

Power of Play Summer Retreat Schedule



Tuesday, May 16

- 10:00-11:00 Welcome, gift bags, and introductions.
Please introduce yourself by discussing some aspect of the following question:
When's the last time you played? Describe the play and how you felt during play.
- 11:00-12:00 *Potential of Play* video
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch buffet
- 1:00-2:00 **Let's play!** "Which game best represents your professional life?"
- 2:00-3:00 Service Learning and Play: Guest speaker Larry Young
- 3:00-3:30 Break
- 3:30-4:00 Reading overview and distribution: Each participants will receive a chapter, article, poem, or short story on play to read this evening. Please be prepared to discuss your reading with the larger group on Wednesday.
- 4:00-5:00 **Let's play!** Solving problems via metaphors
- 5:00-6:00 Break
- 6:00-7:00 Dinner buffet

Enjoy your evening at the casino, but don't forget to do your reading in preparation for tomorrow's session!

Wednesday, May 17

- 9:00 am Breakfast buffet
- 10:00-11:15 Reading discussion – each person will share key ideas and thoughts from their assigned readings. Our goal is to begin to develop a broad understanding of play.
- 11:30-12:30 **Let's play!** Create your own "mind map"
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch buffet
- 1:30-2:30 *Hand Game* Video
- 3:00-7:00 We'll carpool from the casino, leaving sharply at 3:00 pm to Wes Hanson's place for a barbeque and afternoon of outdoor play.

Thursday, May 18

9:00 am Buffet breakfast

10:00-11:00 Online Gaming and Play: Guest speaker Rick Fehrenbacher

11:00-12:00 **Let's play!** Improvisation facilitated by Paul Kalina

12:00-1:00 Lunch buffet

1:00-2:00 Individuals will post their mind maps and we will do a "walking tour" of each. Please be prepared to explain your mind map.

2:00-3:00 Retreat conclusion:

- What have we learned?
- What ideas on play scholarship have been stimulated?
- What you hope to gain from the year long study of play?