

Kinship News

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I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. I hope that you are able to celebrate this Holy Season with family & friends. That may even include getting together with Kinship folks for a movie night:)

Below are some photo highlights of matches & Kinship activities from the past couple of months. Mentors, please send in those great pics each month. They are a great way to tell the Kinship story. This month please consider a family member or friend who you think may be a good mentor to a Kinship youth. What a gift they could give by volunteering with Kinship. On the flip side, consider sharing about Kinship with a family member or friend who has a child growing up in a home w/o both parents. Our contact information is to the left.

Sincerely,

Aaron Olson
Kinship's Executive Director



Group Activities



"Migration" Movie Night

Thursday, Dec 28th
6:15 PM - 8:00 PM
Falls Theatre, LF

Kinship will be headed to the revamped Falls Theatre for a movie night on December 28th. We will be watching "Migration," a fun-looking animated film. Kinship will cover the cost of tickets, popcorn, pop & candy thanks to a generous discount given by the Falls Theatre.

This activity is open to all Kinship youth & volunteers, whether you are matched or not. The movie starts at 6:30, so plan to arrive around 6:15 so we make sure you are included with the Kinship group. The movie should be done about 8:00.

Please RSVP by December 22nd by calling (320) 632-8806 or use the online registration form at www.kinshipofmc.org.



Deep Portage Winter Rendezvous

Saturday, January 20th
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Taking bus from the Historic Courthouse

A snowy & cold winter in Minnesota sounds great for some, and not so "cool" for others. Regardless of which side of the winter-is-great debate you are on, you will have a great time with other Kinship youth & volunteers when we head north to Deep Portage to participate in their annual Winter Rendezvous on January 20th. They describe the rendezvous like this:

Journey back in time and learn about the cultural heritage of Minnesota. In this one-day event activities will be based on traditions from Lumberjacks, Voyageurs and Native Americans. Try your hand at events such as snowsnakes, spear throwing using atlatls, the cross-cut saw, trap shooting, northwoods curling and much more! Bring the whole family to join in a friendly community competition while learning about the rich cultural history of the area.

We will spend most of the day outdoors, so you **MUST** dress for the weather (i.e. boots, snowpants, gloves/mittens, winter coat, hat, layers, etc.) They have bonfires at various locations to warm up by.

Lunch & morning refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP by calling Kinship at (320) 632-8806 or through the online form below by January 15th.

Mentors

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."
-Winston Churchill



Mentor Night Out

Monday, January 8th
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Ciao Thyme Restaurant, LF

The Mentor Night Out is open to ALL Kinship volunteers (whether you are matched and / or volunteer at group activities). You are also encouraged to invite a guest who may be interested in mentoring through Kinship. The program will include a TBA guest speaker, mentor encouragement and Q&A. If you haven't been to a Mentor Night Out before, you can expect an evening of fun, fellowship, food, encouragement and insight with other Kinship volunteers.

Appetizers, salad & pizza from Ciao Thyme will be provided. Please RSVP by calling Kinship at (320) 632-8806 or through the online form at www.kinshipofmc.org by January 1st.



Board Game Night

Monday, February 5th
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Historic Courthouse

Kinship youth & volunteers are invited to an evening of board game & card playing in the Historic Courthouse. We will have a variety of games ranging from shorter card games to more involved strategy games. The evening will end with Bingo for all (with prizes).

Please let me know if you are interested to lead a game. RSVP (320) 632-8806 or use the online registration form at www.kinshipofmc.org by Feb 1st.

Match Ideas...

Winter is a season all of its own in Minnesota. Love the cold or not, here are a few get-together suggestions for your match.

- Make homemade hot cocoa with marshmallows
- Go sledding or skiing together
- Make paper snowflakes and act like it's winter from indoors!
- Get creative with technology - take a slow motion video of a snowfall and share it!
- Make ice cream using snow
- Have a snow ball fight.
- Enjoy a bonfire
- Play board games together - whether it is an old favorite or a new adventure
- Make a pine cone bird feeder or homemade suet
- Bake Christmas cookies
- Shovel snow together for someone else
- Make snow angels together
- Build a snow fort
- Take a class together (i.e. scrapbooking, needle arts, music lessons, etc.)
- Visit the library or bookstore
- Put together a puzzle
- Go hunting together
- Go caroling



Fish Fry Fundraiser
Feb 23, 4:30 - 7 PM