



Learning at Home

February 2009

Tour of Great Plains Coffee

Paul is the head roaster and he showed the group from beginning to end how to roast coffee beans. He has been roasting beans for 6 years! When they roast the beans they do not add any water its just the beans-that start out green. Through the roasting process the beans get sugar and carmelization which makes the color and flavor. If you eat a 'green bean' it has a bitter, grassy taste.

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While the beans are roasting they track the temperature of the beans, the flame heat, and they check it often for color and smell changes. The beans mainly come from Columbia in bags weighing 130-150 lbs. Great Plains roasts their coffee in batches. Paul started with 25lbs of green beans, when the beans are done they weigh 20 lbs due to water loss--however the beans double in size!

It was a great smelling tour!

Sertoma Butterfly House Group Visit

Our group visit to the Sertoma Butterfly was a lot of fun! We started by watching a video about butterflies, then were given a presentation that further elaborated on the different varieties of butterflies and where they live. We were also given information on how the Sertoma Butterfly House obtains it's butterflies -- boxes of chrysalises are shipped there each week from Equador and El Salvador, among other places.

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SDHSA dad Thor helps the butterfly house by mounting butterflies for display after they have died. Most of the kids watched as Thor gave a demonstration on how the mounting is done. The kids were also able to handle some of the deceased butterflies and check out the texture of their wings.

Of course, we got to spend time in the flight room, too. The kids were given identification guides, and enjoyed matching the live butterflies to the photos. The kids who were there close to closing time were told by one of the volunteers that they could feed butterfly eggs to the fish in the flight room pond. She explained that they are unable to provide the proper environment to raise the butterflies from eggs, so they pull the eggs off of the leaves each day and use them to feed the fish. The kids really enjoyed the experience!



Please note some activities have an additional fee or may have a minimum age—please see online for full information

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 1:30pm Gym Time	4	5 1pm Tour of Harold's Studio	6 2pm Swimming	7
8	9	10 1:30pm Gym-tastic Tuesday at All American Gymnastics	11 1pm Bob the Builder	12 6:30pm Thursday Night Dine, Plan & Chat	13 1:30-3:30pm Valentine's Day Bowling Party at Eastway	14
15	16	17 1:30pm Gym Time	18	19 Time: TBA West Mall 7 Theaters Tour and Group Movie Outing	20	21
22	23	24 1:30pm Open Play at Backyard Adventures	25	26	27	28

Our monthly newsletter is member driven. You can submit your child(ren)'s artwork, poetry, or accomplishments. If your family has a favorite recipe that you'd like to share with the group you can email that also.

We have a spot in each newsletter for a highlight of a family (Member Get to Know) and also a feature of a SDHSA kid (Kid Get to Know).

If you have any question about submissions please send the inquires to becky@sdhsa.org

Welcome to:
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And thanks to the families who
have renewed!

If you have any gently used craft
supplies that you would like to
donate to SDHSA please email
gina@sdhsa.org.

Thanks.

February Birthday

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Did you know that there is a Kids Activities site on the secure SDHSA Members area? Simply sign in the members area on the bottom right there is a link "A Website for SDHSA Kids". While there kids can look at previous featured SDHSA kids, look at fellow kids birthdays, and check out some kid safe links/sites!



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