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RANCH RECORD

News for the Residents of Blackhorse Ranch



A Night in Bethlehem

Visit Bethlehem this season on
Saturday, December 5th and Sunday, December 6th
5:00-8:00 pm.

The event is FREE!

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Fairfield Sports Association

2016 SPRING BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

BASEBALL

- Instructional T-Ball (Boys and Girls)– Player must have reached age 4 by 4/30/16
- A – Player must be 6 or younger on 4/30/16
- AA7 – Player must be 7 or younger on 4/30/16
- AA8 – Player must be 8 or younger on 4/30/16
- AAA 9 – Player must be 9 or younger on 4/30/16
- AAA 10 - Player must be 10 or younger on 4/30/16
- Majors – Player must be 12 or younger on 4/30/16
- Majors - 13yrs old Players must be 13 or younger on 4/30/16

SOFTBALL

Age Cutoff has changed to 1/1. This year will be grandfathered by request ONLY.

- 6U Sweetees (Tee Ball) – Player must be 6 or younger on 1/1/16
 - 8U Darlings (coach pitch) – Player must be 8 or younger on 1/1/16
 - 10U Angels (kid pitch) - Player must be 10 or younger on 1/1/16
 - 12U Ponytails (kid pitch) - Player must be 12 or younger on 1/1/16
- Ponytails division may have a partnership with Katy Girls Softball Association. Some games may be played at:

Paul D. Rushing Park
9114 Katy Hockley Road
Cypress, Texas 77493

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NOW A FAIRFIELD RESIDENT ONLY SIGNUP WINDOW

Our league has grown in size and we must allow an opportunity for residents to sign up before non residents. Once the window is closed registration is on a "first come first serve" basis.

All dates are tentative and subject to change!

CALENDAR:

NOV 28, 2015 - DEC 4, 2015

Registration for Fairfield Residents ONLY

DEC 4, 2015 - JAN 3, 2016

OPEN registration at: www.fairfieldsports.sportssignup.com

JAN 3, 2016th

Registration CLOSES. Refunds will NOT be given after this date.

Week of January 11 – 15th

Coaches Meetings

January 23rd

Tryouts for all baseball divisions except T-ball (no tryouts for t-ball)

January 30th

Tryouts for all softball divisions except T-ball (no tryouts for t-ball)

March 1st - Games begin

March 4th - All sponsorship money DUE.

March 5th - Opening Day Parade and Festivities

March 11th - 20th - No Games: CFISD Spring Break

March 24th - 27th - No Games: Easter Holiday

May 23rd - Tournament scheduled to begin (dependent upon weather)

June 10th - All Star Weekend

WAITLISTS:

As divisions approach our maximum capacity of registrations, we sometimes need to utilize waitlists in order to ensure that we have appropriate numbers for each team. We also do this to backfill any cancellations. If you receive a note that you have been placed on a waitlist, it does NOT necessarily mean you won't be able to play. However, as we approach the close of registration the possibility of being shut out increases as we reach capacity numbers. Some divisions will be limited due to space and once a division is full, we cannot accept any more registrations.

LATE REGISTRATION:

There will be NO LATE REGISTRATION. Unfortunately, our size has dictated a more strict approach to registration cut-off in order to handle all of the administrative duties and preparation necessary to start the season.

GETTING INVOLVED:

Lastly, I would like to invite everyone to find a way to take part in your sports association. FSA is a volunteer organization and could use your help to provide the best facilities around. There are jobs ranging from helping with try-outs, opening day help, field maintenance, and concessions duty. We hope you familiarize yourself with the Baseball and Softball Committees via our website and reach out to committee members to see how you can help. Three areas needing the most help are baseball committee, nightly field maintenance and concessions. These are opportunities to not only get involved and meet great people, but most of all contribute to making Fairfield one of the best places around for our kids to play sports!!!

On behalf of the Fairfield Sports Association and the Baseball/Softball committee members, I would like to thank you for all your support.

8TH Annual Salute to Our Heroes Gala

On February 13, 2016, the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation (CFEF) will hold its 8th Annual Salute to Our Heroes Gala at the Omni Hotel. Joe Myers Ford Lincoln is generously underwriting this gala that honors the brave men and women who have served to protect our freedom and liberty.

Gerald Coffee is the guest speaker. Coffee served our country as a naval officer for 28 years; much of that service was as one of the longest held prisoners of war in the communist prisons of North Vietnam. His military decorations include the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Bronze Stars, the Air Medal, two Purple Hearts, and the Vietnam Service Medal with 13 stars.

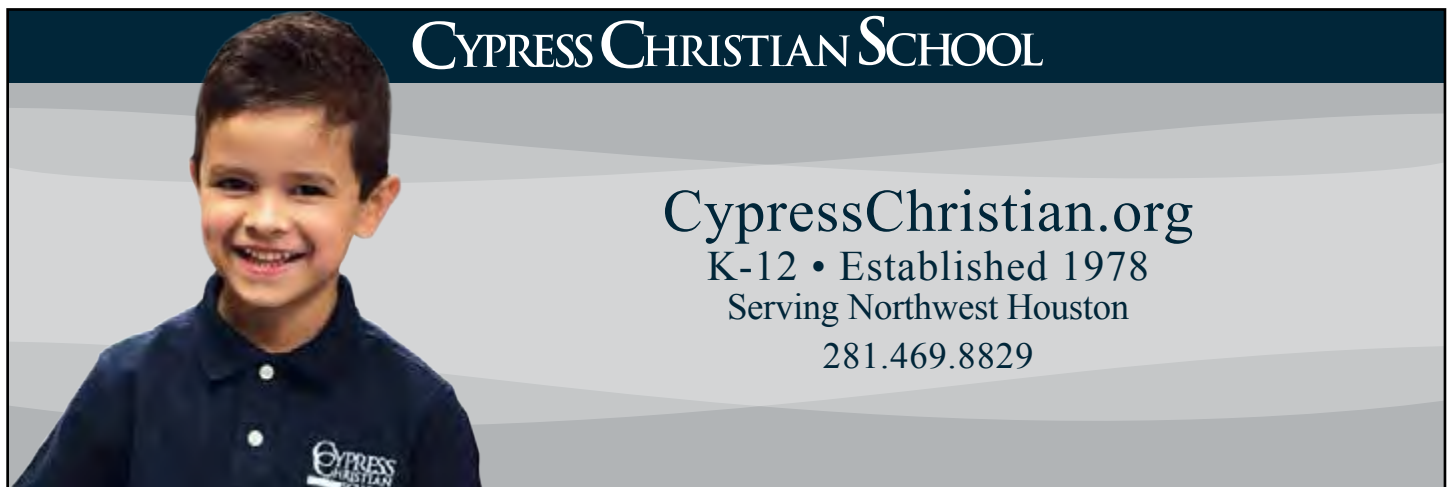
Salute to Our Heroes has raised more than half a million dollars over the past seven years. Proceeds from this event have funded three endowed scholarships.

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.

Sponsorships and tickets are available for Salute to Our Heroes

Tickets: \$100 individual; \$50 veterans

For more information please contact marie@thecfef.org or visit our website at www.TheCFEF.org.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: The NWHC Aggie Moms club raises money throughout the year to fund scholarships to students from our local community. Eligible students should check our website for details www.nwhcaggie moms.org . The deadline for submissions is February 2, 2016.

SAVE THE DATE!

Don't miss the Annual China Luncheon and Style Show on Saturday, February 20, 2016 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Shirley Acres located at 217 Woerner Rd., Spring, Texas. Get your ticket(s) at one of our monthly meetings or visit our website. For more information contact Tami Denault at tamidenault@sbcglobal.net

CYPRESS AREA FOOD PANTRY

Do you know of someone who has trouble putting food on the table? Maybe their employment was suddenly terminated; maybe it's a choice between medications or food; for whatever reason a family can find themselves in a situation where they need a little help.

Fountain of Life Church of God at 15010 Mueschke Road runs a food pantry on Mondays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (excluding holidays) and the only requirement is that the client should live in zip code 77433 and west of Skinner 77429. For more information, contact 281-373-9337. Donations of non-perishable food items are also greatly appreciated.



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NUTTY FOR SERVICE

By Jordan Miller, Editor of Cypress Woods Key Club

Four-hundred and forty seven jars of peanut butter were donated by the Cypress Woods High School Key Club to CAM, a food pantry run by Cypress Assistance Ministries. How did one school raise over 400 jars of peanut butter in three weeks? Old-Fashioned competition.

The Cypress Woods High School football team was about to play Cypress Fair at the Berry Center when Key Club secretary Sharon Zhou thought of the idea to compete with Fair in a Peanut Butter and Jelly War, a competition to see who could raise the largest amount of peanut butter or jelly by October 30th. Zhou decided to contact the co-presidents of Cypress Fair Key Club in order to get the competition started as fast as possible for the maximum amount of jars to be collected. If students kept riding on the momentum from the upcoming football game, they would continue to donate peanut butter. The co-presidents agreed to this 'Peanut Butter and Jelly War' and so the Cy Woods Key Club got to work.

Zhou and her committee who had planned this event got together and made posters to put up all around Cy Woods. They stationed boxes near the entrance of the school with decorative flyers stating

what the boxes were for and the specifics of donating the peanut butter. Zhou decided that two jars would equal one donation hour, then the jars came flooding in. The week of the deadline, over 180 jars were collected in just three days, which went to show how dedicated these Key Clubbers were in the spirit of competition.

Once the 'war' was over, Zhou enlisted the help of other Key Clubbers to help count the jars and stack them up in school administrator Dirk Heath's room. When Heath walked into the room and saw the towers of peanut butter, he remarked on the dedication of Key Club and posed for a picture with all the Clubbers who had made it possible.

The 'Peanut Butter and Jelly War' was an extremely successful venture, and the club plans on doing another like it in the spring-possibly with candy for Valentine's Day. The competitive service event helped two clubs build stronger relationships while also serving their community- the key tenant that Key Club is based on.



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