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READING RODEO 2009

The Fourth Annual Reading Rodeo will be held on the 4th of December at the Yupukari school compound. It will start at the school benab with welcome remarks and will also conclude there.

Currently the librarians and the teachers are working on banners, flyers, sorting out books and making passports. There are going to be eight main booths like last year and Caiman House, the Health Center and Cayembe Telegraph have been invited to make booths also.

This year Reading Rodeo has been moved from a weekend day to a week day since the teachers recog-

nize Saturday is a day when parents go to their farms. This year the event will be on a Friday afternoon starting at 1pm until 4pm. There will be prizes given, so persons are asked to listen and follow instructions and the prizes will be issued at the conclusion of the event.

The Parents, Teachers and Friends Association [PTFA] will be running a snacks booth. There will also be music while the event is going on.

“We’re hoping this will be a good day for many persons to turn out and support the PTFA’s booths and also a chance for people to

visit the Yupukari Public Library [YPL] and Caiman House”, said Sarah Ambriz the Peace Corps Volunteer, who is also the Head Librarian of the YPL.

The teachers and librarians are working very hard to make this day a success and are looking out for everyone’s support. The librarians said activities like this cannot happen if they do not get the community’s support, so **your** presence will be welcomed.

PIT TRAP BUCKETS MISSING

The Wildlife Club is very disappointed about persons taking out the pit trap buckets.

Almost a year ago Chris Morrell and the Wildlife Club installed mesh and buckets at two sites at the river landing. One was installed at the main landing and within a month someone took the chicken mesh. The buckets were moved to another site and the other one which was along Ashley’s main landing was constantly monitored. Still, someone took the buckets, which is very disap-

pointing.

The monitoring project was passed on to the Wildlife Club with the idea to encourage interest in a much misunderstood group of animals. The collection of data about them is part of increasing community knowledge about our local ecosystem, which is the beginning of managing it for everyone’s benefit far into the future.

With the help of Rupununi Learners buckets will be installed again to continue the monitoring again. The Club

is once again asking persons to please leave the buckets and the mesh alone. It may seem as though no one is using the buckets but there is always someone checking them.



Some small reptiles in one of the buckets.

The Yupukari Football Club presents a grand fund raising at the Yupukari Public Market on the 19th December 2009.

There will be games and all are invited to come support the club.



Katoka volunteer housing



Katoka Public Library

RUPUNUNI LEARNERS OUTREACH TO KATOKA

A recent outreach visit was done by the RLI representatives, Shamir Khan and Anthony Roberts [Toshao], along with Sarah Ambriz (Peace Corps Volunteer) and Lorrie Laurindo, Yupukari Public Library librarian.

Rupununi Learners Inc. and Guy Marco donated books to the village to make a public library. Katoka has decided to use the upstairs room of the village office for the library.

Work has commenced on building shelves and will conclude very soon said

Toshao Desmond Michael. Some of the boxes have been opened and books are displayed on the shelves randomly.

The team from Yupukari will be visiting Katoka again very soon to help with the labeling and the sorting out of books.

There are many nursery school books and it was decided these books will be placed in the Nursery School since there is already a small library there with books made locally.

There are also many Primary School books that

could be used in classes. Sir Marcel was very excited about getting a classroom library. Sir Marcel also expresses frustration with teaching there because of the lack of teaching resources.

The volunteer housing is almost finished. A few more hinges to install and also a piece of flooring to complete.

Villagers are excited about getting the four volunteers next year. Host families to take charge of feeding the volunteers have not been identified as yet.



The Wildlife Club bird watching with Andy Narine, the President of the Guyana Tropical Birds Society

The new Hearts and Hands Junior Wildlife Saving Club executive body are Russian Dorrack, President, Oswin Ambrose, Secretary, Rosita Roberts, Assistant Secretary, Latia Jordan, Treasurer and Marva Francis, Coordinator.

Russian Dorrack, the Club President, says that since the visit made by Samantha James he is planning to get some of the Club members to see the butterfly farms at Fairview. Currently the wildlife club is working to get funds in order for this to happen. When the trip has been made, and if the Club decides they want to do it, he said the butterfly project funders will

HEARTS AND HANDS JUNIOR WILDLIFE SAVING CLUB

give them the materials to start the farm and all they need is to come together and do a day's work after a suitable spot has been sited. The work includes securing a piece of land with fencing and after that they are going to be given instructions on which flowering plants to plant that will attract the butterflies that produce the pupae they need.

Iwokrama will be buying the pupae at a price, assuming the risk of them being spoilt before they get sold to the market that they already sell to. Russian said, "It's not a lot of money involved, but this is something that will at least give the Club members a pocket piece".

Building a club house is also one of the club's plans before the butterfly farm can be started, because there is not a secure place to store the club's belongings. This was mentioned to Toshao Anthony Roberts and he says he will assist with the boards and the Club can cut the ite palm leaves. Toshao also said that whenever the club house is finished, the

Club can buy crafts from other villages and display them there and whenever guests pass through they can check them out and maybe make a purchase.

Recently the Club visited Kwaimatta to do bird watching there and Russian is happy about the better turnouts. He said he thinks "Parents recognize what the Wildlife Club is doing, or maybe it is because of prizes given to winners when we hold an activity. We've started to report on activities at General Meetings and in this way I think the parents will know what is happening and may want to join the Club or encourage their children more."

The Yupukari Wildlife Club was named "Best Nature Club of the Year" by the Ministry of Tourism at a Georgetown ceremony on November 20, celebrating Tourism Awareness Month and the theme "Promoting Quality and Sustainable Tourism."