

Faith in Action Family and Friend Picnic

Saturday ~June 19, 2010~ Noon

Twin Lakes Park



Faith in Action will be hosting our first annual Volunteer and Friend summer picnic! All volunteers and their families as well our care receiver friends are invited to attend. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish or two to share, lawn chairs and plans for a fun afternoon! There will be games, prizes and entertainment! We will be promoting a Patriotic Theme so come dressed in your red, white and blue! More information will be coming in the mail very soon.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this fun Summer Kick Off!



~ Friends Day Out ~

Plans are in motion to begin a new activity that could provide an opportunity for many of our care receivers to enjoy a day out. These special times could include tours to sites of local interests, luncheons, maybe fishing trips and picnics. The creative juices are still flowing to see how and what this could turn into.

What we will need are volunteers to accompany us as one-on-one escorts with our care receivers, event planners, transportation providers, outing host or hostesses or anyone with an idea that could make this a fun, interesting activity. The groups would be small for each trip. If you would be interested in helping out with this project please contact our office. Judy Benton will be overseeing this project and would welcome any and all ideas. We hope to plan one activity a month and begin sometime this summer.



Flag Day



The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. BJ Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as 'Flag Birthday'. In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as 'Flag Birthday', or 'Flag Day'. (http://www.usflag.org/flag_day.html)

Transportation - one of our most requested services....

True and False Quiz ~ (Test your knowledge before reading the answer)

1. ___ Ninety percent of people over the age of 65 continue to drive their automobiles. (have valid drivers licenses)
2. ___ Recent research indicates most people should be able to continue driving throughout their life.
3. ___ Less than 5% of the population uses public transportation.
4. ___ Every city in the US is required to provide public transit services to its residents.
5. ___ Volunteer drivers for individuals or organizations must report any payment for mileage to the IRS.
6. ___ Volunteer drivers that use their own vehicles need personal auto insurance.
7. ___ Rural Communities get more than their fair share of transportation dollars.
8. ___ Faith in Action of Edgar County offers a mileage reimbursement rate that is less than the government standard volunteer driver reimbursement rate.

ANSWERS

1. **F** According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration about 75% of the people over age 65 have a valid driver's license which makes it legally possible for them to drive their cars.
2. **F** According to recent research, people age 70-75 have a life expectancy of at least 18 years. On average, they can expect to drive 11 of these years and depend on other transportation for the remainder of their lives.
3. **T** According to the National Personal Transportation Survey 3% of the population uses public transportation.
4. **F** Funding for public transit is provided from the US Dept. of Transportation and frequently matched by local communities. However, communities are not required to provide public transit.
5. **F** The Internal Revenue Service exempts reimbursement for mileage to volunteer drivers as reportable income.
6. **T** Generally, a volunteer driver's insurance policy is the primary insurance in the event of an accident during the course of driving a person on a volunteer rather than a paid basis. The organization has insurance that pays as the secondary policy.
7. **F** According to the Community Transit Association of America, while 30% of the population resides in rural America, only 6% of the federal transportation dollars are allocated to rural communities.
8. **F** The rate for volunteer mileage reimbursement for charitable purposes is set by law and is unchanged at 14 cents per mile. The revised vehicle mileage rates went into effect January 1, 2009. Faith in Action offers our volunteer drivers a reimbursement rate of 25 cents a mile.

Quiz and Answers adapted from:

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