



Happy 4th of July and TC Cherry Festival!

Double Chubby Cherry Ice Cream

- 3 cups local cherries
- 4 cups organic heavy cream
- ¾ cup organic sugar
- 4 egg yolks
- 4 tbsp. organic vanilla
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 tbsp. organic cinnamon

Courtesy of Chad Sophia Suiter as printed in Natural Home Magazine
Find more cherry recipes at <http://www.cherryfestival.org/cherries/recipes.php>

Pit and coarsely chop cherries and set aside. In a heavy-bottomed saucepan, heat cream and sugar stirring often until sugar is dissolved and the mixture is hot. In a mixing bowl start whisking the egg yolks, take one cup of the hot mixture and slowly pour into the egg yolks and keep whisking. When the egg yolk mixture is smooth pour it into hot mixture in saucepan. Whisk constantly. Cook over medium heat and stir constantly until mixture thickens enough to coat the back of a spoon. Never let the mixture come to a boil. Next, pour mixture into a bowl and stir in vanilla, lemon juice and cinnamon. Cover and chill for about 30 minutes. Freeze mixture in ice cream maker according to manufacturer's instructions. When ice cream stiffens, a few minutes before it is done, add cherries to the ice cream.



July Discovery Nature Hikes

Visit www.gtcd.org for details

For Kids:

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| July 18 This hike is for the Birds | 9:00 a.m. Oleson Pavilion |
| July 20 The Wonder of Ponds | 9:00 a.m. Oleson Pavilion |
| July 24 What to Eat in the Woods | 9:00 a.m. Oleson Pavilion |
| July 26 Weather for Kids | 9:00 a.m. Oleson Pavilion |

For Adults & Families:

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| July 7 Geo-Caching | 1:00 p.m. Oleson Pavilion |
| July 14 Ecology & Botany | 10:00 a.m. Hickory Meadows |
| July 28 Wings of Wonder | 10:00 a.m. Oleson Pavilion |



Thank You Donors!

Over the past month, we've had a few great successes in the world of grant funding. Our sincere thanks to these and all of our donors:

Rotary Charities of Traverse City awarded a "Capacity Building" grant to the District to help "spread the word." We'll be using the funds to develop a sustainable funding plan and to increase visibility of the District and all our programs within the community. As a result, the District will be better able to help YOU learn how to protect the natural resources we all enjoy. By making more people aware of our services, we'll be one step closer to achieving our mission to *inspire exploration, appreciation, and conservation of our natural world.*

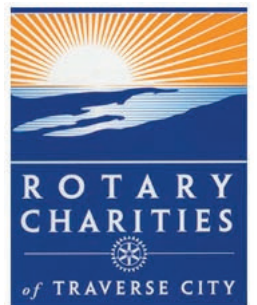
Thanks in part to assistance from our local corn growers Frank Lipinski and District Board Member Ed Breitmeyer, the **Corn Marketing Program of Michigan** has awarded a \$30,000 grant to the District for the biomass boiler system to be installed at the Nature Center. This grant will be combined with funding awarded last year from Traverse City Light and Power to fund the purchase and installation of the boiler system. The boiler will be a great way to demonstrate "green" heating options for homes and businesses and the use of alternative fuels. And, the in-floor radiant heat system will ensure improved indoor air quality, (versus forced air heat) another "green" priority.

What's Eating My Trees?

Find out at the MSU Extension diagnostic clinics, in partnership with the Conservation District. The clinics are aimed at diagnosing insect pests and diseases for homeowners in the Grand Traverse area. Clinics are held through the summer on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m at MSU Extension at 520 W. Front Street.

RSVP-The United Way Retired & Senior Volunteer Program

The United Way RSVP program has been a great asset to the District's work. Seniors interested in volunteering in the community may want to check it out. RSVP volunteer opportunities include everything from nature hikes to tax preparation! Registered volunteers can receive mileage reimbursement of 20 cents per mile up to \$30 per month. Contact the United Way at 947.3200 or visit www.unitedway.tcnet.org



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