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GIRL SCOUTS ENCOURAGES ADULTS TO VOLUNTEER

Make A Difference In A Girl's Life



Day Camp Aragon, Libay Middle Schools

EVERYONE CAN CREATE NEW LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR GIRLS

Every year, through programs that include science and technology, business and economic literacy, visual arts, and outdoor and environmental awareness, Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council (GSSJC) encourages women and men over the age of 18 to help build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. As a volunteer of the premier organization for girls, you'll add meaningful days to the lives of girls by creating new learning experiences for future leaders in grades kindergarten through 12th.

There is no better time to serve as a Girl Scout volunteer than now. The 2011-2012 will mark the centennial of the Girl Scout movement, giving volunteers plenty of opportunities to participate in all the wonderful events and programs that are sure to be memorable for the girls and the communities they serve.

Becoming a volunteer is simple. All you have to do is complete an application and background check, and accept the Girl Scout Promise and Law. A year-long commitment is no longer necessary as the organization provides a number of flexible options to serve its membership, matching your expertise, skills, interests, and life experiences to available opportunities.

Tackle everything from global warming to election reform. Travel to incredible places. Teach a girl how to build a robot, butterfly or rain garden. Share your personal passions and create experiences together you'll never forget. Whether you choose to directly or indirectly work with girls, short-term or long-term, GSSJC will provide the support, guidance and tools you need to be successful.

Girl Scouts is for every girl, everywhere. It's also for adults – caring individuals willing to share their time and talents to help girls explore their interests and achieve their potential. If you can think it, you can share it!

For more information on how you can make a difference, call 713-292-0300 or 1-800-392-4340, or visit www.gssjc.org/volunteer.cfm.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's preeminent organization for girls, with a membership of more than 3.7 million girls and adults. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Chartered by GSUSA to provide Girl Scouting locally, Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council is one of the largest Girl Scout councils in the country serving more than 76,000 girls served and nearly 18,000 adult members in 26 southeast Texas counties. Girl Scouts motivates and teaches girls that if they can think it, they can do it. No challenge is too big! While membership dues are only \$12 a year, the rewards girls, their families and their communities reap are invaluable.

Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council Copper Corners Service Unit is forming now. If you or your troop is interested in coordinating Father Daughter, Daisy Day or Brownie Day or annual recruitment events at your school events, please call or email melinda.riso@yahoo.com. Copper Corners serves all girls in the residence areas for Lowery, Birkes, Fiest Elementary Schools, Aragon and Labay Middle Schools and corresponding high schools. For more information about joining, becoming a Troop Leader, assisting a troop or inspiring elementary, middle or high school aged girls, call 800-392-4340 or visit www.gssjc.org

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AGGIE MOMS GET INVOLVED!

NW HARRIS COUNTY AGGIE MOM'S CLUB MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

A warm HOWDY is extended to all new, current, and former Aggie Moms for the fall of 2011! Aggie Moms in the Northwest Harris County region are invited to kick off our fall meeting on September 13th at 7 pm at the Houston Distributing Company conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of 7100 High Life Drive and Cutten Road.

Come join us and learn about one of the most important issues at Texas A&M University which is the safety of our Aggie students. Our guest speaker will be Officer D. Donovan who is a Crime Prevention Specialist at the TAMU campus in College Station. Officer Donovan will discuss all aspects of safety on campus including Code Maroon and give insight into the many ways your students at Texas A&M can help prevent crimes on campus.

The NW Harris County Aggie Mom's Club is designed to support our Aggies through student scholarships and financial donations to many campus organizations. We provide a way for Aggie Moms to



support each other by sharing the joys of parenting Aggie students. This year the NWHC Aggie Mom's Club distributed more than \$30,000 in funds back to TAMU through donations to student organizations, scholarships, projects, and services.

On September 10th, Aggie Moms are participating in the "Shop Til U Drop" event at the Berry Center and selling unique Aggie "Traditions" frames, fabulous new "Traditions" pillow designs, awesome new "Bling" t-shirts, and other great gift items. Come join the Aggie Moms at this great shopping experience! Some of our Boutique items will also be for sale at our September meeting.

The NWHC Aggie Mom's next big event will be our 9th Annual China Luncheon on Saturday, October 22. Don't miss this great event with uniquely decorated tables, delicious luncheon, style show, and silent auction. For ticket information please contact Denise Jungels 281-477-6798 or Nancy Bond 713-896-7606.

For more information, check out our website at www.nwhcaggie moms.org or contact President Judy Thompson at 281-798-4312.

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INCREASE YOUR EARNING POWER!!!

The Northwest Harris County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club is an organization made up of new, current, and former Aggie Moms. Being an Aggie Mom has incredible benefits! In addition to supporting each other, we support Aggie students through fundraising for student scholarships, student organizations and book awards. If you are an Aggie parent/guardian interested in joining our club or an Aggie student interested in applying for a scholarship or book award, please visit our website www.nwhcaggiemoms.org to find out how easy it can be!

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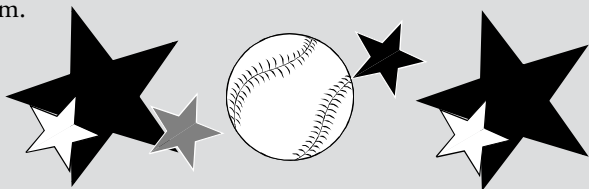
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American Business Women's Association Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN) Monthly Networking Luncheon

When August 25, 2011
Time 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Where Houston National Golf Club
..... 16500 Houston National Blvd
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Networking and Business Luncheon

Cy-Fair Express Network invites you to their monthly meeting and luncheon. Bring plenty of business cards for networking. Please make reservations online by August 19 @ www.cyfen.org or contact Melissa Rotholz @ 713-256-9569. Our mission is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition.

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WHAT IS BUS BUDDIES?

Bus Buddies is a partnership between the Cy-Fair community and Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District to provide assistance to elementary students helping them get off the bus at the correct location. The program requires one "Bus Buddy" per elementary bus the first three days of school. The approximate time commitment is from 2:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. on August 22, August 23 and August 24. Your job is to simply assist the bus driver with making sure the children get off the bus at their correct stops.

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

- (1) Attend one of the training sessions, if not previously trained.
- (2) Arrive and sign in at your assigned school where campus staff will assist you.
- (3) Enjoy helping the kids and driver!



WHEN AND WHERE IS TRAINING?

Training Sessions will be held at The Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress Rd., Cypress, TX.

Training dates: Monday, Aug.15 (9:30 – 10:30 a.m.); Tuesday, Aug.16 (6:30 – 7:30p.m.) and Thursday, Aug.18 (7:30 – 8:30 a.m.).

The Partners in Education (PIE) department is looking for the same strong Bus Buddy support we have enjoyed the past. Making sure that all of our elementary children get off the bus at the correct stop is a very big task. It requires 400+ volunteers in the Cy-Fair community to ride buses to assist the nearly 9000 riders and their drivers.

INTERESTED?

Volunteers can RSVP and register for a training session by visiting <http://www.cfisd.net> and selecting "Bus Buddies". For additional information about the program, please contact the CFISD Partners in Education Department at 281-894-3949.



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Cypress Ranch High School Classics Drill Team Dance Clinic

All Girls In Grades K-12 are Invited to a Dance Clinic hosted by the Classics Drill Team

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2011, FROM 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

AT CYPRESS RANCH HIGH SCHOOL

(Performance for Parents 12:30 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.)

- \$30.00 to Pre-Register (Please make checks payable to CRCPC.)
- \$40.00 to Register at the Door (IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE)
- Each child will receive a Classics Clinic t-shirt, 2 slices of pizza and a snack!
- Remember to bring extra money for Spirit Items and the "Pretty in Pink Princess Corner".
- (Dress up all in pink and have your picture taken with a special celebrity – just \$5!)
- Please wear dance clothing and dance shoes if you have them. Please pull hair back.
- No jewelry or gum allowed.

CERTIFICATES WILL BE AWARDED!!

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

To pre-register, complete the form below and mail to:

Amy Janak 12826 Mason Terrace Ln., Cypress, TX 77433

Attn: Classics Drill Team or call (281) 550-2576



Name: _____ Phone No. _____
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I give _____ permission to participate in the Cypress Ranch Classics Dance Clinic on Saturday, September 17, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Cypress Ranch High School. I hereby release and hold harmless the Cypress Fairbanks I.S.D., their employees and volunteers acting on behalf of Cypress Fairbanks I.S.D. and Cypress Ranch High School from any liability for injuries incurred by my child while attending the above mentioned activity. I hereby authorize emergency medical treatment for my child when I cannot be contacted to give personal consent. Such medical treatment may include administration of tests, drugs, X-ray examinations, anesthetics, dental or surgical examinations or treatment and general hospital care as necessary.

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Juniors ONLY- Aug. 12th 5:00-6:30 pm
Sophomores ONLY- Aug. 12th 3:00-4:30 pm
Freshmen ONLY- Aug. 13th 9:00-12:00 pm

ALL students will take their photos for Student ID's and pick up their fall schedule at the Mustang Corral. Please come prepared for photos.

Sr/Jr parking permits will be available for purchase with valid TDL and current auto insurance. Student name and vehicle must be listed on proof of insurance. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Bring checkbook/cash to purchase parking permits, English novels, yearbook, PE uniforms, Homecoming Mums, Senior Dues, lunch accounts, planners, school photos etc.

2012 Seniors should be making their

senior portrait appointment with Prestige Portrait's Willowbrook or Katy location. There is no charge for the senior portrait for the yearbook. If you don't take your portrait, your senior photo will not be in the yearbook! You can arrange a sitting time to have additional photos taken with letter jacket/sports/cheer/dance paraphernalia. Additional fees will apply. Visit their website for more information.

Homecoming is very early this year. Mum/garter day and Homecoming game against Jersey Village is Friday, Sept. 9th and the Homecoming Dance will be Sept 10th. Athletic tickets are available at the Berry Center or will be sold during lunch the day before the game. HC Dance food/drinks donations and chaperones will be needed. More info to follow.
<http://schools.cfsd.net/cyranch/Home.html> or <http://www.cypressranchathletics.com> for more information.

All senior parents need to go to www.MANE2012.com to sign up for M.A.N.E. info (project prom). First general meeting is September 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Cypress Ranch HS Commons.

Want to stay up to date on upcoming events, please send your name and email address to: cypressranchvips@gmail.com and the grade level of your student(s). All information will be kept confidential and property of Cypress Ranch VIPS.

If you cannot make it to Mustang Corral, it will be okay. Everything will be available the first week of school with the exception of the photos for school ID's. Make up photos for student ID's to be announce at a later date. Just remember you will need your student ID to have access to events and dances.

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CRIMSON CADETTE *Drill Team Dance Clinic*

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8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The Cy-woods Crimson Cadettes Drill Team will host their 6th annual dance clinic for K-12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on August 10-12. This is a major fund-raiser for the team and enables them to participate in activities throughout the 2011-2012 school year. The fee is \$55 and includes dance technique, specially choreographed routines for each age group, a t-shirt, drinks and snacks each day and a picture for each participant. Showoffs will be held the last day at 11:30 a.m. For more information email goodsonms@comcast.net or check out our website at www.crimsoncadettes.com. On the website, you will find a sign-up form and a link to PayPal for easy payment.

Will My Child Be Ready for Elementary School?

Submitted by: Brandi Muse

More and more parents are recognizing the importance of enrolling their children in preschool to help them develop the right foundation for success in elementary school and beyond. However, the best programs go beyond helping children master basic academic skills to supporting their development as happy, confident, well-rounded individuals.

Research shows that from birth to age five, development in all areas is rapid. Children form strong neural connections during this time as a result of experiences they have with everyone and everything they encounter. The quality of those early interactions determines how children continue to learn and form relationships, strongly influencing their future success and happiness.

"Parents should look for preschool, pre-K, kindergarten and first grade programs that take a balanced approach to developing motor, social-emotional, creative and academic skills," said Brandi Muse, of Primrose School at Summerwood. "It takes quality instruction, a well-rounded curriculum and a positive teacher relationship to prepare a child to succeed."

- **Academics:** Let's go beyond concentrating only on basic math and reading skills. Academic success is not just about memorization – it requires learning how to think critically, use mathematical concepts, express curiosity and develop competence in language skills like listening, speaking and writing.
- **Technology:** In today's technology-rich world, children need to have a grasp of technology as a tool for creative expression and problem solving. Computers equipped with developmentally-appropriate educational software and online resources should be integrated into the classroom.
- **Physical Development:** Children who participate in daily physical activity develop basic motor skills like throwing, jumping and balance that help them become healthy adults. Physical activity also creates neural connections that support academic achievement.
- **Music and Art:** Young children naturally engage in "art," or spontaneous, creative play, but when educators involve children in music and art activities regularly from an early age, they encourage cognitive and emotional development.
- **Social-Emotional Development:** Preschool programs should focus on social and life skills to help your child establish positive relationships and transition easily to elementary school.



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Important Dates

Aug. 11-12	New Staff Orientation
Aug. 15-19	Professional Days
Aug. 22	.....	1st Day of School
Sept. 5	.....	Student/Staff Holiday
Oct. 10	.....	Professional Day / Elem. Parent Conferences
Nov. 21-25	.....	Student/Staff Holidays
Nov. 21, 22	.....	Inclement Weather Days
Dec. 21	.....	Inclement Weather Day
Dec. 21-30	.....	Student/Staff Holidays
Jan. 2-3	.....	Professional Days
Jan. 16	.....	Student/Staff Holiday
Feb. 20	.....	Professional Day / Inclement Weather Day
March 12-16	.....	Student/Staff Holidays
April 6	.....	Student/Staff Holiday
May 28	.....	Student/Staff Holiday
May 30	.....	Last Day of School
May 31	.....	Professional Day / Inclement Weather Day

GRADING PERIODS

Elementary Schools

1st 9 Weeks: Aug. 22-Oct. 21
2nd 9 Weeks: Oct. 24-Jan. 13
3rd 9 Weeks: Jan. 17-March 23
4th 9 Weeks: March 26-May 30

Secondary Schools

1st Semester

1st 6 Weeks: Aug. 22-Sept. 28
2nd 6 Weeks: Sept. 29-Nov. 4
3rd 6 Weeks: Nov. 7-Dec. 20

2nd Semester

4th 6 Weeks: Jan. 4-Feb. 17
5th 6 Weeks: Feb. 21-April 13
6th 6 Weeks: April 16-May 30

LEGEND

	STUDENT/STAFF HOLIDAY
	PROFESSIONAL DAY (Student Holiday)
	FIRST & LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
	PARENT CONFERENCES/ HOLIDAY FOR ALL STUDENTS/ PROFESSIONAL DAY
	INCLEMENT WEATHER DAY

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**For more information, please visit www.nscar.org
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	Sep '10	Oct '10	Nov '10	Dec '10	Jan '11	Feb '11	Mar '11	Apr '11	May '11	June '11
\$500,000 and above	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
\$176,000--\$200,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$151,000--\$175,999	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
\$141,000--\$150,999	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	2	0
\$121,000--\$140,999	2	3	3	4	0	1	2	0	3	6
\$101,000--\$120,999	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0
\$100,999 and below	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total	2	4	3	4	3	3	4	6	5	9
Highest \$/sq ft	\$70.66	\$74.85	\$70.77	\$69.66	\$66.00	\$53.97	\$51.00	\$75.36	\$76.69	\$78.49

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