

MXC Extension and Registration Updates 2/16/09

1) **Second registration site for STAFF:** We understand that some of you are having challenges registering for the MXC Counselor trainings. There is a second registration site link for those doing multiple registrations from the extension office. Whereas registration from the public site takes you to the MXC website for additional information, the staff registration site will take you back to an empty registration form. Hopefully it works like it is supposed to. MXC agreed to pilot the new replacement for Event Handler and we are working out the kinks.

Public registration site:

<http://surveys.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/cfaes/index.php?sid=26395&lang=en>

Staff registration site:

<http://surveys.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/cfaes/index.php?sid=55952&lang=en>

2) **Early bird registration fee extended:** Due to the reduced amount of time that the registration form was actually on line and the addition of the promotion flyer, the planning committee had extended the early bird fee for MXC Canter's Cave to February 21. The \$50 fee will be accepted up until the deadline to register for MXC Canter's Cave only.

3) **MXC Training Topics:** Following is a list of topics that have been confirmed for MXC Canter's Cave. A very similar list of offerings for MXC Camp Ohio are planned.

Planning Special Events	Different Strokes for Different Folks	
Inspirations and Signatures		
How to plan and teach a great workshop	Camp Counselor Backpacks	
Developing Themes		
Team Building	Small Group Games	Line
Dancing		
Campfire Activities	Water Canaries	Rainy Day
Large group games leading	Workforce preparation	Song
SET activities	Roller coasters	Circle dancing
Crafts	Special Moments	Handling
conflict		

4) **Master Counselor Opportunity:** Detailed information is on the MXC website (URL with MXC link: http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/teen_leadership/index.html) with goals, objectives, expectations, training opportunities, and application procedure. We hope that you are recruiting some older camp counselors or former camp counselors to participate in this program. "Young" adults of ANY age are welcomed to apply to be Master Counselors. The special training topics, with multiple sub topic components, planned for the Master Counselors include:

What is your Counselor IQ?

Get Smart, Think it Through
Critical Thinking Skills
Communication
Program Planning
Teaching and Training
Leadership

4) **Why promote MXC camps to your counselors?** We realize that some of your camp corporations are conducting their annual training sessions. Some of these topics are different than those you are offering. Some of them are the same "topic" but perhaps taught by someone different than at your camp. Some of your camp counselors may have conflicts for some of your training sessions. So...the planning committee believes that there is an opportunity for new and different ideas. Counselors can pick up some needed training hours so they can complete the 24 hours of training. Remember, too, that an adult volunteer or county 4-H educator does NOT have to attend MXC for counselors from that county to participate!!

5) **Questions:** If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Niki Nestor McNeely at 513-470-0352 or Nadine Focht at 740-335-1150. The committee is working hard to plan and implement these two camp counselor training opportunities as well as to implement the new Master Counselor program and roll out the curriculum that goes with it. Please be patient with us but do let us know if you have questions, concerns, or challenges so that we can work to address them. Thanks!

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