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Subject: OLPC Group at Moorpark

I am copying all people whom we thought might be interested in this project on this e-mail, which may be how you suddenly found yourself included in our group.

We will start a Chapter of OLPC here at Moorpark. Our Chapter will request the use of some “XO” Laptops to start our projects. We are preliminarily proposing meeting on Friday mornings (monthly? Bi-weekly?) starting January 15, 2010. We hope to create a team of faculty, staff and students that can cover these 5 main project areas:

- XO Computer (hardware) repair and teaching project partners how to repair XOs
- XO Software/programming development
- XO Software Troubleshooting and teaching project partners how to trouble shoot (or developing manuals or multimedia “how-to”s
- Educational development—creation of learning activities or work on a proposed “Tutor Chat” project
- Capacity Building—mentoring local and/or international project sites for ways to use the XO to create opportunities/life options

Proposed Project “Partners” (meaning the schools or project locations we might “adopt” to mentor and to connect in a XO “neighborhood”):

- Full Circle Learning After School and Summer School program for children of migrant workers in Rancho Sespe
- Nunavut, Canadian Arctic, Inuit Community youth

Current to do list:

Ed Garcia – Check on the Wiki requirements and see about starting our University Chapter Wiki.

Ed Garcia – See what the potential is for “Sugar on a Stick” (operating system) to be downloaded and used on other computers.

Mackenzie – recruit members from among students. Give a brief introduction at the Enthusiastic Programmers meeting 12/9/09 at 5:15

Kathryn – find out how we initiate our project proposals. Connect with contacts in Nunavut and Rancho Sespe.

Kathryn—contact Reet Sumal, Ivan Small, Viche Viswanath, Martin Chetlin to encourage participation (hi guys—want to participate?). Recruit either faculty or students with interest in the following areas: Education, Math, Science/biology, sociology or anthropology, Spanish, multimedia or photography (hi John ☺)

Anyone – Look at the OLPC website to see the types of projects other colleges and Universities are doing.

To find out more, contact me. Also, let me know if you can meet on January 15.

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