Winter Wonder Workshop

A time for multicultural fun, learning, community, food & celebration *for all ages!*

Opportunity for tweens & teens to work as teachers' aids (earn some cash!)

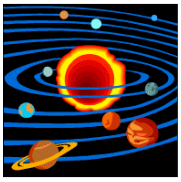
Parents, take some time off (with the help of parent designees and t/ween aids)!

Teens: Earn Money!

When	Monday, December 15, 2003, 10-1 and 1-3		
Where	Village Home		
Cost	Morning session: $5 *per person*; afternoon $5 *per family* (see details below)		
Register by	December 10, 2003 (Prep meeting for teen aids on Dec. 11, 12-12:30 in coffee room)		
Leaders	Martha Bianco (Workshop Coordinator) Melissa Grossman-Naples (latke-making)	Martha: 503-236-7466	Martha: biancom@q7.com

This day will consist of **two workshops**. Have your kids sign up for the morning session, the afternoon session – or both! All activities will be appropriate for all age groups, but this is an opportunity for tweens and teens (ages 11 and up) to sign up as "teachers aids" and help assist younger students with the projects (and get paid for it, too!) One parent volunteer will be necessary to supervise groups of up to 4 t/weens and to be appointed the parent designee for parents wishing to leave their kids for one or both sessions (to have a chance for some time off). **There is a childcare fee of $2 per child per session.** This money will go directly to the t/weens as part of a program to help them learn childcare, accountability, and responsibility skills – while having fun making holiday projects and earning a little spending money, too!

10 am -1 pm: Morning Session: Science, crafts, culture, and FOOD! **($5 per *person*, includes lunch)**



Solstice Science: Learn about the relationship of the seasons and the earth's orbit around sun. Students will learn about the difference between the northern and southern hemispheres, the tilt of the earth's axis, the definition of equinox and solstice, and the coming of the winter solstice. Students will perform some experiments and complete some worksheets.

Winter Holidays: We will talk about three different holidays celebrated around the same time in North America: Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. Students will be provided with a straightforward explanation of how these holidays are celebrated. We will focus on similarities among the three holidays and use Venn diagrams to identify how they are alike and how they differ. This discussion will reveal similarities in the following areas: family, home & hearth; candles & decorating; feasting & preparing the table; giving; games, music, and story-telling. Understanding these similarities will serve as a launching point for the rest of the day's activities.

Preparing the Feast: Students will have the option of either joining a cooking class to learn how to make latkes, traditionally served at the Hanukkah table, along with several other foods and beverages one might find on the Christmas, Kwanzaa, or Hanukkah table. Other students will work on preparing table decorations for the feast. These arts and crafts projects will include making placemats, place cards, coasters, and napkin rings. Students will take home printed instructions for repeating the crafts at home. **Students need to bring some items with them (a photo and an empty toilet paper roll).**

Feasting: Students will help set the tables for the lunch meal, which will consist of the food prepared in the Holiday Kitchen. We will eat while listening to some traditional music from the three cultures. After the feast, children will have 10 minutes to explore the grounds to find broken tree branches to use in the "family tree" craft in the afternoon session.

1 pm – 3 pm: Afternoon Session: The afternoon will consist of holiday craft s centered around the themes of family, decorating, giving, and games **($5 per *family*).**

Traditional Games. Students will make and prepare games from the three cultures: a dreidel for Hanukkah, a traditional African game called *mancala*, and some old-fashioned Western European games played by children during Christmas and other holidays. **Children will need to bring one empty egg carton and two empty, clean tuna cans with top lid removed.**

Cookie Decorating: Students will decorate holiday cookies in time for afternoon snack. While cookies "set," we'll play the traditional games we've prepared.

Snack and Story: After games, we'll have cookies while listening to traditional story-telling about each of the three holidays.

Holiday Crafts: The final craft session will focus on the themes of family, decorating, and giving. Students will make "surprise treat candles," holiday countdown chains, a decorated mini gift box, a holiday card, and a "family tree." **Parents will need to provide one more empty toilet paper roll per child and a list of family names of immediate family (parents, siblings) and grandparents (families can add other family members to the tree later).**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration: Sign up on the **sign-up sheet** in the **Village Home Office**. Calculate and pay your fees as indicated on the sign-up sheet. Fill out a **parent-designee form** if you plan to leave your children with a parent designee and a teen aid. **Add $2 per child per session ($4 per child for both sessions) to cover child care costs**. Include the **parent-designee form** and the **fees** in a **Field Trip Envelope**. **Your registration is not complete without payment.**

Bring:

- ❑ A small (3 x 5) photo of anything child desires, to use in making a coaster: one per participant (adults and teens, too, if they want!)
- ❑ Two empty toilet paper rolls per participant (one for a napkin ring craft and one for a holiday surprise candle).
- ❑ One empty egg carton and two empty, clean tuna cans with top lid removed, for the mancala game.
- ❑ A list of names of members of immediate family (children, siblings, parents) and grandparents (please, no aunts or uncles – you can add them later) for the family tree project.

About child care and fees: We must have one parent volunteer for every 4 teen aids. Teen aids must be at least 11 years old. Teen aids must pay for the workshops, even though they are getting paid to help in class. **Parent volunteers get $4 off their family's total fee. To be a parent volunteer, you must not have any children under 5 years of age with you.**