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GIRL SCOUTS OF SAN JACINTO COUNCIL COPPER CREEK MEADOWS COMMUNITY

Summer has been a great time for Girl Scouts from Copper Creek Meadows Community, and for many of them it has included a session of Girl Scout Day, twilight or resident camp. For many Girl Scouts, camp is a time to learn new skills, and make new friends. Campers may have reached a new level in swimming, riding or sailing. Paddling a canoe for the first time, making a bulls-eye at the archery range, or hiking through the woods are all special times at camp. Where else would you learn all those crazy camp song and traditions?

Girl Scouts from our community and region have joined together this summer for two enjoyable movie events. We have also heard that the Girl Scout soccer program finished up a successful season, and look forward to playing again!

It won't be much longer before school is once again in session, and Girl Scout troops resume their regular meetings.

Please be on the lookout for information on Girl Scout Rally nights, when we recruit new leaders and form new troops.

Many thanks to ALL of our volunteers at every level- we can't have Girl Scout troops or a community without you!

Girl Scouting is open to all girls, ages 5 (must be in kindergarten), who through 18, who are willing to accept the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

THE GIRL SCOUT PROMISE

**On my honor I will try to serve God and my country
To help people at all times
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.**

THE GIRL SCOUT LAW

**I will do my best to be
Honest and fair
Friendly and helpful
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And responsible for what I say and do
And to
Respect myself and others
Respect authority
Use resources wisely
Make the world a better place
And**

Be a sister to every Girl Scout

Girls may join at any level, and no previous Scouting experience is required. Don't forget that many of our most exciting experiences and special interest groups are available to older girls. Older girls whose busy schedules do not allow for involvement with a troop may participate as individually registered Girl Scouts.

Copper Creek Meadows serves girls in the residence areas for the elementary schools listed below, as well as the corresponding middle and high schools. Home schooled and private school students are always welcome. Our elementary schools are: Birkes, Fiest, Hairgrove, Horne, Kirk, Lee, Lieder, Lowery, Metcalf, Owens, Tipps, Wilson, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Texas Christian School, and Christian Life Center.

Please contact coppercreekmeadowsgirlscouts@gmail.com for more information. You may also contact Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council at 713-292-0300 (www.gssjc.org).

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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.

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Gingerbread Market

VENDOR OPPORTUNITY AWAITS!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their 24th annual Gingerbread Village Holiday Market on October 29, 2016. The show will be held from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. at 6646 Addicks Satsuma Road, Houston, TX. If you are interested in showcasing your various art, crafts or other unique offerings, please contact Fae at fae@krenekprinting.com.

St Aidan Fall Fest

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church Fall Holiday Market - Sunday, October, 30th from 10am - 5pm. 13131 Fry Road just South of 290. Market Booths, Food Trucks and Silent Auction 10am- 5pm, Live Music throughout the day, Cake Walk 1:00, Trunk N Treat 3:00, Kids Corner 3:00, Blessing of Animals 4:00. Lots of vendors with a variety of goods for sale. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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Thursday, October 13, 2016, the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation (CFEF) will host its 19th annual Salute to the Stars Gala at the Berry Center. Our underwriter, Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital joins us in celebrating Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D. (CFISD) Spotlight Teachers, along with major sponsors IBI Group, Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union, North Cypress Medical Center Hospital, Northwest Dodge, and S-G Owners Association.

Salute to the Stars has raised \$2 million for innovative staff development grants for district teachers and instructional leaders, and scholarships for graduating seniors. The Salute to the Stars Gala honors CFISD Spotlight Teachers who are selected 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 46 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 almost \$7 million in scholarships to over 1400 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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For those wishing only to train, join us in Katy for AHFC Friday Night Academy. Visit Katy Youth Soccer to register for this Friday Fun Program.

Email us at jhsl@albionhurricanes.org for more information or questions.

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Come Join The Fun!

Kids' Running Team's Cross Country Season Starts September 6th

The Northwest Flyers Track Club Youth Cross-Country Team kicks off the fall season with registration and a mandatory orientation for parents and athletes on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at Cypress Creek High School, 9815 Grant Rd., Houston. Registration starts online September 1 at www.northwestflyers.org. Practices are held at the Cypress Creek YMCA and Spring Creek Park in Tomball.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a member program of USA Track and Field (USATF), the national governing body for track and cross country. The club is celebrating its 30th year in the northwest Houston area. Ages 6 - 18 may participate in the team, and both beginners and experienced runners are welcome. Middle school and high school cross country athletes can also register, but should compete after their cross country season is over.

For more information contact Coach Eric Wentworth at emw185@gmail.com or 281-961-6603. Visit www.northwestflyers.org to get updates and learn more about the team.

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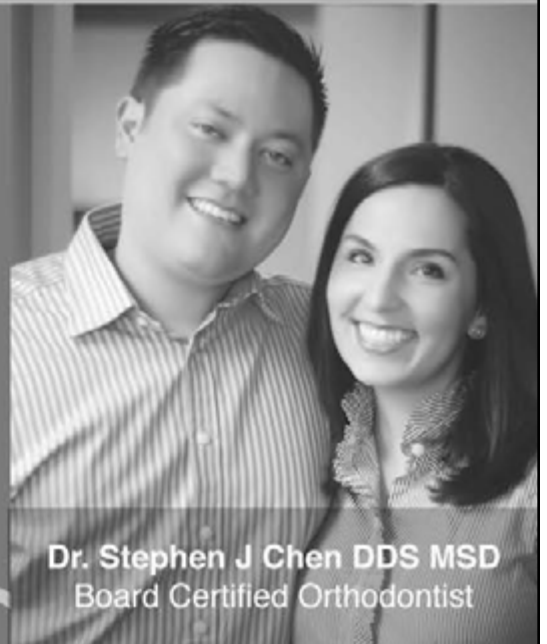


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KIWANIS CLUB OF CY-FAIR HOUSTON

If you live or work in the Cy-Fair area, we would welcome the opportunity to meet you and tell you about the service the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club gives to our community. Be our guest at our meeting on August 2, 9, and 16.

Time and place: Meetings are held at the Hearthstone Country Club. Lunch is served at 12:15pm, followed by a brief, informative program. Adjournment is at 1:15pm.

What is Kiwanis? Kiwanis is an international service organization. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club of Houston seeks to serve this community through sponsoring Key Clubs for high school students, Builders Clubs for middle school students, and Aktion clubs for adults with disabilities. Also, we sponsor Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. We provide support to various other organizations in the community that serve children and families. Enjoy the pleasure of being a part of this service.

**Visit the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club website at:
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For more information, call John Carroll at 281-463-0373; George Crowlat 832-467-1998; or Peggy Presnell at 281-304-7127.

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So how do you tell if you have chinch bugs? The easiest way is to look for the insects. One way to look is to cut both ends out of a can, push it into the ground using a twisting motion and then fill the can with water for about 10 minutes and wait for any bugs to float to the top. Another way would be to get down on your hands and knees and part the grass to look for the insects. For both methods, samples should be taken in the damaged (yellowed grass), not dead, grass areas.

Chinch bugs are small (about 1/5 of an inch as adults; immatures are smaller). Adults are black with white wings containing triangular markings. Nymphs, or immatures, are yellowish or pinkish with a light colored band across their body. Nymphs do not have fully developed wings.

Treatment is usually a liquid or granular formulation. Liquid

formulations are often bottles that attach to the end of the garden hose or concentrates that you mix with water in a tank sprayer. Granular formulations are applied with push spreaders and need to be watered in after treatment.

Treatment should be applied to the area where damage is occurring and several feet out from the damaged area; the entire yard does not have to be treated. All label instructions should be read and followed before and during the treatment.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600.

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