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## **Guys' Club News**

Guys' Club members, new and old, can pick up their 2008 shirts and membership certificate from the Guys' Club World Headquarters-- the 1948 Ford truck that is usually parked at 315 Sycamore. Once again, the Guy's Club entry in the Fourth of July parade took first place overall and also took first place in the Sensitive Feelings Award category. Anybody not getting Guys' Club email updates should email [raswanson@qwest.net](mailto:raswanson@qwest.net) to get on the list.

***'Nature Deficit Disorder' problem in Lakeside:*** It is early morning Lakeside and a gentle breeze stirs the leaves overhead. The lapping of shoreline waves fill the air as the Guys' Club naturalist, Leaf Lakeman, quizzes passing golf-cart riders as to the sound they are hearing. "Sounds like poor TV reception," says one. "Clogged swimming pool intake says another."

"Listen again," Leaf Lakeman whispers. "Listen." Eyes widen as the sounds of the lake echo through the mind-memories of the cart riders. "The more we know about the lake, the less afraid you'll be. Nature Deficit Education, sponsored by the Guys' Club, teaches Lakesiders about the wonders of the lake. It doesn't happen in a single setting, but over a lifetime according to Lakeman. But finding time to enjoy the lake can be a difficult challenge for today's busy, pool-savvy families, leaving them unfamiliar with the lake and how to enjoy it.

"Some of you students probably have nature deficit disorder," Lakeman said. "The good news is that you're helping defeat this horrible disease by being out here today." First steps include overcoming resistance to the lake include dealing with key questions:

1. Where is the chlorine smell?
2. Where is the concrete under my feet?
3. Where is the other side of this pool of water?
4. Where is the list of rules?

One of Waterman's Nature Deficit Disorder graduates, 12 year-old Polly Waug, exclaimed, "I think it's awesome. This kind of stuff is cool. I'm heading out the east gate to swim off the flat rocks at Foundation Park."