



The Mentors Plus Match

For members of the mentors PLUS Family

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Julie's Corner

The Mentors Plus Annual Picnic

Like magic and comedy? Ken Dumm and his son, Austin, will be adding a magical quality to our picnic at the Elks Lodge in Waterford on Saturday, September 7th when they perform at 1:30 p.m. Throw in lots of other mentors and their matches, delicious food and a variety of fun games and it's a formula for a great time. See the invitation for more details and join us then!



Adventure Camp at Crossroads

Ten people were able to attend our Day Camp at Crossroads recently. Among other things, they did canoeing, high and low ropes courses and rock climbing. As one of our mentees, Matt said, "I liked the adventure camp a lot. Everything we did was fun and enjoyable, from the people to the activities. I think that it was a fun way to gain trust in people and make new friends at the same time. If I had a choice, I would totally do it again." Thanks, Julie Stitt

Fun Things to Do Anytime

- * Find an exercise course at a local park and get moving with your match.
- * Try some track and field activities that you haven't done before, like the shot put, high jump or broad jump and see if you can improve with a little practice.
- * Offer to help with some chores for a neighbor or friend, who is elderly or ill –make a difference together.
- * Take a canoe trip on a nearby lake or river and share a picnic you've packed together. (Many places rent canoes and other equipment.)
- * Get a couple of trash bags and clean up trash and/or bottles from a local park.

Quote of the Month

"If you concentrate on finding whatever is good in every situation, you will discover that your life will suddenly be filled with gratitude, a feeling that nurtures the soul."

Rabbi Harold Kushner
ALLGREATQUOTES.COM

It's useful to encourage others to openly express their appreciation of others around them. Highlight for mentees the results of being polite and thankful, as you interact with people you meet.

Announcements

Remember to turn in your Monthly Report by September 10th.

New Mentor Orientation on Saturday, September 21st, 9:00 a.m. Send your friends to discover the joy of being a mentor!

SAVE THE DATE:

YA Birthday Bash/Walk

When: Sunday, September 22nd
Where: Independence Oaks County Park , Walk:12:30, Picnic: 1:30
9501 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston
www.DestinationOakland.com



See other pictures, page 3 & 4

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 and we will include them in next month's newsletter. Hope to hear from you soon!

Oakland County Youth Assistance



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Be a friend. Show the way.

Oakland County Circuit Court-Family Division
Oakland County Youth Assistance
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 *Fifth Third Michigan State Fair, (all day) @ the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi *Arts Beats & Eats, all day, Main and Troy Streets, downtown Royal Oak (Mon,too.)	2 *Inspiring Minds Exhibit at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 9am-5 pm *Detroit Jazz Festival, Hart Plaza, Detroit MI	3 *Detroit Historical Museum Reopening, 9:30 am- 4pm, 5401 Woodward Ave. Detroit, MI *Family Game Night 6 pm, Hazel Park Memorial Library	4 *Wild Wednesday: Slithery Snakes at Red Oaks Nature Center in Madison Heights, 6:30 pm 30300 Hales St. Madison Heights, \$2.00	5 *First Thursdays in Birmingham 6-9 pm (Fashion's Night Out) Downtown Birmingham	6 *B4TV Exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 1-4 pm 155 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI *Arts and Apples Festival, Rochester Municipal Park 4:00-7:30 pm (Also on Saturday and Sunday)	7 *Mentors Plus Annual Picnic, Elks Lodge, 2100 Scott Lake, Waterford, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. *Free Home Depot Workshops for kids, 1 st Saturdays, 9:00 am, check local store for project. *Saturday in the Park on Hines Drive, Westland 9:00 am. *Feathered Fun with Angry Birds at the Winter Nature Center in Clarkston 2:00 pm.
8 *Scrap Junction at Arts & Scraps, 11am- 4 pm, 16135 Harper Ave, Detroit MI Arts and Authors Festival, City Park Clawson, 10 to 2:00 *Charles Wright African-American Museum, 315 E. Warren, Detroit Free 2 nd Sundays 1:00 to 5:00pm	9 *Cirque Among us Open workshop in Livonia, 6 - 8 pm, Cirque Amongus Activity center 29035 Five Mile Rd Livonia, MI	10 *Hats Off to Dr. Seuss! Exhibition at Art Leaders Gallery in West Bloomfield, 10 am- 7:00 pm, 33086 Northwestern Highway, West Bloomfield MI	11	12 *Eat to the Beat Lunchtime Concert Series in Southfield 12-2:00 pm, City Centre Plaza, Southfield MI	13 *Michigan Earth Day or Green Living Event: Live Green Fair & Health & Wellness Expo, 9 mile road, one block west of Woodward, Ferndale (all day & through Sunday)	14 * Gaming, Second Saturdays at Warren Civic Center Library 2-4:00 pm *Legos @ the Library 10 am, Orion Township Public Library
15 *DIY Street Fair, all day, one block south of E 9 Mile Road in Ferndale	16 *The Brave and The Faithful: Michigan in the Civil War at Sloan Museum in Flint, 1221 E. Kearsley St, Flint, MI	17	18 *Behind the Scenes Tour, 10 AM, Royal Oak Public Library	19	20 Comedy for a Cause Friday, 7:00 p.m. Free Admission Woodside Bible Church, 6600 Rochester Road, Troy,	21 *Belle Isle Summer Saturdays in Detroit 10:00 am to 5:00 pm *Evening Hayride at Independence Oaks County Park in Clarkston 6-8:00 pm
22	23	24	25 *Lake Street Cruise-in- South Lyon, 6:30- 9:30 pm, Lake Street Between Lafayette & Wells Street	26	27	28 *Hazel Park Art Fair at Green Acres Park, 10:00 am- 10:00 pm *Ken and Austin Dumms Comedy Magic Benefit Show, 2:00, Comedy Castle 310 Troy St., Royal Oak
29 *Detroit Science Center, 10:00-3:00 5020 John R, Detroit, Free this day.	30					

***August 30 to September 2nd, Donate to Gleaners and get a free admission ticket to Ford Arts, Beats and Eats, if you bring 4 non-perishable items to First Merit Bank locations between August 19th and August 30. Admission is also free on Friday, August 30th until 5:00 p.m. It opens at 11:00 on Friday morning.**

*** Art Shows and Fairs** are everywhere in Oakland County this summer. For a full list, go to community.oakgov.com/blogs/at/archieve/2012/05/29/art-shows-and-fairs-summer-2013.

***Need to register for events at community library's** websites, here are some of them:

Berkley Public Library <http://www.Berkley.lib.mi.us>

Novi Public Library <http://Novi.lib.mi.us>

Farmington Public Library <http://farmlib.org/>

Oxford Public Library <http://oxford.lib.mi.us>

***Detroit Historical Museum** is free for visitors now on Wednesdays. Get in touch with the history of southeast Michigan and see their large interactive model train exhibit. Parking is \$5.00.

Mentors Plus Picture Album

