

CROSSROADS IN EDUCATION



November 2005

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THIS MONTH

November 3

- ◆ Co-op Meeting
- ◆ Crossroads Clovers 4-H

November 10

- ◆ Co-op Meeting
- ◆ C.R.I.CKET Program

November 11

- ◆ Veteran's Day

November 17

- ◆ Co-op Meeting
- ◆ Potluck Lunch

November 24

- ◆ Happy Thanksgiving!

NEXT MONTH

December 1

- ◆ Christmas Around the World Celebration
- ◆ Crossroads Clovers 4-H

December 9

- ◆ Field Trip



A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST, A FANCIFUL FEAST...



It is that time of year again.

The Holidays are coming! As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving, then moving on to the anticipation of Christmas, Crossroads members are asked, once again, to remember those in our community who are less fortunate.

There will be a collection of items for the food pantry and PADS shelter at every co-op meeting in November. Please bring non-perishable foods, paper products and personal hygiene products.

Crossroads Clovers 4-H

Crossroads Clovers will meet on the first Thursdays of the month. The meetings will take place immediately following the co-op classes. For the November meeting, please bring all of your completed membership forms, plus fee of \$12 per person. If you need help choosing your projects, one of the club leaders will be glad to assist you. See Mrs. Laurenzana, Mrs. Easterhouse or Mrs. Hoogland for help.

Parents of 4-H'ers: Do not forget to send your kids with all of the supplies needed for the meeting. This includes paper, pen, pencils, scissors and markers.

At this first meeting, the members will vote on officers. Members must have been in 4-H for at least one full year AND be at least 12 years old to be an officer.

C.R.I.CKET Program

Christine Buik, from the Chicago Regional Interpreters, will presenting a

brand new program, entitled "The Journey Starts Now...Don't Forget Your Map!" This is a brand new program. Crossroads has been chosen as the "test" group for this program. Christine will be looking for some constructive feedback from our members.

The program is based on the real life experiences of Christine's two sons, who became lost in Yosemite National Park (on April Fool's Day!).

For more information on C.R.I.CKET, visit their website at <http://www.CricketShows.com>.

Veteran's Day

Join other members of the community to celebrate Veteran's Day! The *Operation: Write to Freedom* group is sponsoring a Veteran's Day celebration for residents of the Washington, Jane, Smith Home, on Friday, November 11.

The program is scheduled to begin at 11:00am; participants are asked to arrive by 10:00am.

There are 28 veterans living at Washington, Jane, Smith. This past June, some of our members participated in the Flag Day celebration. That event was well received by the residents and local community members. If you are interested in participating in this event, contact Tim at 708/220-1621 or via e-mail at timothy@houseofbugs.us.

November Potluck Lunch

Join us for the monthly Potluck Lunch! The theme this month will be "Bountiful

Harvest." Let Cindy know what your family will be contributing to this lunch. As always, Crossroads will provide plates and flatware. Every family should bring their own beverages.

The Potluck Lunch will take place during the regular lunch period, 11:15am to 12:30pm.

Christmas Around the World

Before you know it, December will be starting! This year, Crossroads will be hosting a "Christmas Around The World Celebration! This event will be held on Thursday, December 1, from 10:30am until 2:00pm.

Members may invite grandparents, family and friends to attend this

special day. Children will be given an opportunity to present their *Passport to the World* projects to the group.

Please RSVP to Cindy, by November 25. All families are asked to bring a dish to share. Those who have participants in the *Passport to the World* projects may bring a dish from the country studied.

December Field Trip

In keeping with the Christmas Around the World theme, our December field trip will be to visit the *Christmas Around the World* exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry.

RSVP's for this trip must be turned in by December 2. On the morning of

December 9, we will meet in the grand entry way of the museum. We must enter as a group to receive the free school group admission. This outing will provide an excellent opportunity for the children to gather some more photos for their ongoing photo projects.



Crossroads In Education: Group Expectations

As members of the Crossroads in Education Study Cooperative, students and parents will be expected to fully participate. Please note the following:

The Crossroads in Education Study Cooperative does not and will not promote a particular religion. However, after extensive review and research of available educational materials, the facilitators have decided to use curriculum with a Christian emphasis.

Fees are to be paid on time. All fees for outside facilitators will be due in full on the first day of each 10 week session. For the 2005-2006 year, each family will pay \$60 per session for facility and supply fees.

Students are expected to bring their books and supplies each week. Parents may need to help direct their "forgetful" students. We encourage using a designated backpack or bag just for this group.

Students must do all assignments. We are only with the kids for one hour per week, per class. There will be reading and other assignments that must be completed at home.

If your family is late, please wait until the next class session begins before entering the classrooms. It is too disruptive to have latecomers straggling in once class has begun.

If you know your family will be absent, please contact one of the group facilitators. We will provide contact phone numbers for members to call.

Parents must help with the group. Facilitators will provide information on assistance needed. This group is not a "drop off." Parents are required to stay at the facility during classes. We would like parents to plan

field trips and outings (see calendar page for available Thursday dates or plan outings on a separate day of the week).

Class facilitators will provide evaluations/assessments at the end of each session. It is up to the parents to issue "grades" for the classes, if they choose.

Discipline Matters - Parents are responsible for their own child(ren)s behavior. If the facilitator feels a student is disruptive, the parent will be asked to remove the student from the class. Further discipline problems will be addressed as needed.

Playing Outside - We are welcome to use the grounds around the church area. We are also welcome in the ball field behind our building. Please remind students that they must stay off of the church sign and buildings! Teen members may be outside unaccompanied by an adult. No Jr. Crossroads members may play outside unless an adult is present.

Set Up and Clean Up Duties - Everyone, including children, will be assigned specific tasks to perform each session. This will help our group get set up and cleaned up before and after each meeting day. Rosters will be available on the first meeting of each session and will be regularly emailed every week.

Hold Harmless Agreement - Every parent will need to sign this agreement, which will be kept by the facility.

Communication - Every parent must check the email list on a regular basis. This email list is our main mode of communication. If you are unable to access your email it is your responsibility to contact another member for current information.

Expectations will be revised as needed.