



Cottage Grove
Reaching Out Mentoring
Newsletter
May/June 2010

Last Mentor Development training of the year. If you haven't already attended two of the previous Mentor Development training sessions, please join us on May 12th for our joint Cottage Grove/Pleasant Hill mentor gathering at Creswell Coffee. See below for details.

Calendar of Events

- Wednesday, May 12th** **Mentor Development Training – Last training scheduled for the year, 6:00-7:00 PM at Creswell Coffee, Creswell, Oregon. This is a joint training session with Pleasant Hill and Cottage Grove mentors. We provide dinner and training to discuss Grief Counseling, Risk, and Abandonment Issues. Come out and meet your fellow mentors.**
- Thursday, May 20th** **Movie Night at Lincoln Middle School Mentoring Center. Showing The Blind Side starring Sandra Bullock. Popcorn, drinks and fun for all mentors and mentees (and families). Time: 6:30 PM**
- Monday, May 31st** **Memorial Day Holiday – No School**
- June 1st – June 7th** **Last week of Mentoring for 2009-2010 School Year**
- Wednesday, June 9th** **End of School Year Mentor/Mentee Barbeque at Coiner Park in Cottage Grove. Fun, food, and games provided. More details to follow. It all starts at 5:30!**

It's baseball season! If you are interested in taking your mentee to a UO baseball game, we have tickets for these two games:

Tuesday, May 11 @ 2:00 vs. San Diego (w/ permission for early release from school)

Friday, May 14 @ 7:00 vs. East Tennessee State

Tickets are limited; call Susie (P Hill Elementary Mentor Coordinator) at 541-736-0495 to reserve yours!

Ideas for mentoring sessions

Younger students might visit the small animals at the Old Mill Feed Store. Debbie welcomes the attention our students give the animals, and the kids and rabbits love it too!

Walk around the neighborhood or down to the Coast Fork (at River Rd near Harrison Ave) and feed the ducks.

Throw a Frisbee or football outside on the school grounds. Both Lori and Marc have outdoor equipment.

Visit your work/office. Mentees enjoy seeing where their mentors work and what they do.

Visit a local bakery. Many of our mentees aren't familiar with Fleur De Lis, Backstage Bakery, or even the pastry case at Safeway.

Ask your mentee to show you what's the latest buzz on YouTube.

Match of the Month



Congratulations to Teresa Voorhees and Jasmine Klein, the Cottage Grove Reaching Out Mentoring Match of the Month! Teresa is a co-owner of Rally Coffee Roasters and recently completed her second Boston Marathon. Jasmine is a 10th grader and multi-sport athlete – soccer, basketball (on the 2010 state championship team!) and track. Teresa has taught Jasmine the fine points of making a fantastic cup of specialty coffee and Jasmine has taught Teresa how to drive the lane (with a basketball) and jump hurdles. In addition, they've become good friends.

Thank You!

We can tell the end of the school year is fast approaching as mentees and mentors have spring fever and want to get outside (and out of school!). WE can't thank you enough for mentoring this past year. We hope to grow as the High School program enters into its second year and the Middle School program reaches out to a new group of 6th graders in the fall of 2010. We'll be talking with you about your experience and the lasting impact you've had on your mentee's life as we look forward to seeing you next school year. Again, thank you for serving!!!

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