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A Newsletter for Riata Ranch Residents

Cooper Creek Meadows Community Girl Scouts of San Jacinto County

Copper Creek Meadows Community has been holding “Rally Nights” at area elementary schools to recruit new Girl Scouts and Girl Scout Leaders, and to form new troops. We had assistance from many of our adult volunteers and Girl Scouts ranging in age from Brownie Girl Scouts up to Senior Girl Scouts.

The Girl Scouts who attended performed flag ceremonies (see picture of Junior Girl Scout Troop 113035), and taught Girl Scout songs, skits and games to the new girls. Most of the rallies concluded with the girls singing for their families, and finishing up with the traditional Friendship Circle and “Make New Friends” song.

Many thanks to troops 113001, 113035, 113006, 16044 and 16369 and to the other troops who helped out.

Junior troop 113035 also earned their “Flowers” badge at the Houston Arboretum, and is looking forward to a geocaching workshop in November.

Registration is now going on for the Cadette “Breathe” Journey and senior “Sister Missionhood” Journey event in mid-January.

Fall product sales began on September 24. Those tasty Girl Scout fruit, nut and candy products make wonderful snacks and gifts.

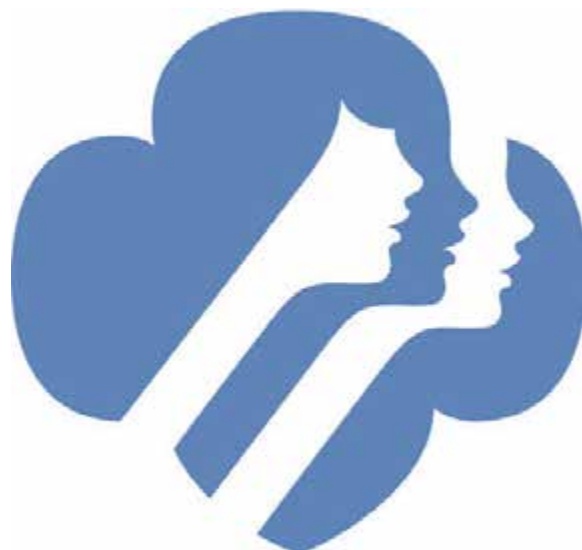
We are looking forward to an exciting year of Copper Creek Meadows Community beginning with a “Me and My Guy” costume ball/dance event in October. Girl Scouts will also be celebrating the birthday of Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low on October 31. A “Scoutacular Event” in November will be followed by a Mother/Daughter Happy Holiday Event in December.

“World Thinking Day” event on February 22, and our Leader/Daughter weekend in April will be repeats of popular events from past years.

Missed our Rally Nights? It is never too late to get involved in 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. Don’t forget that many of our most exciting opportunities are available to older girls. Older girls whose busy schedules do not allow for troop activities may join as individually registered Girl Scouts. Copper Creek Meadows Community 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. For more information on Copper Creek Meadows Community, please contact coppercreekmeadowsgirlscouts@gmail.com. The website for Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council is www.gssjc.org.

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.



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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.

Advent Concert With Healing Prayer

Friday, December 16, 2016

7-10pm

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church

13131 Fry Rd.

Cypress, TX

Shellee Coley is a Texas-based singer-songwriter with three studio projects under her belt and a fourth on the way. Her songs often bring light to the not-so-celebrated parts of life and walk people through them, into growth and change. There is a clear spiritual undertone to her music that sets a listener up to experience their own faith while listening to her songs. She says, "I want to write music and create spaces that encourage people to see themselves in my stories and hopefully get to know themselves a little more. Because how can you truly know God, if you don't even know yourself?"

Tickets are \$15 and St. Aidan's Clergy will be available for prayer during and after the concert.

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2017 SPRING BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL INFORMATION

It's almost that time of year again and even though it's getting colder outside we're getting ready for spring...baseball and softball that is!! Please see the information below concerning registration dates and our tentative calendar!!

All dates are tentative and subject to change!

CALENDAR:

NOV 16, 2016 - NOV 30, 2016: Registration for Fairfield Residents ONLY

DEC 1, 2015 - JAN 8, 2016 OPEN registration at: www.fairfieldsports.net

JAN 8, 2016 – Registration CLOSES

Week of January 16 – 20th Coaches Meetings

January 28th – Tryouts for all baseball divisions except T-ball (no tryouts for t-ball)

January 21st - Tryouts for all softball divisions except T-ball (no tryouts for t-ball)

March 1st - Games begin

March 3rd - All sponsorship money DUE.

March 4th - Opening Day Parade and Festivities

March 13th - 17th - No Games: CFISD Spring Break

April 13th - 16th - No Games: Easter Holiday

May 24th - Tournament scheduled to begin (dependent upon weather)

BASEBALL

Instructional T-Ball – Player must have reached age 4 by 4/30/17

A – Player must be 6 or younger on 4/30/17

AA7 – Player must be 7 or younger on 4/30/17

AA8 – Player must be 8 or younger on 4/30/17

AAA 9 – Player must be 9 or younger on 4/30/17

AAA 10 - Player must be 10 or younger on 4/30/17

Majors – Player must be 12 or younger on 4/30/17

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SOFTBALL

6U Sweetees (Tee Ball) – Player must be 6 or younger on 1/1/17

8U Darlings (coach pitch) – Player must be 8 or younger on 1/1/17

10U Angels (kid pitch) - Player must be 10 or younger on 1/1/17

12U Ponytails (kid pitch) - Player must be 12 or younger on 1/1/17 ***

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.

ADDRESS:

Baseball Game Fields - 16055 Mason Rd.

Practice Fields:

All TBall and Softball - Central Park - 15015 Heath Green Cir.

All Baseball - Weaver Fields - 22035 Schiel Rd.

Meeting Locations:

Bradford Creek Clubhouse - 16011 Fairfield Green Cir.

Lakeside Trails Clubhouse - 16125 Country Fair Ln.

Central Park Clubhouse - 15015 Heath Green Cir.

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.

TRY-OUT/ASSESSMENT:

Only ages 7 and up have a tryout session. All players will be assigned to a team and tryouts are simply in place to help keep skill levels even on each team. ALL KIDS WILL PLAY.

GETTING INVOLVED:

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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.

Sincerely,
Ryan Ritchey
Commissioner
FSA Baseball



Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club

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Come join us, on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm. at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, Houston, Texas. This fun-filled Aggie evening is a great way to meet other Aggie Moms, find out about upcoming events, and enter for a chance to win a door prize! We will have our Christmas party and ornament exchange at this meeting – feel free to bring a gift wrapped Aggie Christmas ornament to exchange!! We are looking forward to meeting all Aggie Moms, whether of freshman Aggies, current Aggie students or former Aggies. Whoop!

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Timely Tips for December Gardeners

Working in your garden is an excellent escape during the holidays. It's a great time of year to do some of the heavy work in the landscape as opposed to sweating it up in the heat of the summer.

Don't put up the mower yet. Although turf grasses have stopped growing, you can use the mower to chop up and recycle the leaves back into the lawn or for a compost pile. Prepare gas-powered engines for winter. The owner's manual is the best guide to winterizing a lawn mower, tiller, garden tractor or other equipment.

Drain and store garden hoses and watering equipment in a readily accessible location. Lawns and other plants may need an occasional watering during prolonged dry spell.

In general, once the weather gets and stays cold, pruning of deciduous plants (ones that lose their leaves) can be safely done. Evergreen hedges can be sheared or cut back in the winter also. Wait until February to prune your roses. Remember – Do Not Top your Crapemyrtles! Simply prune to remove seed heads and shape.

Prepare for the cold weather before it hits! One of the best things you can do for your landscape plants is to provide a 2 to 3 inch layer of mulch. Mulching is necessary year round but during the colder periods it provides a layer of insulation for the roots. Water your landscape well before a cold spell. A drought stressed plant is more

susceptible to freeze damage. For more tender plants, purchase frost cloth for extra protection. Cover the plant completely allowing the edges to come all the way to the ground, utilizing the heat which radiates from the ground.

December is a perfect time to plant trees and shrubs so they can develop a strong root system for next Spring. Cool weather color such as Pansies, Snapdragons, Cyclamen, Flowering Cabbage and Kale add splashes of color to your landscape. Spring flowering bulbs can be planted now once they have been properly chilled. Make your home beautiful for the Holidays with a stunning assortment of floral quality Poinsettias, Cyclamen, freshest greenery and Christmas Trees. Add a mix of new indoor and tropical plants to energize your home.

Remember to provide food and water for the birds this winter. You can attract just as many birds with a bird bath as with food, especially during the dry spells. To draw a diversity of birds provide a variety of seeds, like sunflower, thistle, safflower and millet; plus suet. Once you begin putting out bird food, continue feeding them through the spring time.

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Tuesday, January 10th will be CFRW General Meeting at 10:30 AM - Noon.

Meeting is \$3 -- Meeting w/Lunch at Noon is \$20.

Hearthstone Country Club, 7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095

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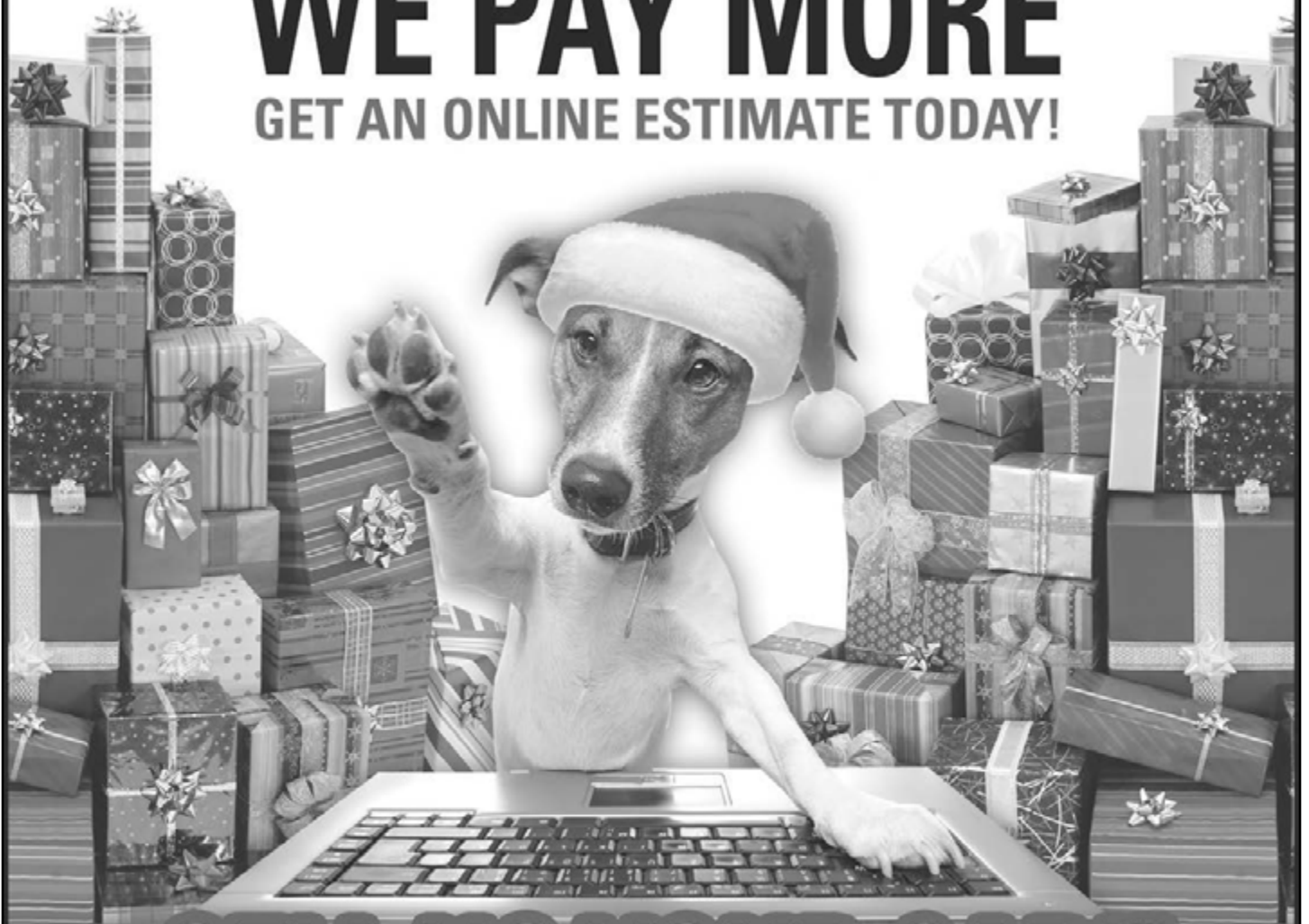
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