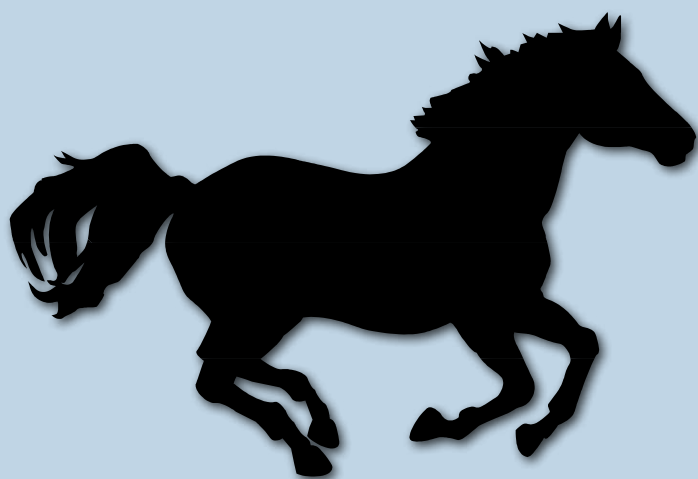


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Samoas-Caramel Delights, Thin Mints, Tagalongs, oh my! Girl Scout cookie season is (finally) upon us and soon the troops will fan out to sell the irresistible cookies with those signature smiles.

This year, in honor of the organization's 100th anniversary, you'll see a brand new cookie flavor, in the mix. Called the Savannah Smile, it's a crescent shaped, lemon-wedge cookie with lemon chips that's dusted in powdered sugar.

According to Little Brownie Bakers, the company that bakes the new confection, the cookie is named after Girl Scout founder Juliet Low's hometown and is "cool and crisp, with just the right number of lemon chips to deliver tiny bursts of flavor." For the calorie-counters, five Savannah Smiles will set you back about 140 calories.

Since 1917 when troops first baked cookies and sold them in the high school cafeteria, the Girl Scout cookie fundraising effort has grown to generate millions of dollars a year for the organization.



Approximately 200 million boxes are sold each year and the biggest seller is the Thin Mint, which accounts for 25 percent of overall sales, according to their website. Samoas are a close second, consisting of 19 percent of total sales, and Tagalongs come in third with 13 percent. Do-si-dos and Trefoils round out the top five biggest sellers.

Where will the Savannah Smiles fit in the all-star lineup? Only time will tell if the treats will earn a spot in the cookie lovers' hearts and pantries or face the same fate as discontinued flavors like the Double Dutch or Aloha Chips.

For me, it's unlikely to top the irresistible chocolate caramel coconut Samoa combination, but soon you can decide for yourself. Many troops begin selling cookies as early as mid January, and you can find where scouts are selling cookies in your area at [www.GirlScoutCookies.org](http://www.GirlScoutCookies.org). For die-hard fans, there's also a cookie locator app for smartphones that uses GPS to tell you the cookie sales closest to you. To see a listing of all current varieties of Girl Scout Cookies along with pictures and descriptions, go to [GirlScoutCookies.org](http://GirlScoutCookies.org).



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February's guest speaker will be Diane Trautman, Candidate for Harris County Board of Education, At Large Position #3.

All are welcome to join this growing club. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month. For more information, contact Olga Moya at [cytomedms@yahoo.com](mailto:cytomedms@yahoo.com).



## CY-FAIR JAM SESSION

Prime Time Sports and Cy-Fair Sports Association Youth Basketball present the Cy-Fair Jam Session, February 18-19. The tournament will be held in the Cypress-Fairbanks ISD gyms and will benefit the Houston Food Bank. Each team that registers and brings 20 canned foods items will receive \$25 cash at check-in. For more information or to register on-line please visit our website at [www.primetimesportz.com](http://www.primetimesportz.com) or call us at 972-355-3788. The tournament is priced at \$195 with each team guaranteed to play 3 games.



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## WILDCATS RIGHT AFTER PROM

WRAP 2012 planning is underway! WRAP is Cy-Woods High School's parent-driven Project Prom organization. The purpose of WRAP is to provide a drug- and alcohol-free all-night party for the graduating seniors and their guests after their prom.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Give Back Night** at Raising Cane's every 1st and 3rd Wednesday. 15% of your purchase will be donated when you mention "WRAP" to the cashier. No flier needed, and anyone can support WRAP, so tell your friends and neighbors! Good all day long: dine in, carry out, or drive thru

**Night at Newk's** – every 4th Monday. 20% of your purchase will be donated to WRAP, but you will need to bring the flyer. Tell your friends and neighbors to print a flier and eat there, too! Good all day long: dine in or carry out. (see attachment or go to the website!)

**Kroger Gift Cards:** Contact JJ Walden at jacqjw@sbcglobal.net to get a Kroger Gift Card. Kroger gives 3% back to WRAP of the amount you load onto the card. Each card you request will be linked to your senior, so family, friends and neighbors can use it to support your senior and WRAP! Reload the card as often as needed to keep earning WRAP Bucks.

**Self Defense Class:** Cypress Taekwan Do has offered to host a self defense class for WRAP, February 26 (Sunday) 2-4 pm. Not limited to WRAP parents. Contact Kim Dudzik at kim\_dudzik@hotmail.com for more details.

Keep your eyes open for more details about 'Rangler & Rhinestones Silent Auction & Dinner.

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To find out more about becoming a community sponsor for this wonderful event please email CyWoodsWRAP@yahoo.com.

### MEETINGS:

Other meeting will be the 2nd TUESDAY of each month is the Cy Woods Commons @ 7:00 pm

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- SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2012 • NOON SHOTGUN START

Cy-Fair HS Band Boosters will be holding its 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Longwood Golf Course on March 3, 2012. This charity event helps raise the funds necessary for our 260+ member marching band to perform and compete. However, we need you! We are currently seeking players, sponsors and donations needed to make this event a success for our students. Cy-Fair HS Band Boosters is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and all contributions are tax deductible.

Golf Tournament admission includes a Texas Roadhouse catered Dinner Reception & Awards Ceremony, complete with raffle drawing with great prizes, silent auction and

a live band to keep the party going. This is a fun opportunity for you to help support our very own Cy-Fair HS Band right in your own Longwood backyard!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE BELOW OR CONTACT GILLIAN CROWLEY AT (713) 906-2543. [WWW.CYFAIRBAND-GOLF.COM](http://WWW.CYFAIRBAND-GOLF.COM)



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Our goal is to raise \$100,000 in 2012, specifically targeted to metastatic breast cancer research. SO WE are excited to announce that [www.pinktober365.com](http://www.pinktober365.com) launched January 1. This new website will profile 365 pink warriors -- survivors, walkers, researchers, and advocates. We want to hear your story, whether you are a fighter, survivor, family or friend affected by breast cancer. Go to [www.pinktober365.com](http://www.pinktober365.com) to share your story or obtain more information. Team Tiara would be honored to hear from you.



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*Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN)*

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Cy-Fair Express Network Monthly Networking Luncheon  
When: February 23, 2012

### TIME:

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

### WHERE:

Sterling National Golf Club  
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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 February 17 @ [www.cyfen.org](http://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.

## Northwest Flyers

### YOUTH TRACK CLUB BEGINS 25TH SEASON

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will begin the 2012 season with its first practice during the week of February 13th. The team consists of boys and girls, ages 6 -18, provides a full program of track and field events, and is affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF). The club was founded 25 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area.

For additional information on how to register, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or [linette.roach@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linette.roach@sbcglobal.net).

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VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools) in Cy-Fair ISD center the attention of their service on supporting students and staff and making a significant contribution to the education of children. These dedicated individuals, who give freely of their time and resources, impact the academic and personal development of Cy-Fair ISD students. Cypress-Fairbanks ISD is fortunate to be able to draw from a diversity of skills and knowledge in its community.

If you are interested in being involved at Cy-Fair schools as a volunteer and making a difference, or would like more information, please contact Pam Scott, Partners in Education Director at 281-894-3950.

### FEBRUARY 2012 UPCOMING EVENTS

#### February 7

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#### February 7

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#### February 9

VIPS General Meeting – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center  
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#### February 15

VIPS Sooper Puppy Training  
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Berry Center  
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#### February 16

VIPS TAG Team Meeting  
9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center  
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#### February 23

Multicultural Meeting  
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Berry Center  
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The money raised by the boys will directly benefit the individual Scout and the Troop Scouting Program. Funds are used for activities such as High Adventure Summer Camp in Colorado, Philmont Treks, monthly troop campouts and so much more.

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For your convenience, Scouts will be selling door to door in your subdivision beginning January 9th until February 13th. We will also have booth sales at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Fairfield on Sunday January 29th.

If you are reading this circular and think we may miss you or want to support, please order by emailing Troop 533 at [BoyScoutsTroop533@yahoo.com](mailto:BoyScoutsTroop533@yahoo.com) or contact Stacy Hedrick 832-419-3199

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### REMEMBER

Houston leash laws require all dogs to be on a leash when off the owner's premises.

## Pick up the Pile

Happy New Year to all! As we embark on 2012's journey, some will think of ways to improve upon themselves. I'd like to offer an idea to those that still think dog poop is fertilizer, let's try picking up after our dogs. In case you were not aware, scientists have established the fact that the dog's gut harbors a particular type of bacteria known as the coli form bacteria. This bacterium includes the dreaded E. coli bacteria and also contains strains of salmonella and giardia. Now, since the rains have finally come, all the piles that have been left behind will be washed into our storm drains and contaminate our water supply. Not only is our water supply affected but perhaps even the air we breathe...I came across this article:

### SCIENCEDAILY (AUG. 18, 2011)

"Bacteria from fecal material -- in particular, dog fecal material -- may constitute the dominant source of airborne bacteria in Cleveland's and Detroit's wintertime air, says a new University of Colorado Boulder study."

This was the first test conducted, for air borne disease so far, however, scientist presume other cities, with an abundance of the canine kind, will show similar results. Please be kind, don't leave it behind. To those that pick up....THANK YOU

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want to miss this great opportunity!

Join us Tuesday, February 14th, 2012 at 7 pm at the Houston Distributing Company, Inc. conveniently located at 7100 High Life Drive by Cutten Road near Willowbrook Mall. The NWHC Aggie Moms' Club works to provide scholarships for Aggie students and funds for on-campus student run organizations. The Aggie Moms' Club is a great place to meet other Aggie Moms, find out important information about your student's experience at Texas A&M University, and provide support for all Aggie students.

Scholarship Monday is still available for Aggie students! NWHC Aggie Moms'

Club awarded over \$11,000 in 2011 scholarships for Texas A&M students. There are Awesome Aggie students in the NW Harris County region and this could be your student! The scholarship DEADLINE is Monday, February 7th, 2012 (postmarked). Get more details on our website at [www.nwhcaggie moms.org](http://www.nwhcaggie moms.org).

Aggie Recording Artist, Kimberly Dunn, will be performing at our spring fundraiser "Boots 'N Whoops". Join us for this private performance on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at the Red River Dance Hall (SH 249). Visit our website [www.nwhcaggie moms.org](http://www.nwhcaggie moms.org) for ticket information. This is a concert that you won't want to miss!

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\$351,000--\$450,999	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
\$276,000--\$350,999	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	1
\$231,000--\$275,999	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
\$201,000--\$230,999	2	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
\$200,999 and below	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Highest \$/sq ft</b>	<b>\$81.81</b>	<b>\$82.12</b>	<b>\$94.79</b>	<b>\$93.21</b>	<b>\$79.29</b>	<b>\$97.47</b>	<b>\$85.32</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$91.90</b>	<b>\$88.67</b>

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