

# ILYM FUN LOG

## Crafts Coordinator

### Inventory Craft Supplies

Inventory contents of the craft material tub in the Clear Creek House storage shed. This should be done no sooner than Memorial Day Work Weekend. Other groups using the grounds during the year may use up some of the materials. This list is to be sent to all FUN teachers in June.

### Craft Tent

The craft tent is usually open from 1:30–3:45 p.m. during worship sharing and workshop time. The general idea behind the craft tent is NOT to provide babysitting for parents, but rather to provide short activities that can be shared by children and adults. Organized craft activities should be simple and take minimal instruction. However, children will have been know to come to the craft tent and have an idea of what they may want to do and just start drawing/coloring/painting or will ask for assistance in doing what they want to do.

The craft tent people and teachers should keep in contact with each other to find out which materials are going to be used. This is the only way to assure that adequate supplies will be available. Keep receipts for purchased items and give these to the FUN Coordinator or to the IYM Treasurer for reimbursement. You may consider moving the craft materials out of the tent when you are not present, or placing a cloth or tarp over the work tables to indicate that the tent is closed. In the off hours, children may go into the tent and use up materials that you were planning for a project the next day!

Things that have been popular in the past: Sun Catchers (paint them and hang in window); beads/noodles with stretchy thread to make bracelets and necklaces; ice box magnets (clip clothes pins, magnets and pom-poms); face painting; God's eyes; painting T-shirts, making and decorating paper hats from newspaper.

You might want of find people to come in for a 1-day sessions (making dream-catchers, weaving, tie-dyeing, making puppets, putting on skits, etc.)

It might be good to buy craft items on sale throughout the year. Young children (under 9), who are the most common type in the tent, are not very discriminating about quality or style. They are happy painting anything (paper, rocks, wood), squishing things (like clay), and doing very simple craft projects that do not require a lot of adult guidance.