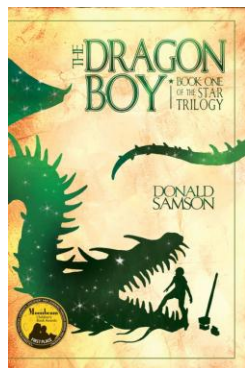




# INFORM

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**The Alumni Service Weekend in Kyle, South Dakota**, now has three big projects and a host of smaller ones to fill the work of the weekend: a deck for the back of the school overlooking the garden; a loft in the classroom; a playhouse outside for the children; and curtains for the classroom. We've had enormous support from alums and others who have contacted us to see if they can join. Also, we have gratefully received gifts large and small for supplies and support for travel of participants.

The highlight of the year promises to be the third in our AWSNA conference series: **TEENAGERS and WALDORF EDUCATION**. Save the dates: June 23-29, 2012. Held at Sacramento Waldorf School in Fair Oaks, CA, this year's theme is **Working With Young People: Answering the Call of the Future**. The keynote speaker is Florian Osswald, Pedagogical Section co-leader in Dornach, Switzerland. Teaching adolescents in this time of great complexity demands that we develop our capacities of intuition, moving towards the future rather than working with concepts and actions based on the past. To succeed in our schools, we must also address the young person's longing to build strong community out of the power of a healthy ego. With repeated reference to life and experience in Waldorf schools, Florian Osswald will help us to explore how to become more effective in our teaching. As usual, a plethora of focus groups and workshops will augment this year's summer conference.



**Media Kit:** The public relations information that we distributed to our member schools has been used by many of you and articles continue to be published in your local presses. Some schools simply forwarded the press kit to their local newspapers without any other information and were quickly courted for a news story. If you haven't yet done so, consider doing this yourself – you never know what might happen!



**Screen-Free Week:** On April 30-May 6, children around the world will celebrate Screen-Free Week by turning off entertainment screen media (TVs, computers, video games) and turning on the world around them. AWSNA endorses this endeavor, and there are a number of ways for your school to get involved in this year's week.

**Canadian news:** AWSNA leaders teleconferenced with the Canada Working Group and the Canadian delegates December 19th. LC reps will include time for Canadian delegates in the Feb/March delegates meetings to see where collaboration can be furthered with regard to provincial educational issues and promotion.

**High Mowing School is offering academic scholarships** for the first time: "In honor of our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, our Board of Trustees has established the Founders Merit Scholarship. In all, five scholarships will be awarded each year, in the amount of \$10,000 for boarding students and \$7,500 for day students. Awards will be made without consideration of financial need. These competitive scholarships recognize academically exceptional students with excellent character, as demonstrated through their activities and community service. **One \$10,000 scholarship each year will be specifically reserved for a Waldorf student**, in recognition of our shared mission and the important qualities your students bring to our community."

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#### AWSNA RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR YOU

FORMS AVAILABLE: Don't reinvent the wheel: we've compiled the best forms from member schools that you can use as templates to create your own. These valuable tools can be found under "Affiliated School Resources" page listed in the AWSNA section of the [www.WhyWaldorfWorks.org](http://www.WhyWaldorfWorks.org). If you need the password it's *awsna*.

*Also, keep these excellent resources in mind:*

- Green Pages
- Waldorf: Messaging Guidelines
- Young Schools Guide
- Accreditation Guide
- Annual Financial Surveys
- Media Guide
- Overcoming Racism through Anthroposophy
- Articles on Finance
- List of Mentors, Evaluators, Teachers

*And we offer "Effective Practices" documents:*

- Development
- Human Resources
- Enrollment
- Long-range and Strategic Planning
- Report Writing and Documentation
- Working with Parents
- Finances
- Community Life
- School and Pedagogical Operations

*Here are some ways you can further Waldorf Education in North America: Sign up to receive the e-news and on the Alumni Corner on [www.WhyWaldorfWorks.org](http://www.WhyWaldorfWorks.org) to stay informed about Waldorf news; find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/waldorfeducation](http://www.facebook.com/waldorfeducation); support your local Waldorf school every way you can; use GoodSearch (instead of Google) when surfing the web. You can also support AWSNA on-line on [www.WhyWaldorfWorks.org](http://www.WhyWaldorfWorks.org). Thank you for your commitment to Waldorf Education! Please contact us for further information or assistance:*

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