



Richfield Springs

Community Center

Spring 2011

We couldn't do what we do without you...

In looking back at the history of Richfield Springs I am reminded of the history of our Community Center. As most of you know, the Richfield Springs Community Center was originally named The Zone and was held in the basement of the Church of Christ Uniting.



The Zone originated in 1999 from the care and concern of some local families that saw a need for our youth to have a safe and fun environment to hang out. After

three locations and countless transitions The Zone has finally found a permanent home on the corner of Walnut and Ann Streets as the Richfield Springs Community Center.

Most of that history you may know, but did you know this?... In the 11 years since it's beginning we have seen over 500 students through our doors with the help of more than 120 volunteer staff? Not only do we have an 11 member Board, but we also maintain 30 regular volunteers between the After School Program and The Zone. In a rural community of this size, those are amazing numbers!

The only way The Richfield Springs Community Center could keep the doors open is by the


hard work and support of our local community. In everything from starting the Zone, to building our facility, and mentoring at the youth programs each week you all have provided the foundation needed to maintain a valuable community resource for over 10 years. Looking forward, it will take the support of our community to continue this legacy.

In other words, we couldn't do what we do without you...



Upcoming Summer Events...

- > The Zone Walk/Run
- > Babysitting Certification Classes
- > Relay For Life
- > First Annual Barefoot Dance
- > "You Are Here" Summer Book Club
- > Pride Days



The RSCC Run Walk is May 7th!

 Registration starts at 8:00am at the Richfield Springs VFW and the race starts at 10:00. The Open 10K is a hilly course and the 5K is an "out and back" on rolling hills while the 2 mile walk starts on Lake Street and proceeds "out and back" on Cemetery and Butternut Roads. T-shirts will be awarded to the first 75 entrants, trophies for overall Male and Female, and 1st-3rd Place for age groups. Part of the proceeds will benefit the Richfield Springs Community Center with \$1 of each registration going to Breast Cancer.

"You Are Here" to be held for teens...

Have you ever wanted to go Geocaching?? Would you like to study the stars?? How about music and food from around the world?? These projects and more will be happening at our summer book club called "You Are Here". Together with the Richfield Springs PTO and the Richfield Springs Public Library we will be presenting a summer reading program for teens at the Community Center while the Elementary Program

will be offered at the Library.

On June 30 we will begin the program for Elementary School Students called "One World, Many Stories" at the R.S. Public Library on Thursday nights at 6:30pm.

Then on July 12th and running to August 9th we will have the Teen Program called "You Are Here" on Tuesday nights at 6:30. We will be doing things like learning **Video Blogging**, looking at **The Night Sky**, going

Geocaching, having a **Food and Music Festival**, and even a **Career Fair!** Registration for both programs will begin in June.

Currently we are looking for volunteers, speakers, and financial support. If you are interested in being a part of the program or are willing to help behind the scenes we would love to have you. For more information please contact Laura Twomey at 858-0862 or Pam Diliberto at 858-7032.



Dave Arkema shows members of the After School Program how to read the plans for our "Longhouse Project".

Calendar

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6 Ann Street
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April

1—Teen Council Meeting
—The Zone
2—The Zone
5—After School Program
6—Yoga
7—After School Program
8—The Zone
9—Movie Club
9—The Zone
12—After School Program
13—Yoga
14—After School Program
15—Springers Open
House Barbeque
15—Teen Council Meeting
15—The Zone
16—The Zone
20—Yoga
26—After School Program
27—Yoga
28—After School Program
29—The Zone @
Richfield Lanes
30—The Zone

May

3—After School Program
4—Yoga
5—After School Program
6—Teen Council Meeting
6—The Zone
7—RSCC Run/Walk
7—The Zone
10—After School Program
11—Yoga
12—After School Program
13—The Zone
14—Movie Club
14—Zone Closed for
RSCS Prom
17—After School Program
18—Yoga
19—After School Program
20 & 21—Relay For Life
21—The Zone
23—Red Cross
Blood Drive
24—After School Program
25—Yoga
26—After School Program
27—The Zone
28—The Zone
31—After School Program

June

1—Yoga
2—After School Program
3—Teen Council Meeting
4—Babysitting Class
3—The Zone
4—The Zone
7—After School Program
8—Yoga
9—After School Program
10—The Zone
11—Movie Club
11—The Zone
14—After School Program
15—Yoga
16—After School Program
End of Year Party
17—The Zone
18—First Annual
Barefoot Dance
22—Yoga
24—The Zone
25—Zone Closed
for Graduation
29—Yoga

Pride Days this year will be August 12-14

~Gillette Rides w/ advance ticket sales
~RSCC Food Pavilion will be open all 3 days.
~Musical Entertainment - Friday and Saturday
~Sidewalk Sales, Community Yard Sales, and Ice Cream Social
~Parade on Saturday
~Brooks Barbeque sponsored by COCU,
~ZooMobile, Talent Show and Chinese Auction on Sunday

To register your group for the parade or for more information please contact the RSCC office at 315-858-3200.



Jennifer Hammer balances donuts on her head during our "Minute To Win It" games at The Zone

The Zone to host First Annual "Barefoot Dance"...

What better way to donate shoes than to dance right out of them? That's what our Teen Council thinks anyway, so they will be hosting the Barefoot Dance on June 18th to raise awareness for the Day Without Shoes along with support for a local Clothing Bank. The dance will kick-off their shoes at 7:00pm with food and a D.J.

The Day Without Shoes is an event that happens each April around the world. It was begun by the founder of TOMS Shoes in California. Toms Shoes is a company that manufactures and sells shoes... with a catch. For

every pair of shoes that is purchased, they give away a pair of shoes to a child in poverty. The Day Without Shoes is a way to bring awareness to the need by realizing what it feels like to not have shoes. As of September 2010 TOMS Shoes has given away over One Million pairs of shoes to children in need. More information on their organization can be found at www.toms.com.

The fee at the door for The Barefoot Dance will be a new or gently used clothing item (preferably shoes) that will be donated to a local clothing bank. Even if you do not plan to attend

the dance, donations may be dropped off at 5:00 and the dance will begin at 7:00.

The Teen Council for The Zone is a group of students that meet each month to plan events and community service projects under the guidance of our mentors and Director. We enjoy planning fun events, but it is so rewarding to do something that will benefit the community. This is a chance to celebrate the end of the school year, have fun with our friends, and make a difference all at the same time. We hope that you will join us.

Babysitting Certification will be available through the Red Cross on June 4th...

If you are between the ages of 11 and 15 you are eligible to be certified through the Red Cross. The class is from 9:00am to 4:00pm and lunch will be provided. The cost of the class is \$45 and you must register by June 2nd. To register or for more information, please contact Keesha Lyon at 315-858-3200 or keesha@richfieldzone.org