

SONSHINE 2001 RECAP

Sonshine 2001 was hot...very hot. After 3 days of the intense sun, many of us prayed for even a drop of rain. But through it all we churned out another fabulous year. The number of injuries in the crowd at the shows was down considerably, from over 100 last year to less than 25. Overnight arrests for alcohol abuse were also down, making me wonder if these Willmar kids are finally catching on that Sonshine is not the place to take their party to. Overall, the security crew received great praise from everyone I talked to, from the top on down. Each member of our 80 person crew, from myself and the other 8 Supervisors all the way to the very last alternates (**Amanda Kingsley** and **DeAnna Praska**) were all vital pieces to the puzzle. We lost 5 crewmembers in the last 2 weeks before Sonshine, leaving us a little stressed. I commend each of you for a job well done! Here are a few of the highlights (and lowlights) from this past year, as told by many of you:

- ◆ **Jeff Pappas**, while doing overnight security, coined a new phrase for the water balloon launching or super soaking unsuspecting people. From this time forward we will be ever vigilant for "Random Acts of Wetness".
- ◆ **Myles Lembke** tried hard to convince me he needed a clean Security shirt just because his had an ATV tire track across the back of his from when he claimed my son, **Tyler Quiggle**, ran him over.
- ◆ The entire crew seemed to get off to a rough start Thursday with the DC Talk signing and other headaches. While some may suggest this was due to our not being able (due to his absence) to rub **Charlie Bowen's** bald head for good luck before Sonshine began, I'm inclined to agree with **Randy Quiggle** that it may have had more to do with forgetting to end our meeting in prayer.
- ◆ After hearing **Jason Wilder's** story behind his shiny black eye, a sympathetic camper offered him a steak to bring down the swelling, to which he replied, "Can I have it Medium Rare?".

- ◆ **Tom Friberg** and **John Mark Nysewander** slept in the back of a pickup truck, while **Kim Call** chose the luxuries of her cat. No need for a wake up call.
- ◆ After enduring the night/day sleeping rotation of 7 ER guys and 1 very brave ER girl, **Kelly Anderson**, the ER hotel room was quite nasty. Thinking the maids would choose to quit rather than set foot inside that room, I felt sorry and tipped them \$10.
- ◆ **Mike Weinand** did his best to reintroduce the 1970's Disco Era with his Orange shirt/Yellow pants...or was it Yellow shirt/Orange pants?
- ◆ **Jason Lowe** and **Karl Lehrke** and I (**Jeff Quiggle**) spent the entire DC Talk Show inside the surging, sweating crowd. I learned a few things out there. First, you can fart all you want and no one will notice. Second, keep your mouth closed unless you're fond of the taste of sweat. Lots of it. Third, there's not a better place to be if the mosquitoes are bothering you. It's at least 25 degrees hotter inside the crowd. And lastly, what a great place to meet people! They know you're just doing your job and trying to make things easier for them. They'll even help!
- ◆ Furthest to travel - **Steve Haarstad** came from Indiana to work Sonshine!
- ◆ I saw **JJ Steimann** 5 times - once on his bike backstage, and four times providing a bodyguard escort to a female friend in Tent City.
- ◆ If you missed out on seeing the Motorhome **Beth Skogen** and **Tiffany Thorson** stayed in at Sonshine, it was considerably larger than my last apartment...my 2 bedroom apt. Rough digs for two rookies. They did, however, pick up on the art of fleecing campsites for food like real pros.
- ◆ **Al Bergman** bailed on us on Saturday, only to return and work the rest of the night out of pure guilt. Shame on you, Al!
- ◆ **Leigh Olson** took to Supervising like a bird to flight...just DON'T call her a "lady", and don't try to win a "dress code" argument with her!
- ◆ "I pity the fool" that next schedules their wedding during Sonshine and invites **Charlie Bowen**. It seems all of Charlie's buddies can't avoid

Sonshine weekend to get married. In a related story, Charlie and his motorcycle will be joined formally in matrimony sometime next Spring.

- ◆ **Sam Jerome** proved that wearing the same security shirt for three days could be done equally as well with a pair of pants, which she also wore for several days. Why put clean pants on when the shirt is dirty?
- ◆ After last years dreadful attempt at dancing, **Wendy Biddle** chose this year to learn a skill that will be far more useful - spitting water through her teeth. Only after many attempts and encouragement by her sisters, water up the nose, and excessive drooling, was she finally successful. Putting her newly acquired skill to good use, she had a spitting contest with **Christa Biddle**. Now normally a good water fight between four beautiful sisters is seen as a VERY agood things, **Chuck Hinkley** apparently didn't think so.

And so it went at Sonshine 2001. Stay tuned for more excitement at Sonshine 2002. I hope you can once again be a part of the greatest concert experience of every year! Keep in touch, and God Bless!

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