



Steeplechase

NEWSLETTER



The Official Newsletter of The Steeplechase Community Improvement Association, Inc. and Steeplechase

2016 SCIA POOL TAG RATES

Pool tag rates for the 2016 season are as follows.

- Adults: \$10.00
 - Children (12 & under): \$ 5.00
- (Must be accompanied by an Adult)
- Children (3 & under): Not Required
 - Guests: \$10.00

Pool tag sales will begin in late April.

This season, guest passes are NOT AVAILABLE for purchase at the pool. Every person MUST have a wrist band available for purchase only at the pre-season sales at the clubhouse or at Chaparral Management offices during the pool season.

Vacation Watch Program

Going out of town? Let the Harris County Sheriff's Office know and they will make sure our deputies keep an eye on your home. Just fill out the form online www.harriscountyso.org.

Fish Fry

With the beginning of Lent, Christ the Redeemer has resumed its Friday Lenten Fish Fry sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 8771. Every Friday during Lent (Feb. 12 – March 18), from 4:30-7:30 p.m., the Knights serve a delicious fish dinner in the Parish Hall. For only \$8 (\$5 for children), you get your choice of baked or fried fish or shrimp, three side dishes, dessert and a drink. The line moves quickly so come early and bring your family and friends. You can also get your meal to go if you like.

**Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church Parish Hall
11507 Huffmeister Road, Houston 77065.**

POOL COMMUNITY CENTER "OPEN HOUSE"

There will be an "Open House" at the Pool Community Center on Saturday, April 9th for residents to look at the renovated Center. The "Open House" will be from 2:00pm until 4:00pm. Refreshments will be served.

Pool tags will be available for purchase during this event.

SHERIFF'S REPORT AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

If you want to review sheriff activity in Steeplechase and in MUD 168, it is available each month on the Steeplechase website.

To access the report, you must be registered; another good reason to sign up for website access.

If you need help to sign up, contact Chaparral Management.

VOLUNTEER REQUEST FOR A "HOP, HOP, HOPPING ALONG" EVENT

On Saturday, March 26th a special visitor for our children will be at the Steeplechase clubhouse. Who is the visitor? The EASTER BUNNY!! However the Bunny can't do it all and the Bunny needs help planning and preparing for this fun event. So, there is a need for volunteers.

If you want to volunteer, or have questions about volunteering, please contact Stacy Johnston at Chaparral Management. Thanks for your interest in making this a fun-filled, memorable event for kids.

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IMPORTANT

Telephone Numbers



Emergency.....	911
Sheriff's Dept.....	713-221-6000
Cy-Fair Fire Dept.....	911
Cy-Fair Hospital.....	281-890-4285
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http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage	
Neighborhood Crime Watch.....	SteeplechaseSecurity@gmail.com
Library.....	281-890-2665
Post Office.....	713-937-6827
Steeplechase Community Center.....	281-586-1700
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Water/Sewer.....	713-405-1750
Architectural Control (CMC).....	281-586-1700
Trash Pick-up (Best Trash, LLC) (Wed. & Sat.).....	281-313-BEST
Harris Co. Pct. 4 Road Maintenance.....	281-353-8424
Harris Co. MUD #168.....	hcmud168board@gmail.com
Community Events.....	281-586-1700
Clubhouse Rentals: Private Parties and Community Events (Jinnie Kelley).....	832-922-8030
Traffic Initiative.....	281-290-2100
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Pool Company Contact	
Aquatic Management of Houston.....	281-446-5003
www.houston-pmg.com	
Board Member Contact	
Chaparral Management Company.....	281-586-1700

Schools

Emmott Elementary.....	281-897-4500
Campbell Middle School.....	281-897-4300
Cy-Ridge High School.....	281-807-8000

Contact the Management Company

www.steeplechasecia.com
or by phone 281-586-1700

EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY MARCH 26TH

All Steeplechase children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt at the clubhouse on Saturday, March 26th.

A special guest, the Easter Bunny, will participate in the events. There will be a light breakfast snack, games and other activities. No advance signup is necessary, just show up. The fun starts at 9:00 am and ends at 11:00 am. The Easter Bunny looks forward to meeting each Steeplechase child.

It should be a Hoppy time!



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TENNIS COURT KEYS

Steeplechase residents can purchase a Tennis Key for \$20. This is a small investment for fun and fitness for your family all year long. We have four lighted tennis courts available. Text or email your name and address to me and after verification, the key can be issued. Payments can be cash or a check payable to Steeplechase CIA.

JUNIOR HIGH CHALLENGE LADDER

Steeplechase residents in sixth, seventh and eighth grade can participate in the junior high challenge ladder. Our goal is to get players well prepared for high school tennis team tryouts and team competition. Players can make challenges in four categories:

1. My school / my grade level
2. My school / Open division - all grades
3. All schools / my grade level - this matches players against other sixth, seventh or eighth graders from other schools
4. All schools / Open division

There is no charge for Steeplechase residents. For additional information or to sign up, contact Coach Royer.

TENNIS LESSONS FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

Private, semi-private and group lessons are available from U.S.P.T.A. certified coach, Rod Royer. Steeplechase residents receive a discounted rate of \$40 per hour, \$30 / 45 minute session and \$20 / 30 minutes. With use of an iPad, students and coach can analyze all shots instantly and understand the technical changes that need to be made. Please call or text Coach Royer to set up your first session.

SCIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL STEEPLECHASE RESIDENTS

The Board of Directors monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6:30 pm. Each meeting is open to all residents and has time allotted for resident input and questions. If you have questions, an issue to point out, etc. attend one of these meetings and let your voice be heard.

The BOD looks forward to seeing each of you at one, some or every Board meeting.

RECENT RASH OF TIRE/WHEELTHEFTS

There was a series of late January and early February tire/wheel thefts in Steeplechase and in our neighboring subdivision Windemere. At the time of this writing (2-3), there were at least four recorded incidents. Vehicles, both trucks and cars are left on blocks, jacks or on the ground after the wheels are removed.

As always, lock your vehicle, don't leave anything visible inside and keep your lights on at night and stay aware. If you see anything out of the ordinary, report it.

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CyChristian News

CYCHRISTIAN VARSITY CHEER SQUAD NAMED GRAND CHAMPION

The Cypress Christian varsity cheerleaders competed in the United Cheer Texas Open Championship on Saturday, Jan. 23, in Katy, Texas. The squad took first place in the high school advanced division and was named "Grand Champion" in the school division by receiving the highest score among all six teams that competed.

CYCHRISTIAN STUDENT TAKES FIRST IN DISTRICT SPELLING COMPETITION

Congratulations to CCS seventh grader Jenny Dang who earned the title of District Champion in the ACSI District Spelling Bee. Dang and four other CCS students (Morgan Hanson, AJ McKnight, Griffin Fisk and Rachel Carpenter (not pictured)) placed in their respective grade levels and then competed against other fifth through eighth grade finalists in the "spell-off."

CYCHRISTIAN STUDENT SELECTED FOR TMEA ALL-STATE CHOIR

Choir students Caitlyn McCreary, Abbie Wynans, Julia Williams, Emily Mahan and Rachel Salazar (not pictured) traveled to Ronald Reagan High School in San Antonio to compete in the final round of the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-State Choir competition. Sophomore Julia Williams received second chair alto and will represent CCS at the TMEA Convention and All-State Choir concert in San Antonio.

CYCHRISTIAN ARTISTS SHINE AT HLSR ART COMPETITION

Elementary students achieved another first for CCS, earning both a Best of Show (Brayden Stovall, 4th grade) and a gold medal (Parker Coates, 5th grade) during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art competition. Ten secondary art students also brought home awards from the competition including two first place ribbons (Joelle Rodriguez, 10th grade and Hannah Hurst, 11th grade) and one finalist ribbon (Chris McKnight, 11th grade).

CYCHRISTIAN SWIMMERS QUALIFY FOR STATE MEET

Six swimmers represented CCS at the TAPPS Eastern Regional Championships at the University of Houston natatorium. For the first time in school history, CCS had a relay swim team competing at regional. Samantha Longridge and Allison Thompson both finished in the top three and qualified for state in their individual events.

Cypress Christian School is a K-12 independent, non-denominational, college-preparatory Christian school founded in 1978. With an enrollment of 690 students, the school is located in northwest Houston and is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI). For more information visit www.CypressChristian.org.

Cypress Texas Tea Party

The next meetings of the Cypress Texas Tea Party will be on:

Saturday, March 12, 2016 NOON - 2:00 PM

- Yet to be determined

Saturday, April 2, 2016 NOON - 2:00 PM

- Barbara Cargill, State Board of Education

- Bert Langdon, Convention of the States

The Cypress Texas Tea Party meets every three weeks on Saturday

Noon until 2:00 PM at:


Spring Creek BBQ

25831 Northwest Freeway

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Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/OoNjY>

A schedule of our meetings and confirmed speakers can be found at our website, www.cypresstexasteparty.org



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Hosting a Foreign Exchange Student

Families host foreign exchange students for various reasons: to provide a learning experience for teens from another country, to forge friendships with their own children and to exchange cultural insights. The experience must be a good one, because some families host new exchange students year after year.

Hosting requirements are simple, says Vicki Odom, Senior Regional Director for AYUSA, a cultural exchange organization. Hosts “provide room and board, and a loving, nurturing environment,” says Odom, a host every year since 2009. “There’s no such thing as a perfect host family,” she says. Couples and singles, with or without children, and even empty nesters make good host families.”

APPLICATION PROCESS

Participating in a foreign exchange program requires some paperwork to get started, followed by an interview process. Applications, which include background checks, “are not for the faint of heart,” admits Odom. “The safety of participants is the

number one priority,” she says. Much of the application process is designed to inform and prepare potential host families for their upcoming experience.

COST OF HOUSING A STUDENT

Hosting an exchange student can add to your food bill, admits Odom. “It’s not so bad if you merely provide what you would normally buy for your family,” she says. Visiting students usually have their own spending money and are expected to buy their own cosmetics and other items. A discussion about money and expectations at the onset of the student’s visit will likely smooth the way for the year.

FAMILY DYNAMICS

“Sibling” rivalries can develop between visiting and host kids who are the same sex or nearly the same age. But usually, “it helps other kids learn to share when there’s an extra person in the house,”

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Finding Fate Is it Luck or is it Fate?

As we rapidly approach the luckiest day of the year (i.e. St. Patrick's Day) I've been thinking about how much luck actually plays in our lives. It can be just about guaranteed that come March 17th you, me, and your mother will all be wearing green and pinching people for good luck. But how much does luck really account for in our lives?

And, of course, there's the question of fate. The constantly sought yet ever-elusive thing everyone consistently seeks and desires to control. Can fate be controlled? Just what exactly is fate? One might consider it to be the inevitable, predestined course in life, a coincidence, or even chance. This thought leads to a rather worrisome question--Are we predestined to live exactly as a plan woven in some great tapestry of life? Or are we lucky enough in life to choose our fate?

What if there was another choice besides just blindly choosing to trust in fate or luck? I believe there is, and I learned that best from my horse!

When I'm riding, I refuse to count on luck and my fate does not rest in the horse's hands (hooves?). Trusting my safety to either of those is asking for a bruising, and I just don't bounce back from such bruising's the same way anymore. I know that I am safe when I ride because I have faith--Faith in God to keep me safe and to show me when it something is unsafe. Faith that things will be better, and will continue to get better on my darkest days. When my faith is shaken and I'm wondering how

I can keep going, all I need to do is sit with my horse and everything suddenly seems to grow brighter.

I have found that horses are hands-down the best non-verbal therapists and the perfect teachers of how to practice faith. They not only help us find our faith and belief in God's presence with their beauty, power, and spirit, but actively demonstrate faith in everything they do. Talk about role models!

There is a bigger plan for our lives, but you have to make the choice to pursue it. Choose Faith. Faith in Jesus is the only thing you can always count on & do not need to seek. It's always there, waiting patiently for you to notice it & pick it up. It comes in many colors, sizes, and shapes, and can be all but invisible much of the time. Nonetheless, no matter how big, small or percentage of visibility, I will choose to live my life according to my faith rather than fate or luck each and every time.

So, don't count on seeing me in green this St. Patrick's Day, but you can bet that you'll find me on a horse!

Tara Chatterson works at Five Horses, LLC in Waller, TX. To find out more about how horses can help you, check out the natural horsemanship program, as well as the equine assisted learning workshops provided here: www.fivehorses.com www.fivehorses.com.

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says Heather Wells, a Katy, TX mom who has hosted two students so far. "The exchange experience is often terrific for elementary-age kids in the host family, despite the age difference with a teen exchange student, because they learn so much," says Wells.

"Hosting an exchange student can be a wonderful experience for the entire family," states Vicki Odom. "It teaches your kids tolerance and gives them great respect for other cultures. It's a way to learn more about the world without leaving home. You get a glimpse at least, by hosting a student. We can't all be diplomats or ambassadors, but this is something American families can do to make a difference."

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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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