



Meadowood Neighborhood Center



Winter 2012
January 2-March 31, 2012

5734 Raymond Road, Madison, WI

608-467-8360

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Madison School & Community Recreation (MSCR) has managed the Meadowood Neighborhood Center (MNC) since it opened on February 23, 2009 as a pilot center. This was a collaborative project with the City of Madison. The Center is located on Madison's southwest side at 5734 Raymond Road, next to the Meadowridge Public Library.

The purpose of the MNC is to provide a safe, supervised place for youth during the after school and evening hours. It also serves as a place for neighbors to socialize and a place for adult programming. The space is a focal point in the neighborhood to share resources for a better and stronger community. For more information:

www.mscr.org/meadowood

Funding

Funding for the Center is provided through Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD), MSCR, and community donations.

Donations

We are need of copy paper, pens, pencils, markers, resume paper, sharpies, plain white envelopes, post-its, batteries – AA, AAA, C, D, 9 volt, coffee, coffee filters-large, styro/paper coffee cups, plastic/paper bowls, paper plates, paper towels, plastic forks/knives/spoons. A detailed list can be found at the center or on our website. Monetary donations are accepted and should be written out to the *Meadowood Neighborhood Center*.

Registration

Although the vast majority of programs at the Center are free, our funding sources require us to report monthly on statistics for the center. To use the MNC, a registration form must be on file. MSCR fitness classes require registering with a MSCR program registration form.



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Center Hours

January 2-March 31, 2012

Monday 9 am-6 pm, Tuesday 9 am-8 pm, Wednesday 9 am-6 pm, Thursday 12-6 pm, Friday 9 am-8 pm

2011 Statistics (thru November)

Program Specific Highlights

Middle/High School Drop-in Program	Visits	2983	Unduplicated ppl	174
Elementary Drop-in Program	Visits	876	Unduplicated ppl	164
Middle School Summer Camp	Visits	564	Unduplicated ppl	63
Adult Fitness	Visits	1015	Unduplicated ppl	103
Adult Computer Lab	Visits	1332	Unduplicated ppl	264

Volunteer Hours 407 hours Unduplicated ppl 31

Overall

Unduplicated Participants Visits 8737 Unduplicated ppl 909



2012 Registration Updates

Please be patient and kind to our front desk staff in January as they update our registration records. As of 1/4/12, you will be asked to update your pink registration form to participate at the MNC. We do this every January. It would be a lot less work for us not to have to do this, but we want to keep our funders happy!

What do we do with this information? Our demographic data is tabulated each month and reported to our funders. No names are associated with our reports. It is converted to numbers and stats. We also use this information to apply for grants and to qualify for other services at the Center.

Thanksgiving Day Baskets

Thank you to St. Ignatius Church and Heritage Congregational Church for their donation of 20 Thanksgiving Day Baskets. Recipients were excited to have these baskets delivered to them with all the fixings for a fantastic meal.

Holiday Gift Program

We want to thank the community for their support in donating gifts at their local churches to make sure everyone in the community has a special holiday season.

125+ wrapped gifts were distributed to 35 families in SW Madison. Families were chosen from regular users at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center.

A special thank you to St. Maria Goretti, St. Ignatius, and Heritage Congregational Church for their generous contributions. We appreciate all of the work and coordination behind the scenes to make this project a reality.

MNC 3rd Anniversary

Look for special celebratory activities the week of 2/20/12.
Hard to believe we opened
2/23/09!



MNC RECEIVES JOINING FORCES FOR FAMILIES (JFF) AWARD

Madison School & Community Recreation (MSCR) staff working at Meadowood Neighborhood Center received an award from Dane County Department of Human Services for the contributions they have made to children, youth, and families in Madison. Pictured L to R, Mike Bruce, Joining Forces for Families (JFF), Cristine Reid, MNC Director and Kris Anderson MNC Youth Program Coordinator.

HOOK UP-Employment Connections Group

Every Wednesday 10 am-12 pm

MNC offers assistance with job search, job leads, computer assistance, resume development and other services. Participants receive one-on-one service for those trying to secure employment. New jobs leads are printed out each week. This is a collaborative program with Joining Forces for Families, Urban League, Employment and Training Association and the Meadowridge Library. Also, every other Wednesday, those who receive Food Share benefits and are searching for employment, can speak with an Economic Worker from the Dane County Job Center. Find out if you are eligible for child care assistance or transportation assistance including gas cards, bus tickets and/or mileage reimbursement.

Computer Classes

Very, Very Basic Computer-Designed for the novice. Learn how to use the mouse, opening/closing a program, Turning on/off the computer.

Beginning Computers-Designed for the beginner. Learn to cut, paste, save, create folders and more!

Facebook 1-Learn how to set up your own account, and navigate the site. Must be somewhat familiar with computers and *have a current and working email account prior to class.*

Facebook 2-Learn how to upload and tag & post, photos, schedule events and answer questions. *Must have current and working Facebook page prior to class.*

Setting up an Email Account -Learn how to sign up for free email and how to perform basic functions.

Internet Basics-Learn to use search engines, maps, informational tools and entertainment sites.

Space is limited to those who pre-register at 608-467-8360. Free to neighborhood residents.

Monday, Jan 23, 10-11:30 am	Setting up Email
Monday, Jan 23, 6-7:30 pm	Facebook 1
Monday, Jan 30, 10-11:30 am	Very Beg. Computers
Tuesday, Jan 31, 1-2:30 pm	Facebook 2
Monday, Feb 6, 10-11:30 am	Internet Basics
Monday, Feb 13, 10-11:30 am	Beginning Computers
Thursday, Feb 15, 6-7:30 pm	Facebook 1
Monday, Feb 20, 10-11:30 am	Very Beg. Computers
Monday, Feb 27, 10-11:30 am	Internet Basics
Friday, March 2, 1-2:30 pm	Facebook 2
Monday, March 5, 10-11:30 am	Beginning Computers
Monday, March 12, 10-11:30 am	Setting up Email
Wednesday, March 14, 6-7:30	Facebook 1
Monday March 19, 10-11:30 am	Very Beg. Computers

Open Computer Lab

Drop in, free WiFi and 6 computer stations with internet access. Computers will not be available during computer classes. Check schedule for computer class conflicts to the left.

Monday	9 am-1 pm
Tuesday	9 am-2:30pm
Wednesday	12-2:30 pm
Thursday	12-2:30 pm
Friday	9 am-2:30 pm

Adult Fitness

Please use an MSCR registration form to register. Forms are available online at www.msqr.org or at 204-3000. Scholarships are available.

Yoga Light

Slow and meditative, Yoga Light gently moves through a variety of yoga poses to increase strength, flexibility and enhance relaxation. BYOM. Ages 18+.

Tues, 1/17-3/13, 6-7 pm, \$39, pgm code: 37434
Tues, 4/10-5/29, 6-7 pm, \$34, pgm code: 37436

Growing Stronger

Basics of strength training using weights and bands for age 50+. Skip 4/3. *WAITLIST ONLY.*

Tues, 1/10-5/29, 9:15-10:15 am, \$45, pgm code: 37508



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Do You Know Your Rights as a Tenant?

Wed., February 15, @ 6:30 pm

Presented by the Tenant Resource Center

Do you know your rights as a renter? Are you about to be evicted? Still waiting for your security deposit or for those repairs to be made? Come with questions! Free. No pre-registration required.

Adult Enrichment

Knitting Group

Meet, mingle and knit with other neighborhood knitters! Compare patterns, share techniques and trade tips. Anyone wanting to learn to knit is also welcome! Drop-in, Weds. @ 9:30 am.

Writing Our Life Stories

Everyone has a life story to tell. Life stories have the power to inform, inspire, and compel. This group helps preserve your unique stories. Pre-registration requested, 467-8360. Mondays starting 1/23/12 @ 10 am. Below is the book the group wrote in the fall of 2011.

"Will to Write"



Writing Life Stories



*Meadowood
2011*

"Help Needed"

We are looking for a few people to be "on call" to help with desperate or emergency situations with community members. Occasionally a situation comes up where the usual resources are not available to help or the timing is off. For example, requests for winter coats after the church coat drive or the need for emergency food when pantry hours are days away.

How does it work? We email the request out to a small group of designated people and someone steps forward to help. Then they collect, shop or donate to the cause at hand usually within 24-48 hours. We do have a handful of people who are already helping, but we could use a few more like-minded people.

Some past requests have been for children and adult clothing, furniture, rides to appointments, bus passes, boots for a job, \$ to obtain driver's license to get a job, gas cards or food. Items can be gently used.

If you are interested in getting more information or participating, please call Cristine at 608-467-8918 or email creid@madison.k12.wi.us

Coupon Clipping 101

Saturday, 2/11, 10-11:30 am

You've seen "extreme couponing" on TV, learn the secrets on how to save 60-80% on your groceries every time you go to the store! YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS THIS CLASS! It covers organizing your coupons, how to maximize their potential even at drugstores and how to create and manage a stockpile of coupons. Great class for any level of couponer! Bring your neighbor. FREE! SPACE LIMITED! **CALL TO RESERVE A SPACE 608-467-8360.**

School Year Youth Programs

ELEMENTARY (GR. K-5)-Drop-In

Open only for grades K-5. Join us for various activities such as, bingo, arts and crafts, music, dancing, video games and movies. Fridays 6 pm-7:45 pm.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL (GR. 6-12)-Drop-In

Structured activities, and open recreation time including cooking, dance, basketball, discussion groups, spoken word, Wii, PS2, Xbox 360, and more! Monday 1:30-4:45 pm, Tuesday-Friday 2:30-5:45 pm.

Tutoring (GR. 6-12)

Tutoring is available on Mondays 5-6 pm and Wednesdays from 6-7 pm. A light meal will be served for those attending tutoring.



MNC Connecting with Youth in Camarones, Ecuador

Miss Emily is leaving the MNC at the end of December to further her work with a Wisconsin-based non-profit, Camarones Community Coalition (CCC), which she founded. This will be her 2nd trip to Camarones Ecuador where she will be helping to construct a community center. During her first trip she taught English and established space for temporary classrooms. Emily has also just completed her PhD in Ecology.

In an effort to provide cultural exchanges and service learning for youth participants, staff are developing activities to build a relationship between the two communities. The MNC Staff are challenged by financial and technology constraints and are brainstorming ways to engage the kids and overcome these obstacles. For example, computers and electricity are not readily available and the cost to mail a box the size of 3 smaller cereal boxes is \$50.

If you wish to get involved with the project for cultural exchanges, donate time or money, please go to: <http://www.camaronescommunitycoalition.org> or call 608-620-3222.

SPACE AVAILABLE

Play and Learn

Every Friday, 10 am-12:30 pm

Children are born learning. They learn through play by observing, exploring, experimenting, talking, pretending and having fun! Parents/Caregivers and Children ages birth to three! Come join us for a free Play group, where we will build early math and literacy, explore your child's creative play, get information on your child's development and share valuable community resources. Snacks will be provided!



For more information or to register, call: Tammy at 608-204-6683 or Barb 608-204-6784.

Juega Y Aprende

Cada Viernes, 10:00 a 12:30, empezando el 23 de Septiembre

Los niños están aprendiendo desde que nacen. Ellos aprenden a través del juego al observar, explorar, experimentar, hablar, simular o imitar y a divertirse! ¡Padres de familia y Niños de 0 a 3+ años! Vengan a compartir una reunión de juego y aprendizaje (sin costo algún) donde: desarrollaremos las habilidades de pre-matemáticas y pre-lecto-escritura de los niños, exploraremos la creatividad de los niños, obtendremos información acerca del desarrollo de sus niños y compartiremos buenos recursos de la comunidad, ¡Deliciosos bocadillos están servidos!

Para mas información, llame a Tammy al 608-204-6683 o Barbara 608-204-6784.

“SEE MY STORY” PROJECT

Sixteen young ladies have been working their way into the world of photography by participating in a group called “See My Story”. The group has been exploring the world of school issues like bully prevention, internet safety as well as techniques for taking artsy pictures of favorite places and people. It is a way for them to build awareness of their surroundings and their actions at the same time. We will be celebrating the first cohort of program completers by taking a trip to the Kalahari Indoor Water Park. And yes, we will be taking pictures!

The photography component is led by Sandra Wojtal-Weber. Sandra is a professional fine arts photographer and clinical social worker. She is founder of On the Borderline Project, a self-esteem building photography program for adolescent girls, earning her the North Star Award for outstanding contributions to the Northside Community of Madison, Wisconsin.

This project is a joint venture with the Wisconsin Youth Company (**WYC**). Funding was provided by an Emerging Neighborhood Fund Grant to target 30 key participants to reverse the trend of female violence and negative behavior.

The second session begins in January and will conclude with a trip to Kalahari and a Gallery Open House.

