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Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council

Copper Creek Meadows Girl Scout Community has had a busy start to the Girl Scout year! We have been busing holding rallies at our elementary schools. Copper Creek Meadows Community serves girls in the residence areas for the following elementary schools, plus the corresponding middle and high schools: Lieder, Metcalf, Wilson, Tipps, Texas Christian School, Birkes, Fiest, Lowery, Horne, Hairgrove, Owens, Kirk, Lee, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and Christian Life Center Home schoolers and private school students are always welcome! Girl Scouting is open to all girls aged 5 (must be in kindergarten) through 17 who are willing to accept the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Girls may join at any level and any time during the year, and no previous Scouting experience is required. For more information, please contact Marlo Folwell (281-753-7614 (marlo.folwell@c-a-m.com). Or check out the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council website at www.gssjc.org.

We would like to thank all those who supported our Fall Product sale, and especially thank Deyanira Rios Johnston, our community coordinator. Thanks also to our troop fall product managers, and all the people who helped to receive and sort all the boxes when they were delivered!

Some of our Copper Creek Meadows troops participated in a local Girl Scout tradition, when they made ornaments for the Girl Scout Christmas tree in the lobby of the Houston Museum of Natural Science. This year's theme was "Christmas by the Sea", and our tree was a beautiful addition to those decorated by other community organizations. Hope you got a chance to see it!

Another tradition for us is our Leader/Daughter weekend held in early December in Wimberley. This year's theme was "Hill Country Christmas", with seasonal crafts. Leaders get to

spend a weekend with their OWN daughters at camp. Crafts and games and songs? Of course! We also have a Dutch Oven Cook Off (and get to enjoy the results!), and a Talent Show. Playing in the river, kayaking, hiking, a climbing wall, and a chance to enjoy shopping in Wimberley make for a really great weekend. Thanks to Julie Mayer and her staff for making it come together!

Troop 16435 held a bronze Award and Re-dedication ceremony for family and friends. The girls also completed the "Discover Galveston Island" patch.

Troop 16315 spent a Carousel weekend at Camp Robinwood and report that "Fun was had by all"

Junior troop 16503 has been working on the "Get Moving" Journey. They took a field trip to the Houston Green Building Resource Center at the Houston Permitting office. Among other things, they learned about recycling Styrofoam. The troop also attended the Energy Day Festival at Sam Houston Park, where they learned about energy and energy conversation. We also heard that they made an appearance on Channel 13!

Even our youngest Girl Scouts are out and learning about their community! Daisy Girl Scout troop 113001 visited CF VFD #9, and had a great tour! This helped the girls earn their "Respecting Authority" petal.

Many of our troops combined Halloween activities with celebrating the October 31 birthday of our founder, Juliette Gordon Low.

Think Girl Scouting sounds like fun? We have been building girls of courage, confidence and character since 1912. We have also been having fun, learning new things and keeping up with some of our old traditions as well.

Check out our Council website to see what Girl Scouts do!

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Do you have an idea or suggestion for the newsletter? Want to submit a photo, article, or both? It's easy!! Email your articles to riataranch@peelinc.com by the 10th of the preceding month. So if you get your ideas in before the deadline, you should see them in the very next month's newsletter.

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.

Volunteers Plan Jingle Bell Rock Christmas Party for Reach Unlimited

*Submitted by: Verna Noack
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Plans for a spectacular first annual Jingle Bell Rock Christmas Party are well under way! A Volunteer army under the direction of Berni Horan, Liberty Mutual Lead Sales Representative, Ambassador for the Houston CyFair Chamber of Commerce and member of Cy Fair Women's Network have been recruiting, collecting and signing up individuals and companies to help with this undertaking. The event which will feature music by the Amazing Duane Vincent, a visit from Elvis and the jolly old man himself, Santa Claus! Plans for the evening include cookie decorating, lots of dancing and gifts for each of the Reach Unlimited clients. Berni invites you and your business to join in the fun to help make this the BEST Christmas Party ever for the clients at Reach. You can reach her at Berni.Horan@libertymutual.com. There are still needs for additional refreshments, small gift items or gift cards so that everyone will receive a gift and volunteers. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10 from 6PM to 8PM at Langham Creek YMCA.

Reach Unlimited provides quality services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through a day program and residential services. Reach serves 300 clients through programs that provide training and support for jobs in the community, a safe and stimulating learning day program as well as 19 family group homes in the northwest area.



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This year marks Cy-Ranch High School's 7th production year as a theatrical company. We are under the artistic leadership of Cheryl Bradford (department head), Jane Bankston, and Charles Page. Over the past 5 years, our students have performed to sold-out audiences for musical productions including Hairspray, Anything Goes, Legally Blonde, and Shrek the Musical. We anticipate the same with this year's production of The Addams Family. In addition to mainstage musicals, UIL competition, Fresh Faces, Comedy Sportz and various other workshops and performances throughout the year, our students annually attend our state's Thespian festival. This past year, Shrek the Musical received 6 Tommy Tune Nominations. 28 students advanced to the National level and 8 of our students brought home 1st place honors.

CFISD Fine Arts programs do not receive financial support from our school district. Up to this point, our operating budget has been raised through patron attendance and various small-scale fundraisers. On February 6, 2015, the Cy-Ranch High School Supporting Theatre at Ranch (S.T.A.R.) Booster Club will host our second annual Mardi Gras Magic Auction & Gala Fundraiser. This large fundraiser will allow us to go above and beyond our basic operating expenses to help to ensure that we will continue to provide quality opportunities for our students.

The generous support of businesses in our community plays a key role in the success of our program. Donations of merchandise and gift certificates are needed for our Silent and Live Auctions, as well as cash underwriting. Funds raised through Mardi Gras Magic 2015 will be used to help offset the expenses needed to send students to competitions, provide much needed technical equipment upgrades for our theatre and classrooms, and allow us to bring in guest teachers

for the continued growth of our program. We are actively seeking partners for this endeavor. Please consider how you can help.

CASH UNDERWRITING

ALL Donors will be listed in our Mardi Gras Magic Program Guide

MASQUERADE

• Donations of merchandise or gift certificates for silent/live Auction, Bid Board or Grab Bags

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• \$250 cash gift - Donors also featured on the auction table

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GOLD MASQUERADE

• \$1,500 cash gift - Donors prominently listed on banner; includes a full page business ad in program guide and a table of 8 tickets to the Gala

PLEASE VISIT WWW.CYRANCHTHEATRE.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS AND SPONSOR INFORMATION.

For more information contact:

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Cypress Woods Theatre Company Presents



Cypress Woods High School Theatre Company proudly presents, Annie, the musical on December 18th, 19th at 7:00 pm and on December 20th at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the Cypress Woods HS Auditorium, 13550 Woods Spillane Blvd, Cypress, TX. Tickets can be purchased on line at www.showtix4u.com. Annie is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019. Phone: 212-541-4684, www.MTIShows.com

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NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY AGGIE MOM'S CLUB HOSTS ANNUAL AGGIE ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Bring an Aggie-themed ornament and join us for the Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club Annual Aggie Ornament Exchange on Tuesday, December 09, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the intersection of High Life Drive and Cutten Road.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club raises money throughout the year to fund scholarships to students from our area. Last year, we awarded 15 scholarships to Aggie students from our local community and donated over \$34,000 to a variety of Texas A&M student organizations. Eligible students should download the scholarship application form at www.nwhcaggiemoms.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Don't miss the Annual China Luncheon and Style Show on Saturday, February 21, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Shirley Acres located at 217 Woerner Rd., Spring, Texas. Come and enjoy the fashion show and shopping at vendor booths. We are looking for talented ladies to decorate one of our themed tables. Individual tickets are \$30. Get your ticket at one of our monthly meetings or visit our website.

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club meets August thru May on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at 7100 High Life Drive. For more information on monthly speakers or upcoming events visit our website at www.nwhcaggiemoms.org or contact Connie Pritchard, Club President at pritchardg@sbcglobal.net.



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CYFEN Member Appreciation and Holiday Meeting Dec. 18

LUNCHEON DETAILS

Thursday, December 18

*Networking 11:30 am; Luncheon begins at 12:00 am
Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd.,
Cypress, TX 77433*

Member costs \$25 with advanced reservations; guest costs \$30 with advanced reservations

Come to the Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN) luncheon Dec. 18 for member appreciation and to learn more about a local charity organization.

This meeting will celebrate the completion of the 'debt free' home built for a well deserving wounded warrior and his family in Cypress, TX. RE/MAX Realty Center partnered with the Texas Sentinels Foundation to make this a reality for a local veteran and his family. With the completion of this home near Christmas the family is in need of many items to make this new start. Needed items are listed on the Cyfen.org website. Donations will be collected at the December luncheon.

In addition, there will be a member gift exchange. Bring a wrapped new gift or gift card valued at \$25 to participate. All are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of CYFEN at the Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd.

This month's meeting begins with networking at 11 a.m. followed with a prompt 11:30 a.m. start of the program. Bring plenty of business cards for networking. The meeting cost is \$25 with advanced reservations made by the Thursday prior to the meeting and \$30 at the door.

ABOUT CY-FAIR EXPRESS NETWORK (CYFEN)

The Cy-Fair Express Network's vision is to be a community and national leader for the support of professional women by providing a nurturing environment for business development, networking, education and mentoring. Our members have opportunities to pursue excellence and achieve both local and national recognition. CYFEN is part of the national organization of American Business Women's Association (ABWA), for more information go to www.CYFEN.org.

ABOUT AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (ABWA)

Founded in 1949, ABWA provides business training and networking opportunities for women of diverse occupations and backgrounds. ABWA has dedicated 60 years to women's education, workplace skills and career development training. For more information, visit, www.abwa.org.

Albion Hurricanes FC December Soccer Evaluations

The club invites all interested players from ages U9 to U12 to the Player Evaluations, 12/8 and 12/10 at 5:00 to 6:30 at the Schiel Road Complex location, to become part of AHFC's success.

Players will be evaluated to determine their technical and tactical abilities by the highly-qualified staff at AHFC. Please register at www.albionhurricanes.org prior to tryouts. AHFC office: 713-939-7473.

Questions? Boys: Mark Rufo at mrufo@albionhurricanes.org or call 979-453-1933

Girls: Danny Hill at dhill@albionhurricanes.org or call 713-818-7529

Albion Hurricanes also offer a recreational program JHSL (Junior Hurricanes Soccer League) for children 4 – 8. This ten week program begins in early February. Please visit <http://www.albionhurricanes.org> for more information or contact jhsl@albionhurricanes.org.



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Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club - Free Registration/Orientation Breakfast

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will celebrate its 28th Anniversary Season by hosting its annual free Registration/Orientation breakfast on Saturday, February 7th, 2015, for all boys and girls who are interested in joining for the 2015 track season. The breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum located at 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

The free breakfast is the opportunity for youth athletes to register for the 2015 spring/summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches, staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic organization (USATF). All athletes and parents who wish to join the Northwest Flyers must attend the orientation.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (ages 6 -18) track club, affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF), that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and sanctioned "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin. The Northwest Flyers has approximately 285 members. The club was founded 28 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area.

The Northwest Flyers is a member of the "Win with Integrity" program, a partnership between USATF and the American College of Sports Medicine. "Win with Integrity" brings elite track & field athletes and school-aged kids together to promote healthy lifestyles, keeping active, and living with integrity through the sport of track & field.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org>; contact Linette Roach at linette.roach@sbcglobal.net; or "Like" the club on Facebook.



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