

Dear Sonshine Security Crew Member,

I thought I would recap this past Sonshine with a letter. It is such a shame we have to wait a full year to do it all over again. In no particular order, here's a few things I wish to share:

- Thanks **Marcia Welch, Claudia Quiggle, Devon Ness, and Stacy Eldridge** for the great job getting people set up this year in **Sheila's** absence.
- Thank you to my brother **Randy Quiggle** for all the hard work with the radios. Great job!
- Thanks to the other supervisors that make my job so much easier in recent years. **Jason Dodge** worked hard all weekend with his response team, **Jeff and Miah Frolund** kept main stage gates staffed, **Joe Olson** will be having mosh pit nightmares for months, and **Bruce Johnson** covered a lot of ground with his Crowd Patrol crew.
- Thanks to **Scott and Wendy Fuchs**, I know how much you hated it, but didn't WHINE. Thanks!
- Sonshine 97 drew a crowd of 13,200 people to Willmar!
- We pulled around 45 people, mostly girls, over the front fence during the Newsboys that were dizzy, crushed, feeling faint, or just wanted to be picked up by **Andy, Pat, Greg Nelson, or Jay Safford**.
- We actually would not have minded seeing a little rain this year, which we did not get, to cool off the crowd and to see **Chuck Hinkley's** cool raincoat.
- Did we forget to tell **Dan Ball** that he might enjoy the band, SKILLET???!?
- We sorely missed the **Terry 'the Bear' Smith**, who was unable to make it this year. See you in 98!!
- Thanks to those that worked the mosh pits! Its dirty work, and you have the stains to prove it.
- Hey! **Crowd Patrol Crew!** I can't say enough about the job you have to do. It takes a special type of person to walk or bike or sit out in the crowd for three whole days. Yes, you are more free to roam than backstage security, but its a lot of work. Look for your crew size to double next year.
- Special thanks to those that helped with overnight security, it will be planned better in 98.
- And of course, we can't forget the rookies. You are too numerous to name you all. Great job **Amanda Ronning**, I received good remarks about you. Same goes for **Stephanie Conor** and **Chris Chock**. I seemed to see **Allison Fried** and **Carrie Eiesland** everywhere; I thought I scheduled you for way too many shifts! We saw outstanding work from **Greg Nelson, Jay Safford, and Marshall Goodenow**. Its always nice to add some muscle to the crew. At least that's what **Becky Bollin** tells me. Even **Kelly Quiggle**, my niece, put in a few shifts, although **Charlie Bowen** is still upset she skipped her 3-5 shift at Stage 3 on Thurs that left him terribly shorthanded. And no, I didn't forget **Levi Conor, Matt Maxa, Kris Hanson, and Chris Lorenz**. Congratulations! You comprise the Class of 97, and we hope you'll join us next year for more Sonshine Security.

Award winners for this year are as follows. Keep in mind I am the only one that voted in most cases. If you feel an argument for another winner can be made, feel free to drop me a line, e-mail, or call me.

Least Likely To Get Those Stains Out Award was a tough choice, but **Dan Easty** gets the nod for a shirt that may never again be wearable. How he wore it for three whole days brings tears to my eyes. (and nostrils) Rumor has it that Dan may donate it for detergent testing. The winner this year had some big shoes to fill after **Jason Dodge's** unforgettable "A parrot pooped on me" landslide win in 96.

Best Actor Award in the Meal Tickets Category again goes to **Pat Budnick**, who was "honestly" shorted tickets again this year. He seems to be the only one that never is given the right amount each year!

Deepest, Darkest Tan Award goes to **Miah Frolund**, the winner for the past seven years. Its going to take a lot of tanning booth time to mount a challenge against the "brown man".

The Endurance Award winners are **Kris Hanson**, who spent a double shift at the Road Gate on Saturday and **Marshall Goodenow**, who spent enough time on the Left Stairs that many mistook him for a band member waiting to take the stage. I even saw him with the Newsboys Guitar ready to jam.

Most Likely To Become Claustrophobic Award goes to **Marcia Welch** after the smothering hug she received after Saturday nights farewell between **Charlie Bowen** and **Joe Olson**. Therapy is likely.

The Best Trainer Award hands down belongs to **Andy Frey**, who guided rookies **Jay Safford** and **Greg Nelson** through the difficult task of trying all the food the vendors had to offer. Never one to

quit, Andy, Jay, and Greg were still working on cookie sundaes before the Newsboys on Saturday. No word yet on how many Stage crew they beat up to get all those meal tickets.

The Lifetime Golf Cart Driving Ban Award goes to **Devon Ness**, only because my wife **Sheila**, last years winner, was not in the running and **Chris Manson** was never allowed behind the wheel.

Most Casual Award was no contest as **Chuck Hinkley** sported his no shoes, bandanna, no shirt look most of the weekend while biking around. But the 'Land Before Time' Dinosaur around his neck is what swayed the judging the most.

Best Supporting Actresses Awards go to **Kelly Quiggle** and **Amanda Chodnicki** for their help all weekend supplying water to the battered troops in front of Stage 2, and "misting" the crew with water during Saturday's heat. They plan on bottling the scent from under Stage 2 as a perfume fragrance.

The Human Barricade Award, usually owned by the "big guys", now belongs to the other sex. After a disastrous display at the fence by the guys during Audio Adrenaline, **Toni Germain**, **Becky Bollin**, and **Emily Hurd** took charge on the crowd side of the plywood, held back the masses and even smiled for pictures. Humble pie should have been served to each of the guys they took over for so admirably.

The Best Butt Award goes to **Jeff Frolund**, and only **Pam Voller** voted. Therapy likely here too. I'm not sure I even want to hear the story 'behind' that award. **Keith?**

Most Likely To Stalk Rich Mullins Award goes to.....I can't say, but you know who you are.

The Nicest Hat Award is presented to **Jenny Fischer** for the wide-brimmed number that kept her cool all day and looked great. **Most Functional Award** would be **Joe Wilde's** hat, but its not going to get him any style points soon.

The Chameleon Award is for the person turning the most shades of green from getting sick. Although **Kelly Quiggle** and **Amanda Chodnicki** learned how important lots of water can be as they looked pretty creepy resting under the Supertones Stage suffering from heat exhaustion, it was **Stacy Eldridge** that won for her stunning color changes in my van for two days. I thought we might have to hook up an Ivfor her.

Worst Security Encounter belongs to **Becky Bollin**, with assists to **Emily Hurd** and **Josh Heinzemann**. Becky's description of a fat man in Speedo-type underwear left a lot of us shivering. No word on whether she snapped a quick picture for her Sonshine scrapbook.

The Playing In The Mud Award goes to **Chris Lorenz** for his shift in front of Stage 2 during 5-Iron Frenzy. He'll rethink that white shorts idea before next year. Thanks to **Charlie Bowen** for sending him to Stage 2, while Charlie stayed at the more relaxed and clean Stage 3. What a dedicated veteran!

Best Catch At A Gate goes to **Matt Maxa**, who showed no mercy to someone with last year's security shirt trying to get backstage. Matt passed my test with flying colors. In fact, I think it was the only time I saw him all weekend.

Best Sixth Sense For Free Food is a tossup as it is every year. This is an award with a long standing tradition and many deserving winners. It may be what some of us do best, next to actual security work. I fondly remember **Steve Mckay** of years ago who could last the whole weekend just on handouts. **Charlie Bowen** has since turned scrounging into an art form. Charlie's true calling should have been as a bear at Yellowstone Park. He always seems to find a hearty breakfast of bacon and eggs, or pancakes as it was this year, while we are stuck eating mini-donuts. Ask him how he scopes out camping sites on Thursday to get in tight with for free food later. But the winner this year is **Brian Finger**, a late arrival, a supervisor in year's past, who just didn't want to leave. Its no wonder. After discovering that by doing overnight security he could spend hours at various tent sites awake all night, he carefully chose sites with big coolers and even bigger hearts. Brian could talk any group of girls out of their last snack food item. And did! I think he even convinced one site to go into town and restock on munchies. I still don't see why I bother giving him meal tickets. Next year we may have to give him more work to do just to give someone else a chance at this award.

And finally, our very own **Rookie Of The Year Award**. Last year's co-winners, **Ryan Nielson** and **Greg Nordin**, did another great job this year. This year's winner was certainly prettier than both Greg and Ryan, and she did a fabulous job not only at her shifts but over and above the call. She helped on overnight security, riding in the golf cart with **John Ness** on Thursday, and **Charlie Bowen** on Friday. That might be the only reason those guys were so willing to stay up all night to help out. Her front stage work

was superb, diving right into the crowd and mixing it up during Jars of Clay. I even have pictures to prove it. All this from the last person to join the security staff this year after someone canceled late. Thank you, Becky, you picked us a winner in **Emily Hurd**. Please join me in congratulating her since there is no prize.

P.S. **PLEASE, please** send me copies of your **best pictures, especially of the crew**. You don't know how thankful I am when I am sent good pictures, not like the ones I take. Also, call if you wish to talk about Sonshine. I look forward to working with each of you next year. Call me when the Sonshine Flyer is out next **March** and you can give me your band choices. Lastly, be thinking if you would like to join the **Crowd Patrol Crew** next year as they will be increased in number and the duties of Tent city security added to their already existing responsibilities. You can ride mountain bike, golf cart, or lounge out in the crowd all weekend. Let me know if this may suit you better than being tied to backstage gates.

Your Head of Security and friend;

Jeff Quiggle