

May 1, 2010

May

Mother Nature vs Guitar Hero



Increasing evidence indicates children exhibit higher self-esteem, less stress, better concentration, and more creativity when they spend time outside. We'll review research and actively preview nature-based activities from Project Learning Tree (PLT), an international award-winning environmental education program. Let's get kids off the couch and away from TV and video games! Dress comfortably and for the weather. (Additional materials available for purchase.)

Monday, May 24 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Cost: \$17.00

Giese Memorial Library, 26855 Forest Boulevard, Wyoming, MN 55092

June

"Wa-ter" We Trying to Learn Here?



Learn the benefits of environmental education. Actively preview nature-based activities and practice outdoor teaching skills that help children learn, gain an awareness of, and develop values about water from various cultural perspectives using the Minnesota Project WET curriculum. Dress comfortably and for the weather. (Additional materials available for purchase.)

Monday, June 14 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Cost: \$17.00

Giese Memorial Library, 26855 Forest Boulevard, Wyoming, MN 55092

Are You MediaWise?



Those who live or work with children have the power to change the media environment they grow up in. Learn techniques to help support healthy media habits, how media habits can help or hurt a child's behaviors and school success, help kids monitor their own media environments, and enlist parent support. (Based on the work of Dr. David Walsh.)

Monday, June 21

6:30 – 8:45 PM

Cost: \$17.00

Sertinos Café, 14643 Mercantile Dr. N., Hugo, MN 55038

Plan to arrive in time to order a beverage or meal to eat during the seminar. Do not bring in food or beverage from the outside. Complimentary dessert will be served.

The Six Keys (Part A): (1) Early Childhood Mental Health: Why Your Role Matters; (2) Emotional Development: Acquired Skills Needed by All Children; (3) Understand How a Child is "Wired."

Discover ways in which your early childhood role can nurture the emotional development of young children through interactions, practices, and modeling to build secure attachment relationships; learn the six acquired skills needed by all children for positive emotional development; how to use social and emotional development checklists to identify where children are in their development; and look at strategies to support them as they progress to the next social/emotional milestone. (CICC)

Monday, June 28

6:30 – 8:45 PM

Cost: \$17.00

Dunn Bros Grill, 14775 Victor Hugo Blvd. N., Hugo, MN 55038

Plan to arrive in time to order a beverage or meal to eat during the seminar. Do not bring in food or beverage from the outside, including Festival Foods.

SEMINARS ARE POSTED AT WWW.PLA-INC.ORG. PLEASE VISIT FREQUENTLY FOR UPDATES.

Program Services

Consulting If you prefer a personalized session (or need training in a hurry), consider on-site consulting. The session content is determined by you. Day and evening times available. Maximum group size is three. Call or email for details.

CDA Advisor/Reviewer If you are ready for your observation or renewal report, contact us to schedule an appointment.

Seminars on the Road Host a seminar in your home, center, or a nearby library or restaurant. Customize the topics for your needs. Choose the date and time that suits you. Invite staff, parents, helpers, substitutes, etc. This is an excellent option for community family child care organizations. Minimum group size: dependent upon location. Call for details.

CPR and First Aid Seminars on the Road Schedule your own! No need to wait for us to put it on the calendar. Join us for your initial certification or re-certification. Select from: Adult or Pediatric CPR, AED (automated external defibrillator), and First Aid. Gather your colleagues, family, friends, and neighbors for a day or evening session. Call for pricing options. (Suitable for Rule 2 and 3 child care professionals.) *Currently available only in the seven county metro area.*

40-Hour PITC Caregiver Certification Cohort Interested in joining a cohort to learn more about infants and toddlers? Gather with others for a comprehensive study of children age birth to 5 years. We will meet over several weeks at a convenient location. A minimum of ten is needed to hold this series, which is based on materials from the Program for Infant Toddler Caregivers. Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate for 40 hours; all 40 hours are acceptable for licensing and grants. Call or email for pricing and scheduling options. *Currently available only in the seven county twin cities area.*

Other Opportunities

If you have submissions for this category or ETC., please email info@pla-inc.org.

(Download flyers for the following opportunities at www.pla-inc.org.)

When Disaster Strikes – Keeping Children Safe

Attend an emergency planning seminar for child care professionals. You will learn strategies for planning *right now*, gather resources and tools to use, discuss disaster plans for your community, learn to use a fire extinguisher, identify emergency risks you face, practice “Think Quick!” scenarios, and create an emergency plan for your facility. Sponsored by the Centennial Lakes Police Department and the CLPD Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). refreshments served and in-service certificates provided.

Monday, May 17 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Cost: FREE
Centennial Lakes Police Department, 54 North Road, Circle Pines, MN.

Registration required. Contact Michelle, CERT instructor, at mlakso@centenniallakespd.com or 651.407.1423.

Living on Less

The Forest Lake Partnership for Families is again sponsoring this event in mid-August. The details are still in flux, so watch our website for the flyer as well as announcements in future newsletters. LOL is a free event for the community that highlights local and regional resources for families to help them live well on less – less money, less time, less transportation, etc.

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The seminar schedule is updated throughout the month, so be sure to check it often for seminars and events that may have missed the newsletter’s publication date.

Etc.

Awareness Dates

May:

Arbor Month

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/arbormonth/index.html>

<http://www.arborday.org/arborday/>

Asthma Awareness Month

www.epa.gov/asthma/awm.html

Get Caught Reading Month

<http://www.getcaughtreading.org/>

National Pet Week (2 – 8)

<http://petweek.org/>

National Teacher Appreciation Week (3 – 7)

<http://www.teacher-appreciation.info/>

National Safe Kids Week (6 – 13)

<http://www.safekids.org>

National Women’s Health Week (9 - 15)

<http://www.womenshealth.gov/whw>

Reading is Fun Week (10 – 14)

<http://www.rif.org/>

May 4

Teacher Appreciation Day

May 6

National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day

<http://www.samhsa.gov/children/index.aspx>

May 7

Provider Appreciation Day

<http://www.providerappreciationday.org>

May 9

Mother’s Day

May 15

Opening Fishing (MN)

May 31

Memorial Day

June:

National Safety Month

http://www.nsc.org/nsc_events/Nat_Safe_Month/Pages/home.aspx

National Great Outdoors Month

National Children's Awareness Month

National Dairy Month

<http://www.nationaldairycouncil.org/>

National Sun Safety Week (1 - 7)

<http://www.sunsafetyalliance.org/>

National Families in Business Week (7 - 11)

National Men's Health Week (14 - 20)

<http://www.menshealthmonth.org/week/>

National Mosquito Control Week (20 - 27)

<http://www.mosquito.org>

June 5	World Environment Day
June 7	Daniel Boone Day
June 11 - 13	Take a Kid Fishing Weekend
June 14	Flag Day and World Blood Donor Day
June 15	Nature Photography Day
June 19	Juneteenth
June 20	Father's Day
June 21 or 22	Summer Solstice
June 24	National Fairy Day

National Environment Education Week was April 11 - 17. It is the largest organized environmental education event in the United States. We hope you participated in some way. We encourage you to continue to embed these activities within your curriculum - they are NOT add-ons! If you have questions, contact us or, better yet, register for the seminars.

The links are still on our home page, <http://pla-inc.org/index.html>, so there is still time to try them. Let us know how you plan to encourage your children to make a difference in their schools, homes, and communities. We'll post your submissions on our website.

Child Trends - March 2010

What Works for Older Youth During the Transition to Adulthood is attached (ChildTrendsMarch2010). This issue provides relevant, evidence-based strategies for individuals and agencies working with older youth. The link to this article is on our home page, <http://pla-inc.org/index.html>.

Recalls

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is announcing the recall of the following products:

Graco(r)-branded drop side cribs made by LaJobi are recalled due to entrapment and suffocation hazards: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml10/10212.html>

Simplicity cribs recalled by retailer because mattress-Support collapse can cause suffocation and strangulation:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml10/10211.html>

Or call (800) 638-2772 for information on these and other recalls. (www.cpsc.gov)

CCPNCC The Child Care Provider Network of Chisago County is dedicated to upholding a strong support system that will empower each early childhood educator by providing training and networking opportunities to promote quality child care. For information, contact Sue at 651.462.5651 or smttower@aol.com or Kim at 651.982.1400 or kmwoehl@aol.com.

Adults & Childrens Alliance When purchasing or renewing liability insurance from ACA, list **PLA-INC.** as your Community Partner. By writing **PLA-INC.** or **9075** on the application form, we will receive funds for training from ACA. There is NO additional cost to you. (www.acainc.org) Thank you to those of you already making this designation on your insurance renewals!

Questions for You

We are formulating plans for fall and winter events and need your input. Please visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/R8QZ299>. There are only a few simple questions and we would very much appreciate your help as soon as possible. Thank you! You can also access the link via our home page, <http://pla-inc.org/index.html>.

Information Request

Email or call us if you would like more information about any of our programs or services.

40-Hour PITC Caregiver Certification Cohort; CPR and First Aid Seminars on the Road; Consulting; Seminars on the Road; Mentoring; CDA Advisor Observation Appointments. If you have suggestions, send them in!

To register for PLA-INC. seminars visit www.pla-inc.org or call 651.464.8777.



Registration Form

Please note seminar dates. Payment is required prior to each seminar. Thank you.

Please print

[Please use a separate form for each person.]

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

County (Work) _____ Email _____

Daytime Phone () _____ Evening Phone () _____

Facility Name _____

Name of Seminar	Date	Cost of Seminar	
_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	TOTAL \$ _____

You have several options to register:

- 1). Mail Registration Form and check payable to: [PLA-INC.](#), 8244 177TH Lane, Forest Lake, MN 55025.
- 2). Fax completed Registration Form and credit card information to 651.286.0885.
- 3). Call 651.464.8777 with contact and seminar information, credit card number, expiration date, and CVV code.
- 4). Register online at www.pla-inc.org. Click on Seminar Schedule, then on registration link for your seminar.

Credit Card: **Visa** **Master Card (circle one)**

Print name (exactly as on card) _____

Address (if different from above) _____

Card # _____ **Exp. Date:** _____ **CVV Code:** _____

Signature _____ **TOTAL: \$** _____

Cancellation and Refund Policy Cancellation and Refund Policy

Register at least 3 business days in advance to ensure enrollment. Payment must accompany registration. In the event of cancellation, you will be notified and your funds will be held for a future seminar. No credits will be issued for seminars without 24 hours notice by participant. Refunds are provided only in the form of credits for future seminars. A minimum number of participants is required to hold the seminar. In addition, without advance registration, you will not be personally notified of changes or cancellations. Changes are also noted on the Seminar Schedule page of our website, www.pla-inc.org. If you have questions regarding your seminar, you are encouraged to contact our office.

