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Sample Lesson Plan Videos on the Website

The teacher orientation feature of the Learning for Life website now has "Sample Lesson Plan Videos". These videos are designed to supplement the Sample Lesson Plans and Teacher Orientation features of the website. There are two videos: Using Learning for Life Lesson Plans as a part of core curricula and Using Learning for Life curricula as a stand alone lesson plan. Each video will aid teachers or mentors in preparing to deliver lesson plans in a classroom setting. To view the video you will need Quick Time software, and it can be downloaded from the website.



ETA Announces Grant Competition for YouthBuild

Background: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has announced the availability of approximately \$47 million in grant funds for YouthBuild programs. YouthBuild programs assist at-risk youth to obtain education and skill training and advance towards post-secondary education and career pathways in construction and other high growth, high demand occupations while building affordable housing in their communities.

Description: Grant funds awarded under this Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA) should be used to provide disadvantaged youth with: the education and employment skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency in occupations in high demand and postsecondary education and training opportunities; opportunities for meaningful work and service to their communities; and opportunities to develop employment and leadership skills and a commitment to community development among youth in low-income communities.

Eligibility: Applicants may be a public or private nonprofit agency or organization, including faith-based and community organizations. It is anticipated that awards will be made for three year grants (two years of operation with a twelve-month follow-up period) and with average individual grants ranging from approximately \$700,000 - \$1.1 million.

Deadline: The closing date for receipt of applications is July 3, 2007.

Please Note: A prospective applicant conference will be held on May 30, 2007 in Arlington, Virginia at the Doubletree Hotel (300 Army Navy Drive). Registration and additional information is available at www.dtiassociates.com/youthbuild.

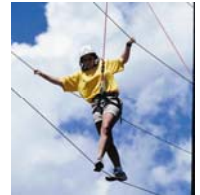
Project Cope Training Offered

Project COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) is used by many Learning for Life staffs to teach teamwork, communication skills, build trust, better decision making skills, problem solving skills, leadership and self-esteem and confidence. This experience happens in the outdoors away for the normal setting usually at camp where youth are at ease with each other and better able to experience the objectives being taught in a way that is fun and challenging.



Training for COPE directors, instructors, course inspectors will be offered at Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimmaron, NM September 22nd to

26th, 2007. The cost is \$405 which covers housing, meals and all instruction and equipment. This a wonderful experience, you will not only receive the best of training and make lifetime COPE buddies but get to experience the beauty of Philmont. Philmont is located in Northeast New Mexico just east of Taos in the Sangre De Christo Mountains where wildlife is in abundance. Make your plans on attending. For more information contact Frank Rigleman at 972-580-2421.



Serving Native Americans through for Learning for Life

Native Americans are one of the least served populations in today's world. Many local councils struggle to provide service to Indian Reservations because of a lack of parental participation and other factors. Many of these areas are very remote and students must travel long distances to school making it difficult to maintain a quality program in an after school setting. Some councils have not been able to maintain good relationships with the Tribal Councils that govern the reservation and therefore making it difficult to serve.



The Montana Council has just successfully completed an agreement to serve the Crow Reservation through Learning for Life. While visiting with the leaders of the Crow Nation it was learned that the Tribal Chairman Mr. Venne, had just released a new directive to teach the tribal youth the benefits of career education into the business world. He stated that there needed to be more of their youth to enter the business world and become leaders. A new Summer Program was developed to help student with this education and Marie Vogel, was appointed director. In visiting with Ms. Vogel, she related that she needed a curriculum that would help them teach these career skills and bring onto the reservation mentors who could help.

District Director, Don Bean, will be working to provide them with the training they need to present the Navigators curriculum as well as helping to train staff on the council COPE course. The key to this success is in determining their needs and presenting the elements that will serve them best. In addition to the summer program of 300 or more youth, the tribal school (K-6) will utilize the LFL curriculum this fall in their Character Education Program. To ensure success a LFL staff person will be funded by the tribe and the council with the support of local councils benefactors.

A task force is being developed to help the council and the tribe better determine how best to provide service to the youth. Members of the Crow Nation, Council Ex/BD, and local community leaders will be included in this effort. It is felt that working together they will be better equipped to meet the needs of the youth. For more information about how this program was developed contact Gordon Rubard, SE Montana Council, for assistance in working with Native Americans contact Cliff Takawana, Associate Director LFL.

**National Mock Trial Competition
July 25th – 29th, 2007
Downtown Chicago, IL**

The skyline of Downtown Chicago will serve as the site of the 2007 National Mock Trial Competition. The date is set for July 25th – 29th, 2007. The fee is \$375 which covers housing, meals, competition costs and other activities. Jim Dunn, chairman of this year's event, promises a great event that will be highlighted by a visit to the "Windy City" at its best. The Chicago Bar Association is hosting this year's event where all competitive rounds will be staged. Housing will be in the University Center that provides dorms for several downtown universities.



Posts make your plans now to participate in this outstanding event and experience the excitement that this competition brings. You will put into practice the skills you need to succeed in the world of Law in today's judicial system, plus make friends that will last a lifetime. Plans are underway, which includes attendance at a major league baseball game, the evening meal each night in town, and visits to some of the highlights of Chicago. Download the application and submit it by March along with the deposit to be included. For more information contact Cliff Takawana at 972-580-2437 or ctakawan@lflmail.org.

**2007 Health Careers and Science
Careers Academies**



This year will be busier than ever for Learning for Life's Health and Science Careers Exploring Programs. Three (3) health academies and one (1) science academies will be



conducted this summer. Learning for Life's National Health Careers Committee and National Science Careers Committee are working with organizations across the country, such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH), to give youth an opportunity to experience careers in these areas first hand. The skills and knowledge participants' gain during the academies will be invaluable in preparing them to make decisions about their chosen careers, college, and future.

Highlights of academies include: (1) career-related seminars/workshops, (2) interaction with practicing health or science professionals, (3) team competitions, (4) tours, (5) award programs, and (6) extracurricular activities. Participants will have an opportunity to experience interactive hands-on seminars, tour NASA and other science-related facilities, visit medical research facilities. For more information contact Peggy Chestnut at 972-580-2428 or email her pchestnu@lflmail.org.

**2008 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference
Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.
July 21 – 26, 2008**



The 2008 National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference will host thousands of participants for the 16th biennial National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference. This highly successful event began in 1979 at Michigan State University, with nearly a thousand participants. One of the reasons for the success of the conference has been the Advisors' active support and participation.

The cost is \$350 per person.

The program is several days of exciting competitions and events:

Team competitions. Arrest and Search Techniques, Bomb Threat Response, Crime Prevention, Crime Scene Search, Domestic Crisis Intervention, Shoot/Don't Shoot, Hostage Negotiation, Burglary in Progress, Traffic Accident Investigation, Traffic Stop, White Collar Crime, Emergency Field First Aid.

Individual events. Police Physical Performance Testing, Air Pistol Competition, Pistol Competition (9mm), Sample Written Examination, Drill Competition, Beam Hit, Bike Policing, Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC).

Seminars. Bomb Investigations, Combating Terrorism in America, Executive Protection, Exploring Leadership Development, Fugitive Investigations, Gang Recognition and Identification, Hate Crimes & Terrorism on the Internet, Narcotics Trafficking and Interdiction, Protecting Our National Borders, Protect Yourself: Self-Defense, Psychological Profiling, Surveillance Methods and Technology

Exhibits and Exploring USA. Features displays that promote Exploring and a successful post program.

The conference is open to registered law enforcement Exploring participants. Posts must have a minimum of two Explorers participating and appropriate adult leadership. Posts can download the Post Reservation/Security Deposit form from the guidebook, available on the Web site. Posts should complete the form, with approval from the appropriate local Learning for Life office. Mail the approved form, along with the \$100 post deposit, to: Law Enforcement Exploring, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, S210, Irving, TX, 75038.

The conference guidebook is available on the Web site at www.learningforlife.org/exploring/lawenforcement

NATIONAL AVIATION EXPLORING COMMITTEE REPORT

HAL SHEVERS, CHAIRMAN

Next National Aviation Exploring Committee Meeting.

September, 26, 2007, 2:00 p.m., during the NBAA Convention at the Atlanta, GA, Convention Center.



\$22,000 in Scholarships to Be Awarded.

The National Aviation Exploring Committee will award on July 1, 2007 five individual scholarships to aviation Explorers pursuing a career in the aviation industry.

Qualifications

1. Currently registered and active in an aviation Explorer post
2. Parent or guardian approval if under 18 years of age
3. Three letters of recommendation (i.e. aviation post Advisor, aviation professional, teacher, employer, community leader, etc.)
4. 500 word educational plan showing how you are going to finance your goal for a career in aviation.

Deadlines:

- Aviation Explorer applications are due in the local council office for approval by March 31st of each year.
- Council approved aviation Explorer applications are due in the National LFL Office by May 1st of each year.

Connecting with the Future of Aviation CD.

In the last two years since the *Connecting with the Future of Aviation Resources CD* was mailed to all councils, it has proven to be a strong program development tool for organizing aviation Explorer posts not only with EAA Local Chapters but also with other aviation local community based organizations. National aviation associations listed below have given letters of endorsement for the Aviation Exploring program, which are posted on our public web site at www.aviationexploring.org.

This collaborative effort includes:

- Air Line Pilots Association, International
- Aircraft Electronics Association
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
- Cessna Pilots' Association
- Experimental Aircraft Association
- National Air Transportation Association
- University Aviation Association
- Women in Aviation, International

Milwaukee County Council Invitational Aviation Explorer Base Camp, EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2007.

Who: Aviation Explorer posts with their Advisors.

What: Milwaukee County Council, Invitational *Aviation Explorer Base Camp, EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2007.*

Whether your interest is civilian, Homebuilt, commercial, or military aviation, EAA AirVenture 2007 promises to bring a program packed to meet everyone's interests. *Explorers and Advisors have stated, "Their posts have gotten a year worth of program in one week."*

Once again, the aviation Explorers we will be working volunteer service hours on the Custom/Homebuilt aircraft flight line. Posts who attend also get to experience working in other volunteer areas such as Ultralight, KidVenture, Seabase, and Timeless Voices. The Aviation Explorer Base Camp has become a "go to" place when other areas need volunteers. Each aviation Explorer will average five volunteer service hours per day or 29 volunteer hours per person for the week. The rest of the time they have fun experiencing the world's largest aviation convention and air show.

When: Sunday July 22, 2007 through Sunday July 29, 2007 (It is better if posts can stay through Sunday evening July 29. This is our busiest departure time and we need all the help possible.)

Where: Whitman Regional Airport; Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Camping: Posts are responsible for their own tents and camping equipment. Post Advisors please review *Safety First Guidelines* for camping and transportation policies at (See New Resources click on Safety First Guide then click on Camping and Transportation).

Cost: Full time 4 or more days--\$125.00. Part time 3 days or less--75.00. These donations include \$25 initial deposit by March 15 and final payment by May 15.

Info: For complete information and registration materials contact Marla Smith for information at explorerbase@wi.rr.com or Evenings (262) 884-7675.

Meals: The Aviation Explorer Base Camp will serve 3 meals a day.

Outing Permit: Posts are responsible for their own *National Outing Permit* (Click on *Safety First Guide* at www.aviationexploring.org then scroll down to Appendix and click on National LFL Outing Permit Application).

Joplin Youth to Receive National Young American Award

Cornell University student and Joplin, Missouri resident, Logan Mark Skelley has been selected as one of five recipients for the prestigious National Young American Award by the Advisory Council of the National Executive Board, Boy Scouts of America. The National Young American Awards, which include unrestricted cash awards of \$7,500, will be presented during the National Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on June 1, 2007.



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As a child, Logan Skelley was diagnosed with a chronic arthritic condition. Some days, his feet are so swollen that he can hardly put his shoes on. But he hasn't let his condition prevent him from assembling an outstanding track record of achievement and service.

An Eagle Scout, Mr. Skelley has attended the National Scout Jamboree and all three national high-adventure bases and scaled several of Colorado's highest peaks. He played varsity tennis for four years in high school and is now a member of the Cornell University Club Tennis Team. In his spare time, he enjoys scuba diving and off-roading.

Spare time is a rare commodity, however. During high school, Mr. Skelley participated in science fairs, the physics and rocket clubs, the TEAMS (Test of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science) program, and National History Day. Among other achievements, he was a finalist in the 2006 International Science and Engineering Fair and twice placed in the top ten in National History Day competitions.

Mr. Skelley enjoys historical and scientific research. He placed first in the nation in the Civil War Preservation Trust National Essay Contest, and he attended the National Scholars Academy, where he studied blood vessel development in cancer cells.

Mr. Skelley's record of service is broad. He has been a hospital volunteer and a Missouri Forestkeeper. He built a walking trail at the George Washington Carver National Monument, and he developed a program to help poor families pay heating bills.

Among Mr. Skelley's many awards are the William T. Hornaday Award and the Congressional Award Gold Medal. He is the recipient of several national scholarships.

A rising sophomore at Cornell, Mr. Skelley plans to become an oncologist at the World Health Organization or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Miami Youth to Receive National Young American Award

Princeton University student and Miami, Florida resident, Fernando S. Arán Jr. has been selected as one of five recipients for the prestigious National Young American Award by the Advisory Council of the National Executive Board, Boy Scouts of America. The National Young American Awards, which include unrestricted cash awards of \$7,500, will be presented during the National Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on June 1, 2007.



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According to conventional wisdom, a young man must choose between Scouting, sports, and scholarship. Fernando Arán has proven just how wrong conventional wisdom can be. During his high school career at Belen Jesuit Preparatory School, Mr. Arán excelled in Scouting, in sports, and in the classroom, putting himself on course for success in college and beyond.

Mr. Arán joined Scouting in the third grade as a charter member of Cub Scout Pack 43. A few years later, he graduated to Boy Scout Troop 43, where he rose to the rank of Eagle Scout. His years in Scouting included two trips to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico and numerous service and leadership opportunities.

Despite a broken leg that required several surgeries and months of difficult therapy, Mr. Arán excelled in three sports—football, basketball, and track—at Belen Jesuit. His most notable success came on the football field, where he was a defensive linebacker and team captain. During his senior year, Mr. Arán helped lead the Belen Jesuit team to its first-ever district title. *The Miami Herald* dubbed him the top male scholar athlete in Miami-Dade County, while Belen Jesuit named him scholar-athlete of the year.

Belen Jesuit also named Mr. Arán valedictorian during his senior year. He graduated with a 5.0 grade point average despite a grueling course load that included calculus, physics, molecular biology, and chemistry.

Mr. Arán, a rising sophomore at Princeton University, plans a career as an orthopedic surgeon. His goal is to develop techniques to help athletes recover more quickly from injuries like the one he overcame on the road to football success.

Thornton Youth to Receive National Young American Award

Ouachita Baptist University student and Thornton, Arkansas resident, Daniel Cayce has been selected as one of five recipients for the prestigious National Young American Award by the Advisory Council of the National Executive Board, Boy Scouts of America. The National Young American Awards, which include unrestricted cash awards of \$7,500, will be presented during the National Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on June 1, 2007.



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Mr. Cayce learned the value of service from his grandmother, Jo Ann Cayce, who began working with the homeless and hungry in southern Arkansas more than four decades ago. Challenges in his own life, including his mother's battles with cancer, only fueled his commitment to serve others in any way he could.

At 12 years old, Mr. Cayce started his own assistance program, giving away 300 used blankets to poor neighbors. Since then, he's given away 20,000 blankets; 30,000 pounds of baby food; 80,000 tons of furniture, household goods, shoes, and clothing; 1,000 child safety seats; and 4,000 hats for women with cancer. His food bank feeds 250 families every month, while his school nutrition programs feed hundreds more.

Not surprisingly, Mr. Cayce has received numerous honors for his philanthropy. He has received the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes, the Horatio Alger National Scholar award, and the Kohl's Kids Who Care award. Three U.S. Presidents have honored him, and the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service gives an award named for him to high-school students who demonstrate inspirational leadership.

Mr. Cayce was co-valedictorian of his class and captain of the Bearden High School football team. He participated in the Governor's Youth Board for three years.

Now a rising sophomore at Ouachita Baptist University, Mr. Cayce wants to become an orthodontist. His goal is to fix the teeth of some of the poor children to whom he's given reasons to smile.

Margate Youth to Receive National Young American Award

Rutgers University student and Margate, New Jersey resident, Michael Alexander Hayoun has been selected as one of five recipients for the prestigious National Young American Award by the Advisory Council of the National Executive Board, Boy Scouts of America. The National Young American Awards, which include unrestricted cash awards of \$7,500, will be presented during the National Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on June 1, 2007.



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Michael Hayoun envisions a career of service through science or medicine, and he's well on his way to building that career. A rising senior at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Mr. Hayoun has been active both in the laboratory and in educating the public about issues like stem cell research. At the same time, he has worked as a firefighter and emergency medical technician for the university.

Mr. Hayoun's twin interests in science and medicine date back at least to high school, when he was active in both Medical Explorers Post 147 and EMS Explorers Post 51. He became a certified EMT after his junior year in high school—a rare accomplishment—and a certified firefighter the following year. Each summer, he continues to work with the Longport Volunteer Fire Department, which commended him in 2005 for his help in saving the life of an infant who wasn't breathing.

Mr. Hayoun has reached out to children in other ways as well. Remembering his own experience as a 7-year-old hospital patient, he has organized drives to collect toys for hospitals and shelters in his community. His most recent effort, Kids of Conflict, collected toys and games for Israeli and Palestinian children.

But science and service are just two aspects of Mr. Hayoun's life.

During high school, he received a black belt in Kenpo karate and a silver medal in figure skating at the State Games of America. At Rutgers, he serves as an academic community programmer and holds executive board positions with three student organizations.

Mr. Hayoun has received numerous recognitions, including the Explorer of the Year award, the Dean's Award for Academic Excellence, and the Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars award, which honors New Jersey's top students.

Santa Ana Youth to Receive National Young American Award

University of California—Irvine student and Santa Ana resident, Michael Quang Nguyen has been selected as one of five recipients for the prestigious National Young American Award by the Advisory Council of the National Executive Board, Boy Scouts of America. The National Young American Awards, which include unrestricted cash awards of \$7,500, will be presented during the National Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on June 1, 2007.



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Michael Nguyen is the first member of his family to attend college, but he has already set his sights on medical school. Mr. Nguyen plans to use his medical and language skills to help people from diverse cultures and backgrounds.

That's something he has already been doing. Fluent in Vietnamese and proficient in Spanish, Mr. Nguyen has served as a translator with the Santa Ana Public Library and the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where he completed a 150-hour internship. He has also taught weekly language classes through the Association of Vietnamese Language Schools of Southern California and at the local Tet Festival.

But Mr. Nguyen has taught much more than language. He has also tutored in several subjects and has served as a peer buddy for students with mental disabilities through Best Buddies of America.

In fact, Mr. Nguyen serves wherever he sees a need. He has been a leader in local chapters of the American Red Cross, Future Business Leaders of America, and Future Teachers of America. He has worked as an altar server at his church for a decade. He led a project that raised \$50,000 for victims of a 2004 tsunami. And he has devoted 700 hours to the Santa Ana Public Library, where he has done everything from cataloging collections to serving on the library's Teen Library Club Commission.

For his service, Mr. Nguyen has received the state-level Prudential Spirit of Community award and a Neighborhood Excellence Initiative award from Bank of America. *The Orange County Register* named him one of the area's top 40 volunteers.

Mr. Nguyen is a freshman at the University of California at Irvine, where he is majoring in biological sciences and Spanish language and culture.