

Kids Day fare: games to pets

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IT'S COMING, kids, so make a date with your favorite adult.

The 10th annual Kids Day celebration, part of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Founders Festival, takes place between noon and 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, in Farmington's Shinawassee Park, Shinawassee at Power.

Parents: Want your kids to take a walk? They can on the Moon Walk. They can also get their faces painted and make paper puppets at booths sponsored by the Farmington Community Library-Farmington Hills Branch.

Kids Day attendees will be delighted by strolling musicians and a mime troupe. Give a pat at the petting zoo. Enter the Junior Grand Prix.

Police and fire officials will give demonstrations with the help of "Smokey the Bear" and "McGruff". Add to all this an arts and crafts

plaster playhouse, caricature artists, art-in-a-tent, a magic show by Uncle Sam and a Cinderella carriage ride, and you will be only half way down the list of activities.

"We had five to six thousand kids attend last year," said David Justus, who heads up this year's Kids Day committee.

Justus, who represents the Farmington Hills Recreation Division, was also assisted by Clara Lawrence of the Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills, Gloria Sheridan of the Farmington Community Library-Farmington Hills Branch and Sue Brooks of the Farmington YMCA.

"Kids Day tends to run itself," Sheridan said. "There's activities for all different age groups."

THE RIDES, 75 cents apiece, and food are the only things that'll cost money.

And don't forget the critters.

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Jake walked away from the pet show with two gold trophies at last year's Kids Day. The standard poodle is flanked by Natalie Rock on his left, and her sister, Melanie Rock. Natalie dressed in sequins to match Jake's attire when he took the prize for the "Best Dressed Pet." A few categories later, Melanie and Jake took the stage for a performance that won him the title of "Best Trained."

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