

Field Day is fabulous! This was the 3rd year my children attended.

The first year, I just stayed with my younger daughter's group as an extra chaperone. The following year, my husband brought the kids because I had another commitment. This year, I was again going to just stay with my younger daughter's group as an extra chaperone. I knew I would have difficulty attending any of the meetings beforehand and wasn't sure I had the experience to be a head chaperone. One of the head chaperones did not show up that morning so I volunteered to take on the responsibility. Wow-- You have everything so well planned and thought out. My job that day was easy because of it. I will gladly volunteer to be a head chaperone next year (although I will probably have difficulty arranging to be at a meeting). We had no problem getting the children to the events on time, writing the ribbons, and enjoying the day.

Cheryl Shoemaker

The only concern I had was during the longer distance running events.

The starter was starting all 3 age groups at once. That was too many children and at least once during the day there was a group that stumbled over each other at the start and fell. Could the starter please start each age group separately next year? They can be started right after the each other since they are not competing against one other.

Thanks for all of your hard work to create a wonderful experience for the children!

Cheryl Shoemaker

Tamela,

Comments from 2012 Field Day Greek Games

"Crazy Olympics was AWESOME! Please, can we go again next year?"

Pam Kole

Tamela,

Awesome job today!!!! This was our first field day with you and we look forward to next year. I am amazed at what you are able to pull off. You have done a wonderful job. Everything was so well organized. My 10 year old had a great time. Thank you for all you do. Have a great weekend.

Kellie Murray

Tamela, I wanted to thank you for an amazing day on Friday! I met you briefly at the PSSA sight in Mechanicsburg and you told me all about your cool event for our kids. I have to admit I generally don't do 'field day' with my kids and was secretly grumbling under my breath about this but that all changed once we got there. My daughter Emily (who is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade) had a wonderful day and so did I. I was matched with 2 great leaders on the Elevens team and stuck by their side all day helping to keep track of everyone's scores and ribbons. You trained you lead volunteers well and they did a great job asking and taking help! It was obvious the hard work you put into making the event organized and fun! Thank you for what I am sure is a very tough job!! We will be looking forward to attending next year!

Keri Feldman

Camp Hill, PA

Thank you for all you do to make Crazy Olympics happen!

Forgot to mention on the comments. The medals are terrific!

Sincerely,  
Stacey Gray

# Comment Form

What are your favorite Events?	Long jump, javelin/shotput and team building. This year's cross the river was GREAT!  Safety presentation
What are your least favorite Events?	Tug - o - war *see comments below
What is the most fun part of Field Day?	Seeing everyone from last year, and meeting new people.  Water hose at the end is always AWESOME!
What is the least fun part of Field Day?	The length of the event.
What is the most memorable part of Field Day?	

<p>If you've come to more than one field day, which was your favorite?</p>	<p>We liked Candy Land. This year was great though!</p>
<p>Do you plan to come to the 10<sup>th</sup> year?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>What Theme would you like?</p>	<p>Hmmm... Maybe Narnia? Our family would love Harry Potter, but I do recognize that not all families approve of that theme.</p>
<p>What events would you like to see?</p>	<p>There is another team building event where you have 2'x4' boards with ropes for three teammates to hold onto. Having to coordinate the team members to "walk" the boards across the field. Perhaps have it something like the cross the river... but that was easier.</p>
<p>What problems need to be addressed?</p>	<p>Crowding at the awards stands. I don't have any suggestions, however.</p>
<p>What things went well?</p>	<p>I LOVED the t-shirt display for each team. It helped to lead the younger kids to the next destination. I noticed the older kids taking turns being the shirt bearer, it seemed to build "spirit".</p>
<p>Other comments:</p>	<p>I know we have a ton of AWESOME events, I also know that many of the kids are exhausted hours before the day ends (or maybe it's that I am). Personally, I think it would be great to end the day around 2 or 2:30 (instead of 3:30) and keep a lunch period... but reduce the number of events. I realize that some kids absolutely love the track and field... others love the field games. I know if we eliminate 2 events... one field and one track (that would cut 40 minutes)... As a suggestion, I would eliminate the 400. Keep the 100 and the mile. I would suggest dropping the tug o' war. I know it's a great event, and some of the kids may look forward to it. However, this year in specific I was so grateful that my 7 year old didn't get really hurt. When his team was being pulled across, he knew he could hold on any more and after he let go of the rope, the next two teammates behind him were literally pulled across him. As I said, THANKFULLY he was more frightened than injured... but it could easily have gone the other way.</p> <p>I am not sure what other two type events I would suggest cutting. Since you have it scheduled for each group to be at an event, if</p>

Stacey Gray	needed, perhaps there could be two areas of a particular event running (one "A", one "B"...)
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Tamela,  
The Field Day was amazing! You, your husband, and all your volunteers did a tremendous job of making a fantastic event!

Thanks.  
Maria Key

Dear Tamela-

Thank you so much for an excellent Field Day on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

The event was a wonderful opportunity for us to meet with a variety of families and share our community with those who may not have previously been aware of our program.

You are certainly to be commended for the amazing event, wonderful activities and masterful organization! All of the families appeared to have a wonderful time. And the weather was stellar.

I cannot thank you enough for your herculean efforts in preparing, organizing and administering a full day of activities and inviting us to be a part of it.

I hope you enjoyed a very relaxing weekend. You certainly earned it!!

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

**Douglas J Wessels**  
Interim Senior Assistant Director of Enrollment

Tamela,

I wanted to drop you a quick note and let you know how great the day was and how well it was put together...I am extremely amazed that you and Larry put this all together (and have been for years!)...it was very impressive and a great commitment to the home schoolers in the area.

*Chris Paddock*

THANK YOU Tamela!! That was a fabulous day, a great event worth all the effort!

The best was seeing the kids playing with other kids, and they all want to come back next year. There was just the right amount of competition ... not too much pressure, but enough to make the kids want to do their best.

The team activities were good too, and creative.

Sarah Thorn



Don't know how to use form to send thoughts back electronically, so here is a summary:

Love biking

dislike long runs

Love popsicles, ribbons, and MEDALS! Love the team colored shirts and the shirt as the team flag this year!

Ideas: Am. the Beautiful. Have games such as: "cross country race" (post different city names around the track for the 400), obstacle course (for driving in a big city), "climb the Rockies" (build like the awards stand)

Idea for the mile: make it more of a relay (team mile??)

For chaperones: put a trash (grocery bag) in the chap. bag

No pegs on bikes

Thanks Tamela and family. This was the best year ever: great organization, theme, and games. It ran really smoothly.

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