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Pinwheels for Peace

from Girl Scout Brownie Troop #14570



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Girl scouts participate in many different community, group & individual activities, from kindergarten to 12th grade. The girls in Brownie troop #14570 thought it would be fun to make pinwheels and liked the idea that they would be joining a community of peace lovers all over the world by participating in Pinwheels for Peace Day.

The 2nd grade girls worked hard on their home made pinwheels. On one side they wrote their feelings about peace which ranged from "I like peace, its fun!" and "hope, love, God, smile" to "being nice to my sister". On the other side they used their imaginations to visually express their feelings about peace in drawings and colorful designs. We talked about peace and what it means to them in both big and small ways, whether its world wide or just within a friendship.

They made many pinwheels at their brownie troop meeting then some met before school on International Day of Peace to display them. Swenke Elementary was where we chose to "plant"

our pinwheels and they said they wanted to participate too! The students in art classes filled the library windows in the front hall with pinwheels! What a wonderful way to let the girls see the product of their intentions come to life and how special it is when you can initiate community involvement.

We hope the display of whimsical, colorful, unique, and heartfully made pinwheels spinning in the wind inspired others to join in for Peace Day 2013! For information www.pinwheelsforpeace.com.

The next project troop 14570 will be participating in is Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF <http://youth.unicefusa.org/>. So make sure you have your piggy banks next to your bowl of candy come Halloween eve. Some of your trick or treaters may be out for a greater cause. Leaders troop 14570 are Kristina Behenna & Chelsey Spinler

The service unit will be collecting for CAM in their Thanksgiving Feast Food Drive.

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Cypress-Tomball Democrats Host Election Night Watch Party Nov. 6th

The Cypress-Tomball Democrats' next monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 6th, will be an election night watch party. It will be held at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend and to join this growing club. For more information, contact Olga Moya at cytomdems@yahoo.com.



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WRAP Events

WRAP (Wildcats Right After Prom) 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. WRAP 2013 is already busy planning the numerous fundraising activities that will raise money for the WRAP party on May 24 at Dave & Buster's on I-10 near 610. If you haven't received emails from WRAP and would like to, please see our web page for a Parent Information Form that you can fill out and return as directed on the bottom of the form. Check out our website <http://www.cywoodswrap.com> or our Facebook page Cy-Woods WRAP 2013 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER 7: Spirit Night at Willie's Ice House: Good food and a good cause! What more can we say? See the web page for a flyer.

NOVEMBER 12: General Meeting 7:00 CWSHS Commons
Come find out what we're doing for our seniors! Attendance is not a commitment to volunteer, though we hope you will! We have opportunities to fit all schedules!

NOVEMBER 17: Wildcat Plop: Tickets now on sale for the Wildcat Plop (formerly known as the Cow Plop). For just \$10 you

can purchase a ticket for a chance to win up to \$1,000 in American Express gift cards! See our website www.cywoodswrap.com for more details and how to purchase tickets.

NOVEMBER 19: Spirit Night at Newk's: No need to cook! Bring the family and support WRAP!

NOVEMBER 28: Spirit Night at Chili's: Take the night off from cooking and enjoy Chili's with family and friends while helping WRAP raise money. See our web page for a flyer.

DECEMBER 8: Runnin' Wild Fun Run: WRAP will be hosting the Runnin' Wild Fun Run December 8 at the trails in Coles Crossing. This event is open to the general public. There will be a 1K and 5K run. We need many volunteers and donations to make this event a success! Contact Becky Rusinovich at WRAP2013@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

DECEMBER 10: General Meeting 7:00 CWSHS Commons: Get all the latest information about everything going on with WRAP!

DECEMBER 17: Spirit Night at Newk's: WRAP meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month. Hope to see you there!!!

**NOVEMBER 12 | DECEMBER 10 | JANUARY 14 |
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Cypress-Fairbanks ISD is so fortunate to be able to draw from such a great diversity of skills and knowledge in our community. 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 jewels in our district give freely of their time and resources and have an impact on the academic and personal development of Cy-Fair ISD students.

If you are interested in being involved in 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.

CY-FAIR ISD & VOLUNTEERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

November & December 2012 Events

November 8: 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 ways to improve your volunteer program through networking with other volunteers in our district!

November 27: PIE Mentor Training – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Berry Center: Training for individuals committed to serve as a role model and friend to CFISD students. There are no VIPS events scheduled for the month of December at this time. Be sure to check us out in January when the opportunities for volunteering are in full swing again.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR TRAINING

Register for training by emailing the PIE office at viprsvp@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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What are the relationship and business networking skills needed to increase business success? Join Linda Stiles to find out as she presents "Seven Steps to Speed Networking" at the Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN) luncheon Nov. 15. President and CEO of Stiles & Associates Leadership Consultants, as well as a dynamic speaker and author of "Team Leaders' Toolkit," Stiles is dedicated to turning today's high-potential employees into the next generation of leaders. After 25 years in the corporate world, Stiles has spent the last decade focused on team building.

All are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of CYFEN, which are held at the Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd. This month's meeting features an extended program so networking will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed with a prompt 11 a.m. start of the program.

Bring business cards for networking. The meeting cost is \$25 with advanced

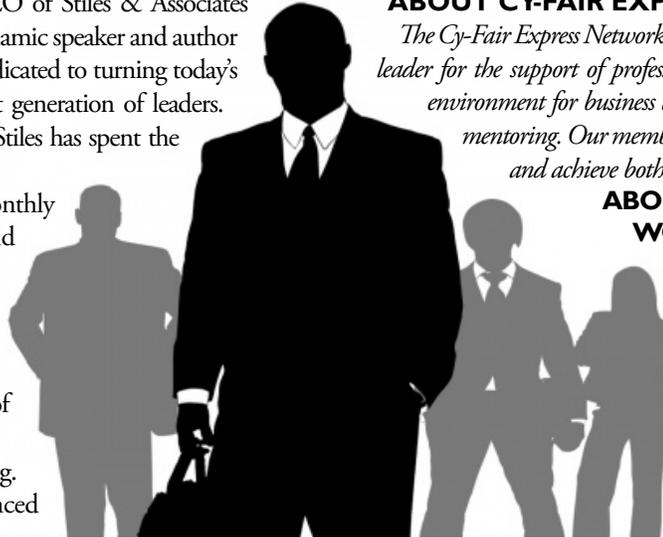
reservations made by the Friday prior to the meeting and \$30 at the door. For information on CYFEN, which is part of the American Business Women's Association, go to www.CYFEN.org.

ABOUT CY-FAIR EXPRESS NETWORK (CYFEN)

The Cy-Fair Express Network's vision is to be a community and national leader for the support of professional women by providing a nurturing environment for business development, networking, education and mentoring. Our members have opportunities to pursue excellence and achieve both local and national recognition.

ABOUT AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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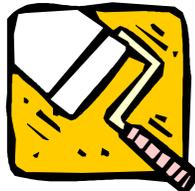
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Solar Savings

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Without having to know much about solar or needing to contact a solar installer or solar company, you can easily get those estimates at your fingertips. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory, which is operated by the US Department of Energy, has created a website allowing anyone to calculate the amount of electricity a solar panel array system would generate. Here's the website (notice that it already takes into account that you're in Houston): <http://rredc.nrel.gov/solar/calculators/PVWATTS/version1/US/Texas/Houston.html>. Once on the website, for your initial estimate, you can use the default information presented and just click on "calculate" at the bottom. On the results page you will see that in Houston, a South facing solar panel array (which means the Array Azimuth = 180 degrees) that's built for 4 kW of electricity generation, would generate 4879 kWh in a year and save you \$473.26. To give you a better estimate, there are 3 settings you can go back and change: *Array Azimuth in degrees, DC Rating in kW, and Cost of Electricity in cents.*

Array Azimuth: If you're considering placing your solar array on the side

of your roof that gets the most sunlight and that part of the roof faces due South, then the Array Azimuth would be 180 degrees. If your proposed solar array will be facing Southwest, the azimuth would be 225 degrees. Southeast would be 135 degrees. And so forth. The more accurate your submission, the more accurate your estimate.

DC Rating: The DC Rating (in kW) default is 4 kW in the calculator. This would be the "size" of electricity generation by your solar array - basically, by adding (or subtracting) more solar panels to your proposed system, the DC Rating would increase (or decrease). Makes sense - if you add more solar panels to your array, you'll increase the amount of electricity generated and therefore increase the amount of money saved.

Cost of Electricity: The default is the Texas state average of 9.7 cents per kWh. For those of you with an electricity provider with higher (or soon to be higher) rates, you should change the rate accordingly to get a more realistic estimate.

So that's it, an easy way to determine what you would be generating with a solar array on the roof of your home. This is a simple but fairly accurate way to determine the benefit of installing solar on your home. Of course, YMMV (your mileage may vary) but by getting a fairly accurate estimate of the amount of electricity generated and the money saved, you can better determine whether or not installing a solar array on your roof would make financial sense for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ping me at leec89@gmail.com.



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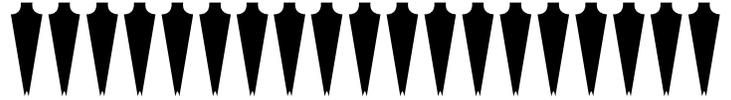
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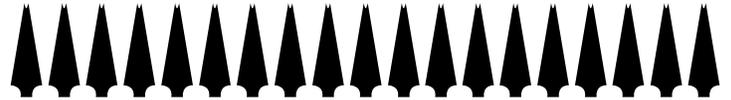
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We meet the third Thursday of each month, September through May, at the Backyard Grill, located at 9453 Jones Road. Our next meeting will be on November 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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