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Ayusa Seeks U.S. Families in the **Houston Area to Host High School International Exchange Students** for the 2014-2015 School Year

Ayusa, a non-profit organization that promotes global learning and leadership through cultural exchange and leadership programs for high school students from around the world, is looking for American families in the Houston area interested in sharing their America with international high school students for the 2014-2015 school year. Applications for interested Houston area host families are currently being accepted.

"Sharing the American experience with an international student is a unique opportunity for the average American to profoundly impact the life of a teenager, and provide them with a positive, transformational experience that they will remember for the rest of their lives," said Sherry Carpenter, executive director of Ayusa. "Houston host families are in a great position to show international exchange students an especially authentic slice of American life, which is one reason we are actively looking for Houston area host families."

Ayusa foreign exchange students come from more than 60 countries, are fully insured, bring their own spending money, and are proficient in English. Whether from Japan or Brazil, India or Sweden, Ukraine or Mexico, France or Lebanon, foreign exchange students are a window into another culture and a great way to travel the world without leaving your home.

"Houston host families are the heart and soul of Ayusa's foreign exchange program," said Vicki Odom, Community Representative for Ayusa, and the local contact for Houston and the surrounding towns. "Local families have been hosting Ayusa exchange students for the last six years, and the experience has been transformative for the students, who blossom in the local community through support from the families and schools."

There is no "typical" American host family and Ayusa welcomes all interested families, with or without children, from both urban and rural communities. Host families provide three meals a day and a bedroom (either private or shared). Each student is supported by a professionally trained community representative from Ayusa who works with the family and student for the entire program. All host families must pass a criminal background check and a home visit by an Ayusa representative.

Ayusa has been a member of the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) for more than 25 years - since its foundation. CSIET evaluates U.S.-based youth exchange programs so that students, families and schools can identify inbound and outbound reputable exchange organizations.

Ayusa is a 501(c)(3), and an official U.S. Department of State designated Exchange Visitor Program Sponsor. Families interested in learning more about hosting an exchange student can visit http://www.ayusa.org or contact Vicki Odom at 832-455-7881.

About Ayusa

Ayusa International (http://www.ayusa.org) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1981 to promote global learning and leadership through cultural exchange and leadership programs for high school students from around the world. In addition, Ayusa administers high profile grant programs funded by the U.S. Department of State and other organizations. Ayusa is part of the Intrax family of organizations that provide a lifetime of high quality educational, work, and volunteer programs that connect people and cultures, with operations in more than 100 countries worldwide

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Cypress-Tomball Democrats Host HCC Trustee

The next Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429. A meet and greet starts at 6:30 p.m., followed by the general meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The club is honored to welcome April's guest speaker, Zeph Capo, who is a member of the Houston Community College's Board of Trustees. Mr. Capo is also Vice President and Legislative Director for the Houston Federation of Teachers. He will discuss how to assure a quality education for all Texas students.

All are welcome to attend the meeting and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. For more information, visit the website at www. cytomdems.com; contact Glenn Etienne at cytomdems@yahoo.com; or "Like" the club on Facebook.

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As we plan for another Whiteshark season and our 20th Anniversary, and Spring finally arrives, I can't help but once again reflect on how fast time flies, not only looking in the rear view mirror, but in anticipating what is over the horizon. Sure, anticipation can make time feel slow, but invariably whatever you are waiting for is here before you know it. Then before you know it again, it's gone.

That's how Swim Team feels to me, now for the twentieth time. Good things come to those who wait. Every year I eagerly anticipate the Whiteshark season. We have our first meeting in late January to start planning, then it's Spring Break, then suddenly it's the first day of practice! Quickly we have our Practice Meet, first Dual Meet, Pep Rallys, Divisionals, and then in a blink of an eye we are celebrating and I am crying real man tears saying goodbye to our 18 year olds and another great season. Time does fly when you're having fun.

But I digress. Let's back up. The Wortham Whiteshark season

is almost here! I promise the weather will get warmer. If you blink then you will miss the first day of practice, so if you haven't signed up your families to be a part of the fun, please go to our website and register. Looking back I have no regrets. The Whitesharks has grown into an institution, one with a reputation of integrity, sportsmanship, and fun. Actions really do speak louder than words. You don't want to look back and wonder what if. What if I had swum that year; what if I had made another friend; what if I had been part of something bigger than me. It is, after all, our 20th Anniversary; there's no time like the present. Life is short. Swim.

Practice starts April 21. Registration is open now, www. worthamwitesharks.com. And if you want to know how many clichés I used in this one article, join the team and I'll tell you.

The Cookie Monster Says that the Whitesharks Are The Great Big Cookie at the Top of the Jar!





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Remember, ALL exterior changes and improvements made to your home or yard [including your fence and roof] require ARC approval first. Please do not base your home improvement decision on the fact that someone else in the neighborhood has the same improvement. The safest way to ensure compliance is to obtain ARC approval prior to all exterior modifications. Please contact Crest Management to obtain an ARC application or a copy of the community guidelines.

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Accident/Minor	1	Dist/Juvenile	1	Suspicious Person.	5
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Alarm/Sil/Pan/HU	3	Dist/Other	3	Traffic Stop	44
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Greater Houston Pool Management, Inc.

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER SPRING 2014

The Greater Houston Pool Management, Inc. Team would like to welcome you to the 2014 swim season. We sincerely look forward to serving you and your guests throughout this summer!

GHPMI was founded on three guiding principles: safety, customer service and cleanliness. With safety as our # 1 priority, we spend a great deal of our time and resources making sure that every GHPMI employee that enters your swimming facility has the appropriate tools and training to be proactive in their efforts to avoid problems and effective during an emergency situation.

We also feel that it is important that when any community member visits the swimming pool for an outing they are greeted by a smiling, friendly and professional lifeguard staff. The overall cleanliness of your facility is just as important to our team. Clear and properly-maintained pool water, pleasantsmelling bathrooms that are cleaned and stocked daily, and a debris-free

pool deck are what you should expect when visiting your facility. Please take the time to introduce yourself to your lifeguard team this summer! We truly enjoy getting to know the members we so proudly serve.

Our whole team is working hard to hire and train Lifeguards and Pool Managers, ordering pool chemicals and supplies and hiring the support staff that will enable your facilities to run well during the summer. This is an excellent opportunity for all the young adults who live in the Wortham Villages community! We are always looking for hard working individuals within the community to fulfill our summer staff needs. We are also actively hiring swim instructors that are looking to have a positive, exciting and skill-building job this summer. They learn important skills such as job responsibility, risk management, customer service and key leadership skills. Opportunities are also available to any adult (especially teachers!) that may also be looking for a rewarding summer job. Applications for employment can be found on our employment website, www.BeALifeguard.com.

The GHPMI Programs Department is excited to offer your

community programs that will help enhance your family's summer experience. GHPMI provides a variety of programs, such as: group and private learn to swim classes, Guard Start, water aerobics, pool parties and more. For a detailed list of what is available at your facility please visit us at www.takeaswimlesson. com for classes, and www.haveapoolparty.com for pool parties. If something is not currently offered at your facility, please let us know of your interest. We make every effort to accommodate all requests. We want your visit to the pool to be a safe and

positive experience.

We pride ourselves in maintaining excellent communication between our team and the community members. Year-in and year-out, we receive many compliments on our proactive approach. We believe you will agree that GHPMI goes to great lengths to see to it that we stay ahead of all potential situations. We are pleased to provide an

potential situations. We are pleased to provide an on-call person, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year, that can take care of any emergency that may arise.

Residents may also contact us through our website, www. greaterhoustonpool.com, to take advantage of a variety of services including anonymous contact forms, details about their child's summer job, on-line registration for community CPR or First Aid classes, Babysitting courses, as well as company news and highlights.

Finally, please allow us to start the swim season off on a positive note by offering some valuable safety reminders. With your support we are confident that the 2014 swim season will be a safe and fun experience for all.

- Parents must closely supervise their children at all times. Remember, it only takes seconds for a child to drown.
- Remember that there are several different types of people who like to use the pool throughout the summer. Whether young or old, recreational or competitive, everyone wants to

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have a good time.

- The safety of the children in the baby pool is the parents/guardians responsibility. The lifeguards will always enforce the pool rules throughout the facility, but children who cannot swim must have an adult within arms reach at all times. The same rule applies even if the child is wearing a floatation device.
- Define a safe zone for your children where they can always touch the bottom. One of the most common saves a lifeguard must make is when a swimmer strays to an area that is too deep for them to stand.
- Do not dive in areas marked "NO DIVING". Nearly 90 percent of all spinal injuries occur in the shallow end of the pool.
- Keep children from playing with or around the main drain. The main drain suction can be very powerful.
 - Breath-holding games can be very dangerous

and may cause cardiac arrhythmia or seizures. Games like who can hold their breath the longest, and swimming the longest distance underwater should be avoided at all times.

• Access rules to the facility will be strictly enforced and is the responsibility of each member to understand and follow the rules as set forth by your Association. It is a very awkward and uncomfortable situation for everyone when a lifeguard must ask a member to go back home to get the appropriate access tag.

If you should ever have a question about the pool rules, just ask a lifeguard or manager. It is better to be safe than sorry! We look forward to a safe, fun-filled summer in 2014. Until then we will be maintaining your facilities though the winter months and working hard preparing to serve your beautiful community for many years to come.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!



Need to use the baseball or soccer field in the detention pond? Need the pavilion for a party? Make a reservation so you can be sure it's available! The calendar is online at http://my.calendars.net/worthamvillages

Once you check to see if the date is available, send me an email at park@ mayne.us and I'll get you on the calendar too!

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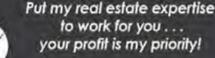


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