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## Santa Stopped by the Vista Ridge Shopping Center

*Submitted by Matt Young*



Santa rode into the Vista Ridge Shopping Center in style December 1st, as the center hosted Santa along with the Hudson Bend Fire Department for a wonderful morning of fun for community. Despite the cooler rainy weather there was a great turnout.

The merchants and professionals of Vista Ridge hosted the event December 1st to share the season with the families of Steiner Ranch and surrounding communities. Fun was had by all as Santa arrived at 9AM and greeted children and adults alike. Hudson Bend Fire Department stayed and shared tips on holiday fire safety as well as let the kids enjoy the fire truck. Each tenant at Vista Ridge was on hand to share gifts and prizes as well. The Avalar Smart Car was available for kids and

grownups to check out. This nifty little car is a hit in Europe and should be seen more and more around Austin.

Santa stayed and heard quite a bit about what's on everyone's list this Christmas. The Market at Steiner Ranch also provided beverages and food for everyone. Boar's Head Hot Dogs, Coca Cola, Fuze Beverages, Callabaut Chocolates from Belgium, and Gourmet Root Beers and Cream Sodas were free to everyone that came to see Santa.

During the morning the Prize Wheel doled out prizes which included Toro's tickets and shirts from The Market, electric toothbrushes from Steiner Ranch Orthodontics, dinner for 4 from Delicato, \$50 gift cards from The Welcome Center, free dental exams and X-



Rays from Rising Star Pediatric Dentistry, free dry cleaning from Four Son's Quality Cleaners, tote bags from Avalar Real Estate, and more. And while everyone could not win the big prize, everyone went away with a handful of candy. As the prize wheel spun, the merchants of Vista Ridge provided even more goodies and fun. The Welcome Center decorated cookies while The Children's center decorated pine cones. In between these great activities kids of all ages were able to enjoy the giant 18 foot slide.

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*Submitted by Shirley Bennett*

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*Submitted by David Morales*

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## Tips for Bringing Home a Puppy

By Paula Hufford

More than a million puppies were given as gifts this holiday season. While your new furry friend can be a bundle of joy, a canine companion also comes with the responsibility of guardianship. "The love and laughter that comes with a new puppy epitomizes the joy of dog ownership," says Paula Hufford, Bark Busters dog behavioral therapist and trainer. "But while puppies are cute and cuddly, accepting the role of guardian for a new pup comes with significant responsibilities. Be certain that you or the recipient is ready for such a commitment."

### Tips for the New Arrival

Before you bring home your puppy, have these supplies on hand:

- A crate is an invaluable tool when housebreaking a puppy. It also provides your young dog with a sense of security when you are busy or away. However, never leave a puppy in a crate for longer than 4-5 hours.
- Bedding should be thick enough for comfort and sized appropriately for the breed. Be aware that some puppies that are left unattended for too long may chew their bedding.
- Baby gates serve as a great training tool in that they can be used to block off "restricted" areas of the house and help to teach your puppy what areas are off limits.
- Dog-appropriate toys, like the puppy-sized Kong™, are the smart choice. Although children's toys look cute, they can prove hazardous. Never use old clothing or shoes as toys; a puppy cannot differentiate between your old and newly bought items. Stick with size-appropriate toys for your breed. Always supervise your puppy when he is playing with toys that contain squeakers as they can be a choking hazard.
- Two dog bowls: one for fresh water and one for quality dog food. Consult your veterinarian for food recommendations.
- A well-fitted collar and leash are a must for training and safety during outdoor excursions. Avoid chain leashes; a soft cotton leash is a better alternative.
- A pet ID tag allows your puppy to find his way home should he roam. You may also want to microchip your puppy at your next vet visit.

- Brushes and dog shampoo will eventually be needed for every breed.
- An odor and stain eliminator is a cleaner you will want on hand for those inevitable toileting accidents.
- A veterinarian should be researched and chosen beforehand. You will want a contact should an emergency arise. Introduce your new puppy early to the vet and learn what vaccinations he will need.

### Tips to "Puppy Proofing" Your House and Yard

In addition to the essential supplies mentioned above, ensure your home and yard are safe for the exuberance of a new puppy.

- Remove potential hazards—anything that would make an enticing chew toy—such as power cords, window blind cords, potted house plants, children's toys, coins, batteries, shoes and clothing, garbage bins, and anything "bite sized" that could be ingested by a curious puppy. Outside, remove bite-size rocks, sticks, fertilizers, gardening tools and equipment. Also, be mindful of toxic household and garage items, such as antifreeze, detergents, mothballs and tobacco products.
- Large and unstable objects should be moved out of harm's way. These objects could potentially fall on your inquisitive puppy as he explores his new surroundings.
- Move anything cherished or breakable to higher ground. Puppy tails have a way of sweeping a coffee table clean.
- Get on your hands and knees—at the puppy's view—to look for potential problems. If you think an item could be a hazard, remove it. It's better to be safe than sorry.

### Tips for the First Day Home

Your pup will be excited and anxious in his new environment. It is your job to make him feel safe and comfortable.

- Be patient. Although accidents will happen, do not reprimand your puppy during the first 24-48 hours while he is acclimating to the new environment. But do praise him profusely when he does something positive. This will start your both off on the right foot.

- Structure is a must. Have a planned schedule from the day your pup arrives—especially when trying to housebreak. Take your puppy outside frequently, and stay with him so that you know he has toileted.
- Getting acclimated will take him some time. Show your pup where he will be eating, sleeping and toileting. As your puppy adapts to his new surroundings and routine, he will feel more comfortable.
- Naps are important for a puppy. Be sure to give him the space and time he needs to relax. Try not to overwhelm your puppy. He is like a new baby, and will need frequent naps throughout the day.
- Start training early. Dogs are pack animals and seek authority and reassurance from the pack leader. Providing this leadership is key to managing a dog's behavior.

### Tips for the First Night Home

The first night may prove to be a challenge as puppies often cry and whine throughout the

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There are no suspects at this time. If you have any information please contact me.

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## **Tips for Bringing Home a Puppy-** *(Continued from page 8)*

night. Also, he probably will need to go out to toilet. Just as the daytime routine is important, so is the evening routine.

- Use the crate and bedding at night. As difficult as it is, avoid letting your pup sleep with you or any other family member. It could lead to behavior problems down the road.
- Your puppy's sleeping arrangements should be in a central location in the house. If you let your puppy sleep in your room, you may have trouble catching any shut-eye.
- Tough love should be your motto. Usually, a puppy takes a few nights to feel safe at night. Take him out to toilet every 4-5 hours. Other than that, he will need to get used to sleeping on his own.
- If your puppy still has trouble sleeping at night, hide a ticking clock in his bed. The sound imitates the heartbeat of the mother and can sometimes soothe an anxious puppy. To simulate the warmth of his littermates, place a warm water bottle or

oversized stuffed toy in his crate for added comfort.

## **Tips for the Future**

- Picking a trainer can be a daunting or confusing task. Consult your veterinarian or research the best training options for you and your growing puppy.
- Keeping your puppy healthy starts with a visit to a veterinarian. Usually, a yearly exam and the vet-recommended vaccinations will keep your puppy in tip-top shape.
- Exercise your puppy regularly. A walk in the neighborhood or a trip to the park is good for mind and body—for both you and your dog. Be careful not to overdo it with young pups.
- Be consistent. Puppies learn through experience and association. The more consistent you are, the faster your puppy will learn and the better he will perform.

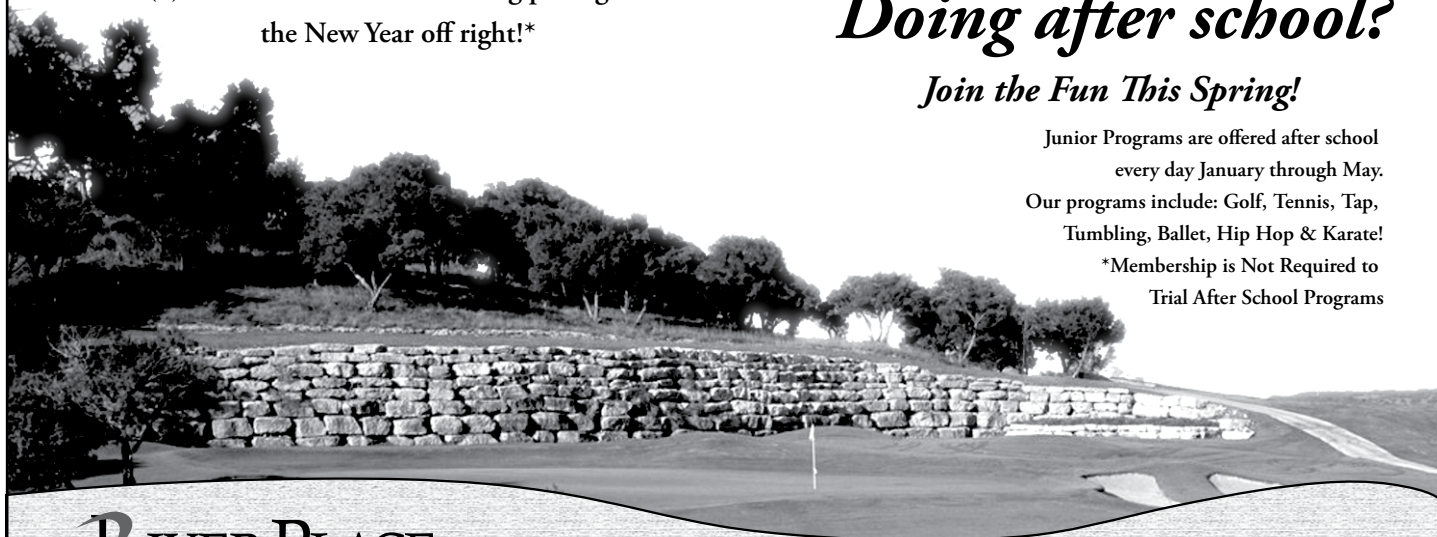
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## A New Year's Resolution that Lasts

By Scott McKay

It's that time of year again...the time we think about the year which lies ahead and reflect upon the year we are leaving behind. Usually, this time of contemplation and reflection yields a host of thoughts and ideas about how to live well - how to make improvements in our lives that will benefit our health, our families, our work. These thoughts and ideas generally lead to the creation of an action plan for the coming year.

One thing we all seem to have in common is a desire to take better care of our bodies, particularly through exercise. As such, most action plans include activities we plan to start doing regularly to improve our health and fitness (ie. the workout).

Often, we make our plan and get off to a great start at the beginning of the year. After a few months, though, we find our interest, enthusiasm and commitment waning. What seemed like a great idea in January often feels too hard by March. The last thing we need is something else that feels like work, right?

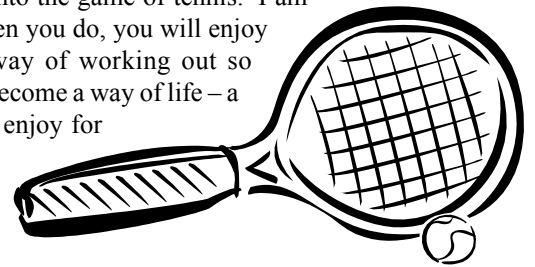
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As you are considering how to get a healthy start to the year, consider getting into the game of tennis. I am confident that when you do, you will enjoy this fresh, new way of working out so much that it will become a way of life - a workout you will enjoy for years to come.



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## Lowering Lake Austin is a six-decade tradition LCRA first lowered the lake in 1945 to control nuisance plants

By JOHN WILLIAMS  
Special to Peel Inc. Newsletters



*LCRA has often lowered Lake Austin at the City of Austin's request to deal with noxious aquatic weeds that plague lake users. This photo was taken during the lake lowering in 1949. (Photo courtesy LCRA Corporate Archives)*

AUSTIN – Once again, LCRA plans to lower Lake Austin this winter at the request of the City of Austin to control the growth of hydrilla and other nuisance plants in the lakebed.

The lake lowering, which occurs every year or two, has become a tradition that has its beginnings in the closing days of World War II to control the growth of moss and a nuisance aquatic plant known as “duckweed.”

That first lowering occurred early Monday morning, Aug. 6, 1945 – the same day that, half a world away, the United States dropped the first atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima in hopes of hastening an end to the war.

The City of Austin had requested the lowering on behalf of fishers and boaters whose equipment was becoming entangled in the weedy mess. LCRA obliged by dropping the lake 12 feet in hopes that the summer heat and lack of water would kill off the plants.

The lake lowering apparently was a unique approach to the problem, because news

stories by the Austin American (predecessor to today's Austin American-Statesman) repeatedly referred to the lowering as an “experiment.” Lake Austin was created by the reconstruction by LCRA of Tom Miller Dam, which was completed in 1940.

### **LCRA lowered the lake through floodgate releases**

In contrast to today's gradual lowering over a period of several days, LCRA lowered the lake in a single day through floodgate releases, at one point with as many as five of Tom Miller's nine floodgates open.

LCRA accomplished the lowering within 14 hours, and the floodgate releases resulted in significant downstream rises on the Colorado River. The rises ranged from 12 feet immediately below the dam to eight feet downstream of Austin.

By lowering the lake through floodgate operations, LCRA lost the benefit of using the water to generate electricity – a major consideration, because at the time LCRA obtained most of its electric power from the hydroelectric power stations at Tom Miller,

Mansfield, Inks and Buchanan dams. (LCRA had not yet built Wirtz and Starcke dams upstream of Lake Austin, and Austin had not yet built Longhorn Dam, which forms Town Lake, downstream.)

But Austin and LCRA may have intended the volume and force of the floodgate releases to scour the riverbed downstream of aquatic weeds, according to the American. LCRA also took advantage of the floodgate operations to repaint the dam's floodgates.

### **Duckweed – a conservation effort gone horribly wrong**

The reason for lowering Lake Austin was the proliferation of aquatic weeds, primarily Eurasian watermilfoil, which federal conservation officials had planted in the lakebed in 1939 to prevent soil erosion as LCRA completed reconstruction of Tom Miller Dam. (A massive buildup of silt had contributed to the destruction of one of Tom Miller's predecessor dams in 1900.) By the mid-1940s, the fast-growing, stringy plants had proliferated to the point that they had become a nuisance to people who boated, fished or swam in the lake.

There are two stories on why the milfoil was introduced into the lake. One version is that conservation officials had intended to plant duckweed – a beneficial plant – along with other beneficial vegetation, but the seed had become contaminated with milfoil. The other version is that officials planted the milfoil in the mistaken belief that the plant would attract ducks. In any event, the milfoil came to be known to local residents as “duckweed.”

### **City contemplated using flamethrowers to eradicate weeds**

Following the lake lowering, and about a week to allow the lakebed to dry, the city attempted to clear the Lake Austin lakebed, with limited success.

The Austin American reported that City Manager Walter E. Seaholm planned to request local U.S. Army officials to loan flamethrowers to burn out the weed mass, in part to “prevent its rotting and causing a disagreeable taste to the water later.”

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### Lowering Lake Austin- (Continued from page 12)

Apparently that request went nowhere. A week later, a city crew and three bulldozers cleared some weed growth, along with some rocks and tree stumps, out of shallower areas of the lakebed. Seaholm blamed the war for the lack of equipment to do more work.

The lake stayed down for 20 days. In contrast to the 14-hour drawdown, LCRA refilled the lake in three days, "to protect boats in the lake and prevent the trapping of livestock," according to the newspaper. City officials declared the lowering a success. But LCRA and Austin repeated the lowering the following year.

### Nuisance plants persist, even with regular lowerings

Lowering Lake Austin has become a six-decade tradition, as one of the measures by LCRA, Austin, other organizations and lakeside residents as they continued to battle the pesky plants.

The City of Austin at one time used a harvester to "mow" the weeds and carry them away. A 1980 story in an LCRA newsletter noted that lakeside residents "have been known to attack the weeds with shovels, rakes, blowtorches and rock salt...No luck - like an unwanted hound dog, the weeds always come back."

In 1999 the Eurasian watermilfoil was joined by another noxious weed - hydrilla, a fast-growing plant that, left unchecked, can block intake pipes, interfere with LCRA's flood-management operations and harm the lake's water quality.

To battle the plant, LCRA and other organizations used an integrated plan that includes introducing sterile carp into the lake to feed on the hydrilla - and lowering the lake every year or two, at the request of the City of Austin.

In contrast to the first lowering in 1945, LCRA typically releases the water through the hydroelectric power station at Tom Miller Dam, generating electricity. LCRA also schedules the lowering in January and February in hopes of exposing the nuisance vegetation to a hard freeze, rather than a heat wave.

The lowerings kill off or hinder some plant growth. But LCRA aquatic scientists say that the nuisance plants will continue to be a part of Lake Austin.

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*Submitted by Tracy Eilers*



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You can also watch a video with Jonathan with aired November 18th on News 8 Austin Forever Families. If you go to the following website, scan down and check out the story. <http://www.adoptioncoalitiontx.org/foreverfamilies.html> . He really is a great kid!

For more information about Jonathan please contact:

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26—CASTROVILLE: Kid Fish Celebration Children age 4 to 12 can fish for stocked rainbow trout in the gristmill mainstream. Reservations required for groups of three or more children. Landmark Inn State Historic Site. 830/931-2133

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26—FREDERICKSBURG: Indian Artifact & Collectible Show Includes displays of arrowheads, books, cases and collectibles for sale. Pioneer Pavilion at Lady Bird Johnson Park. E-mail: [richard.mentzer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:richard.mentzer@sbcglobal.net) 830/626-5561 or 830/238-3795

26—MASON: Mason County Courthouse Open House Sesquicentennial celebration includes courthouse "open house" and viewing of the new Sesquicentennial Garden. Courthouse on Square. [www.masontxcoc.com](http://www.masontxcoc.com) 325/347-5758

26—MASON: Sesquicentennial Kick Off Chuck Wagon Dinner Begins at 6:30 p.m. Followed by a dance at 8 p.m. Fort Mason Community Building. [www.masontxcoc.com](http://www.masontxcoc.com) 325/347-5758

26-27—AUSTIN: Citywide Garage Sale Palmer Events Center. E-mail: [info@cwgs.com](mailto:info@cwgs.com) • [www.cwgs.com](http://www.cwgs.com) 877/840-3829

27—AUSTIN: A. Mozart Fest Presents: Mozart Birthday Celebration Concert Features pianist Anton Nel and the A. Mozart Fest Chamber Orchestra, plus soprano Janeene Williams performs the Concert Aria. First Baptist Church. [www.amozartfest.org](http://www.amozartfest.org) 512/371-7217

31—AUSTIN: I Dream A World Experience the concert program that Conspirare will present at the Eighth World Symposium on Choral Music in July 2008 in Copenhagen. University Presbyterian Church. [www.conspirare.org](http://www.conspirare.org) 512/476-5775

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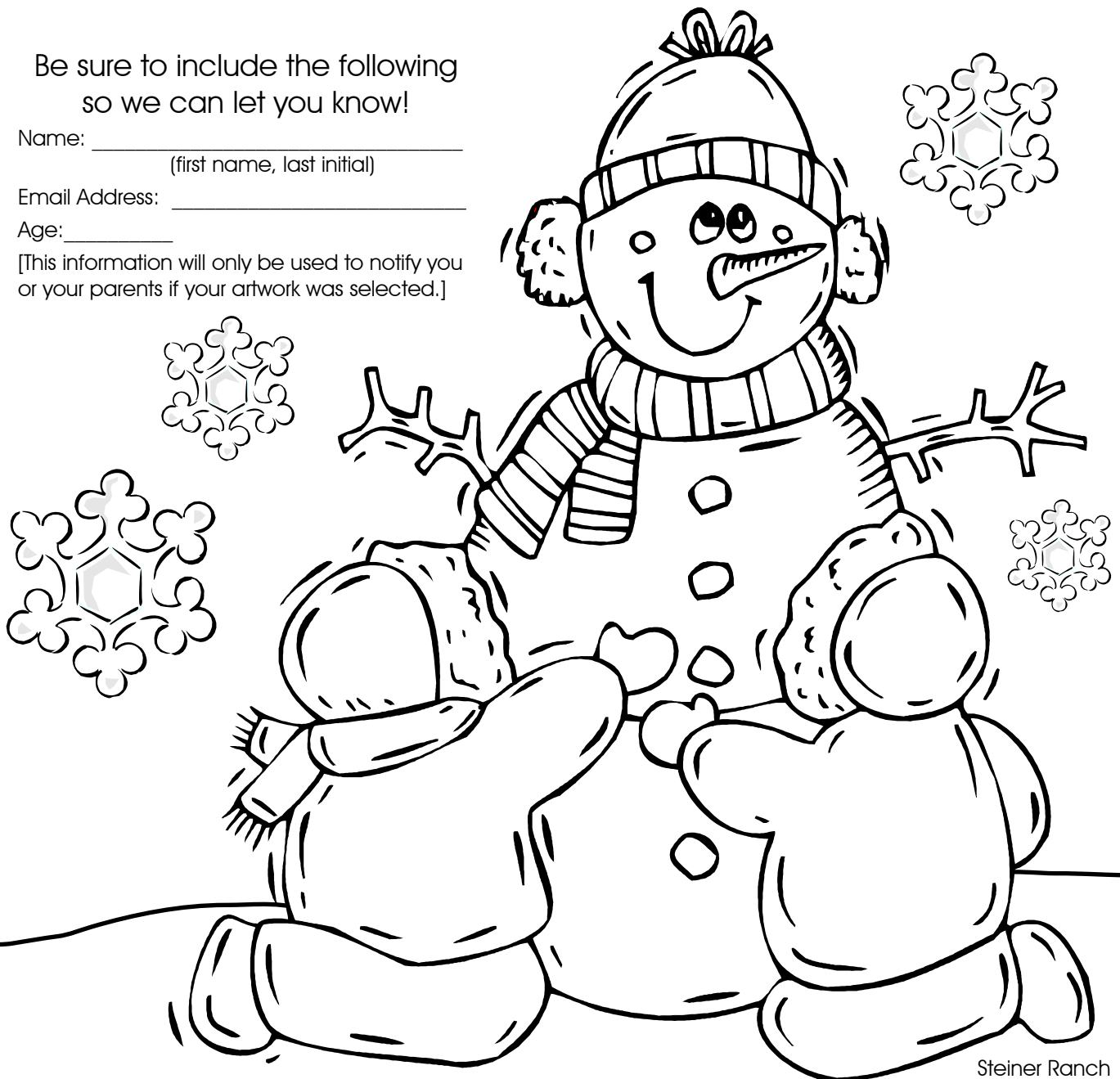
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