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Travel the World Without Leaving Your Hometown By Heather Wells

Who hasn't dreamed about walking among the Egyptian pyramids, or soaking in the sun on a beach in Spain, or wandering along the Great Wall of China? Every parent wants to give their children a taste of the world, but the economic reality of international air travel for a family, not to mention hotels, passports and food, makes it tough for most of us to consider except in our daydreams. There is a way to give your children the world – without leaving your living room. How? Host a foreign exchange student from a country you've always admired! Fascinated by France? Curious about China? Intrigued by India? By welcoming an international student from one of these countries into your home, you instantly open a portal to a far off land.

"My husband and I have been hosting for the past three years and have enjoyed every minute of it!" said Vicki Odom, an Ayusa host mom from Pearland, Texas. "The various students we've had in our home have taught us a great deal about their home countries. The students also love learning about life in Texas and participate in a good deal on community service."

Foreign exchange students come from all over the world. Ayusa matches host families with students from more than 60 different countries. All high school foreign exchange students are fully insured, bring their own spending money, and are proficient in English – and all high school exchange programs are regulated by the U.S. Department of State.

"We welcome host families of all shapes and sizes – families with young children, families with no children, empty nesters whose children have left home, single parents and non-traditional families," says Connie Coutu, Regional Manager of Ayusa, a non-profit that promotes global learning and leadership through foreign exchange and study abroad opportunities for high school students. "The key requirements for a host family are to provide a safe and nurturing home environment, genuinely love children, and have a desire to learn more about a different culture."

Volunteer host families provide foreign exchange students a nurturing environment, three meals a day and a bedroom (either

private or shared with a host sibling of the same gender). Each host family and student is supported by a professionally trained community representative who works with the family and student for the entire program. All interested host families must pass a criminal background check and a home visit by an exchange organization. Interested host families are required to fill out an application, pass a background check and interview with a local exchange program representative in their homes. Once accepted to a program, host families can view profiles of students to find the right match for their family.

Ayusa is currently accepting applications for families to host an exchange student for the 2012–2013 school year. For more information about hosting a high school foreign exchange student, please contact Ayusa at 1.888.552.9872 or by visiting the website at www.ayusa.org.



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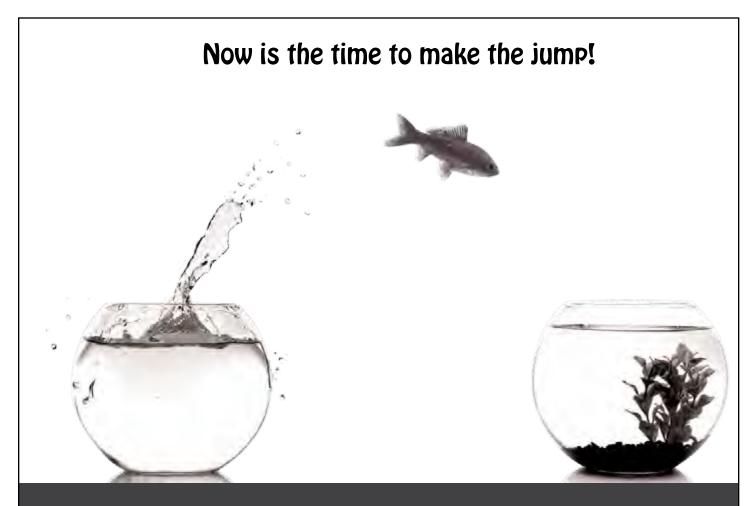
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American Cancer Society Relay For Life Cy Fair 2013





The American Cancer Society Relay For Life Cy Fair 2013 event was held on April 26th. Here is a recap of the event and the money raised.

Night of Event: 4-26-13 Event Held At: Cy Falls High School All Night walk from 7pm to 7am Number of Teams: 62 Number of Participants:

1200+ **Amount of Money Raised Thus Far:** \$130,000.00 NOTE: We are continuing to raise money. If you anyone is interested in donating, please visit our website at www.relayforlife. org/cyfairtx.

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!



















A Hearing Or Vision Test May Be Solution To "Bad Behavior"

For some children a health problem could be to blame for acting up in class or even a drop in grades. Doctors at Baylor College of Medicine say what might look like a behavioral issue could actually be a signs of hearing or vision problems.

If a child cannot hear or see properly, they cannot pay attention in class, said Dr. James H. Bray, associate professor of family and community medicine at BCM.

Bray said children may think they can hear what the teacher is saying but actually are getting the information wrong, so it looks like they aren¹t paying attention or are being defiant.

Bray said it is important to see a doctor for a proper diagnosis.

"Before a parent begins to worry, a family medicine doctor or pediatrician can conduct a basic hearing and vision test that can identify whether a hearing or vision specialist is needed, or if another problem is to blame," Bray said.

Bray said once a diagnosis is made there may be simply solutions, such as making sure a child sits in the front of the class.

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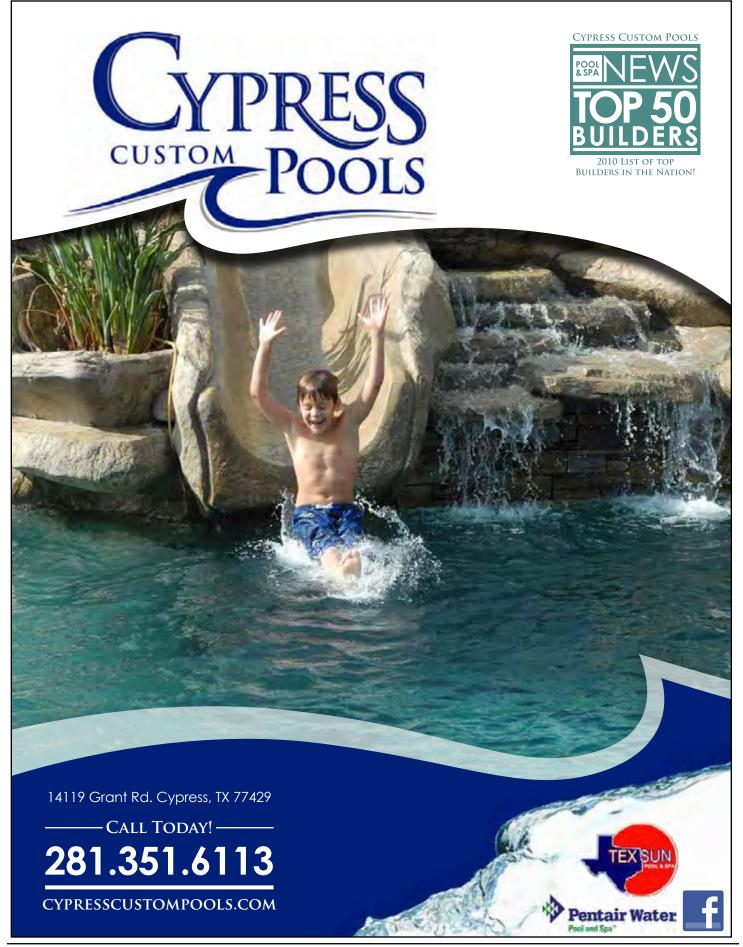
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TRIBUNE REGISTER NOW FOR FSA SOCCER!

It is time once again to register your soccer superstar for FSA Soccer. The Fairfield Sports Association offers a fantastic environment for your budding soccer player to develop their skills and grow their passion for the beautiful game. We offer soccer divisions for boys and girls ages 4 - 12. Our younger divisions (U5 & U6) play 3 v 3 soccer on small fields with no goal players. We gradually increase the size of the field and the number of players as the kids get older. Starting at age 7 (U8), players participate in an evaluation and are selected by their respective teams.

This soccer season, FSA soccer players will wear the XARA uniforms. The uniforms look GREAT, and the kids will really love them! Registration costs cover a complete uniform kit including game jersey, shorts, and socks. Registration for the U5 and U6 divisions is \$115. Registration for the U7 and older division is \$130. There are no additional fundraisers or sponsorships players or teams are responsible for during the season. Non-residents of Fairfield do pay an additional \$25 non-resident fee.

All practices and games are played in Fairfield. Players in the U5, U6, and U7 divisions are all awarded participation trophies at the end of the season. In the older divisions, trophies are awarded for the divisional champions and runners-up. Additionally, the older divisions participate in a season ending tournament. In addition to our Fall League play, we offer Fairfield Freedom on Fridays evenings during the summer. This is an opportunity for any child to come play "street soccer" is an adult supervised

environment at no cost! Check the FSA Soccer webpage for more details.

FSA Soccer is also thrilled to announce we are bringing back our 2nd annual Kick-off Summer Soccer Camp! This camp is for boys and girls ages 6-10. The camp is scheduled for June 10th thru 13th from 9:00am until 11:00am. Professional trainers from the Challenge Soccer Club and the Texans Soccer Club will be working with FSA Soccer providing the training for the camp. The cost of the camp is only \$50! The camp will be held in Fairfield at our Robert's Fields facility near our Central Park Splash Pad. To register for either the camp or an exciting season of FSA soccer, visit the Fairfield Sports website at www.fairfieldsports.net. From the menu button, click the SOCCER link. Once at the Soccer page, click the MORE menu button and then click the REGISTRATION link.

IMPORTANT FSA SOCCER DATES:

FSA Kick-off Summer Soccer Camp registration: Open Now – June 8th FSA Kick-off Summer Soccer Camp: June 10th – June 13th FSA Soccer registration: May 31st – July 14th Player evaluations (ages 7 and older): July 22nd – July 25th Practices begin: Week of July 29th Games begin: Weekend of August 24th

Please direct any questions about the FSA Soccer program to Scott Baehren, Commissioner – FSA Soccer at soccer@fairfield-sports.net



DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE



5 years ago this month, Colin Holst tragically and silently drowned at the age of 4. 10 Texas children have already drowned this year. Be a Water Guardian and help prevent children from drowning.

> **Ongoing:** Volunteers needed to stuff and distribute water safey packets **info@colinshope.org** Ongoing: Colin's Hope Athlete Ambassadors needed! http://www.tinych.org/signup Now-June 18: Discount Schlitterbahn Tickets for sale. http://www.tinych.org/tickets June 18: World's Largest Swim Lesson at Schlitterbahn Waterpark New Braunfels July 1: Colin's Hope Got2Swim Lake Austin 4 Miler (solo or relay) http://www.tinych.org/got2swim4 July 21: Colin's Hope Kids Got2Swim Pure Austin Quarry Lake http://www.tinych.org/got2swimkids







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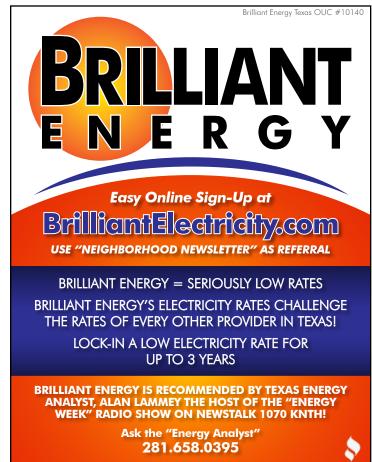
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Did you know? Each fall and spring at finals time, Aggie Moms clubs from around the state come to the Texas A&M campus to pass out Care Packages to cheer on our hard working students. A tradition in itself, the Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms Club has an added touch. We are known for our 'Hug Line' through which each student must pass before they can receive their care package. One student expressed, "This is my favorite part about getting a care package-I look forward to it every semester!" This year, we had over 25 moms giving hugs to each and every student.

Are you a New Aggie Mom? Are you an Aggie Mom that wants to join other Aggie Moms in supporting our students? Find out how we help your student succeed during those college years at one of our informal Summer Mixers. Dates and locations are on our website at www.nwhcaggiemoms.org.

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club meets August thru May on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Houston Distributing Center conveniently located off Cutten Road near Willowbrook Mall and the intersection of SH 249 and FM 1960. We are looking forward to kicking off next year at our 'HOWDY PARTY" on August 13th-Please join us!

All meetings are open to Aggies, future, present or past. We provide light refreshments and you can shop our Boutique for that one-of-a-kind Aggie treasure. Our hand crafted items celebrate the heart-warming TAMU traditions. You will also enjoy hearing from dynamic speakers throughout the year like, Brigadier General, Joe Ramirez, Commandant of the Corp of Cadets.

Aggie Moms, as an organization, encourages parents to become familiar with A&M during their student's freshman year instead of waiting for graduation to visit as is the custom on other university campuses. The path to graduation can be a challenging journey; don't go it alone. Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms has been here for 25 years and we're committed to helping your student and YOU enjoy the TAMU experience. Drop on by and say Howdy. We'll be so glad you did! Feel free to contact Shannon Eberle, Club President at clubpres20122gmail.com.



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