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Elementary School Principals / Teachers

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln-Madison County Extension, with Federal, State, and local governments provide educational programming to Nebraska citizens. Madison County has a variety of school enrichment programs meeting state standards which can supplement classroom learning. Madison County Extension would like to introduce a new program: Bully Dance, a check out program focusing on positive steps against bullying. Please review the enclosed program for more descriptions of programs, activities, and fees.

Many of the favorite school enrichment programs including Character Counts, Food Drying, Bread in a Bag, Microbes, Embryology, and Life on the Farm are available. School enrichment programs will be evaluated yearly to insure teachers have current information. Some programs may be dropped to make room for new programs, but if materials are still available teachers may check them out.

School Enrichment programs are provided with minimal cost to cover expenses. If a teacher needs a particular program and cost is a factor, please call the office to negotiate an equitable cost.

8th Annual Life on the Farm field trip, a hands-on learning experience for 2nd and 3rd grade students. This will be a half-day session held at the Madison County Fairgrounds in Madison, Nebraska on March 17th, 2010.

3rd Annual Geographic Information Systems Day, a educational experience for 5th and 6th grade students. This days is focused on GIS and how its technology is used in Geography today. It will be a half-day session held at the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk on your choice of Wednesday, November 11th, 2009 or Wednesday, November 18th, 2009.

Many of the school enrichment programs, such as: **Character Counts, Bully Dance, Food Drying, Money Cents, Microbes, Talking with TJ, and Robotics** have been modified slightly to allow teachers to administer the program by utilizing a "kit" from the Extension Office. Extension staff can be involved for an additional minimal cost.

The **Embryology** program includes a set up visit/discussion and a conclusion/discussion. Due to limited staff, several visits to the same class room reduce our extension opportunity to serve every teacher. Thus we are requesting the teachers support and help by conducting the candling portion. The staff will explain the candling procedure to the teacher and a projector can be provided if available. The staff is willing to candle for an additional cost.

The attached form should be used to register for school enrichment programs. Please call the Madison County Extension office, at 402-370-4040 or email at snelson7@unl.edu, with any questions, to preview the material, or to make suggestions for new school enrichment programs.

Sincerely,

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