



TRAILBLAZER “PEP” SQUAD

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Arkansas State University-Mountain Home

Special Dates to Remember:

- *Business After Hours, May 27*
- *Red, White and Blue Festival, May 25 & 26*
- *Good Morning Mountain Home at ASUMH, September 8*
- *Grand Opening Vada Sheid Community Development Center, September 9*

Volunteers Help with Insectival

On May 5, over 1,500 children from local schools visited ASUMH to learn about the world of insects. At the event, “PEP” Squad volunteers were out in force to help ASUMH host students for this exciting event. A favorite project of the Fran Coulter Honors Program and Dr. Eddie Dry, Insectival takes place all over campus where students participate in various crafts and experiments that feature creatures of all kinds. “PEP” Squad volunteers have participated in various ways through the years. From face painting to assisting with experiments, volunteers make managing an event of this size an easy task.

Gert Dunlop, a supporter of ASUMH, shared her personal collection of insects with students at the event. Ms. Dunlop has an extensive collection of animals from all over the world and has an especially unique technique of making tiny exhibits of insects that she designs herself. ASUMH is indebted to Ms. Dunlop for sharing her collection with visitors to campus during Insectival. Thanks to all of the “PEP” Squad who volunteered for this wonderful learning experience for children.

A Message From the Chancellor

This May, we awarded over 500 certificates and degrees for the academic year -- more than ever before. Through the years, ASUMH's accomplishments have been very significant and meaningful. We have celebrated ten years on our beautiful campus this year and look forward in September to dedicating our largest building and one that will be used by the entire community. The Vada Sheid Community Development Center's grand opening is scheduled for September 9 and the month will be filled with activities in the new facility.

We know that as our growth continues, lives will continue to be changed through the opportunities that ASUMH provides. As we look back over ten years on our campus, and forward to the opening of the Vada Sheid Community Development Center, we hope you will celebrate with us this historic time in our lives, and in the lives of our students.



Gert Dunlop shares her personal collection with students at Insectival.



Warren Haley helps serve treats with edible insects inside!



Carol Gresham, Vice Chancellor for Development

Thank you for a wonderful year! We at ASUMH are thankful to have had your involvement on campus as we have grown in both student enrollment and in graduates. A larger group of students on campus means more work to prepare for them in so many ways. You have assisted us in meeting the needs that more students bring to ASUMH.

Our first ten years on the ASUMH campus have been great ones. Many of you have watched the growth through the years and been a part of our celebrations of milestones. This September, you will once again have an opportunity to celebrate as we open the largest building on our campus and one that the entire community can use and be proud of. I hope you will join us for all of the activities surrounding the opening of the Vada Sheid Community Development Center and that you will consider volunteering in this beautiful new building as events and activities begin to be scheduled. There will be many needs, from hosting events to box office work. You, our trusted friends, will be a critical part of our success as we share this gift with our community. I look forward to seeing you in the Vada Sheid Community Development Center soon!



Carol Gresham, Vice Chancellor for Development

September Calendar Full of Activity

The calendar for September 2010 at ASUMH is full of activity surrounding the opening of the Vada Sheid Community Development Center. On September 8, the Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce will hold Good Morning Mountain Home at 7:30 a.m. on campus. The next day, a special Grand Opening celebration is set for 2:00 in the Vada Sheid Community Development Center and the community is invited. September 11 will bring a new event as part of the Annual Fund Drive in the McClure Convention Center with an auction as the focal point.

The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra is set to perform in the auditorium of the new building on September 16 with the Mountain Home Symphony Orchestra opening the show. The hot air balloons will be back on campus the weekend of September 25 and the McClure Convention Center will again be the site for a Retro Ball with a DJ and light show from Memphis, TN. Don't miss these great events as we celebrate together!

NOTES FROM WHITNEY RODGERS

This year has been a great stepping-stone for the ASUMH "PEP" Squad volunteers. We have extended ourselves and embraced our creative side and have joined the effort to educate children about insects — even eating bugs! I appreciate everyone of you for your individuality, kindness and willingness to help — whatever the task!

Everyone of you mean so much to me personally. I can't wait to begin the new school year. Thank you for everything you have done for ASUMH in 2009-2010 and have a great summer!

"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another."

Erma Bombeck

Save the Date

August 13, 2010
Noon
Gaston Lobby

Back to School
Volunteer Luncheon



Gerald Wilde helps as students explore the world of bugs at Insectival.



Bill Woodiel always has a smile ready for students.