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A Newsletter for the Residents of the Long Canyon

AUGUST EVENTS *at the Wildflower Center*

Submitted by Saralee Tiede

BEAT THE HEAT WITH COOL ART

Through August 18

Jan Heaton's "Quiet" exhibit features peaceful, soothing watercolors in the McDermott Learning Center. Jim La Paso's colorful kinetic sculptures float like flowers in the breeze in the gardens through September 2.

WILDFLOWER SEED ONE-DAY SALE!

Saturday, August 24

Take 20 percent off our entire stock of grass and flower seeds in time for planting season next month. At The Store only.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND SIDEWALK SALE

Saturday through Monday, August 31-September 2

The Wildflower Center is open on Labor Day. Major reductions at The Store.



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2013-14 School Year Key Activities for Hill Country Education Foundation

With the start of the 2013-2014 school year only a few weeks away, Hill Country Education Foundation volunteers are busy preparing for another active year. Please participate in these upcoming events and help your Academic Booster Club and Four Points-area students achieve academic success in the areas of entrepreneurship, leadership, college-readiness, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Thursday, August 15 – HCEF Membership Drive Begins. HCEF 4th Annual Membership Drive gets underway. Consider how easily we write a \$100 check for one of our kids to participate for a few months on swim team or basketball, or even more for marching band, cheer or a club sport. Now consider the impact we can make as a community when we co-mingle a \$100 HCEF family membership with the other 6,200 Four Points-area families and create an empowering educational experience for our students. For quick and easy giving, go to www.HillCountryEdFoundation.org.

Saturday, August 17 – Concert in the Park. Stop by the HCEF tent and enter a chance to win a \$100 Moviehouse & Eatery gift card.

Wednesday, August 21 – CRMS & FPMS 6th Grade Open House.

Thursday, August 22 – Elementary Schools Open House.

Thursday, August 29 – CRMS & FPMS 7th & 8th Grade Open House.

Monday, September 9 – VHS Open House. Stop by the HCEF table at any of these open houses.

Wednesday, October 16 – VHS Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally. Visit HCEF volunteers inside the stadium and find out how you can help your Academic Booster Club.

Early November – 5th Annual FIRST® LEGO® League Scrimmage. To learn more this HCEF event, email HCEF Robotics Chair BeckyLCarter@gmail.com.

Friday, February 21 – HCEF Gala at the Oasis. Dinner, Open Bar, Silent and Live Auctions, Heads or Tails Game, Live Band and more planned for HCEF's largest fundraiser of the year. To volunteer, donate or learn more, contact mlbeck@HillCountryEdFoundation.org.

Early May – 4th Annual Impact Grant Awards. HCEF Grant Committee will surprise area teachers and administrators with program funding during the annual grant patrol. To date, HCEF has awarded more than \$80,000.

ABOUT HILL COUNTRY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

As the Academic Booster Club for eight public schools in the Four Points community, the Hill Country Education Foundation enhances the educational experience of students attending or preparing to attend

Vandegrift High School by developing and financing innovative, quality programs and projects. HCEF focuses on leadership, entrepreneurship, college-readiness, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). HCEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The eight schools include Grandview Hills, Laura Welch Bush, River Ridge, River Place and Steiner Ranch Elementary Schools, Canyon Ridge and Four Points Middle Schools and Vandegrift High School.

VOLUNTEER WITH THE GIRL SCOUTS!

Area Girl Scouts are already looking forward to the fun events they will attend, as well as the accomplishments they will achieve in the 2013-2014 year! The Lake Austin Service Unit consists of about 1,000 scouts K-12 and parent volunteers from the Four Points community. Please consider volunteering with the LASU to fill one of these positions:

- Fall Products Coordinator(s)
- School Coordinators for: LWBE & SRE
- Cookie Sales Coordinator(s)
- Cookie Warehouse Coordinator
- Bridging Coordinator(s)
- FOGS Coordinator (Friends of Girl Scouts, fundraising)

Please visit LASU.girlscouts.org to sign up for these volunteer positions or to get more information about GirlScouts in the area.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

OCTOBER 1, 2013

Submitted by Zainab Banks, Travis County Sheriff's Office

National Night Out is a great opportunity for citizens and law enforcement to partner up against crime. We invite you to attend the event, meet your neighbors and commit to helping law enforcement reduce crime in your community.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS DESIGNED TO:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support and participation in crime efforts
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations
- Let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

During the event, residents in neighborhoods throughout Travis County and across the Texas are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors and spend the evening outside with their neighbors, police officers, firefighters and EMS paramedics. Events such as cookouts, block parties and neighborhood walks will all occur simultaneously throughout the state.

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August 29: Colin's Hope Got2Swim Lake Austin 10K/10 miler, <http://www.tinych.org/got2swim>
September 8: 5th Annual Colin's Hope Kids Triathlon, <http://www.tinych.org/KidsTri>
October 19: Sharkfest Austin Swim benefitting Colin's Hope, www.sharkfestswim.com



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