



NCHE FAMILY COOK OUT

The cook out is coming up soon and we are looking forward to seeing everyone and catching up on summer news and how your new school year is going.

We will meet on **Saturday, September 6, from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. (eating around 6:00pm)** Please bring a **side dish and dessert** to share.

NCHE will provide hot dogs/buns, paper goods, and drink. Dress is casual for outside activities and swimming. Activities include 4 square, carpet ball, basketball, ping pong, volleyball, croquet, trampoline, pre-school playground, and the pool. Bring your swim suit

and a towel, and for the sake of modesty please have children 10 years and up wear a dark colored t-shirt over their swim suit (boys and girls alike). If you know someone who is thinking about home schooling their children invite them to come with you. This is a wonderful event to see our group at its best. **I will be taking family pictures for the year book as soon as you arrive, so prepare your children and husband for this.** Think about how you want to be dressed for the picture (casual). I will be set up and ready so hopefully we can take the picture quickly and you can be on your way to the activities.

Please **RSVP to Debbie Hopper at 225-9160 or ddhopper@bellsouth.net by Thursday, September 4**, so we know how many to set up and prepare for. This is one of my favorite events of the year and I hope it is one of your favorites as well. I hope to see every family at the cook out.



Game Day I

The first game day will be on Friday, Oct. 17, from 2-4 p.m. at the Hopper home. All the normal outside activities will be available along with the (heated) pool. Please RSVP to Debbie by Thursday, Oct. 16 at 225-9160 or ddhopper@bellsouth.net. Game Day 2 will be scheduled for Feb./March.

Welcome New Members!

- James and Susan Beale
- Tony and Jeanette Brauda
- Mike and Rudi Broussard
- Benjamin and Melanie Fouse
- Patrick and Laura Harwood
- Colby and Kim Holt
- Phil and Laurel Jubin
- Christopher and Alicia Kaczmarczyk
- Greg and Hollie Metz
- Michael and Amy Miller
- Doug and Stephanie Newberry
- Jon and Tammy Trujillo

News article deadline for the newsletter is the 20th of the month. Please plan ahead and e-mail (jdidonato@criticaldesign.net) your article to Janet so she can have your article in the newsletter in a timely manner for your event.



I have some extra year books available if you want one and did not place an order. I'll have them at the family cook out for you to look at and purchase (\$25.00).

Iron Sharpens Iron

Field Trips

What? Iron Sharpens Iron

When? September 18, 2008 7 PM

Where? Jan Wilson's house 97087 Chimney Ridge Court, Yulee

Questions? 904-335-0571

Please come and share your favorite family summer activity!

I also want us to discuss what we want from this activity, so please come!!

Thanks!
All God's Best , Jan Wilson



Plan for your field trip or activity early and take lots of pictures for the year book.

LABOR DAY is the only legal holiday in September. It comes on the first Monday, and is celebrated in both the United States and Canada.



Labor Day: How it Came About; What it Means?

"Labor Day differs in every essential way from the other holidays of the year in any country," said Samuel Gompers, founder and longtime president of the American Federation of La-

bor. "All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day...is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race, or nation."

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Mom's Night Out Schedule for the 2008-2009 Year

Mom's Night Out is BACK!!!! After having the summer off, I am so excited to start the new school year off by spending time with my home school peeps! We're trying things a little different this year, hoping to spice things up a bit, but regardless the end result is the same...to support and encourage and fellowship with one another.

No one else knows quite what we go through as other home school moms. Although our family has been home schooling for over 10 years now, I never fail to be amazed by how much I can learn from other home school moms. At our gatherings for this coming season, we will have quick but fun games and ice breakers to help us all get to know each other better.

We also have moved back to Thursday nights (this time

the 2nd Thursdays) AND we have a couple of Saturday lunches planned. I chose lunch time on Saturdays because I figured we could do whatever we had to in the a.m., take a BREAK!!!!, and then still be home in plenty of time to tend to whatever we need in the later afternoons. I really, really, hope this works out for y'all! My prayer is that we will try to make the time to get together. So here's the schedule. I can't WAIT to see all of you at our Mom's Time Out!!!!

- Mom's Night Out Fiesta! 9/11/08, Thurs 7 p.m. Peppers Mexican Restaurant, FB
- Mom's Lunch and then shopping if you like! 10/11/08, Sat 1 p.m. Cracker Barrel, River City (we can carpool)
- Mom's Venture to Thailand! 11/13/08, Thurs 7 p.m. Lanna Thai Restaurant, FB

- It's a New Year, let's celebrate Mom's! 1/8/09, Thurs 7 p.m. The Great Khan, FB
- Takin' a break for lunch! 2/7/09, Sat 1p.m. Chili's, Yulee
- Hmmmmmm, it's a mystery... 3/12/09, Thurs 7 p.m. TO BE ANNOUNCED
- Couple's Night, bring a husband if you can but still join us if you can't! 4/9/09, Thurs 7 p.m. Applebee's, FB

If you need any more information, please call Michelle Reuter at 904-225-0707 or email me at itsabeautifullawn@comcast.net.

Interesting Facts on Beijing, China and the Olympic Games...

- In 2006, China planted a whopping 5.3 million hectares of trees to improve the environment in time for the 2008 Olympics.
- All factories have been moved away from Beijing before the Olympics starts as an attempt to improve the environment for the people of Beijing.
- The average temperature in August is 25.5 degrees centigrade.
- As a result of a massive construction program in recent years, all building work will be put on hold at the end of 2007 to eliminate the construction dust often mistaken for pollution.
- The Chinese government is spending an estimated £20 billion on a massive makeover for the city of Beijing, including brand new motorways, an underground railway extension as well as a new international airport terminal.
- The new National Stadium has been dubbed the 'Bird's Nest' thanks to the 43,000 tons of twisted steel hanging free over the massive arena.
- The Beijing 2008 Olympics motto is 'One World, One Dream', which symbolizes the integration of Western and Eastern cultures.
- Hainan is a new popular resort island, dubbed 'Hawaii of the East', and hosted the 2003 Miss World Contest.
- The Great Wall of China, one of the earliest made-made structures in the world, runs for a staggering 6,600 kilometers.
- The Chinese government is embarking on a mega project to completely modernizes its rail system, with an eye-watering investment cost of £100 billion.
- Some of the widely used inventions by the Chinese include gunpowder, printing, paper and the compass.



Traveling to China for some fun and more.

Cheers to the homeschoolers who have had the opportunity to travel to China and enjoy the culture and Olympic games. The Beasley family and Meredith Wilson were in China, and Meredith will be there for several months studying. Meridith Wilson will also be writing some articles for the Fernandina Newsleader. Keep your eyes on the paper for her upcoming articles. **Good Job, Meridith!** **Welcome home to the Beasley family!**

Congratulations to Courtney Wilson who was selected to be a TeenPact intern for the 2009 season.

She will be traveling to approximately ten states teaching homeschoolers about their role in government.



"You may only be one person to the world, but you may also be the world to one person. Unknown"

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Park Day every Thursday at
 Center Park @ 1:30 p.m.

September 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 HAPPY LABOR DAY!	Labor Day 1	2	3	Park Day @ 4 1:30 p.m.	5	Family Cook Out 6 @ 4 p.m.
7	8	9	10	Park Day @ 1:30 p.m. 11 Mom's Night Out @ 7 p.m.	12	
14	15	16	17	Park Day @ 1:30 p.m. 18 Iron Sharpen Iron @ 7 p.m.	19	Deadline to send 20 October Articles for Newsletter.
21	22	23	24	Park Day @ 25 1:30 p.m.	26	27
28	29	30		October Activities: Game Day I, 10-17 @ 2-4 p.m./ Mom's Night Out, Cracker Barrel @ 1p.m./		

