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A Newsletter for Riata Ranch Residents

What Can A Cookie Buy?

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THE COST OF A BOX OF COOKIES IS \$ 4.00.

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. 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.



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We are glad to hear all of the positive feedback and we intend to continue to improving the look and feel of the newsletter according to what you tell us. So get as involved as you like! We look forward to hearing from you.

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February 15th Meeting

The Cypress-Tomball Democrats will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 15th, at a new location: Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429. A meet and greet will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the general meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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 cytomdems@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 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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American Business Women's Association Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN)

EVENT:

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

TIME:

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

WHERE:

Sterling National Golf Club
16500 Houston National Blvd
Houston, TX 77095

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 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.



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2012 Cy-Fair Women's Expo

EVENT: CY-FAIR WOMEN'S EXPO

- When: April 26, 2012
- Time: 11:00am – 2:00pm
- Where: Sterling Country Club
at Houston National
- 16500 Houston National Blvd
- Houston, TX 77095

The 3rd annual Cy-Fair Women's Expo sponsored by North Cypress Medical Center, Community Impact Newspaper, Houston Premium Outlets, and Champion Energy is Thursday, April 26, 2012, from 11am-2pm, at Houston National Golf Club. Vendor registration and additional information is available @ www.cyfen.org or by emailing expo@cyfen.org.

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“Teamwork is Key” in Cy-Fair ISD

While you are busy clearing out the old and organizing the new; be sure to add volunteering as part of your 2012 calendar. You will want to take special note of the event dates below. As a volunteer in CFISD; you can stay as busy as you want to and fill your calendar to the extent that fits your needs and desires. You are valued and needed on the Cy-Fair Volunteer Team wherever you serve and whatever you do.

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

Galveston Bay Training
9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center
Open to all CFISD school staff, volunteers, and parents. Learn how to present a TEKS based science lesson to 4th grade students at your school. Students will learn about the importance of our bay and waterways and what measures can be taken to protect this life-giving estuary.

February 7

PIE Student Mentor Training – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Berry Center
Training for individuals committed to serve as a role model and friend to CFISD students. District approved mentors meet with students weekly during school hours on school campuses. Along with this two hour training, an application and criminal background check are required.

February 9

VIPS General Meeting – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center
Open to all CFISD volunteers, parents, staff and community members. Get the

latest information on CFISD volunteering and learn through networking!

February 15

VIPS Sooper Puppy Training
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Berry Center
Sooper Puppy is a first grade class series dealing with age appropriate life lessons, facing dilemmas and arriving at solutions by making good choices.

February 16

VIPS TAG Team Meeting
9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center
Informational meeting for individuals who are interested in working directly with students to help them reach their full academic potential.

February 23

Multicultural Meeting
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Berry Center
Open to all CFISD school staff, volunteers, parents and community members. The purpose of the CFISD Multicultural Committee is to raise the level of cultural understanding and respect by sharing information with the CFISD community to encourage cultural sensitivity and parental involvement to strengthen student success.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR TRAINING

Register for training by emailing the PIE office at vipsrsvp@cfisd.net. Provide your name and the name and date of the training you wish to attend. Registration is required to guarantee a seat and training materials. *Adults only please.*

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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 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 to share your story or obtain more information. Team Tiara would be honored to hear from you.



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