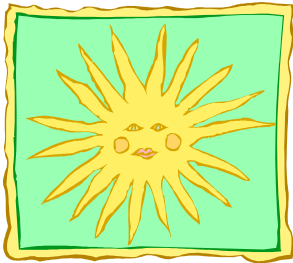


# TOGETHER WE CAN FAMILY NETWORK

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## Summer 2010 Newsletter

Serving the towns of Berlin, Boylston, Hudson, Leicester, Marlborough, Northborough, Shrewsbury, Southborough, and Westborough.



### Open Drop-In Literacy Playgroups

Starting on July 12th, groups will run on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Each week will have a theme and each group will enjoy stories, songs, movement activities, crafts, and a snack time. There is no registration for these drop-in playgroups. Each group can accommodate up to 12 children on a first-come first-served basis. Please no "saving" spots. If the group is full, a pink sign will be posted on the door. Our space is equipped for children infants through kindergarten. Please keep this in mind if siblings attend.

### Children's Ecology Awareness Program

Saturday  
July 24th  
9:45am-10:45am  
At  
Ghiloni Park

Materials and curriculum  
provided by  
Modern Woodmen  
of America  
([www.modern-woodmen.org](http://www.modern-woodmen.org)).

For ages 3 years through  
second grade. Discussion and  
tools to help children  
understand their role in  
preserving the environment.

Register on-line at  
[www.twcfn.org](http://www.twcfn.org) or by calling  
774-463-0214.



### Outdoor Playgroups

There will be on-line and phone registration for these groups as of 6/30/2010. Visit [www.twcfn.org](http://www.twcfn.org) or call 774-463-0214 to submit your name, phone, child's name and age, and choice of group (one only please).

**SOCCKER**—Thursdays, starting 7/15, 10:00am-11:30am at Ghiloni Park in Marlborough. Basic introduction to kicking, dribbling, passing, blocking and a lot of running. For ages 2.9 years-5 years. (7/15-8/26)

**HAPPY TRAILS**—Thursdays, starting 7/8, 10:00am-11:30am at various trails in and around Marlboro and Hudson. Walkers and backpack children welcome. You will be notified by mail as to where to meet each week (7/8-7/29).

### Gentle Reminders

1. Remember to bring a juice cup for your child. Eating and drinking at the little blue table.
2. Parents/Caregivers are always responsible for their children at all times.
3. No toys on climber, just children. Also, remind them it is not for climbing over the sides or on top of the roof.
4. Mouthed toys go in the little green bucket.
5. Have great interactions with your child and other parents!


### Make Your Own Bubble Solution:

Mix 3 cups of water, 1 cup of Joy dishwashing liquid, and 1/3 cup of corn syrup. Store in a covered container or in recycled bubble bottles. Different wand ideas include pipe cleaners bent in different shapes, cookie cutters, or plastic covers with the centers cut out. Have fun! Cindi

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Our literacy playgroups and family center run smoothly due to the generosity of parent volunteers. If you have any interest in supporting our program as a playgroup facilitator, workshop presenter, child caregiver, or council representative, please let Cindi know your preference. We are currently in need of a dad's group facilitator, intergenerational music facilitator, or twins facilitator. Cindi can be reached at 774-463-0214 or [carroyo@ymcaofcm.org](mailto:carroyo@ymcaofcm.org). Thank you in advance for considering any of these opportunities. Lastly, I'd like to thank our parent leaders for making this past year exciting, creative, and rich with personal relationships.



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