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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Setting an example is not the main means of influencing others, it is the only means."
— "Albert Einstein"

SAVE THE DATE! CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Supporting Families with Young Children: Building Relationships One Day at a Time
The 6th Biennial Statewide Conference on the Early Years

When: November 11-13, 2008

Where: Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, Acme, Michigan

Conference brochure and registration materials will be available August 2008.

To see potential conference tracks, please visit: <http://www.michigan.gov/ctf/0,1607,7-196-47080-137305--,00.html>

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4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

Date of Workshop	Workshop Title	Registration Closes
September 20-21	4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training	September 11
September 27-28	Connecting Youth to the World: 4-H Global & Cultural Education Workshop	September 17
October 4	Fall Galaxy for State 4-H Horse Planning	September 26

BLUE RIBBON Q&A



Q. I coordinate Master Gardner Volunteers, whose work with children has not previously been entered into the Blue Ribbon system. If I have Master Gardner Volunteers working with schools and children at the schools to develop gardens, do we count all the time the volunteers are interacting with the kids?

Note to Reader: You can substitute any non-4-H program, i.e. Food and Nutrition, for Master Gardner and ask the same question.

A. The answer to your question is yes, and you would do this through the Youth Group Enrollment portion of the Blue Ribbon Software. We want to capture the number of youth that are impacted. By definition, group records are added for any activities that involve youth, but the names and addresses of the participants are not needed in the member file for office management purposes. Group records usually include school enrichment programs, special interest activities, camps, etc. If the group activity involves a special project or activity code, enter a valid code in the record. This mechanism also allows for duplications so if one child, for instance, is involved in more than one garden, he/she gets counted for both projects, but also counted as a duplicate participant.

Contact Gloria Ellerhorst, ellerg@msu.edu or 517.353.2922 or Laura Allen, lacourse@msu.edu or 517.432.7632 if you have questions about how to use the Blue Ribbon software. Work with your IT support person if you have technical questions like software installation, back-up procedures, using WinZip, or networking issues. Additional IT support is also available in the campus MSUE offices upon request.

Deadline for Next Edition of “CYFC NEWS”

September 20, 2008, is the deadline to submit articles for the October 3, 2008, edition of “CYF News.” Please submit articles to Gail Hebert at hebertg@msu.edu