

Camp fair draws 800 to explore summer options

THE FIRST ANNUAL "Super Summer for Kids: A Camp and Activities Fair" was a huge success, according to Elaine Sturman, special projects coordinator for the Merrill-Palmer Institute at Wayne State University.

The institute co-sponsored the event along with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

The camp fair, held Sunday at the Bruce/Lederle Community Education Center in Southfield, drew 32 institutions or agencies offering a wide variety of camp experiences, said Sturman.

"We attracted about 800 people," said Sturman, a Bloomfield Town-

ship resident. "And they had a variety of programs to choose from."

The programs offered included day camps for baseball and other sports activities as well as extensive travel programs through the western United States, Alaska and Europe.

Parents and youngsters could get information about traditional camps, like YMCA Camp Copeconic at Lake Fenton, or a six-week exploration camp at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Also represented were camps for youngsters with special needs, like the Elm Academy in Birmingham and Timble in Bloomfield Hills that feature programs for students with learning disabilities.



Bill Neill shows Danielle Scarcelli, 7, some of the "critters" featured at the summer programs offered by the Living Science Foundation in Novi. Danielle attended the camp fair with her mom, Darlene.

County offers pet adoption

The Oakland County Animal Shelter urges residents to participate in the "Adopt-a-Pet" program to help end the slaughter of thousands of dogs who are unclaimed each year.

The shelter gets about 13,000 dogs each year, said Carl Anderson, manager of the shelter. About 10,000 are unclaimed and subsequently "put to sleep," he said.

Many breeds are available, he said, including purebreds. The adoption fee is \$50, including licensing and shots.

"That's an inexpensive way to provide companionship to a lonely senior or a youngster," Anderson said.

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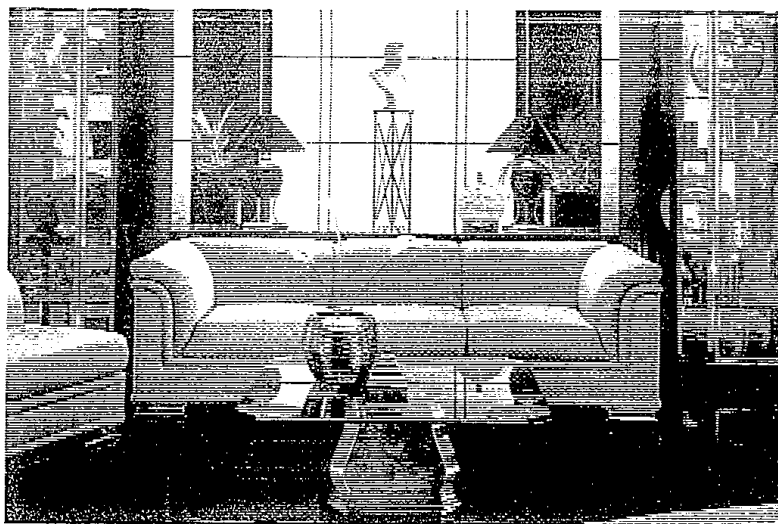
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Dick Tappenden, owner and director of a camp in Ontario, shows pictures of the facility to Joseph and Elaine May, of Farmington Hills, along with their son, David, 8.

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