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A Newsletter for Riata Ranch Residents

WELCOME TO THE RANCH REVIEW

A Newsletter for the Riata Ranch Community

The Ranch Review is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Riata Ranch residents. Each newsletter will be filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information, and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports team, social group, etc., and would like to submit an article for the newsletter, you can do so online at www.PEELinc.com. Personal news (announcements, accolades/honors/celebrations, etc.) are also welcome as long as they are from area residents.

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COPPER CREEK MEADOWS COMMUNITY GIRL SCOUTS OF SAN JACINTO COUNCIL

Copper Creek Meadows Community has been busy with Rally Nights, forming new troops and getting troops started for the new Scouting year.

Junior Girl Scout troop 16399 has been working to raise funds for the Houston SPCA as part of their Bronze award project.

Troop 16503 had a great first troop meeting, planning their year of ideas and events. They are also planning to work on the Bronze award.

Copper Creek Meadows Community has already scheduled our first community event for the year- a Leader/Daughter event on December 5. This one will be held locally. We may still have a trip to Wimberley in the spring time – look for more information to come on both events.

Our fall product sale begins September 11. We have some new varieties of those tasty nuts and chocolates, chocolate covered pretzels and trail mix; our leaders enjoyed sampling the different varieties at our summit meeting on September 9.

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the Rally Nights! Your help was greatly appreciated! Appreciated!

If you missed attending a Rally Night, it is never too late to join Girl Scouts. Girl Scouting is open to all girls ages 5 (must be in

kindergarten) through 18 who are willing to accept the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Girls may join at any age, and no previous Scouting experience is required.



Copper Creek Meadows serves girls in the residence areas for the elementary schools listed below, and the corresponding middle and high schools. Home schooled and private school students are always welcome.

Elementary schools are: Birkes, Fiest, Hairgrove, Horne, Kirk, Lee, Lieder, Lowery, Metcalf, Owens, Tipp's, Wilson, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Texas Christian School and Christian Life Center more information, please contact Marlo Folwell (713)854-9426 (marlo.folwell@c-a-m.com). The website for Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council is www.gssjc.org, The Council phone number is 713-292-0300.

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place, and we have been doing it for more than 100 years! Give us a call to find out more about it!

Information below is for contact only, not for publication.

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We are glad to hear all of the positive feedback and we intend to continue to improving the look and feel of the newsletter according to what you tell us. So get as involved as you like! We look forward to hearing from you.

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2015 Cypress 5K Fun Run & Puppy Parade

Cypress 5K Fun Run benefiting Spillane Middle School
Performing Arts

While generating funds for the school's award-winning Performing Arts programs is important, event organizers want to use this event to strengthen the school's ties to its community as well as encourage community spirit and fitness.

Saturday, November 21st 9:00 am start (staggered) @ Spillane Middle School

Event includes a 5K run and walk. Strollers & dogs are welcome.

7am registration day of event if not already registered. Cash or check only on the day of registration.

Registration Fees:

Register now until October 31st - \$30.00 (t-shirt included)

October 31st - November 14th - \$35.00 (t-shirt not guaranteed)

November 14th - Day of event \$40.00 (no t-shirt)

* Family Registration Discount available through November 14th

Thursday, November 19th - packet pick up 4pm - 7:30pm @ Spillane Middle School

Spillane Middle School is located at 13403 Spillane Woods Blvd.

Cypress, Texas 77429 (at the corner of Skinner and Jarvis Roads)

To register or donate, visit the Cypress 5K Fun Run & Puppy Parade website at:

<https://thedriven.net/cypress5k>

CONTACT: Julie Rodriguez, 2015 Cypress 5K Fun Run & Puppy Parade Publicity Chair, 832-349-6987



Cy-Woods Theatre Company Presents

Mulan Jr. and The Little Mermaid Jr.

Are you ready to travel under the sea and all the way to China in one fun, musical evening? Bring the whole family on this adventure as the Cypress Woods Theatre Company presents Mulan Jr. and The Little Mermaid Jr., a double feature event of your favorite Disney shows. The evening begins with Mulan Jr, the story of a young girl trying to protect her ailing father by joining the Chinese army in his place. She pretends to be a man and, with the help of her sidekick Mushu, is off on many adventures. After a brief intermission, we will travel under the sea with Ariel in The Little Mermaid Jr as she wishes to be a human. After a risky decision, she joins the humans on land, but will she be happy? Join us to find out what happens to these princesses in a night of Disney-filled fun!

October 15th 7:00 PM

October 16th 7:00 PM

October 18th 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

All shows will be presented in the Cy-Woods High School auditorium and tickets will be \$15. Each show will run about an hour with one intermission.

Cy-Fair Educational Foundation

18TH Annual Salute to the Stars Gala

The Cy-Fair Educational Foundation (CFEF) will hold its 18th Annual Salute to the Stars Gala on October 15, 2015. Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital has been underwriting Salute to the Stars since 2013. Sponsors include Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union, IBI Group, Community Impact Newspaper, Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc, Prairie View A&M University, Station & Ayers Insurance Services and Consulting, L.L.C., and Stone Gate Home Owners Association.

Salute to the Stars has raised more than \$2 million for innovative staff development programs for district teachers and instructional leaders, and scholarships for graduating seniors in the Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D. (CFISD). The Salute to the Stars gala honors CFISD "Spotlight Teachers" who are chosen by campus principals for their outstanding dedication in providing valuable instruction to students.

CFEF was established in 1970 as a non-profit to raise money to fund a scholarship for high school graduates in the area. Over the past 45 years, the Foundation has grown tremendously through the efforts of the Board of Trustees and the generosity of the Cy-Fair Community. The Foundation has awarded more than \$6 million in scholarships to 1300 graduating seniors. CFEF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all contributions are tax deductible, as allowed by the law.

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Hosting an International Exchange Student

Submitted by Vicki Odom

Hosting an International Exchange Student is such a great experience for all of those involved. It leads to a better understanding between individuals of other cultures, hopefully branching its way out to a more peaceful global society. But don't just take my word about it, read about Nelva's experience and understanding of the exchange program.

I'm so lucky to have been placed with a great host family in Texas! The best part is when we share each other's cultures and have a lot of quality time together. I'm blessed to have chance to study in American High School.

Being an exchange student is hard. For the first couple days it was hard because I didn't know anybody, the moving class system is new for me and sometimes it's hard to understand what they say. But America is really friendly and handy so I got a lot of help from them. From the exchange program, people can really get to know each other, people start to respect each other and we can start a new chapter to have a better world.

So if you want to enrich your life, host an exchange student!

Nelva is from Indonesia and is spending the academic year here in Texas as part of the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program. This program is funded by the US Department of State which provides scholarships for secondary school students from countries with significant Muslim populations. As part of her program year, Nelva is required to perform at least 60 hours of community service (however most YES students hours amount to hundreds of hours) and continue working with the program in her home country.

Our application process for the 2016 Spring Semester and 2016/2017 academic year will soon be opening. School spots in our area tend to fill up rather quickly, so get your application in early to host one of these amazing students!

Ayusa is a non-profit organization founded in 1981 to promote global learning and leadership through foreign exchange, study abroad, and leadership programs for high school students from the U.S. and around the world.

For more information about hosting a high school foreign exchange student, please contact your local representative Vicki Odom at 832.455.7881 or vodom@ayusa.org or Ayusa at 1.888.552.9872 or by visiting the website at www.ayusa.org.



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