruitment Matrix (fill in) and discuss next steps - who will contact whom. Deadline for expanded committee: August 1. Each Steering Committee member asked to bring 3 suggestions for future members based on our strategic needs/priorities.

5:45 Review and next steps: Updated Fundraising and Outreach matrix

6:05 Finalize Agenda for General OEFA May 12 Meeting

6:25 Next Steps and adjourn

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OPA!!!! OEFA

The Greek word "opa!" has deeper meaning and significance than many people may realize. To be sure, most people of Greek heritage, and even those who are not, have used or heard this word on some occasion. Perhaps it was in association with Greek dancing. Perhaps you've heard someone shout "opa!" when a plate was broken in a restaurant, whether it was a Greek establishment or not. A single definition for this commonly used word or expression does not exist. However, we can all agree that **the word refers to something that is inspiring, uplifting, exciting and life-affirming**. We've heard some Greeks say that it signals "danger" and therefore is **an *awakening call*** to remain alert to and in harmony with the ebbs and flows of life. Still others believe the word signifies a moment to embrace and celebrate the *totality* of life.

Not very long ago we received the following insight into the word "opa!" from the editor of a publication of the one of the associations representing Greek Americans in the United States. With obvious enthusiasm and meaning, Mr. George Passes shared the following perspective on what "opa!" really means in everyday life: "We Greeks know that the word 'opa!' touches the core of our being, because it conveys the Greek spirit, the *kefi*, **the independent spirit, the celebration, the joy, that which gives us the feeling it is great to be alive**, and 'opa!' is important enough to have it at any cost."

Huffington Post Blog: Alex Pattakos

I think OPA! describes well our work as OEFA! Thanks, Lucas, for the salutation!

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