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Jester's 4th of July Parade

by Social Chairman, Teresa Gouldie

Excited children and grandchildren of our Jester residents gathered at Jester Club for our annual 4th of July Parade, and they were a sight to behold! Dressed in patriotic red, white, and blue, they had decorated their bicycles, wagons, strollers, and even pets! Led by a colorfully decorated golf cart, they paraded down Jester Blvd, around Basil, and back to the club. Thanks to the people on the parade route who came out of their homes to cheer them on...the kiddos always love an audience!

Upon returning to the club, the children realized the fun had only just begun! Awaiting them were a variety of activities including a ball toss, coloring sheets, and the always popular prize walk. Various prizes included red, white & blue erasers, sunglasses, necklaces, and visors. Parents and children alike donned colorful hats for photos and a great time was had by all.

As always, this event would not have been possible without the efforts of many people: Eva Wisser, Alyssa Drury, Terry, Stacey, Carter and Kalen Hull, Mike Parker, Kevin, Kaitlin, Sean and Caroline Moore, Robert Paulsen, Bryce Bayles, Darlene Rutland, Amy McCampbell, Alejandro Asenjo, and Dallas and Diana Webster and pups! A special thanks goes to Jester Club for providing the location and Billy Gouldie for donating a golf cart to use.

If you would like to volunteer for our Halloween event, please call me at 751-8000. We always need help in preparing the week before, as well as assistance on the day of the event itself. Any bit of time you could spare would be greatly appreciated!



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NATUREWATCH

by Jim and Lynne Weber

RED & YELLOW FELLOW



Many of us have heard the sayings “Red on black, friend of Jack, red on yellow, kill a fellow” or “Red against black, venom lack” as a way for us to distinguish between non-venomous lookalike snakes, and the venomous coral snake. Over 65 species of coral snakes are recognized in the New World, but in Texas we have our own version. The Texas Coral Snake (*Micrurus tener*), actually ranges from the south central US (Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas) south to northeastern and central Mexico.

Texas coral snakes have the traditional black, yellow, and coral red banding coloration encircling the body that is associated with all coral snakes. They are slender snakes with smooth scales, eyes with round pupils, and average two feet in length. Males are typically smaller than females, but both are shy and secretive, typically nocturnal and spending most of their time hiding under logs, in leaf litter, or in ground burrows. Fairly common in the Austin area, they typically feed on other smaller snakes and occasionally lizards, and are often attracted to suburban yards and gardens where they can more easily find their prey.

While no deaths have occurred in Texas from a coral snake bite, their venom is a powerful neurotoxin that causes neuromuscular dysfunction. Usually encountered by people when weeding or gardening, coral snakes do have a hard time injecting venom into a human because of their small, blunt head and short, fixed fangs. Bites usually occur on the hand or in between fingers, and the snake has to chew in order to inject the venom. Most people don't allow them to hang on long enough to do much serious damage, but anyone bitten by a coral snake should seek medical attention immediately.

Much debate has ensued about whether or not the Texas Coral Snake's bold coloration in and of itself acts as a warning signal to potential predators, but recent studies have shown that this coloration is only effective when combined with the coral snake's distinctive threat behavior. When confronted, they will raise their yellow- and black-banded tail tip and slowly wag it at the threat (presumably mimicking a strike with their similarly colored head), all while keeping their head safely and neatly tucked under a body coil.

If you are lucky enough to run across this native red & yellow fellow, remember that Texas Coral Snakes are an integral part of our ecosystem, and enjoy their striking colors and distinctive pattern from a distance!

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WELCOME COMMITTEE NEWS

Since our last article, the Welcome Committee was happy to deliver 8 bags to new residents. Whew! Even with so many deliveries, there were 6 we couldn't do because the residents either weren't moved in yet, or weren't home when we tried. Deliveries were made to:

Carolyn and Jason on the 7400 block of Teak Cove. They've been in the house for several months, but we had missed them earlier.

Guadeloupe and Ivan with their daughter Sophia on the 8000 block of Bottlebrush. They moved here from San Francisco, but before that, they lived in Argentina.

Theresa and Scott with children Owen (3 years old) and Lucy (1 year) on the 7400 block of Anaqua. They moved here from Avery Ranch.

Suzanne and Mark with their dog Pauline on the 8000 block of Jester Blvd. They've been residents of Austin since the 60's but most recently lived in South Austin.

Traci and Scott with children Braden and Sydney on the 7200 block of Rusty Fig. They were recently renting a home in Jester after moving from Steiner Ranch, and are happy to be in their own home.

Joe and Katie with toddler Piper (11 months) on the 7300 block of Foxtree Cove. They just returned to Austin after living in New York City.

Fady and Yassmin with 7 year old twins Nour and Maryam and toddler Julie (18 months). They were renting in Great Hills after moving from Dubai.

Josh and Jessica with children Grayson (5) and James (3) and their dog Blue on the 7200 block of Rusty Fig. They're long time Austinites who moved from Westlake.

We're still hearing stories of new residents having to make offers on multiple houses before being successful – one new resident said the 4th time was the charm! Jester is certainly a very desirable area in a very desirable city.

If you have a new resident in your block, please introduce yourself and see if there are any questions you can answer. We love hearing that new residents have been welcomed before we are able to deliver Welcome bags.

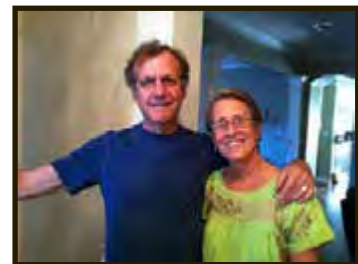
Please contact JoAnn Welles at (512) 346-0349 or joann-welles@sbcglobal.net if you've moved to Jester lately and we haven't welcomed you officially. We may have tried to deliver a bag to you but not found you home.



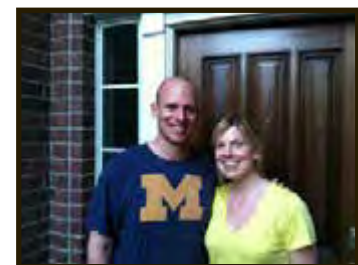
*Guadeloupe, Ivan and Sophia
on Bottlebrush*



Scott and Theresa on Anaqua



*Suzanne and Mark on
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Joe and Katie on Foxtree



Josh and Grayson on Rusty Fig

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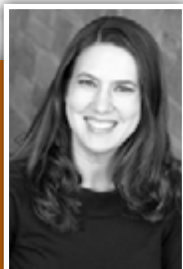
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CYCLING - Want to join a Jester road biking group and participate in organized rides? Contact Troy Reish at troy.reish@gmail.com or call 241-0592.

HILL 2013 KINDERGARTEN GROUP - This group is helping connect Jester families with others who also have children entering Hill Kindergarten in the Fall 2013. Email Jester resident, Kevin Fricke at Kevin@lonestarmedia.com to be added to our email distribution list.

JESTER UNCORKED - Wine lovers of Jester, unite! Join our ever-growing group of wine lovers. Contact Karen Kershaw at kershaw@me.com.

JESTER DOG LOVER'S GROUP - Put a smile on your dog's face and a wag in his tail — sign up now to be a founding member of the Jester dog lovers group. Contact Carol Powell at 340-0321 or email her at carolpowell@austin.rr.com

JESTER KIDS YAHOO GROUP - This group is helping Jester parents connect with other parents who have children with similar ages or interests! Email jesterkids-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to subscribe.

JESTER PAGE TURNERS - Check out the Jester Page Turners, a neighborhood book group that meets the second Wednesday evening of each month. Contact Nicky Shore at Shorenm@gmail.com.

KAYAKING - Have some fun with this great water sport! For more info contact Dan Wolfson at dwolfson@austin.rr.com or call 795-8218.

NETWORKING GROUP - Are you a resident who owns a business or provides a service? Build your business by referral! One individual or company per professional category. Contact Paul (Griff) Griffiths at 241-1644 or griff@albioncomputergroup.com

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WELCOME COMMITTEE - Darla Rowan and JoAnn Welles are co-chairs of this committee, which is designed to welcome new residents to Jester, including newborns. Volunteer to help by emailing JoAnn at joann-welles@sbcglobal.net or call her at 346-0349

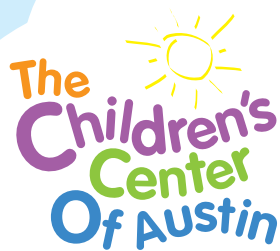
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A FOCUS ON HEAT EMERGENCIES

Healthy Tips To Stay Cool In Extremely Hot Weather

By: Concentra Urgent Care

Heat emergencies fall into three categories of increasing severity:

Heat Cramps, Heat Exhaustion, and Heatstroke.

Heat illnesses are easily preventable by taking precautions in hot weather. Children, elderly, and obese people have a higher risk of developing heat illness. People taking certain medications or drinking alcohol also have a higher risk. However, even a top athlete in superb condition can succumb to heat illness if he or she ignores the warning signs. If the problem isn't addressed, heat cramps (caused by loss of salt from heavy sweating) can lead to heat exhaustion (caused by dehydration), which can progress to heatstroke. Heatstroke, the most serious of the three, can cause shock, brain damage, organ failure, and even death.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS:

Heat Cramps

- Sweating
- Pain in arms, legs, and abdomen
- Heat Exhaustion
- Moist, pale skin
- Fatigue and fainting
- Dizziness and lightheadedness
- Headache and confusion
- Nausea and vomiting
- Rapid pulse and breathing

Heat Stroke

- No sweating
- Dry, hot, red skin
- Confusion/loss of consciousness
- Rapid pulse
- Temperature over 103° F
- Seizures

CAUSES:

The following are common causes of heat emergencies:

- High temperatures or humidity
- Dehydration
- Prolonged or excessive exercise
- Excess clothing
- Alcohol use
- Medications, such as diuretics, neuroleptics, phenothiazines, and anticholinergics
- Cardiovascular disease

WHAT TO DO IN HEAT EMERGENCIES...

First Aid

1. Have the person lie down in a cool place. Elevate the person's feet about 12 inches.
2. Apply cool, wet cloths (or cool water directly) to the person's skin and use a fan to lower body temperature. Place cold compresses on the person's neck, groin, and armpits.
3. If the person is alert, give cool water or sports beverages. It's advisable to drink slowly and steadily, particularly if they are experiencing nausea.
4. For muscle cramps, give beverages as above, and massage and stretch affected muscles gently, but firmly, until they relax.
5. If the person shows signs of shock (bluish lips and fingernails, and decreased alertness), starts having seizures, or loses consciousness, call 911 and continue cooling procedures, as described above.

DO NOT:

- DO NOT underestimate the seriousness of heat illness, especially

if the person is a child, elderly, or injured.

- DO NOT give the person medications that are used to treat fever (such as aspirin or acetaminophen). They will not help, and they may be harmful.

- DO NOT give the person salt tablets.

- DO NOT give the person liquids that contain alcohol or caffeine. They will interfere with the body's ability to control its internal temperature.

- DO NOT use alcohol rubs on the person's skin.

- DO NOT give the person anything by mouth (not even salted drinks) if the person is vomiting or unconscious.

PREVENTION:

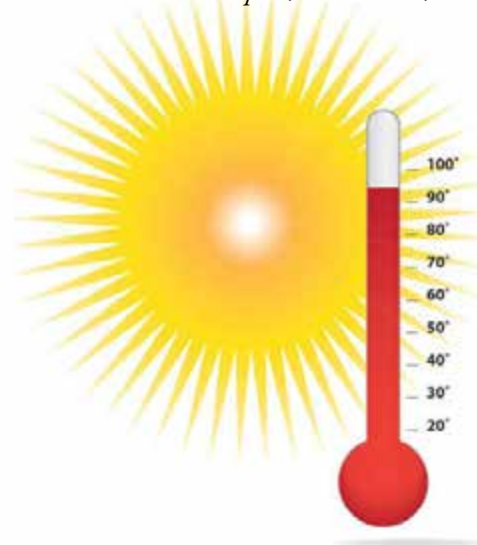
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight clothing in hot weather.
- Rest regularly in a cool area; seek shade when possible.
- Avoid strenuous physical activity in hot or humid conditions.
- Drink plenty of fluids every day. Drink more fluids before, during, and after physical activity.
- Be especially careful to avoid overheating if you are taking drugs that impair heat regulation, or if you are overweight or elderly.
- Be careful of hot cars in the summer. Allow the car to cool off before getting in.
- Avoid heavy meals and hot foods.

For more information on how to cope with the heat, ask your Concentra health professional, or visit the CDC's Web site at: www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/heatstress/

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