

Advocacy Committee Report April 1, 2010

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1. Staff Tours

The April tour is for KUAC. Ashley will look into the greenhouses for an early May tour. If we are not able to do it in May, we will wait until fall for our next tour.

2. Brown Bag Lunch Hour

Once a month, we will host a Brown Bag Lunch hour. This will be a chance for staff to attend a forum on a topic of our choosing. We will have our first event on April 22 with Mike Humphrey discussing Health Care issues. The committee debated where or not we should try for a topic in May. We felt that the "Hot Topics" session Staff Council is sponsoring as part of Staff Appreciation Day would suffice.

3. Family Fun Day

In the fall, we would like to offer a Saturday Family Fun Day on campus. We are currently looking at October 9. This could include a community fair (volunteer agencies, etc), a recruitment fair (UAF departments) and other fun events. We would like the recruitment fair to have fun UAF crafts for kids to do (making a Nanook out of cotton balls, or something similar). Each department would have a table for information and "sponsor" a craft. We would also like to have a winter clothing swap or coat drive. This could also be a fund raiser for the People's Endowment Fund. We could offer a "Dunk-a-Nook" tank or something similar to raise money. The committee will be working through the summer to plan the event. We will need help!