



SRYI Scoop

SRYI Participates in a National Event!!

Lights on After-School is a national event which the South Reading Youth Initiative participated in for the first time this year. The Holleran Center was pleased to receive proclamations from both President Barack Obama and Pennsylvania's Governor Edward Rendell declaring the importance of quality after-school programs in lives of children, families, and communities on October 21st 2010.

Fifty participants and over forty family members and friends attended the event. Also in attendance were three faculty members from Alvernia University: Dr. Kim Stoudt, Dr. Tom Porrazzo, and Polly Mathys.

The event kicked off with an officer from the Reading Police Force who came to talk to our participants and family about after-school safety. He took time to answer questions and made sure that they understood that the police force is there to support the community.

Anne Corso, Director of Education for the Reading Public Museum, was also in attendance. Anne brought art work that participants created during a six-week Museum Exploration Workshop to display. Family members of participants really enjoyed taking time to view the different artwork that was made, including stained glass boxes, Pennsylvania Dutch folk art, and totem poles.

Overall, the goal of the event was to inform the families, community partners, and others about the SRYI. The event was planned to bring awareness to our program and the opportunities that we are providing to our participants.



Career Exploration

Starting Monday, November 1st we will be holding a new program for our SRYI participants. This program will run for the rest of the semester.

Career Exploration will take place for the last hour of programming on

Monday's. We will be traveling to Alvernia and spending that hour learning about different career paths that our participants may want to choose. The following careers will be looked at chef, librarian, Management, and Others.

In addition we are also able to get our participants onto the Alvernia campus, which is one of the goals of the program. Our participants also love the chance to be able to visit Alvernia and hear about the college community!



Special points of interest:

- *Thanksgiving Holiday*
- *If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me and we can sit down and talk!*
- *Please remember to let me know 24 hours in advance if you will not be making your day to volunteer.*

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Thanksgiving Holiday!!

The South Reading Youth Initiative Program will not be in session November - 24th, 25th, and 29th.

We hope that you have a fantastic Thanksgiving Holiday!!

Volunteer Corner

Volunteers are extremely important to the work we do in South Reading. As you all know volunteering is a great way to get hands on experience. South Reading is a fantastic place to use as a learning laboratory.

Without all of you as volunteers South Reading would not be such a successful program. We are in the home stretch with only a month and a half left in the semester.

So far this semester as a whole we have donated almost 572 hours of volunteering with the SRYI program! With over a month to go that is absolutely amazing!

While planning your next semester please keep South Reading in your thoughts. We would love to have you come back and volunteer for us next semester. Remember that you have already made lasting bonds with some of our participants.

Thank you again for all your hard work!

