

ADVENTURE CENTRAL

AT WESLEYAN METROPARK

TRAIL GUIDE

September/October 2006

NEWSFLASH! NEWSFLASH! NEWSFLASH!

Would you like to receive information from Adventure Central via email???

Give us a call at 278-2601 and let us know

or send us an email at reception@adventurecentral.org

Teen Programming Highlights

JET

The **J**ob **E**xperience and **T**raining program provided 20 teens with a meaningful work experience this past summer. The teens worked at one of six Five Rivers MetroPark facilities providing a service to the public and learning valuable skills that will help them now and in the future.

Participants said that the most important things they gained were responsibility, a positive attitude and communication skills. Plans are already underway for making the program bigger and better in 2007.

Participants included:

Vanessa Keith	Ravelle Clements	Maya Jones
Kiera Wheeler	Erica Stone	Ryan Keith
Chico Williams	Tamika Heard	James Marks
Jacquata Heard	Jared Robinson	Kayla Hayes
Terraine Gray	Cerenity Miller	Chanel Sims
Miesha Russell	Marcus Johnson	Tiarra Comer
Michael Russell	Lynnze English	

Teamwork and Cultural Literacy for Teens

Sixteen teens and four adult leaders from AC took part in a cultural learning camp experience in mid-August with twenty other teens from across the state of Ohio. Teens were selected through an application and interview process. The program had a focus of helping youth build skills for success in the global workplace.

As part of the program, all teens participated in a high ropes and low ropes course, built their own cardboard "shanty" and had the opportunity to try new and different foods from around the world. The teens also learned about international experiences offered through the 4-H program.

A smaller group of participants will travel to Michigan to live in a Global Village for a night in September. The program was funded in part through the Ohio 4-H Foundation.



ACE

The Adventure Central Entrepreneurs have had a productive growing season. The group has made over \$200 this summer by selling vegetables that they grew in the gardens behind AC. Youth have learned about caring for the gardens with the help of Master Gardeners from the Montgomery County Extension program. Youth are also learning valuable lessons on how to manage their business to include marketing, inventory management, record keeping and product research. We look forward to future "growth" from this group.



JOURNAL NOTES

From the Directors

Communication is important! We value good communication at Adventure Central and want to make sure that we keep the lines of communication open. The invitation always exists for a parent to talk with staff or sit in on a group. We want you to feel welcome at AC.

We know that the better we communicate, the more likely we will be to make big impacts in the lives of kids. We are having "Parent Round Ups" in September to make sure we are all communicating well. Please check out the information on the reverse page and make plans now to attend. Thanks and talk with you soon.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

After-School Program

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

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

Ages 5-18

No Program:

Sept. 4 (Labor Day)

Oct. 23-27 (Intersession)

AC Activity Nights

Every Tuesday and Thursday

6:30 p.m. — 8 p.m.

Ages: 5-18

No Program:

October 24 & 26

AC Family Programs

Parent Round Up

Tuesday, Sept. 19 6:45-7:45 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 21 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23* 11:00-1:30 p.m.

All After-School parents are required to attend one of the Parent Round Up programs.

*Extra program included

Community Day at Wesleyan MetroPark

Saturday, October 21

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Check AC for more information in October

Five Rivers MetroParks Events

Check out www.metroparks.org for up-to-date information on programs or call 275-PARK

Activity Nights

The best way for new youth to get involved with the great things that are happening at Adventure Central is to start attending Activity Nights on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:00. Youth participate in a variety of activities with children near their own age. Come check us out soon.

Parent Round Up

We will again be "rounding up" parents/guardians of youth in the After-school program to touch base on program changes, philosophy, partners, policies and other things that keep us all working "To Make the Best, Better." Please make sure to sign up for one of the sessions by September 12.

Parent Notes

- ◇ Remember to turn in copies of grade cards at the front desk so that we can help support your child's success in school.
- ◇ Attendance is important. It really helps if you give us a call if your child is going to miss a day of programming.
- ◇ Has your address or phone number changed recently? Check in at the reception desk to make sure we have your most current info.

Check out our Family Resource Center!

Located in the front lobby to the right is a collection of brochures and articles that feature topics relevant to families. The center includes resources on parenting topics, youth health issues and adult educational opportunities. We have a special section dedicated to parenting topics. If you would like more information on resources in the Family Resource Center, please speak with Mr. B.

Tip for School Success

Speakers at our family event in August shared a common message related to helping your child be successful in school, "**Read to your child at least 20 minutes a day!**" This helps expose kids to words that help them in all subjects and in life. Please check with our staff if you would like information on books, library resources or grade standards to help your child.

Online Resources

Please check out the following on-line resources.

Ohioline

Fact sheets on many practical topics to include family, consumer and home. <http://ohioline.osu.edu/>

CyberCamp

A great resource for kids to play games and learn about things in a safe environment. <http://gocybercamp.org/>
login: ohio4h password: council