

Summertime at Adventure House

This has been a great summer at Adventure House. The members and staff have grown a beautiful garden filled with tomatoes, peppers, green beans, okra, cucumbers, corn, and many other vegetables; made available to buy at the Snack bar for a healthier eating.

There are flower arrangements of different kinds placed around the house. All summer long you can see members and staff enjoying the sun filled days outside on their free time. With all the flowers around, you could watch the butterflies floating in the air from one to the

other, and bees being busier than ever collecting what they need to complete their day.

On Tuesdays we do special social events like, swimming, enjoying picnics, playing corn hole, and going to baseball games; using the very best of summer activities. On Thursdays, Adventure House Players meets up to practice for their next play that they are going to perform in episodes every Friday in August this year.

This summer has been busy but fun. Everyone is doing their part in keeping Adventure House a clean and wonderful place. We have learned to love and care for each other and that's what made Adventure House a great place to be at this summer.

By Kristian Mason



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July the 4th, 2013

This July 4th 2013, we had a celebration of our independence. We had hot dogs, hamburgers, and watermelon. The meal was a delicious treat for us at lunch. Many people showed up for the festive event at Adventure House, and I know that we all had a great time. You can't get any better than good food and the company of wonderful people we all know as our friends and our family. The big day was amazing. The sky gave us a break from the rain. We decided to fill it with spectacular displays of colors, bursting with sound and light.

America has some things to truly rejoice about; freedom, a great leader, and the people that work hard to keep it a safe place to call home. I know that we all enjoyed this year, no matter where we were or whom we were with.

Some people may also have their own independences to Celebrate. Now is the time to acknowledge them for they make us all better people and help make our life the best that it can be. I hope next year will be as good as this one, and there will be more people here, new and old, to celebrate with us. Have a wonderful summer and

enjoy your independence!

By Christopher George

Adventure House Players:



"The Wizard of Medications"

The Adventure House Players open their new season on August 9th, with the episodic play, "The Wizard of Medications", with great anticipation! It was written by Eddie Wellmon, a member of the Clubhouse, and Stan Logan, with script ideas by Crystal Byers and other members of the cast.

The show will run every Friday at 1:30pm at Adventure House and everyone is welcomed. Each episode lasts about 15-20 minutes, then the next episode

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continues the next Friday, in the spot where that one left off, until its finale in September. Remember the television shows Dallas and Dynasty? It is serial show like that

The story is based loosely on the Wizard of Oz but with a twist. We find five friends who first met at a therapy session, a few years ago, and learn that one of them had a great grandmother that told of a secret place that could cure all of their mental illnesses only if they could journey to that far away land. To reach that place they would have to find an ancient book that her great grandmother once had, that would magically lead them there. Sounding too good to be true, they almost dismiss the idea to stay on their meds. But then they think, "What's the worst that could happen? What have we got to lose? Let's go find this magical kingdom called KOBBA!" Do they find the book? Even if they find the book, do they take the chance and risk everything?

You must come to all of the performances to find out what happens. Again, it starts Friday, August 9th at 1:30pm at Adventure House.

The main leads are TINA– Crystal Byers, BILLY– James Ortiz, CHARLES–Danny Kiser, SUSAN– Shenika Massey, and MANDY– Trina McSwain. Other characters in the play are Antwon Wilkie as Pill Bottle Phil, Johnny Walker as the suave Junior Pharmacist, the Gardener by David Rhodes, Queen Josephine Vance as PillMart's Main Pharmacist played by Sonya Nichols, Mortar and Pestle played by Brian Scott and Gary Rogers, Warlock Ruler of Depression Depot– Lewis Acree, Guru of Happiness Hill– Shelia Wellmon, Gnome played by Lisa Debreaux, Lost

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Dog shackled to a tree played by Brian Scott, the talking Rock played by Byron Dorsey, The Wisecracking Butler portrayed perfectly by Carolyn Adams, and THE WIZARD OF MEDICATIONS herself, portrayed by Phyllis Chitwood. Other characters also includes Jeffrey Ormand, Brian Scott, and Phyllis Chitwood as the Three Suns. The Sunflower Munchkins, Peace Hippies, and Shackled People are all portrayed by almost everyone in the cast including Frankie Philbeck, Donald Davis, and James Cook.

The Cast hopes to see you there, starting on August the 9th. Mark your calendar and we will see you in KOBBA land real soon! Take care.

By Team Adventure House Players

What Adventure House Means to Me

My name is Star Strickland and this is what Adventure House means to me. Three months ago I was sitting at home all day by myself fighting depression. Since I have been coming to Adventure House, my life has changed dramatically for the better. I have lots of new friends in a non-judgmental atmosphere. I work in the kitchen unit where I have a sense of responsibility and pride. Since I have been at Adventure House I have learned how to use the computer, one of my greatest desires. I am much happier now and I plan to come back every single day. Thank you members and staff of Adventure House.

By Star Strickland

My T.E. Job

My name is Jeffery Ormand. I have recently started a T.E. (transitional employment) job via Adventure House. I work at Fatz restaurant. I go in at 9am and get off at 11am. I sweep, mop, clean the bathrooms, and take out the trash. I make sure the parking lot is clean and everything is neat and in tip top shape for the people who dine there. I am planning to save up the money for the things I need and want; like snacks from the snack bar here at the Clubhouse and some of the delicious lunch served through out the week in the dinning room. My T.E. job really helps me out. It boosts my confidence and makes me feel proud to be getting things done. I really enjoy my T.E. job. I thank Adventure House for giving me the opportunity to work at Fatz and for the support they give me. So if any of you guys come by Fatz, you will see me working hard so you can have a great experience dining there.

By Jeffery S. Ormand

Summer Time Socials???

Due to current amount of rain this season has brought our way, we have been very limited on our Social Program activities. Our Clubhouse around this time every year, always enjoys the outdoor socials. We love to cool off at our local city park pool and shaded garden picnic area. The opportunities we have to go to any of our local community outdoor spots are unlimited. To name a few, there are places like, Moss Lake, South Mountain, Crowders Mountain, and the Broad River

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Green Way. At these locations there are great walking trails and cookout spots that we all love to take advantage of every year.

We have struggled to come up with new ideas to put in place of our regular activities, but we have managed to still bring our planned games indoors due to having a large dinning room; it makes for a great gym/dinning room! We constantly ask for any suggestions for new ideas from all our members and staff, so that we can continue to add fun events to our program.

The weather has been a continuous topic in our local news and has shown its damage to our county along the way. We hope everyone stays dry and safe during the storms and continues to think of new ideas for our Adventure House Social Program.

By Genia Robinson

Let's Play Ball!!!

A group from Adventure House went to watch the Forest City Owls this past Tuesday. The Owls were playing against the Fayetteville Swampdogs. The game was amazing. It seemed to me that both teams were evenly matched since the game remained scoreless until the sixth inning. The suspense was exciting to see who would score first. Eventually the Owls had a 3-2 victory.

Prior to driving to Forest City for the game, we had dinner of pizza and a movie at the Clubhouse.

We had a great time at dinner and during the game. I hope we can do this again soon.

By Danny Kiser