



# NEWSLETTER

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## Learning for Life Info

### Linking from [www.learningforlife.org](http://www.learningforlife.org) to Council Learning for Life Web sites

The national Learning for Life Web site ([www.learningforlife.org](http://www.learningforlife.org)) provides a "local office locator" that refers individuals interested in Learning for Life programs to their local office. This office locator provides the street address and telephone number of the council office. \*Additionally, we would like to provide links to council Learning for Life Web sites where they exist. In order to be linked from the national site, you must verify that you are following these guidelines:

- All Web sites must be hosted off-site at a hosting facility and may not be connected in any way to the local council's internal network.
- The council must have direct control over the content of its official Web site.
- The content of the site must be appropriate to the Learning for Life program.
- The site cannot contain links to any sites that contain material that is not appropriate to the Learning for Life program.
- The site cannot contain any advertisements or commercial endorsements.
- The site cannot engage in the electronic sale of Supply Division merchandise or competing products.
- The site cannot replicate any publication currently for sale through the Supply Division.
- The site must abide by all laws regarding copyrights, trademarks, and other intellectual property ownership designations, and by those pertaining to the internet.
- The site must consider the safety and privacy of their participants by obtaining the necessary permissions to release information about or images of any individual.

- The site must be wholly separate from the council's "regular" site (which promotes traditional Scouting programs) and must contain no mention of traditional Scouting programs or the Boy Scouts of America.

Once your site meets these guidelines, send a letter or e-mail to the Webmaster at the national office indicating the URL of the site and its webmaster's e-mail address. We'll then review your site to ensure that it meets these guidelines before adding a link to the local office locator. Should your Web site move after the link has been made, please send a similar letter, (or an e-mail from the Webmaster's address as indicated in your original letter), informing us of the change so that the locator may be updated.

\* If you have a separate address or phone number for Learning for Life, please inform us and we will substitute this for the council's contact information.

**If you have questions or require more information, please contact Marty Walsh at (972) 580-2483 or [mwalsh@lflmail.org](mailto:mwalsh@lflmail.org)**

### New Web Site Format

Our public Web site has a new look! On the home page ([www.learningforlife.org](http://www.learningforlife.org)), we have added some pictures and additional active links to get details on all seven Learning for Life programs. On the top left hand side, move your cursor over the "school based programs" and click for a listing of resources. This page will feature school based items under the following headings:

#### **General Program Marketing**

On the Exploring side we have added a few items on the left side for easier navigation!

## Drug Prevention Programs in Learning for Life

Get ready for another program year by ordering and downloading the drug prevention materials available from National Distribution. You can order the Drug Abuse Prevention Education Lesson Plans for Kindergarten through Grade Six. These are great supplemental programs for any school who wants to focus on drug abuse! From our three internet sites, you can download the new Drug Prevention for Teens publication. Thanks to the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency this resource is available for all high school aged programs. Law Enforcement Exploring Posts can use this publication as part of their Proficiency Award program.

## How about These Resources?

As you get ready for summer, review some of our Learning for life resources:

- **Classroom Character Education Quality Award:** This award can be earned by Champions/Seekers/ Discoverers/Challengers programs. The classroom is awarded a certificate and each student can be presented with a ribbon. For more details see the public site.
- **Career Achievement Award Program:** The purpose of the Learning for Life Career Achievement Award program is to
  - Provide direction to Explorers and student participants in individual career proficiency.
  - Motivate Explorers and student participants to discover and take on career opportunities.
  - Recognize Explorers and student participants for significant community service.
  - Give Explorers and student participants distinguished credentials for their résumés.

### Requirements:

Explorers or Learning for Life participants can earn a Career Achievement Award in one or the entire 12 career clusters. To earn a Career Achievement Award, the candidate must provide *50 hours of community service and complete any nine career achievements*. The Explorer post Advisor or adult high school Learning for Life group leader certifies that each Explorer or

Learning for Life participant has satisfactorily performed 50 hours of community service and verifies that each candidate has completed at least nine achievements within the career cluster.

- **Congressional Award**

Here's how you can earn the Congressional Award! Hours dedicated to earning an award at one level are carried with you to the next level. Along your way to the Gold Medal, you will earn a Bronze, Silver, and Gold Certificate; and a Bronze and Silver Medal. The minimum age to register is 14 and you must achieve your goals by your 24th birthday.

### The Four Program Areas

- Voluntary Public Service—providing voluntary public service to others and the community.
- Personal Development—developing personal interests, social, and employment skills.
- Physical Fitness—improving quality of life through fitness activities.
- Expedition/Exploration—undertaking a wilderness or venture experience.

- **Leadership Award**

### Purpose

The council/district presents the Learning for Life Leadership Award. This is a distinguished award for Explorers, high school participants, and adult volunteer leaders who have given exceptional leadership in Exploring or Learning for Life programs. The Leadership Award is available annually to all Explorer posts and Learning for Life high school groups.

### Recognition

Medallion (No. 04173) suspended from a blue/red/blue ribbon and worn around the neck, and certificate (No. 32195) (for council/ district recognition).

### Lifesaving or Meritorious Action Award

Recommendation form This form can be submitted to the National Office to recommend a Learning for Life participant for the Honor Plaque or National Certificate of Merit when involved in a noteworthy action.

## Need Clip Art?

We have a whole host of clip art in black and white as well as 4 colors in different formats. Check out all the clip art under Marketing on the extranet site.

# Upcoming and Past Events

## *Leadership Workshop Coming Soon Orange County Council*

Our next Leadership Workshop is scheduled for October 21, 2006, at the Greenville Stake Center in Santa Ana. This is a day long series of fun and informative classes for youth ages 14—20. The classes focus on group skills, personal skills, cultural diversity, character attributes, planning and leadership. Those who complete all eight classes receive a certificate that can be used with college applications and resumes. The cost for the whole day is \$20.00 per student which includes all course materials, a light breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Each class is taught by a youth and adult team and we are still looking for instructors! If you are interested in being an instructor or attending this great day of fun and learning, please contact: Lane Calvert, 714-546-8558 ext. 181, or LaneC@ocflf.org.



## **Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program**

Argentina Administrator Exchange Program 2006  
The Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program currently invites applications from U.S. school administrators at the elementary, middle, and high school levels to participate in a two-way exchange program with counterparts from Argentina. The U.S. administrators would be expected to host the Argentine administrators for three weeks in November 2006 and travel to Argentina for three weeks in July 2007. Spanish fluency is preferred, but not required.

Dates:

- 1) November 2006 -- Argentine administrators travel to U.S. for three weeks.
  - 2) July 2007 -- U.S. administrators travel to Argentina for three weeks. Specific dates to be determined
- Deadline: extended to -- June 30, 2006

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## **Engineering and Technology Academy 2006**

The 2006 Engineering and Technology Exploring Academy was held on June 14<sup>th</sup> through June 16<sup>th</sup> at Westmoreland County Community College. The Academy was a joint program of the College's Career Prep Program and the Learning for Life Program.

Seventeen boys and four girls in grades 8 through 11 attended this year's Academy. The first activity of the day was an all day tour of Westinghouse's Waltz Mill Site. In addition to a very informative tour of the facility, the students participated in hands-on activities designed to teach them the principals of the operations of a nuclear power plant.

Thursday's activities began with a class using Lego's MindStorms kits. Instructor Carol Shoemaker helped the students use a microprocessor to program robots made of LEGO blocks. Working in teams, the students designed and constructed original robots. Each team creatively designed and programmed their robots. The robots were left in tack for the parents to see at our family dinner. That afternoon the students each constructed their own model rocket under the instructions of Chuck Strobel and Dr. John Scassellati. They were surprised with how involved a simple rocket is to make and we were very excited when all the launches were a success.

Friday morning we began with an exciting activity on a printed circuit board. This electrical engineering class dealing with detailed instructions, soldering skills and a successful result of a buzzer and lights blinking was taught by Mr. Ron McCauley. The students had the opportunity to get one on one instruction where needed and also received praise for their good work. A tour of Hamill Manufacturing Plant consisted of seeing precision machining, welding and tool design.

The day concluded with the recognition banquet for Explorers and their parents. Keynote speaker was Claude Frantz who is the Explorer Post Committee Chairperson. He gave an informative talk of the various Exploring Posts that are available to the students throughout the year. He spoke to both parents and students about the great opportunity that is available to them in regards to career education through the participation of local businesses and organizations in partnership with Learning for Life. Each student was presented with a recognition certificate and mementos following the dinner. In conclusion, everyone agreed that this was an exciting and successful event.

*Submitted by Sandy Martin of Westmoreland Fayette  
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## New Drug Awareness Program For Builders (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

### **DRUGS: A DEADLY GAME! : CHOOSE TO REFUSE**

In corporation with the Boy Scouts of America, the drug abuse prevention program, **Drugs: A Deadly Game!** will be made available this fall to all students participating in the Builders Program (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades). The new 18-page youth booklet, *Choose to Refuse*, features five drug-free teens who speak to today's youth about many of the drug-related issues they may possibly face. The theme of *Choose to Refuse* is "working together we can be a powerful force against drugs." For those councils that need a separation in program, contact the Learning for Life office for a disclaimer. We are not changing the program only adopting the drug abuse program, "Drugs a Deadly Game".

Program Material includes:

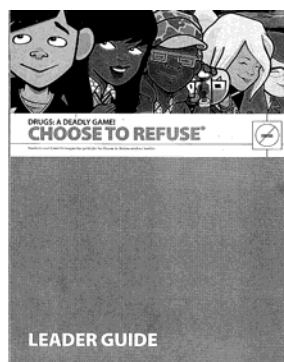
- Pre- and Post-testing.
- Pre test available online [www.scouting.org/drugquiz](http://www.scouting.org/drugquiz) (soon to be on [www.learningforlife.org](http://www.learningforlife.org))
- The N.I.C.E. way to say, "No."
- Choose to Refuse Family Pledge.

Accompanying the youth booklet is a Leader's Guide that helps teachers/mentors to effectively present *Choose to Refuse* to boys and girls, in the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Drugs: A Deadly Game!** can be distributed to schools, churches, libraries, community anti-drug coalitions, and law enforcement agencies—wherever there is a need for a colorful, attractive, easily understood piece about the dangers of being involved with drugs.

**Drugs: A Deadly Game!** is for all youth in the community.

You may order **Drugs: A Deadly Game!** in boxes of 90 student booklets and 10 Teacher/Leader's Guides. Cost is \$30 including shipping and handling, except for outside U.S. An order sheet will be available in next month's newsletter.





**2007  
Regional Workshops**

**Southern Region**

- 2/12 Richmond, VA
- 2/14 Charlotte, NC
- 2/16 Apopka, FL
- 2/21 Dallas, TX
- 2/23 Nashville, TN
- 2/26 Atlanta, GA

**Northeast Region**

- 4/11 Rochester, NY
- 4/13 Valley Forge, PA
- 4/16 Baltimore, MD
- 4/18 Pittsburgh, PA
- 4/20 Boston, MA

**Western Region**

- 3/12 Seattle, WA
- 3/14 Los Angeles, CA
- 3/16 San Francisco, CA
- 3/19 Las Vegas, NV
- 3/21 Colorado Springs, CO
- 3/23 Phoenix, AZ

**Central Region**

- 5/7 Kansas City, MO
- 5/9 Columbus, OH
- 5/11 Detroit, MI
- 5/14 Batavia, IL
- 5/16 St. Paul, MN
- 5/18 Indianapolis, IN