



The Mentors Plus Match

For members of the Mentors Plus Family

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Royal Oak Mentors and Mentees at a Bowling Party

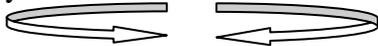
Royal Oak matches also met recently to plan some upcoming events.

Quote of the Month

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”

- Benjamin Franklin

This often quoted wisdom is sometimes easily forgotten as we interact with young people, but it's best to keep it close in mind if we want to promote progress. Summertime offers hundreds of opportunities for active exploring and trying new challenges. Enjoy!



We Want to Hear from You!

The Match Monthly Newsletter wants to hear about what you're doing. E-mail your story (and pictures!) to StittJ@oakgov.com. We will try to get them in the next month's edition.



Save the Dates: 4-H Fair
Monday, 7-7-14 & Saturday, 7-12-14
Thanks, Julie

Fun Things to Do Anytime

- * Explore your community on bikes. Carry a picnic lunch with you to eat during a break.
- * Brainstorm ideas about making something for or helping with a project for someone in your community who supports youth. Pick the best idea, then - do it.
- * Plant some flowers or a vegetable garden in your yard or that of a friend who would appreciate it.
- * Volunteer to help with the clean-up of a children's playground or park in your community.
- * Try canoeing, kayaking, or fishing on a local lake or river.

June Announcements:

- ☆ Please turn in your **Monthly Report** by Tuesday, June 10th.
- ☆ **Mentors Meeting: Reducing Risky Behavior**, June 19th, 6:00, EOB, 2100 Pontiac Lake, Waterford. Please join our discussion. RSVP – includes a light dinner.



- ☆ Don Gellish is one of five finalists for the 2014 Governor's Service Awards. His work as a mentor will be honored at a dinner at the Gem Theatre on Monday, June 30 and the state winner chosen.
- ☆ **Save the Date: Mentors Plus Picnic, Saturday, October 4, 2014**

Julie's Corner



Murder Mystery in Waterford

☆ In Waterford, mentors and their mentees recently solved a (pretend, of course) murder mystery. Here are the characters. More pictures are at the end of the newsletter.



☆ **Greenfield Village** is open for the summer. Let us know if you'll want to visit either the Village or Henry Ford Museum by 6-20-14 and we'll get your tickets for the month of July.

Mentors Plus Orientation:
Saturday, June 21st, 9:00a.m.

Tim Horton's Camp

The following mentees will be attending during June: Natalie (Lake Orion), Patrick and Brian (South Lyon), Joshua and Haley (Oxford).



Oakland County Youth Assistance

Mentors Plus

Be a friend. Show the way.

Oakland County Circuit Court-Family Division
Oakland County Youth Assistance
1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 14 East
Pontiac, MI 48341-0452
248-858-0041



June, 2014	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 *Lake Orion – Kids Fest at Canterbury Village \$5 adult \$10 kids Bounce houses, games, crafts, karaoke, monster truck rides, a magic show and more. Info: 248-391-1900. *Yoga, South Lawn of the DIA, 2:00p.m.</p>	<p>2 *Open Studio, The Art Experience in Pontiac, \$5/person. Drop in and make some art. Choose from a selection of fine art materials or your own project. Call ahead for times. Weekdays. (248)-706-3304</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 *Spring Extravaganza - St. John's Banquet & Conference Center-Southfield, PACE Academy's K-8 students creative arts skills, \$10 adults, \$5 kids. 5:30-8:30pm</p>	<p>6 *Bloomfield Hills – Cranbrook Institute Free Friday after 5:00!</p>	<p>7 *South Lyon Farmer's Market, 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m., Corner of West Liberty Street and Pontiac Trail. *Clawson City-Wide Garage Sale *Summer Reading Program begins – crafts, games, live animals on library lawn, Royal Oak, 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>8 *Downtown Mt. Clemens - Art Fair, 11:00– 5:00. Free. Artists/crafters, an art activity tent for kids, art demos, food trucks, vendors, Rosco the Clown. *Free Brides Day Museum, 1-4:00. 3123 N Main, R.O. *10:00, Bass Fishing Tournament, RH</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 * Troy – Owl Prowl at Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center, \$7, 7:30 – 9:00pm. Learn about owls Dress for weather. Ages 8-plus. Register by Monday, June 9, 2014. 248-688-9703</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 *Canton Liberty Fest at Heritage Park, Free. 1:00 - 11:00 p.m., Local bands, balloon sculptures, carnival rides, midway. *New Horizons Concert, Hess Hathaway Park, 825 Williams Lake Waterford, 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>13 * Free Concert: Toppermost (Beatles music) McHattie Park Gazebo, 7-8:30 South Lyon. *Friday Night at the Races, (Bikes) Bloomer Park, 345 John R, Rochester Hills, Adults \$5, Children free with an adult.</p>	<p>14 *Pontiac - Art Fish Fun Festival at Beaudette Park, Free. There will be stations for exciting art activities, fishing spots and lots of food! This is an event for all ages. *Family Fun Day, 1-4:00, summer reading sign-up, bounce house, dog agility demo, South Lyon Library. *Butterfly Garden, Royal Oak Library, 10:00 - noon.</p>
<p>15 *Las Cafeteras, Music Performance on the South Lawn of the DIA, weather permitting, 2:00.</p>  <p>Happy Father's Day!!!</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Oakland County Farm Market, 2350 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford *Free Family Magic Show, 6:00-7:30 and Babysitters Training, 2:00, Royal Oak Library, Register: 248 246-3725</p>	<p>18 *Lego Building and Story Writing, Free, 2:00, Royal Oak Library, Register: 248 246-3725</p>	<p>19 *Dan Rafferty Band (Hip-Hop, R&B, and Rock) Hess Hathaway Park, 825 Williams Lake Waterford, 6:00 p.m. *Teen Crafts and Gratitude Steel Band, Free, 6:30. Royal Oak Library, Register: 248 246-3725</p>	<p>20 *Beets, Beats and Eats Ortonville Farmers Market: Find locally grown fresh produce, artists, musicians and even dinner at this spot. 6 – 9:00 p.m. *Free Concert: Stella McHattie Park Gazebo, 7:00-8:30, SL *Middle School Pizza and Pages, Free, 2:00, Royal Oak Library, Register: 248 246-3725</p>	<p>21 *Pontiac Art Experience: Free. 5:30pm – 8pm. This child-friendly event celebrates the work of local artists and the impact of art in the community and planet. The Art Experience 175 S. Saginaw, Suite 109 248-706-3304. *Teen Inventor Maker Faire, Bloomfield Twp. Public Library, 12:00 - 4:00, Register: 642-5800. Display projects/creations.</p>
<p>22 * Dinosaurs The Lost World at Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills. 12-4pm. \$13/adults, \$9.50/ages 2-12 Learn about 50 prehistoric species, complete skeletal mounts.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Randy Kaplan Concert, 7:00 p.m., Bloomfield Twp. Public Library.</p>	<p>25 *City Park, Clawson, Band Concert and Ice Cream Social, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>26 * Stars and Stripes Festival at Freedom Hill County Park in Sterling Heights Carnival, fireworks, music. Free.12–11pm *Shotgun Willie Band (Southern Rock) Hess Hathaway Park, 825 Williams Lake Waterford, 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>27 *Red Oaks Wave Pool Trip, Clawson, Buy tickets at Hunter Center, \$2/person (6 person limit) 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. * Free Concert: Roy Garden Trio (Gypsy Jazz), McHattie Park Gazebo, 7:00-8:30 South Lyon *Park Art, Shain Park, Birmingham, \$5.</p>	<p>28 Samurai: Beyond the Sword Exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts 10am-5pm. \$16/adults, \$8/ages 6-17.This event highlights the Japanese soldiers' impact on the cultural, spiritual and art worlds of their time. *Butterfly Garden, Royal Oak Library, Explore and learn 10:00 - 12:00 noon. Register: 248 246-3725</p>
<p>29 *Clawson, 5K Freedom Race Day, Register: 6:15-7:15, Race: 7:30. 1-mile Fun Run (kids under 13) begins at 7:00 p.m. at Clawson Park, Free, Awards will be given. *Puppet Performance, The Vinegar Works, Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), 2:00 (Also on June 28th)</p>	<p>30 *9-1-1 Camp, Free 2-day to introduce 8 to 12-year-olds to what is done in emergencies. Includes CPR training. Lyon Township, 9:00am - 4:30pm, www.Emergent health.org, (734) 477-6785</p>					

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1st Friday of the month is free at Cranbrook Art Museum

*** Watch local college athletes compete at Oakland University;** cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. The website for the schedule of events is <http://ougrizzlies.edu>

*** Rochester Lanes: Free Bowling for those 12 and under, 11:00 a.m. Up to four adults can joint them: \$24.95 until Sept. 14. , (248) 852-9106.**

*** PLEASE CHECK YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY FOR STATE PARK PASSES THAT WILL ALLOW YOU TO GET INTO THE PARK FOR FREE.**

***Always check library's websites for registering information**



Youth Focus: Smart Surfing

First rule of smart surfing? Remain as anonymous as possible. That means keeping all private information private. Here are some examples of private information that you should never give out on the Internet:

1. Never post your personal information, such as a cell phone number, address, or the name of your school.
2. Be aware that information you give out through social networking sites, instant messages, e-mails, and blogs could put you at risk of bullying and other types of victimization.
3. Never meet in person with anyone you first "met" online. Some people may not be who they say they are.
4. Remember that posting information about your friends could put them at risk.
5. Never respond to harassing or rude texts, messages, and e-mails. Delete any unwanted messages or friends who continuously leave inappropriate comments.
6. Never give out your password to anyone other than your parent or guardian.
7. If you wouldn't say something to another person's face, don't post it online!
8. Only add people as friends to your site if you know them in real life.
9. Think before posting your photos. DO NOT post or send semi-nude or nude pictures of yourself or anyone else! Personal photos should not have revealing information such as school names or location. Ask your parents before posting a picture.
10. Use the privacy settings of the social networking sites.
11. An interactive educational safety resource is available for children ages 5 to 17 at www.netismartz.org.

Resources for Information On Internet Safety

- <http://www.netismartz.org/>; <http://www.netismartz411.org>
- <http://www.getnetwise.com/>
- <http://www.safekids.com/>
- <http://www.isafe.org/>
- <http://www.webwisekids.org/>

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Think carefully before you create an email address or screen name. Web experts recommend that you use a combination of letters and numbers in both - **and** that you don't identify whether you're male or female.

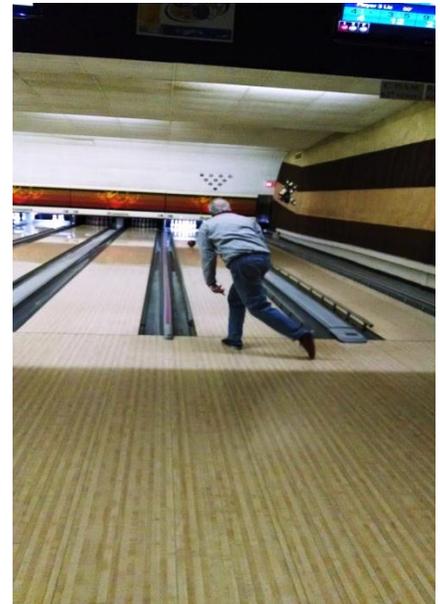
In chat rooms, use a nickname that's different from your screen name. That way, if you ever find yourself in a conversation that makes you uncomfortable, you can exit without having to worry that someone knows your screen name and can track you down via e-mail. Some people who hang out with their friends online set up private chat rooms where only they and the people they invite can enter to chat.

Experts recommend that people keep online friendships in the virtual world. Meeting online friends face to face carries more risks than other types of friendships because it's so easy for people to pretend to be something they're not when you can't see them or talk in person.

If you ever get involved in a chat room conversation that makes you feel uncomfortable or in danger for **any** reason, exit and tell a parent or other adult right away so they can report the incident. You can also report it to the website of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children - they have a form for reporting this type of incident called CyberTipline. They will then see that the info is forwarded to law enforcement officials for investigation.

Matches having fun!

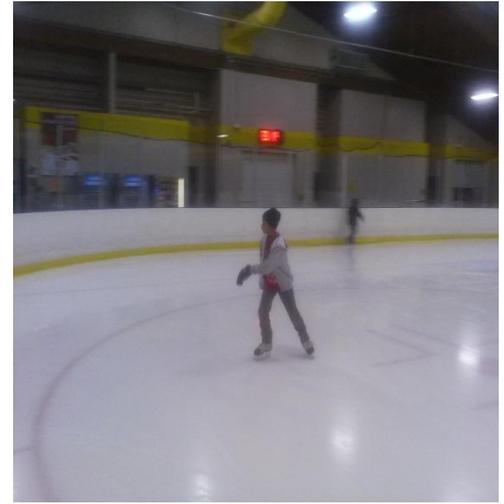
More Bowling....



More Mystery!!



And then, there's Caleb skating...



And at the 2014 Memorial Day Parade



Learning Guitar? *Ultimate Guitar.com* might help!
Check it out.....

