

ChildRoots Center for Young Children

June 2011

A- Picnic-Near-the-Lake

We are gearing up for our next community event "A-Picnic-Near-The Lake" on Sunday, June 26th. **(This date changed)**! This special day will include, food, music, balloon animals, face painting, and more! Benson Lake is located just before the Multnomah falls exit (I-84, 30 miles east of Portland), it has a huge shaded grassy area, a covered eating area with picnic tables and BBQ pits, clean bathrooms and a quaint lake (we cannot allow parents or children to swim in the lake at this event—our insurance company requires this amendment to the event) The event will start at 10:00 AM and will end at 3:00 PM.



What you should bring:

Meat or veggie burgers for grilling, a potluck dish for sharing (labeled so that if you leave it we can return it to you), a blanket to spread out on, sunscreen, grandparents, friends, babysitters, aunts and uncles.

Pets can come but only if they stay on a leash (less than 6 foot) the entire time (pets are not allowed in the lake).

\$5.00 to pay the state park parking fee. There will be a yellow machine to pay this as you enter.

CR will provide plates, napkins, utensils, condiments, cups and beverages and hot briquettes.

Need directions? Look up Benson State Recreation Area in Corbett, OR. We hope to see you



Boots or Sandals?

Please ensure that your child has weather appropriate shoes each day they come to school. We ask that families do not keep extra shoes at school for children to choose from. If you believe that it may be a raining day—bring your child to school in boots. If the weather call for lots of sun—then sandals or crocks would be more appropriate. We will be collecting all extra shoes from hallways and requiring parents to take them home.

A New Annex... or Two

We are looking forward to the opening of two new Annex sites in September. The "Burnside Annex" is a residential home and will enroll 16 children in a young cohort of infants. The Burnside Annex is super close to our main site - literally right across the street. We will share substitutes and break support teachers with this In-Home site. We will also be opening a new "Alberta Annex" right in the heart of the Alberta Arts neighborhood. This school will also have 16 total babies in their cohort. The Alberta Annex has a large backyard and is just blocks from Vernon Elementary School. We will look to open both of these sites together the first week of September.

With the opening of these new spaces we will need a person in charge of over-seeing all three sites, with a lead director in charge of daily operations. Robert, our current Toddler Specialist, will be taking on the Educational Director Role for all three Annex sites. His administrative jobs will include; site tours; hiring and on-site training, emails to parents, immunization tracking, breaks and over-all teacher support, and a host of other important duties. With Robert being promoted to the Educational Director of these sites, we will begin the search for a new Toddler Specialist for September. We always look to hire for the Specialist positions from within our CR community. We will announce who will take on the Toddler Specialist duties in next month's newsletter.

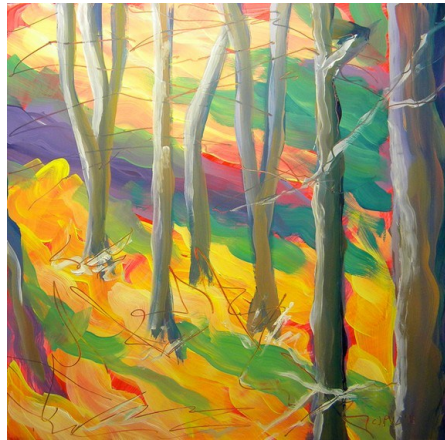


Our Sunscreen Policy

When the weather requires fair skinned humans to cover up– we ask that parents apply sunscreen before coming to school. You should ensure that your child's entire body is appropriately covered and your primary teacher will reapply sunscreen (which you must provide) just before going outside in the later part of the day. Teachers will only apply sunscreen lotion to "hot spots". Which includes shoulders, and arms. We ask that you also provide a face stick that we can apply to cheeks and noses. We will not apply lotion to faces. If you have forgotten to apply sunscreen to your child before you have arrived, please take a few extra minutes while at school to cover up your kiddo. Also please be sure that your sunscreen has not expired and your child's name is clearly labeled on the bottle and face stick.

Water Play at School

On most warm and hot days, water play is a favorite activity for all kids and teachers. And for most of us— schlepping plastic bags full of wet clothes will be something that becomes a constant part of our go home routine. As the weather continues to heat up—feel free to bring in a bathing suit for your child! Provided swimsuits can be left in your child's cubby or canvas bag and will be offered as an option for your child before going outside. Like most things here at CR we will give your child the choice to wear their swimsuit or to keep their clothes on— the swimsuit will not be a requirement for water play. If you do plan on bringing a suit in, please apply sunscreen thoroughly!



Lice

Those creepy, crawling little bugs that make us itch just thinking about them. Lice! It's been almost a year since their last invasion but we know that they are coming. This is their season. We have a no lice, no nit policy at ChildRoots. Please check your child's head regularly. If your child has lice, (louse or eggs), he/she will be sent home and cannot return until all nits have been removed. We highly recommend that the whole house be treated if lice are found on any family member. There are numerous ways to get rid of these little buggers. A favorite remedy uses Cetaphil Lotion. check out http://www.ehow.com/how_5690605_use-cetaphil-lice.html. I will be performing daily lice checks in the school for the next month. Think you might have lice? Can't find anyone to look for you? Ask Nina. I am happy to sift through your doo.

Potlucks and School Get Togethers

We always urge parents this time of year to take advantage of summer outings as a time to meet with your classroom cohort outside of school hours. Spending time with the families of your child's classroom allows you to gain insight into classroom dynamics, budding friendships and builds camaraderie between parents who have similarly aged children. We have found that making an announcement to your group about your weekend plans often sparks interest to join to fun. Berry picking, a visit to a favorite fountain, zoo adventures... these are all fun places to invite a few more!

