

Kendall County Operation Snowball

Since 1982

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What is Kendall County Operation Snowball Experience?

Operation Snowball is a prevention and teen leadership experience founded on the belief that given correct information, teens can make good decisions about life's choices. Teens meet others who share their values and who also want to live healthy lifestyles. Operation Snowball teaches teens to cope with difficult situations and fosters good family communication as well as offering a future support system for teens to turn for help. Operation Snowball gives teens accurate information and resources in their own community to help them in the future. Teens learn to understand peer pressure, substance abuse, addiction and other issues they will address in their lives.

What should I bring?

- *Warm clothes, a winter coat, walking shoes.
- *Bedding: (sleeping bag or bed roll)
- *Personal toiletries, (including soap and towel)
- * A big smile and a great attitude!

History of Operation Snowball

Operation Snowball is the invention of Illinois Teens. Five youth, upon returning home from the Illinois Teenage Institute on Substance Abuse, wanted to bring their experience and their newfound knowledge to the teens in their community. These youth of Rockford Illinois enlisted help of adults to serve in advisory roles, and recruited more teens to help plan and carry out a three day retreat experience called Operation Snowball. Operation Snowball is now a franchised and nationally awarded prevention program.

Kendall County Operation Snowball has offered two three-day retreat experiences each year since 1982. Area teens have responded enthusiastically, recruiting their classmates and friends from area high schools covering Kendall, Kane, DeKalb, LaSalle, and Will counties. Teen leaders organize activities, and plan topics that they know teens will find relevant to their own lives. Concerned adults from the community, schools, health fields and parents volunteer their time to give support to this phenomenon.

Admission:

Participants must be of high school age.
Participants must be willing to attend all sessions and stay for the entire experience.
Participants must agree to a list of expectations that includes refraining from the use of illegal drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and abiding by a code of conduct.
School rules will be observed, and the participant's high school office will be alerted to any infractions.

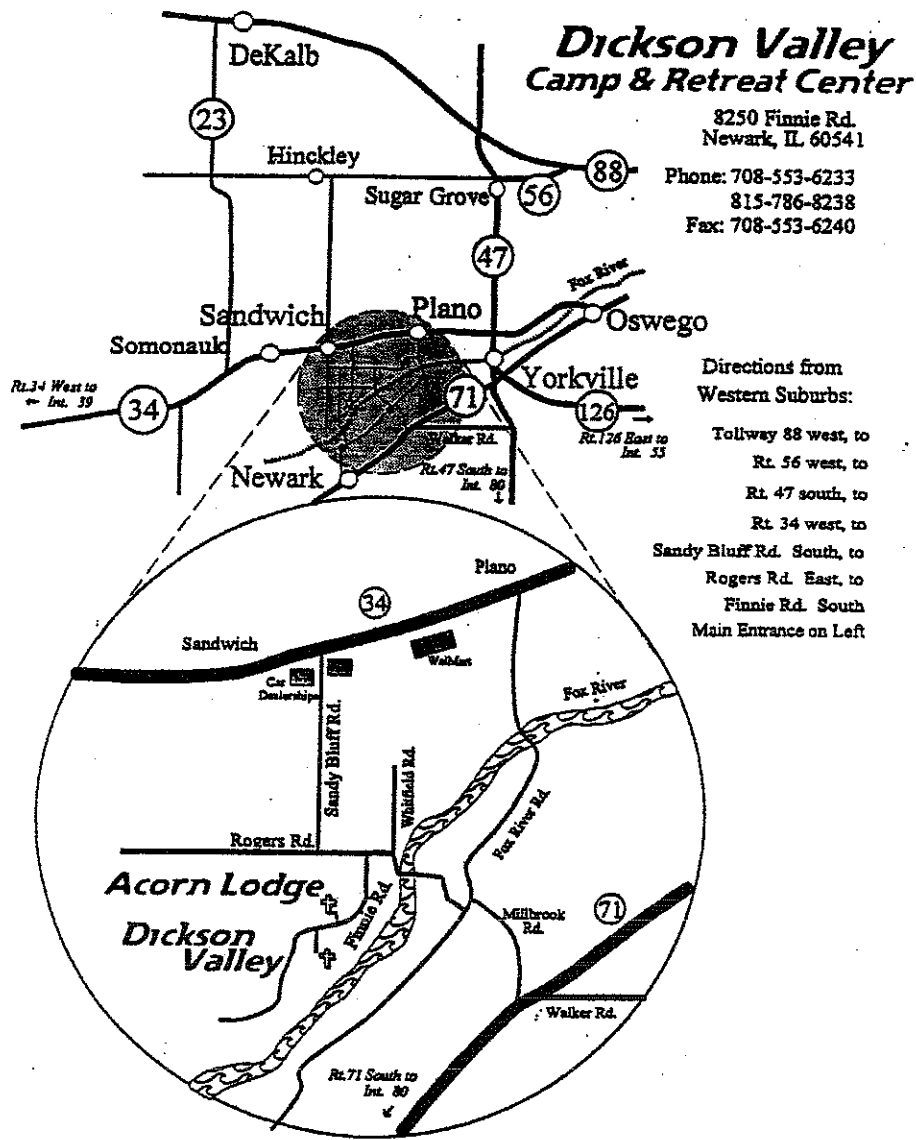
Please Note:

Kendall County Operation Snowball prides itself as a Prevention experience. It's purpose is not treatment or intervention, and therefore reserves the right to deny admission to any teen who has been admitted to a treatment facility or who has been under court supervision for a legal offense.

For More Information, Contact:
Dennis Scholtz, Director,
630-552-3866
Jana Gorman, Admin. Asst.
630-552-3398
Barb Nadeau, Program Coord.
630-5552-1951

A \$25.00 non-refundable deposit must accompany applications.

Deadline is two weeks before event! Only the first 80 applications will be accepted.
Program runs Friday 4:30 p.m. through Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Participants must attend the entire program.



Dickson Valley Camp & Retreat Center

8250 Finnie Rd.
Newark, IL 60541

Phone: 708-553-6233
815-786-8238
Fax: 708-553-6240

Directions from Western Suburbs:

Tollway 88 west, to
Rt. 56 west, to
Rt. 47 south, to
Rt. 34 west, to
Sandy Bluff Rd. South, to
Rogers Rd. East, to
Finnie Rd. South
Main Entrance on Left

Parents:

We will have a special "Parent Closure" from 1:00 PM to approximately 2:30 PM on Sunday for parents and families of the participants. We encourage you to attend and can assure you that your presence will be greatly appreciated. Please plan to be prompt.

Teens:

We are looking forward to having you as a participant. There are some important things you need to know and do **BEFORE** you come to Kendall County Operation Snowball (KCOS).

In order to register at KCOS, you **MUST** have the enclosed **MEDICAL FORM** completed and signed. Bring the form with you when you come to KCOS. **NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED TO KCOS UNLESS THE Medical Form IS COMPLETELY FILLED OUT AND SIGNED.** This does not mean that you need a physical; simply have your parents help you answer the questions.

Registration for KCOS will be held at Dickson Valley from 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM on Friday. If you are going to be late, please notify Dennis Scholtz at 552-3866. The phone number at Dickson Valley is (815)786-8238. **THIS IS AN EMERGENCY NUMBER ONLY!**

All participants are expected to stay for the entire Operation Snowball experience. Check-out time for KCOS is 2:30 PM, Sunday. If you are being picked up by someone, please let them know **NOT** to arrive earlier unless they are attending Parent Closure.