

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2004



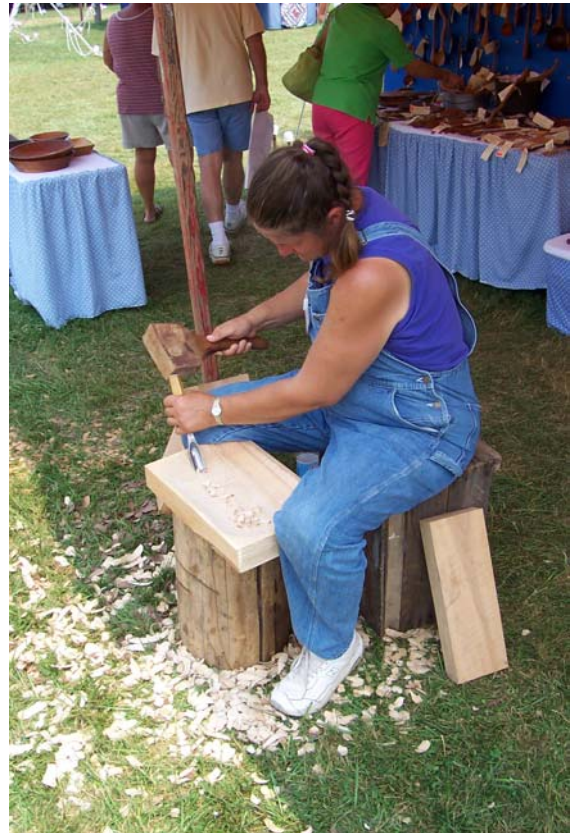
Woodcraft Items Juried at State Festival

On July 2nd, CCYEP students and staff in the woodshop class journeyed to Ripley, WV to have their items juried for next years Mountain State Arts and Crafts Festival. Results of the jury will be announced in November.

After meeting with the judges, the group spent the day at the festival looking at other crafts and talking to artisans and getting a feel for what they might expect next summer.

They got to see first hand how various tools are used as well as to see woodcrafts being made such as furniture, utensils, bowls, sculptures, and various other woodcraft items.

Some of the artisans were invited to come by the woodshop class and visit as well as to teach a class in their area of expertise.



WOODCRAFTS FOR SALE AT TAMARACK

On a recent trip through Beckley, Tim White, CCYEP Program Coordinator, and his family stopped at Tamarack to check on the status of the woodcrafts.

Mr. White was delighted to see the coasters being displayed in the end cap of the display shelves of all the woodcraft items in the shop.

Several woodcraft items have been sold at the Pipestem State Park Artisan Center.



Governor's Workforce Investment Division (GWID)

Also in July, CCYEP applied for a \$30,000 supplemental grant from the Governor's Workforce Investment Division (GWID) to expand our woodshop training by adding new tools and equipment. Announcements of funding will take place in August.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT CONFERENCE – CHESTER, WV

Tim White, CCYEP Program Coordinator, and Bill Dotson, Executive Director attended the four-day WV Workforce Conference in Chester, WV. Mr. Dotson facilitated a workshop and Mr. White hosted a booth about CCYEP and several woodcraft items were sold to other conference attendees.

STUDENTS TAKE GED TEST

On Saturday, July 17th, Sandy Fowler took six CCYEP students spent the day in Putnam Co. taking the GED exam. This exam took 9 hours and the students prepared hard for the day long test.

Of the six students, three passed the entire test, and three of them need to retake the essay part. These three students plan on going back in August and re-take this part of the exam.

Of the three that passed, one has enrolled at the Huntington School of Beauty Culture and begins classes on August 20th. One student was conducting On the Job Training at Ebenezer Child Care Center and was told that if she passed her GED she could apply for employment. The other student is studying for her ACT and plans to go to college.

NEW STUDENTS BEGIN CLASSES

On Monday, July 26th, 22 new students attended an orientation to enroll in the CCYEP program.

On Wednesday, July 28th those students began GED classes and work readiness class at the Douglass Centre.



Erin Perdue, Student Support Specialist, works very hard in teaching the GED class and preparing the students for the GED exam.

In the afternoons she works with students, assisting them with employment training, follow up and

assisting them with applications and job interviews.

Several of our students have been accepted at Marshall University and begin classes in August.