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Midwest Boys & Girls Clubs come to Walker

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Youth development professionals and management from Boys & Girls Clubs of Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Minnesota will be gathering at Chase on the Lake Wednesday through Friday for the annual Rendezvous Training, where they will share ideas and experiences, social network, and participate in trainings that speak directly to the Boys & Girls Club Movement.

It will be an exciting year at the Rendezvous with seminars and workshops offered in SMART Moves, Power Hour, Fun in the Club, Applied Guidance, Attracting and Retaining Teens and much more.

Youth development professionals and management will also participate in an advanced leadership program, a three day training to develop leadership and interpersonal skills related to the roles, understand their leadership style and impact on others, and develop and implement a plan for increasing the impact and reach of their club.

This year a local training session on asset building will be presented by Kelly Felton of the Working Together Coalition. This training will discuss how Boys & Girls Clubs can identify assets among the youth they work with and "up the asset ante."

The annual "On the Spot Fun" competition will take place on Wednesday night at the Walker City Park, weather permitting. Each Boys & Girls Club organization competes for the traveling trophy. "On the Spot Fun" is something that all youth development professionals need to be prepared with at their Club. It is a fun activity that could be done with club members anywhere, anytime and with little or no planning supplies.

Judging is based on originality, the fun factor, ease of participation, lack of materials, and printed instructions (for clubs to take home).

The Rendezvous Planning Committee recognizes the Chase on the Lake as an excellent partner and location for this gathering. They have been most helpful and accommodating to summer 2011 Rendezvous.

"On behalf of the management and entire staff at Chase on the Lake, we are very excited to welcome the Boys & Girls Club Rendezvous. It is certainly a pleasure to be a part of such a wonderful organization and developing what we hope is a long lasting partnership," said JoAnna Tacheny, director of sales at the Chase on the Lake.

For more information about Boys & Girls Clubs of the Leech Lake Area, visit www.bgcleechlake.com.

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