



Kinship Konnections

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October 2011 Volunteers

Mark Your Calendar!

Kinship Christmas Party With Sons of Norway

Thursday, December 1, 6:00 –7:30 pm

Riverside United Methodist Church

Potluck Scandinavian Dinner

Entertainment, Caroling around the Tree,

Gift Bags for Kinship Kids

Mentors must RSVP for a Gift Bag

Welcome New Mentors!

Angela and Terry Carlson retired to 8th Crow Wing Lake south of Akeley about ten years ago. They had been foster parents for newborns, Angela did Day Care and Terry was a mechanic for Northwest Airlines. They are looking forward to being matched!

Welcome New Matches!

Roberta Lutz is enjoying her time with Kylie who is a sister of Chandler (Dennis Anderson) and Brennen (David Niemela).

Beth Baker-Knutilla will be matched with Alissa this week. Alissa is a 6th grader at Century.

If you have a medical release form included with this newsletter, PLEASE insist that your Kinship guardian complete and sign it. Then get a copy to Kinship or ask Jennifer to make a copy for you. Don't risk being without it!

Pumpkin Fest @ Carter's Farm



Saturday, October 29th

Carter's Red Wagon Farm is offering FREE admission for Kinship kids with their mentors (who pay \$5, a reduced admission rate). They are open **10:30 to 5:00**.

Mentors must RSVP for free admission

Activities include an amazing Corn Maze, a sunflower maze, hay bale maze, giant slide, hay rides, rubber duck races, cow milking, farm animals, etc. **AND Kinship kids and youth can pick out their own pumpkin, carve it** there on site or take it home to carve.

Concessions available (hot dogs, cider, pop) or you can bring your own lunch if you like. Come and go when it fits your schedule.

Adults report enjoying the maze. There are educational opportunities available for those who like to learn or test their knowledge of history. Should be something for all ages!

If your Kinship kid would to go, but you cannot attend, try to find another mentor willing to take two Kinship kids for the day.

This is the October Group Activity

Naturally Unique

The November Activity will be unique! We will be meeting in small groups with up to 6 kids to create gifts from nature. Mark and Jan Herbert, owners of Naturally Unique are generously donating all materials and equipment used in the creative process!

Mentors need to RSVP to reserve a spot so check your calendars and reserve now!

Tell Jennifer your top 2-3 choices:

Saturday, Nov 12, 10-12 or 1-3

Tuesday, Nov 15, 3:30-5:30 or 6:30-8:30

Thursday, Nov 17, 3:30-5:30 or 6:30-8:30



The kids can make up to 3 gift items for Christmas. Please help them choose which items they would like to make from the photo above. Let us know when you reserve your time slot, so Mark can be sure to have sufficient pieces available and ready to go (with predrilled holes for necklaces or rain gauges, etc.).

Kinship kids can make three different items, two of the same or all three the same. They will select each stone or piece of wood for their creation and will be able to do sandblasting of a letter initial or design if they choose. They will assemble the items and have lots of creative choices to make in the process. Mark and/or Jan will be available to demonstrate and help.

We will meet in Herbert's studio at **137 Western Avenue North, Park Rapids.**

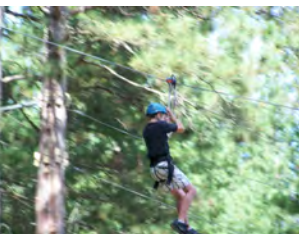
Congratulations! Matches 3 years and longer:

November 5, 1999 ~ Lowell Schellack & Logan
December 9, 2004 ~ Renee Brauer & Mikaela
September 29, 2005 ~ Bonnie Welch & Alycia
May 10, 2005 ~ Kevin Brauer & Eddie
May 10, 2005 ~ Mike Cohrs & Ethan
June 28, 2005 ~ Barb & Mark Thomason & Ana
January 1, 2006 ~ Terese Bervig & Kali
April 8, 2006 ~ Tom & Bonnie Miller & Karina
August 16, 2006 ~ Edie Evarts & Viviana
October 6, 2006 ~ Rich & Mary Frahm & Damion
October 16, 2006 ~ Dave & Amy Andersen & Billy
July 24, 2007 ~ Carol Schellack & Zoey
November 27, 2007 ~ Deane, Jill Johnson & Shania
January 22, 2008 ~ Vicki & Gordy Breun & Paige
January 23, 2008 ~ Mia & Steve Long and Jade
March 21, 2008 ~ Candy Weinzierl & Kasarra
October 14, 2008 ~ Joel & Mary Maxwell & Micheal

REMEMBER! When you forget what is happening: go to www.kinshipparkrapids.org to check out Group Activities for date, time and location. And the photo gallery with pictures from recent activities. There are also lots of links to excellent resources for your important work of mentoring.

Character Challenge Course

Congratulations to all the brave Kinship Mentors who did the challenge course!!



Spaghetti Dinner 2011

Thank you Kinship Mentors & Kids for Volunteering at the Kinship Spaghetti Dinner! We served 391 guests, raising \$2,600+. Thanks Amy for chairing the event! Thanks Dan, Renee, David, Terese, Jill, Doug, Kevin, Sheila, Barb, Paul, Candy, Mary & Rich, Sue, Fred & Karen, Cliff, Bonnie, Mia & Steve, Joel, Frank & Sara, Carol, Trudy, Mike, Dick & Karen, Edie and Greg! You all helped make the evening a wonderful success!



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