



After School Announcements

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Dear Readers,

Happy New Year! 2009 will be the fourth year of publication for this newsletter. We hope it has served the mission of expanding the availability of quality programming through informing the right people about appropriate opportunities! If you have suggestions as to how this might be improved, please send them our way!

We're excited about the development of our Maine Afterschool video, for which the filming has now been completed and editing has begun. Thank you to all who have welcomed Mark Tenney, the videographer, to your programs to obtain valuable glimpses of the great work you are doing in your communities. We anticipate that this brief but rich production will educate and impress many key policy-makers and funders in the coming years.

Work has begun on the mandate from the 123rd Legislative session, an effort to identify and make recommendations regarding methods for funding Afterschool in communities in which no programming is available. The Department of Education, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Children's Cabinet, and the Maine Afterschool Network will work cooperatively on a report to the 124th Legislature, per Resolve Chapter 211.

We hope to see you at the Network meeting on Feb. 10 in Augusta –see below under Events.

Deb & Cyndy

Resources

Summer Programming books – Maine AfterSchool Network office resources available to borrow – New titles in the library include 101 Life Skill Games; Summer Program Tips, Strategies & Activities for 5-12 Year-Olds; Camp Out! The Ultimate Kids' Guide; Nature in a Nutshell for Kids; Nature's Art Box; Recycled Crafts Box; The Kids' Summer Games Book and more.

Youth Development – Real Stories, Real Teens – Stories by Real Teens About Making Choices and Keeping it Real. This is a book of true stories written by teens, which forms the basis for the innovative Real Stories Real Teens Literacy Program from Youth Communication and Development Without Limits. Get ideas about how to engage middle and high school students in literacy work and character development. Available on loan from this office.

January is National Mentoring Month, and a new Web site can provide you with materials to promote youth mentoring in your local community. The cyber site offers two television PSAs as well as a new radio PSA. You also will find posters and other materials encouraging your local neighbors to mentor a child. Web site is co-sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Harvard School of Public Health and MENTOR.

On-line at: <http://www.nationalmentoringmonth.org>

Events

Jan. 23, Feb. 25-26, Mar. 25 – Supporting Military Youth and Families – Maine National Guard and U Maine Cooperative Extension-sponsored trainings for educators, social service professionals and others, to address special needs of children from families with deployed members of the military. Cost ranges from free to \$25. Contact cbozak@umext.maine.edu or call 1-800-287-1481.7575.

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Feb. 10, 2009 – Maine Afterschool Network Meeting – 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m., Maine Principals’ Association Conference Center, 50 Industrial Drive, Augusta, Me. Great networking opportunity with guest speaker (T/B/A), small group work, information-sharing. Lunch included. Reserve your place by Jan. 23 via e-mail to cynthia.stancioff@maine.edu or call Cyndy at 778-7576 or Deb at 778-7575.

Feb. 11-14 – Beyond School Hours -Burlingame, CA, Hyatt Regency SanFrancisco Airport – Foundations. Inc. trademark conference for educators to share ideas about quality Afterschool programming for children and youth. Featuring sessions on research, curriculum, professional development, evaluation and program improvement, and visits to San Francisco Afterschool programs. Regis. fee \$449. Go to <http://www.foundationinc.org/events/conference/beyond12/default.asp>

Feb. 14–16 – Winter Outdoor Survival Weekend – Operation Military Kids & U Maine Cooperative Extension – at 4-H Camp at Bryant Pond. For any youth aged 13-18, to learn fire-building, snow shelters, tracking, ice fishing, etc. \$30. Call Karen or Susan at 1-800-287-1481 at Kennebec County Extension Office, Augusta, Maine.

Feb. 17-20 - February Vacation Winter Adventure Camp -Tanglewood 4-H Camp and Learning Center, Lincolnville, Me. - 2-day winter ecology and fun camp for children aged 6-12 in 2 sessions: Feb.17 - 18 will be a program for 9- to12-year-olds. Feb. 19- 20 will be a program for 6- to 8-year- olds. Both sessions 9am to 2pm. daily. Cost is \$40 per child. Participants must bring their own bag lunch. For more info or to register, contact Patti Chapman by phone at (207) 789-5868 or by e-mail at proy@umext.maine.edu .

April 2-4 – National Afterschool Association Annual Convention – New Orleans, Morial Convention Center – featuring overlapping sessions with National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) conference, site visits to New Orleans afterschool programs, networking events, workshops, exciting keynotes, food, music and culture. At <http://www.naaconvention.org/register.html>

April 16-17 - Summer Changes Everything national conference, Hyatt Regency Chicago, hosted by the National Center for Summer Learning at Johns Hopkins. Plan, implement, support and advocate for high quality summer programming in your community. Explore knowledge and strategies for summer program leaders. <http://www.summerlearning.org/nationalconference> or 410/516-6573.

April 27-28 - Afterschool For All Challenge - Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, D.C.; 11 a.m. April 27 to 5 p.m. April 28. The afterschool community’s only advocacy focused conference will again feature a day of training and networking followed by a day of visits with Congressional offices. Details at www.afterschoolalliance.org .

March 13 - The Maine Family Literacy Lighthouse Projects and the Me. Dept. of Education conference, Augusta Civic Center to explore "Improving Literacy through Community Collaborations." For more info or to register, please visit www.mainefamilyliteracy.com after Jan. 19 or e-mail pam_cote@sanford.org before.

Calling all afterschool artists! The Afterschool Alliance seeks artwork for their 2009 *Lights On Afterschool* poster. The winning image will be printed on 50,000 posters sent to afterschool programs from coast to coast to use at their *Lights On Afterschool* celebrations, and will also be featured on their *Lights On Afterschool* website. (The Afterschool Alliance will work with the artist and/or program on an appropriate credit for the artwork.) See the [2008 winning artwork](#) and [download a PDF version](#) of these rules.

Grants

Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities –RWJF will award approx. 60 grants of up to \$360,000 for four years to help local community partnerships increase opportunities for physical activity and improve access to affordable healthy foods for children and families. Program places special emphasis on reaching children who are at highest risk for obesity on the basis of race/ethnicity, income and/or geographic location. **Deadline** for brief proposals, Feb. 3. Contact Sarah Strunk, program director, 919/843-8430, info@healthykidshealthycommunities.org or <http://www.healthykidshealthycommunities.org>.

Coming Up Taller Awards – Nominate your program! For exemplary after-school and out-of-school arts and humanities programs, including programs initiated by museums, libraries, performing arts organizations, universities, colleges, arts centers, community service organizations, schools, businesses and eligible government entities. **Deadline for nominations:** Jan. 30. Each winner will receive a \$10,000 award and a plaque at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C. Contact: www.pcah.gov/pdf/2009CUTNominationForm.pdf.

ExploraVision team science competitions- Toshiba Corp – Prizes such as computers and savings bonds to K-12 student teams that identify problems and propose innovative technological solutions. **Deadline:** Jan. 28. Contact: <http://exploravision.org/entry-process>.

Purpose:

To enable every child to have access to quality, inclusive, affordable after school programming that meets the needs of the child, the family and the community.

Vision:

Every school-age child in Maine will have access to quality; inclusive, affordable programs during out-of-school time that meet the needs of the child, the family and the community.

Network Goals:

- 1. Foster statewide, regional, and local partnerships through clear communication among policymakers and providers, in order to coordinate services across the state.*
- 2. Assist in securing resources needed to develop new after school programs and sustain existing programs.*
- 3. Assist with training, technical assistance and coordination to ensure that programs are inclusive, high quality, and meet the needs of children, families and communities.*