Rudyard to host its 2nd Annual Splash of Color Fun Run/Walk

RUDYARD - The most colorful event to ever hit the Eastern Upper Peninsula was the Splash of Color Fun Run/Walk held last year in Rudyard. The opportunity to "get colorful" is coming up again at the 2nd annual Splash of Color Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, May 31.

Sponsored by the Rudyard Pool Committee and the Rudyard Township Park Board, the event will begin and end at the Rudyard Township Park; the event is designed specifically for a fun time. The highlight of the run/walk is that bright colored powder paint will be thrown on the participants as they proceed along the course.

Participants are not timed, so anyone of any age or ability can join in. Pre-registration by May 1 is very important to ensure a t-shirt size and a discounted race fee.

The course will be set up for both 5K (3.2 miles) run and walkers as well as for a 2K (1.25 miles) run/walk. Each participant will receive a white t-shirt with the race logo; those in the 5K event will have six colors tossed on them and the 2K individuals will have 3 colors added to their shirt as they progress. After the 2K is completed and before the 5K begins, a color party will be held where each person will have an individual packet of powdered color to release at the same time creating an explosion of color. The powder paint used is non-toxic corn starch based.

"Last year's color event was a big hit with participants. Lots of fun and lots of color on everyone involved. You are literally splashed with color and we are proud to provide this opportunity to the EUP," said Jamie Curtis, co-chair of the Rudyard Pool Committee. "Teams of four or more racers will receive a $5 discount off the individual entry fee, so everyone is encouraged to grab a friend and join the fun."

Proceeds from the event will go to the Rudyard Pool Committee in support of the Rudyard swimming pool. The cost of participating goes up after the May 1 pre-registration deadline.

Registration forms and information are available on the Rudyard Area Schools website — www.rudyard.k12.mi.us, at the Pure Country Family Restaurant, or you can register online at active.com. Those with registration questions can email Gary Davis at garydavis@centurytel.net.

Anyone seeking more information can contact Alicia Lawlor at 906-259-2741.

LSSU to add JV basketball to its athletics offerings

SAULT STE. MARIE – The Lake Superior State Department of Athletics has announced that junior varsity men's and women's basketball teams will be added to the Laker Athletics slate, beginning with the 2014-15 season.

The teams will be made up of non-scholarship players and play a 10-game schedule. Coaches will be announced at a later date, but they will be official members of the Laker basketball coaching staffs.

"This is a great addition to our programs and the university," noted LSSU women's basketball head coach Shannon Eggers.

"It will open more possibilities for student-athletes from many regions to compete at the college level. We can make coaching staff additions and hope to eventually add a graduate assistant position. This will help our program become more competitive."

Eggers and LSSU men's basketball coach, Steve Hettinga, were informed of the JV program's approval on April 1 and are contemplating staffing needs. Eggers, Hettinga and their current assistant coaches are working on staffing and scheduling, but day-to-day operations will be left to the new head coaches.

Players will come from the current men's and women's recruiting pools and from walk-on tryouts held every fall. Varsity players who see limited playing time will also have the opportunity to play at the JV level, provided they stay within the NCAA's games-played limit. And JV players will have a chance to compete for varsity roster spots.

"I came from a Division III background where we had a JV team; there were always one or two kids who made their way from the JV team to the varsity," said Hettinga, who spent 11 seasons at Division III Olivet.

"There are guys (at LSSU) we've deemed 'tweeners' between Division II and III, and they will get to play a lot of minutes. And for others on the varsity who aren't playing as much, they will get the opportunity to do things that you can't simulate in practice."

"If they're coachable, put in the time and develop, this gives them that chance to get better," Eggers said.

"They'll be coached by quality people, and this will help keep us on a level playing field in the conference."

Prospective players will have to go through the normal NCAA Clearinghouse process in order to be eligible to compete.

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Announcements from Sandy Walden, Director BGCBMB

I'd like to announce recent changes in Boys & Girls Club staff. Alicha Carrick, TRAIL coordinator, has taken a position at Wild Bluff. We are excited for her new opportunity and wish her the best of luck, but we will miss you, Alicha!

Raelene Menominee has been promoted to Lead Program Coordinator. She has been with us several years now and done a fantastic job so this is a natural progression for her and the Club. Candice Leapley has also joined our staff as a Lead Program Coordinator and we are excited to welcome her back.

Not only will these positions help strengthen our Club and create a great staff support network for our organization, but Raelene and Candice are prepared to work hard and increase the impact the Club has on our community youth. Congratulations to you both!

As part of the grant process, we are inviting community members to take part in our information gathering. Instead of an assessment survey regarding our youth, we are asking community member of all ages to stop by the Waishkey Center and write brief opinions on post-it notes on the questions below, which will then be used to format answers into a 'map' for analysis. The questions are: What are the current needs of our youth? What strengths do adults have in serving our youth? What weaknesses do adults have when it comes to youth? What are the problems in our community? What strengths do our youth have? Names of all participants will be entered into a drawing to win prizes. The survey period is open until May 16.

OPEN HOUSES
Brimley Club,
April 25 at 5 p.m.
Brimley Area Schools
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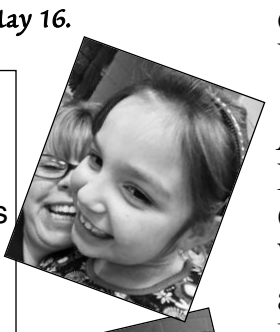
Bay Mills Club,
May 9 at 5 p.m.
Waishkey Center
*Refreshments, games, prizes!*
Note: Dates and times subject to change



Things are in full swing at the Club! This school year has been great and we are looking forward to spring and summer. Below are some of the activities we have going on at the Club.

***SMART Moves: Skills Mastery and Resistance Training:*** **NorthCare Network** — Teaching our Club members to make strong, healthy choices about life (ages 6-12). Contact Tom Ranta, 248-3219 x 625.

***T.R.A.I.L.:*** **Indian Health Services, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and FirstPic, Inc** — Together Raising Awareness for Indian Life. Diabetes prevention: Learning to make positive lifestyle choices (ages 8-10) Contact Sandy Walden, 248-8575.

***Mentoring:*** **Department of Justice, NCAI, FirstPic, Inc, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Help Shape the World** — Make a positive impact and build a lasting relationship.
**Mentors needed:** Make a difference today, be a positive role model. All mentors must complete a background check. Contact Candice Leapley, 248-8577.

***Tribal Youth Program:*** **Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention** — Designed to engage and educate teens about substance abuse, develop positive relationships, build skills such as conflict resolution, communication, goal setting, etc. Contact Raelene Menominee, 248-8576.

***TPREP:*** **Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan** — Tribal Personal Responsibility Education Programs ... making proud choices. This education curriculum is designed to provide youth with the knowledge, confidence and skills to increase education and awareness regarding adolescent sexual activity. New sessions will begin in May for ages 11 to 18.

**There will be an informational meeting for parents/guardians on Wednesday, April 23 at 5 p.m. at the Waishkey Center. Refreshments will be served and prize drawings will be held for parents/guardians that attend. Questions or concerns? Please call Sandy Walden at 248-8575.**
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