

ADVENTURE CENTRAL

AT WESLEYAN METROPARK

TRAIL GUIDE

March/April 2007



NEWSFLASH! NEWSFLASH! NEWSFLASH!

Make sure kids dress for the weather! Please send clothes that can be worn outside!

Day Camp!!

Summer is just around the corner and we have a great time planned for Adventure Central Day Camp 2007.

Registration for youth who participated in AC programming (after-school, day camp, activity night) in the past year and had consistent positive attendance is April 2-April 26.

Open enrollment to fill any remaining vacancies will begin April 27.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Science Fair Notes

Congratulations to the 2006-2007 Adventure Central Science Fair Winners!

1st Place Winner

"An Egg at Rest Stays at Rest"

Micah Epps

2nd Place Winners

"Cold Fish"

Davin Hill

Arion Smith

Tre'Anya Gudger

Dessaline Etienne

3rd Place Winners

"Geyser"

Nigeria Talley

Alize Williams

Marianna Bohannon

De'Aaron Loxley

We would also like to thank all the science fair group winners and participants. All of your hard work made the Science Fair a great success!!

AC would also like to recognize **Blessing Johnson** and **Jamarria Dewberry** of Carlson Elementary participation in their schools Science Fair. **Chanel Sims** of Stivers High School along with **Jamarria** both placed in the Jackson Center Science Fair held on February 24, 2007 and will be going on to districts **Brandon Wilson** of Cornell Heights won 1st place for his science project "Roller Ball Race".



Introducing:

Nina Grout, Teen Program Assistant

I have recently filled the new position as teen program assistant at Adventure Central. Some of you may recognize me from Cox Arboretum & Gardens MetroParks where I have worked for the past 2 1/2 years. I have organized and trained volunteers to lead school tours and/or work inside the butterfly house. As teen program assistant I will be coordinating the JET program, assisting with the youth board, participating in the City Beets program with Wegerzyn Gardens MetroParks, and helping with programs to support teens at Adventure Central. I look forward to getting to know all of the students and their families in the coming months so please stop by and say hello. You can also reach me at 278-2601 ext.1510 or by email at ngrou@metroparks.org.

JOURNAL NOTES

From the Director

One of the most important and revitalizing things that we can do sometimes in this fast paced world is to take a break. Breaks provide opportunities to refocus and renew our energies and enthusiasm. Breaks can be used to learn new things, simply for the sake of learning. Let's celebrate breaks and take a look on the back side of this newsletter for some breaks that are upcoming for Adventure Central.

Nate Arnett, Adventure Central Director
Extension Educator



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

After-School Program

Monday-Thursday Nights
2:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Meal 4:30-5:00 Program 5:00-6:30

Pick up before 5:00 or between 6:15-6:30

Ages 5-18

AC Activity Nights

Activity Night : 6:30pm— 8pm
Every Tuesday and Thursday
Ages: 5-18

No Program

April 9-12th (Spring Break)

April 30th– May 3 (Staff In-service)

**Last day of After School Programming
and Activity Night will be May 31, 2007**

Day Camp

**April 2-26 Registration
Session—June 18-July 26**

Family Events

March 29

“Around the World With AC”

More info coming soon

April 21

**5 Rivers Clean Up at Adventure
Central 9:00-11:30AM**

Earth Expo at Island MetroParks 12-3PM

Don't Forget...

Please remember to park in the designated parking lot. Cars parked out in front of Adventure Central Fire Lane (yellow area) may be issued a ticket by MetroParks Rangers. Help us keep everyone safe by parking in the lot and coming into the building to pick up your youth. This is for

Good, Clean Fun with Family

Five Rivers MetroParks will be having the “5 Rivers Clean Up” on Saturday, April 21. This event will take place at Adventure Central from 9:00-11:30 AM. This is a family event so all are encouraged to come. T-shirts will be provided and participants are asked to dress (old clothes) to clean up in the park. Immediately following this event is the “Earth Expo” at Island MetroParks from 12:00-3 PM. Lunch will be provided for “5 Rivers Clean Up” participants. The Earth Expo program will include hands on activities for youth and parents.

MLK Day Celebration

On January 15, 2007 as part of the MLK Day Celebrations, Adventure Central supported the annual event at the Neon Movie Theater sponsored by the Montgomery County Health District. AC had over sixty youth and a dozen adults in attendance. As part of this event participants enjoyed the movie “Akeela and the Bee”. Food was provided by McDonalds. The audience also received inspiration from motivational speaker Marlon Shackelford Sr. and Marlon Jr.

Ice Skating at RiverScape

February 22, 2007 over 160 youth and adults participated in Adventure Central’s annual Ice Skating at Downtown RiverScape. Hot chocolate and a fire kept skaters and non-skaters warm throughout the night. It was a huge success and fun and falls were had by all!



School Supplies

Please check your child’s stock of school supplies. Refresh pencils and paper so your child will be well prepared for school as well as Adventure Central.

Reminder

Don’t forget, for those youth age 12-18 applying to the JET/City Beets applications are due by March 8th. Interviews will be held mid March-mid April. If you have any questions please contact Nina Grout or Nate Arnett.