

EWV12 – Kids Activities Options

This year we would like to add learning activities for elementary age kids. Reasoning –
1) to encourage in young people an awareness of nature and responsible stewardship,
2) to make this more of a family-friendly event by providing activities and resources for both young and old, (perhaps also increasing attendance).

Kid area would be set up at far end of gym.

1. Loon Learning Sessions lead by Master Naturalist

- **Loon on Loan** learning stations from Project WILD (DNR). 10 learning stations and taxidermied loon. Kids move from station to station & answer questions on the loon, its habitat and life. Also learn to identify loon calls. (may have small rental fee of \$20)
- Lead by Lynn Fisher, Master Naturalist and retired teacher. (Has taught this loon program before). She will also bring other loon materials/posters from DNR.
- Lynn suggests offering structured sessions (45 minutes) for about a max of 20 kids (elementary age) per session. She could lead as many sessions as we want (2, 3 or 4). *Suggestion* – begin first session at 10:00, second session at 11:00 (each of these are at the same time as our morning speaker sessions). Third session could start at 12:30 in the afternoon - could add later session if needed. (Is there a way to get a rough head count of kids prior to event so that Lynn knows how many supplies, posters to bring??
- Lynn can be there all day. No fee (but we suggest giving her some little thank you gift)

2. Art tables

- Have some tables and chairs set up with kid activity books/coloring sheets/crayons from the DNR. This area would be available for kids and their parents/grandparents to use informally. Would just need an adult to informally supervise.

3. Build a Birdhouse/Birdfeeder

- Work with Clarence to see if he can put together a “kit” that CLCC can purchase outright from him. How many??
- Adult-child teams will work together to paint and assemble the kit.
- Charge a small fee to cover some/all of the cost of the supplies.
- Would need a CLCC volunteer to supervise activity.