

ADVENTURE CENTRAL

AT WESLEYAN METROPARK

TRAIL GUIDE

Nov/Dec 2005

NEWSFLASH! NEWSFLASH! NEWSFLASH!

*Make sure kids dress for the weather!
We still plan to be outside daily!*

Important Announcements

Make a Difference Day

On Saturday October 22, youth from Adventure Central presented toiletry kits, towels, and washcloths to St. Vincent de Paul Hotel, an overnight shelter for the homeless of Dayton. The Youth Board received a \$750 grant from the Richard B. and Nancy E. Stahl

Family 4-H Endowment Fund to purchase their items, and were mentored by Candace Parsons and Charles Burks. The youth were responsible for choosing a store, making their purchases, and then organizing their things. A total of 75 toiletry kits, towels, and washcloths were donated to St. Vincent's. The youth were so frugal when shopping for their items, they still have \$400 of their grant left to purchase more supplies.



*"When we got to the hotel, we got a wish list from Ms. Melissa to buy more things."
— Marcus Johnson*

Teen Cultural Learning Experience



In August and September, a group of over 30 teens and adults from Adventure Central, Warren County and Greene County learned about other cultures and themselves through a series of experiences. The group attended

an overnight retreat at 4H Camp Clifton where they tried foods from other countries, did team building activities and ate rice and beans (for dinner and breakfast). ☺ The group then went to Howell, MI and participated in a Global Village experience where they learned about conditions in Third World countries and global food resources. The participants learned group processing and multicultural skills that will help them in the world of work. This program was funded by the Ohio 4H Foundation and 5 Rivers MetroParks.

JOURNAL NOTES

From the Directors

Parent and family participation at Adventure Central is valued very highly. Recent meetings with parents and family activities had outstanding turnouts. Frequent feedback and 2-way communication between families and AC staff helps us all make a bigger impact in the lives of youth. Together we can close the gap between school, home and after-school and enhance each others efforts. Thanks to all the wonderful parent and family partners out there.

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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

No Program: Nov. 21-25 (Thanksgiving)
Dec. 19-Jan. 2 (Winter Break)
Normal Programming will resume Jan. 3

AC Activity Nights

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

No Program: Nov. 22-24 (Thanksgiving)
Dec. 20-Jan. 2 (Winter Break)
Normal Programming will resume Jan 3

Family Events

Family Picnic @ Englewood MetroPark
Saturday Nov. 12 11am-3pm
Please RSVP by November 4
(See flyer for more information)

Afterschool Recognition Night: Wednesday
Dec. 14

Family Resource Center

Don't forget to check out the Family Resource Center located in the front lobby. Our Family Planning team has worked hard to put you in touch with valuable resources and services throughout the city.

Recognition Board

Please bring in a copy of your child's report card and any other certificates or achievements they receive to be posted on our recognition board in the front lobby. We love to see what the kids have done!

Winter Safety Tips

Bus Safety: Snowball fights and snowmen may be fun, but winter activities can also be dangerous. Horseplay on the way to and from the bus stop can cause children to fall into the street. Have children wear bright colors so the bus driver can see them more easily. They should leave earlier than usual to allow time for navigating slick roads and sidewalks. Once they reach the bus stop, children should stand away from the road, because the bus may need more room to stop in ice or snow.

ATTENTION... DO YOU HAVE TIME TO HELP?



Volunteers make it possible to provide high quality programming for your kids. Do you have a few hours a week to work with youth in a fun learning environment?

We are always looking for committed parents to help in a variety of roles. No experience required, just a willingness to try. If you are interested, stop by and talk to Mr. A.

