

Dream it. Do it.

October 2006

Our Newest Team Takes Center Stage

Youth Venture - New England is proud to introduce Carly Starr, of Danville, NH and Lauren DeCloux, of Manchester, NH, as its newest team of Youth Venturers. These teens have created Broadway at the Café. Their goal is to offer kids with an interest in the performing arts the opportunity to put on their own show – a fun-filled Broadway review twice a year! The team says, “The older kids in the cast mentor the younger kids, with their craft and by showing that positive choices in life are fun, rewarding, safe, and drug-free.” Broadway at the Café performances are held at The Sad Café in Plaistow, NH.

A First for NH Youth

REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13!

NH Board of Youth Volunteers is busy with final preparations for hosting NH’s first-ever Youth Conference on Volunteerism. The all-day event is designed to bring together middle school and high school aged kids from across the state – and features several workshops from various community-service and volunteerism organizations; including United Way, 4-H, City Year, and of course Youth Venture.

Event details: November 4, at the Wayfarer Inn and Conference Center, Bedford, NH. For more information, or registration forms, visit: www.starmightfoundation.org

Dreaming and Doing it...

Class Act Summer Shakespeare performed “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” to the delight of audiences as its first venture project. Students at Hudson, NH’s Alvirne High School Class Act theater troupe have long enjoyed reading and performing the Bard’s works. They hope their all-youth productions will help to expose local teens to William Shakespeare’s works by making them more acceptable and accessible to the community.

Presently, auditions are taking place for Another Night



Broadway at the Cafe performing a scene from *Hairspray* in their latest musical review.

Quote of the Month:

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony."

Mahatma Gandhi

Opportunities

Tu Voz My Venture

Youth Venture, in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates

in King's Court and Christmas Carole.



Class Act Summer Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's Dream cast of whimsical fairies.

Sandown, NH's **Walking in Nature's Dream** (W.I.N.D) has been busy researching and making informational signs for their nature trail— a quiet, lush environment for people of all ages “to go, sit, and enjoy what nature has to offer.” With the help of local conservation and forestry officials, the team soon secured a 58-acre parcel of land in the Fremont Road Town Forest. W.I.N.D. is planning a birdhouse building contest to raise community awareness as well as funds for the project. They are also hoping to make the trail part of science class for young students who perhaps could walk the trail in search of nature's “hidden treasures.”

Partnership Updates

4-H
With New Hampshire's fair season in high gear – there's no better place to promote the new 4-H Youth Venture partnership program than alongside 4-H. Co-exhibits were displayed at the Hopkinton, Belnap, and Deerfield state and county fairs. By the way, the 4-H Youth Venture exhibit earned a Blue Ribbon at the Deerfield State Fair! 4-H NH is the youth educational program of University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension.

Ben & Jerry's: Scoopers Making Change
Ben & Jerry's Scoopers Making Change initiative has hit the ground running. Eight potential Youth Venture

Foundation and MTV Tr3s Voces, will select teams of two or more youth, ages 13 – 20, every week through June 29th, 2007, who submit great ideas for encouraging their peers to graduate from high school and college.

Tu Voz My Venture winners will receive grants of up to \$1,000 to create their ventures - an organization, business or club to help young Latinos stay in school and prepare for college and careers. Maybe you want to start a tutoring club to help students improve their language and math skills, or a club that helps students prepare for the SATS, improve school conditions, help build students self-esteem, or teach students about their college options and financial aid. Got an idea? ¿Que esperas? Send it in and make it a reality!

Win a Scholarship

Five of the Youth Venture teams launched that propose the best ideas to help Latino youth stay in school and get prepared for college and work, will be awarded \$5,000 scholarships by Youth Venture in partnership with MTV Tr3s per team to be evenly split among team members. Take charge, don't wait for adults! Get your team together and help bring about positive changes in your school neighborhood, community and your life!

For more information, visit www.youthventure.org or www.mtv3voces.com

NESTLE's Very Best in Youth Program Seeks Applicants: Deadline: November 1, 2006

The Very Best in Youth program honors young people who have excelled in school and who are making their community and world a better place. To learn more, visit:

<http://www.nestle-verybestinyouth.com/vbiny/home.jspa>

Environmental Excellence Awards Deadline: November 30, 2006

teams generated by the project have submitted their final Action Plans and have been welcomed to the Youth Venture family this month.

United Way of Greater Nashua

“Saving the Globe—One French Fry at a Time!” continues to be the rallying-cry for turning vats of used restaurant-quality vegetable oil into fuel to run a school bus!

The **Merrimack Bio-Diesel Crew**, of Merrimack, NH, is successfully using their homemade bio-fuel to raise awareness about alternative sources of energy by powering a mini-bus used for school field trips. An additional two mini-school buses have been donated to help students’ in their real-world comparison research—by running one bus on diesel, the second on an 80% diesel, 20% bio-diesel mixture.

Currently, the Merrimack High School students are building a larger processor in order to convert even more oil into high quality bio-diesel fuel. And, in keeping with their environmentally friendly efforts, they are working with a local technology company to design a solar panel that would power the larger processor.

Lights...camera...action. **Rubber Ducky Studios**, of Amherst, NH, is busy producing commercials for two local businesses. The Souhegan High School team says revenue from such paying clients will help defray the costs for producing videos for small, local nonprofits. The team’s goal is to create commercials and public service announcements for nonprofits to promote their ideas in an easy, low cost, and beneficial way.

Rubber Ducky Studios has created two promotional videos for showcasing their talents to prospective clients. You can check out the team’s web site at <http://www.freewebs.com/rubberduckystudios/info.htm>

NUTE Middle High School, Milton NH

Three teams are expected to launch their ventures in the coming weeks. **Project Beautify** members are meeting with school officials to determine which beautifying project to begin first. Ideas include planting trees, picking up trash on school grounds, planting flowers, etc... **Color Our World** will be adorning school halls with painted murals, and **The Outing Club** will focus on developing and maintaining

The Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks will recognize the outstanding efforts of K-12 students and teachers across the country who are working to protect the environment.

To learn more, visit

<http://www.swbganimals.org/conservation-matters/eea/index.htm>

NetAid Global Action Awards Seeks Applicants Deadline: November 30, 2006

The Global Action Awards honor high school students who have organized and led a project that has directly impacted people in poor countries or raised awareness about global poverty in their

own community. To learn more, visit:

http://www.netaid.org/global_action_awards/

Youth Service America Announces Lead Agencies for National and Global Youth Service

50 outstanding organizations have been named by Youth Service America as lead agencies for National and Global Youth Service Day (April 20-22, 2007).

Lead agencies increase the scope, visibility, and sustainability of National & Global Youth Service Day by leading city, regional, or statewide service projects.

To learn more and find out how these organizations can assist with N&GYSD projects, visit:

<http://www.ysa.org/nysd/>

a walking trail.

www.YouthVenture.org

If you have an event coming up, or any other updates, involving your Venture team - please let us know and we'll help you spread the good news.

Do you have a Venture idea? We can help you get it off the ground.

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