Style Sheet: Clubhouse—Before (and During) Breakfast, Part Two

Breakfast Discussion
1. Shared meals are a good time to talk over what you’ve learned inside and outside of the clubhouse. It’s also a good time to talk about your progress with pets (e.g. training cats to walk on a leash), share details about new discoveries—and discuss re-stocking of food and supplies for the clubhouse.

2. The reporter’s notebook stored in the wire basket at the door has extra-hard cardboard that reporters use to write notes even if they’re standing. During breakfast, one person should use the pen tied to the wire basket, or find an extra pen—to make a list of supplies needed for the clubhouse (e.g. pet food, trash can liners, paper towels, quarters for laundry). Your clubhouse is considered part of the adult canopy area. Each canopy area has a clipboard for recording necessary supplies. The person who picks up dirty baby bottles picks up the list and delivers items on their return trip when they drop off clean diapers and formula. When you have finished a list of supplies, ask an adult to add the items to the clipboard list. Be sure you don’t let your supplies run out (plan ahead).

Planning Ahead for Lunch
3. Before you finish breakfast, you will also need to decide what you want to eat for lunch—as foods will need to be obtained from the freezers in the Rec center. Use a separate page from the reporter’s notebook and decide who will go to the freezer to pick up the food. Plastic shopping bags have a 4-inch gusset (inserted seam at the side for expansion). Keep two extra bags on “S” hooks in the clubhouse for picking up food from the freezer. Your clubhouse will have two “Food” labels to attach to these bags. Send one person (with a list) to take care of this task.

Breakfast Cleanup
4. While one person is picking up food for lunch, the others will need to clean up. Your clubhouse will also have two sets of plastic shopping bags for washing dishes—one set is for pet dishes and the other is for human. Your bags will be labeled “Pet Dirty,” “Pet Clean,” “Human Dirty” and “Human Clean.” Use a paper towel to remove any excess food over the garbage can. Plate dirty dishes into the two plastic shopping bag—separating human and pet dishes. Use the elephant scrubber to clean pet dishes and the spaghetti scrubber to clean human dishes. Place the scrubbers in the bags with the dirty dishes. Place three clean hand towels in the bags labeled “Clean” with a bottle of dish soap. Dowse whether you will be washing dishes in an indoor sink (e.g. in a Rec Center)—or, outside with a hose. If you need to wash outside—you will need to take a 3.5 gallon pail.

Load the wire cart with the plastic shopping bags and pail. Take two folding tailgate chairs in the cart—in case you need to wait. Wash the dishes with soap, rinse, dry and place the clean dishes in the bag labeled “Clean.” Wipe out the plastic shopping bag labeled “Dirty” with one of the damp dish towels and return to the clubhouse.

5. Food obtained from the freezers needs to be placed in the clubhouse refrigerator (hang the shopping bags with an “S” hook when this task is complete).

6. When dishwashers return with clean dishes, they will need to put everything away. Study the Clubhouse floorplan to learn where items are stored.

Shower and Laundry
7. Dowse what time clubhouse members should shower. You will want to shower around the same time because you can then wash clothes together—and save time. Note: Adults need to form 6-person laundry groups—so they can save time. About 10-15 minutes before you are supposed to shower, go to your Earth tote and take two folding tailgate chairs with you. If “yes,” place the chairs in the cart or carry them. Wheel the cart to a laundry room and check to see if there is laundry soap, white vinegar and a plastic measuring cup. Separate light and dark clothes (so whites do not turn gray). Towels and bedding can be dried in the dryer. Fold towels and wet clean wash cloths with white vinegar (fold the cloth twice —into a square—and then again to form a small log-shape. Wet with vinegar and squeeze (do this over the wash machine you are about to start). When towels are dry, fold them. Hang your clothes on the swivel head hangers and return to the clubhouse. Put other items away while your clothes are drying. Hang swivel head hangers where there is plenty of air —where clothes will dry. Retrieve and fold clothes when they are dry.

8. When everyone in the clubhouse has completed their shower, you will be ready to wash clothes together. You will want to use the wire cart (Note: dowsing helps me to understand that it will take about a week to develop a routine). Gather extra items with clothes including: towels used to dry dishes and vinegar wash cloths (dowse whether you should wash your blanket, the loft bed sheets, the dog’s blanket, or your laundry bag). Use one of the plastic shopping bags used to transport food—to carry coin purses, clean wash cloths and new Ziploc bags (if needed). Take the clubhouse set of swivel head hangers to hang items that need to air dry. Dowse whether you should take folding tailgate chairs with you. If “Yes,” place the chairs in the cart or carry them. Wheel the cart to a laundry room and check to see if there is laundry soap, white vinegar and a plastic measuring cup. Separate light and dark clothes (so whites do not turn gray). Towels and bedding can be dried in the dryer. Fold towels and wet clean wash cloths with white vinegar (fold the cloth twice —into a square—and then again to form a small log-shape. Wet with vinegar and squeeze (do this over the wash machine you are about to start). When towels are dry, fold them. Hang your clothes on the swivel head hangers and return to the clubhouse. Put other items away while your clothes are drying. Hang swivel head hangers where there is plenty of air —where clothes will dry. Retrieve and fold clothes when they are dry.