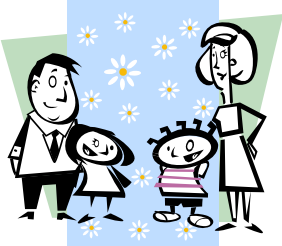


August 17, 2010

Dear homeschool family,

Blessings from the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania!



Wow, what a hot summer we've had – not that I'm complaining. Actually, I hope some of that heat stays around a little longer into the fall; ☺ it'll make the **Luau** even more enjoyable! It's one of the little things we are thinking about as we prepare your **Creation Homeschool Week**. I know you'll enjoy all the facets - education, recreation, fellowship and encouragement - of the program.


Your schedule is packed with fun classes and activities, yet also allows you the choice to enjoy our recreational facilities on your own!

This year our special presenter, **STEVE DEMME**, is best known as founder of **Math U See** (<http://www.mathusee.com/default.php>), but his biggest passion and desire is "to strengthen, teach, encourage, validate, and exhort parents and families to follow the biblical model for the Christian home". Steve will lead morning devotions and be your encourager in the special 'Mom & Dad' session. (<http://thefamilythatstaysstogether.org/>).

Our Wednesday evening program will be **THE BRAIN SHOW: "the hottest new interactive trivia game show in the country!"** (<http://www.thebrainshow.com/>) - Fun for the whole family!



To help you prepare for the experience, in this packet you will find:

- ◆ **Brochure** – Full of important information.
- ◆ **Release Forms** – Please complete and sign a release form for **every child and adult** present for our program. You may make the necessary copies for each person or include all of your children on one Parental Form; bring these forms along with you. They will be collected at registration. If you have any dietary concerns and/or physical limitations that may affect your participation please notify us **as soon as possible**.
- ◆ **Tentative Program Schedule** – All classes are prepared for specific age groups. It is important that your child/children attend the class scheduled for his/her age group. This will help ensure a high level of understanding, participation and enjoyment from the children. Also, some adventure classes offered have minimum age requirements to meet safety guidelines.
- ◆ Enclosed is a **Class Description & Vocabulary List** for each age group. We'll have a good blend of academic and adventure activities for all ages. Don't forget, we do most classes rain, shine, or snow (God forbid☺), so **bring your rain gear, sweats, etc!** 
- ◆ We will provide you an opportunity to conduct a **Curriculum Sale/Swap**. We will reserve one of our meeting rooms with tables for you to set up your materials. Spruce Lake will not staff the sale or be responsible for any missing items; the exchanges will be conducted on an honor-system. Enclosed you will find 'Labels' and 'List' Forms for your use (make as many copies as you need).
- ◆ We'll again offer **Tie-Dyeing** as an optional activity. This activity has a cost of \$1/item. If you'd like to participate **you must bring your own item**. (Preferably white or a light color -new or used – a great way to recycle☺. 100% cotton is best; pre-wash, but do NOT use fabric softener.) Please limit to **ONE** item per person. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. This year Tie-Dyeing will be offered on Tuesday or Wednesday; depending on which 'Group' you are assigned, will determine your day. There will be a sign-up sheet at check-in (gives me an idea of how much dye to prepare). Items are "unveiled" at your Closing Ceremony!
- ◆ Also back by popular demand is the "**AMAZING RACE**"! Join other families to make teams – who will get to the finish line **FIRST?! We'll try to offer a version for families with children 8 years and younger.**

Use our website for maps, travel directions, and other resources, or if you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me at 800-822-7505, ext. 136.

I look forward to seeing you on September 7th.

Blessings,

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God communicates to us through each other and through organized religion, through wise people and the great books, through music and art, but nowhere with such texture and forcefulness in detail and grace and joy, as through creation.

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.