

High School/Middle School Officer Retreat By: Erin Van Pay

On August 24-26, the high school and middle school officer teams went to Pine Tree Lodge in Pickerel, Wisconsin. The high school officers who attended were Joe Schlies, Katrina Hoesley, Emily Nelsen, Bayley Melnarik, Owen Petrich, Lexy Nowak, Abbey Wanek, Breezy Seidl, and Lashawna Vogel. The middle school officers included Connor Schultz, Erin Van Pay, Emma Phillips, Alex Allen, Jack Thompson, and Danica Nowak. Our great advisors Mary Handrich and Marty Nowak also attended along with James Grasee.

Our first adventure was the New Zoo Adventure Park, where we got to do many amazing things: zip lining, ropes course, and rock climbing. We had all the members participate in the events, and we had great help from the staff members. That was just the start of our incredible officer retreat.

When we arrived at Pine Tree Lodge we all played games and watched movies. Every group of people which contained 2 high schools and 1 middle school had to plan a meal and a game. On Saturday, we shot the video for the high school FFA and we later decided to go to the beach to swim. When we got back we all showered and sat at the bonfire. Each night we did have to split into our officers ground, high schools together and middle schools together, to plan and discuss our year full of fun activities and work on teambuilding skills. On Sunday, we had one last session and had the high school officers talk with the middle school officers about jobs and roles on the officer team.

