

Summer Newsletter 2009



NORTHERN NEVADA RAVE FAMILY FOUNDATION



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A Successful 2008-2009 Program Year

We are excited to report that the RAVE Family Center ended the year providing 2,241 respite care hours to 56 deserving children. We were also successful in training over 120 student volunteers whom happily gave 4095 service hours of their time between the months of October 2008 and May 2009. Through multiple fundraising campaigns the RAVE Center was able to raise about \$10,000. **A special Thank You to all who donated over this past program year!!** One of our most proud ways we used a portion of the money was to provide educational scholarships to six of our student volunteers who came to us as Freshman and stayed with us through their Senior year. Their 4 year commitment is valued and was acknowledged during the Awards Ceremony and Family BBQ on May 9, 2009. We are also excited to report that we were able to service more than 100 families located in multiple counties throughout Northern Nevada through the rural respite program.

Without wonderful families like you, amazing staff, and awesome volunteers we would not be the successful program that we are and hope to continue to be. Thank You to all!!

~Summer RAVE Sessions~

Thursday August 6 5:30p-8:30p

Saturday August 15 10:00a-1:00p

RAVE Sessions begin again in October 2009!

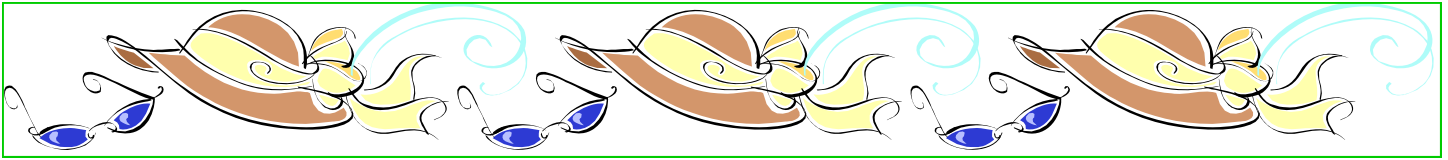
A special thank you to all of our wonderful donors!

Without you, it would not be possible to do what RAVE does for so many families.

- ~Children's Trust Fund
- ~Community Foundation of Western Nevada
- ~E.L. Cord Foundation
- ~Ford Contracting, Inc.
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- ~Southam Family
- ~Terry Lee Wells Foundation
- ~Washoe County Human Service Consortium

The RAVE Family Center continues to seek donations. If you are interested and able to donate, please donate one or more of the following:

- *Snacks for the Volunteers: Chips, fruit snacks (pre-packaged & nut free), Cup of Noodle, bottled water
- *Office Supplies: Card Stock (White & Colored), Staples, Tape (masking & clear), Post-it notes, Bic pens
- *Center Supplies: Kleenex, extra Holiday/Greeting Cards, Construction Paper
- *Scraps of wood & nails



“Tiny Bubbles” Family Fun Craft



Craft Materials:

- *Drinking Straws
- *Tape
- *Dishwashing liquid
- *Light corn syrup (or glycerin)

Time Needed: 30 min or less

This Craft will be explored during the last summer session on Saturday August 15, so be sure to ask your child(ren) how they enjoyed this craft. If your child(ren) will not be attending the last summer session, try this easy and fun family craft at home before the beautiful sunny summer weather is gone...I know I will!

Find more fun activities at FamilyFun.com

1. Instead of a traditional bubble wand, use a number of drinking straws bound together with a few pieces of tape.
2. Dip one end of the bundle into a shallow dish of bubble solution (you can make your own by combining 1 cup of water with 1/3 cup of Dawn or Joy dishwashing liquid and 2 tablespoons of light corn syrup or glycerin), then blow through the straws, being careful not to let the solution run down the straws to your mouth.
3. The cluster of straws will produce scores of diminutive bubbles.



More Summer Fun with “Watermelon Pop Stars”

Also Found at FamilyFun.com

Recipe Ingredients:

- *Watermelon
- *Popsicle Sticks
- *Star-shaped cookie cutter

1. Use a cookie cutter to cut juicy star shapes from 1-inch-thick slices of seedless watermelon.
2. Insert a Popsicle stick into each star, then set the pops on an aluminum foil-lined baking sheet.
3. Cover the stars with another sheet of foil and freeze for 1 hour or until firm.

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Attention RAVE and Rural Respite Parents:

Access to Healthcare Network, a non profit medical discount plan, provides affordable healthcare for the uninsured in our Northern Nevada community. Providers include Renown Health, Saint Mary’s Hospital and more than 350 local physicians; and ancillary providers such as speech, physical and occupational therapists; dental providers and vision specialists. Access to Healthcare Network (AHN) has received a generous grant from the Matley Foundation to assist with the health care expenses for children zero to 24 years of age who are mentally, emotionally, physically and/or learning disabled. If you are in need of assistance with your health care expenses for your child please call 770-3875 to see if you qualify for this important program.

Sherrri Rice, Executive Director

