

Get Involved Now Village Home is What We Make It Together

Calling All Volunteers

The Board is relying on a community volunteerism, so we encourage everyone to step forward to volunteer in any way that your heart desires. We have many opportunities to get involved in a variety of committees: Budget and Finance, Communications and Community Relations, Fundraising and Grant Writing, Facilities and Grounds, Programs and Field Trips, and Special Events. Or, you can volunteer to help with on-site duties like answering phones, helping with mailings, etc. You can get involved in the aspects that interest you most at whatever level works for you. Please express your interest on our message board (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Villagehome>), or via e-mail at info@villagehome.org, and the appropriate member of the Parent Executive Board will be in touch with you.

News from Neighboring Districts

By this time, we were hoping to have more information for families who reside in districts other than Beaverton, but things move more slowly than we anticipate in the districts (much like in Salem!). We hope to have more information any day now to report.

Our program is out of the ordinary for districts in that to participate in our program, an inter-district transfer is not required by the state. Rather, the home district simply “releases” the students for the number of hours in which they are participating in an alternative education program.

So far, here is what we know. The three districts, other than Beaverton, that the most families reside in are: Portland, Hillsboro, and Tigard/Tualatin. The Portland district is the largest challenge at the moment. We have a meeting scheduled with them on June 24th to hopefully convince them to release students into our program. We have started the contracting process with them, but it takes at least 12 months to complete. The Hillsboro district is also interested in contracting with us, and we are currently negotiating the contract with them that should be in place prior to opening day, so residents of Hillsboro do not need to obtain any special releases. Tigard/Tualatin has indicated a mild interest in pursuing a contract with us and have yet to understand the distinction between a release and an inter-district transfer.

We have received verbal commitments from North Clackamas, Gresham, and Forest Grove that they will release students from their districts. We are slowly but surely chipping away at the other districts and anticipate having information for all very soon. If you want to help move this effort forward in your district, please contact Lori at Info@villagehome.org.

Board Rotation in June

June is the month for our planned Board Rotation. We are happy to announce two new members of the Board: Renee Poindexter and Lisa Thun. If you are interested in getting involved in a very significant way and want to be a leader in the opening sessions of Village Home, please contact Lori Walker at lorimwalker@comcast.net. We have two more spaces for energetic, organized people who have a passion for creating a learning community for families who home educate. Don't be shy. The only qualifications for being on the board is a passionate desire to serve the community and a willingness to share your time and talents.

We wish all the best to the Board members who for various reasons will not be continuing their service. The Board thanks the following people who worked devotedly to bring Village Home to this point: Barbara Perger, Stacey Philipps, Colleen Robbins, and Ann and Chris Stanley.

Course Catalog DRAFT Available Now

Want to get a sneak peek at our courses? A draft version of the catalog is available in the “Files” section of our message board at villagehome@yahoogroups.com. Join Us On-Line today to get the latest updates: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Villagehome>.

**Don't Forget - Registration Night
AUGUST 18th. Plan to be there!**

Village Home is a non-profit 501-c3 corporation and accepts tax deductible donations of cash, goods, and services. Please contact us if you want to be among the first contributors to Village Home. Although we are publicly-funded, we need additional funds to provide the full range of services the community desires. Your charitable contributions are appreciated and are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law (consult your tax advisor).