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KIDS' COMPLETE ? PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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Friday

Sign up now for Ask A Kid panel on Saturday.

Go to the Green Room, or find Lisa Frietag.

Reporters! Pick up a pad & pen at Registration.

Collect survey answers for *Daily Howler*.

Also: reviews of parties, panels, books, etc.

Saturday

Atrium 7

11:00: Ask A Kid (kid panel gives honest book reviews)

Lisa Frietag, adult moderator.

Atrium 1 (noon to 4:00, maybe 5:00?)

12:00: World Building (all ages)

Make ancient maps, sugar cube castles.

Maybe a space station?

1:30: Cupcakes & Bubbles (all ages)

Sprinkle a cupcake before you eat it.

Make, then pop, cool soap bubbles.

2:00: Tool-Time: to Make or Break (all ages)

Disassemble a VCR to see what's inside.

Make a feather armband, a birchbark book.

3:00: Writing Seminar (most ages, artists welcome)

Create characters, stories, or impossible

ideas that you'd like to see in books or comics, in fantasy or SF or science.

✍️ Reporters turn in all survey answers.

Book reviews, from kids, for kids.

Type it up on a real typewriter.

✂️ Art and text assembled by cut + paste method.

See it tomorrow in the *Daily Howler*.

Atrium 2

1:00: Call of Cthulu (ages 9-19 welcome)

Ages 9-17 ****MUST**** be signed in by a parent.

Sunday

Kid-made *Daily Howler* is ready by noon, latest.

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Tool-Time details ----- ⇒

Call of Cthulu, more info ----- ⇒

All Children Above Average ----- ⇒

WANT TO MAKE A BETTER WORLD?

Totally free! Mistakes don't matter! Starting at noon on Saturday, you have your big chance to make a world without the mess that grown-ups always make. Remember, it's free!

World Building, 12:00-1:30 Saturday, Atrium 1

Also on Saturday, create some characters that you would really like to see in books or comics. You will see your ideas in print in *Daily Howler*.

Writing Seminar, 3:00 Saturday, Atrium 1

REPORTERS, PLEASE REPORT !! Make the grown-ups confess.

Pick up a pad + pen at Registration, and collect survey answers to the following three questions:

1. What book are you in the middle of?
2. What TV shows do you watch every week?
3. What word is really elegant or cool?

Bring survey answers to Atrium 1, 3:00 Saturday. Party reviews, book reports also welcome.

They will be typed, clipped apart, then taped together, combined with art and story ideas from the Writing Seminar, then published in Sunday's edition of *Daily Howler*.

ALL CHILDREN ABOVE AVERAGE

claims local expert

Kathleen Olson, a well-known local feminist, was stunned to hear such wisdom from the lips of her elementary-age son. After listening to a local radio personality proclaim that, in his hometown, *all the women are strong, the men are good-looking, and the children are above average*, Ms Olson attempted to explain this impossible 'joke' to her son Marshall.

He answered promptly that it not only was possible, but he believed it to be true. Pressed for an explanation, he pointed out the obvious answer that all children *could* be above average if all the adults were *below* average.

The debate started by this 1975 conversation has simmered out of public view, rankling egos and ruffling reputations behind the scenes at many professional conventions.

While most professionals are reluctant to quantify the meaning of 'above' or 'average', claiming that brain functions and physical esthetics are still a mystery, common wisdom holds that such things are easily measured. "In fact," says our expert, "we do it all the time."

As seen in most American high schools, where childhood's brilliance comes to an end, and adult life's mediocrity is first visible, "we just *know* if someone is, like, above average or not. How could you *not* know, just by looking?"

The exact transition is still hotly argued, even by researchers who have embraced this theory. Recent data (showing that childhood lasts until age 25 or 26) is viewed as a good sign. But data on the change from above-average to below-average is still elusive, hampered by the cold fact that funding for such research does, after all, come from grown-ups.

Tool-Time: to Make or Break

We have cool junk.

We have pliers and screw drivers.

We will dis-assemble.

We will create art.

Out of a whole, we make many pieces.

Out of many pieces, we make a whole.

We have – **beads**, birch bark, shells, wire, and lots of other good stuff.

Make a staff of power, a sculpture, an armband, a tiara, cuff, bracelet.

Atrium 1 2:00-3:00 Saturday

(right after the cupcakes)

Hey, kids!

Read any good books lately?

Write a book review for

The Daily Howler

to share the news

with other kids.

Call of Cthulu for humans age 9-19. Ages 9-17 must be signed in by a parent!!

Meet in Atrium 5...1:00-4:00

For 3 hours you will be at the mercy of Game Master **John Wrathall**. Bwa-ha-ha-ha!