



Companionship

Foothills Dash to Benefit Programs for Children with Special Needs

The Foothills Dash is a 5K and 10K Fun Run in Orting that will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2009. It benefits recreation programs for people with special needs, including our own Companionship Program.

There will also be a free 1-Mile Youth Fun Run for ages 12 & under. The race begins at 9:00 am and will be held on the Foothills Trail in Orting, which is paved with flat areas to

run. The trail is accessible for all participants on foot, in wheelchairs, or strollers.

The race will begin at Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary School, 805 Old Pioneer Way NW, Orting, WA 98360. No run time will be kept and you **must pre-register by March 9th** to run.

There will be prizes for all runners who complete the race!



To register call 253-798-4177 or go online www.piercecountywa.org/parks.

Even if you aren't able to participate in the Dash, we hope that you'll join us in cheering on the runners! Come out and support those supporting Companionship!

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Pierce County Parks & Recreation

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Kids' Theater Auditions Come to Tacoma

The Missoula Children's Theater will be presenting a fun twist on The Princess and the Pea at the Theater on the Square in Tacoma on June 13, 2009. The play will feature 50-60 local kids in the 1st-12th grade. They will be chosen from auditions held on Monday, June 1, 2009, promptly at 3:30pm in the Theater on the Square, 915 Broadway, Tacoma. We've verified

that children of all abilities are welcome to participate. Wouldn't it be great to have Companionship represented in the play?!


We'd also like to go see the play, but we need interested people to RSVP right away so we can be sure to get seats. The play will be at 3:00pm with tickets at the very reasonable price of \$8.00 per person. Tickets will need to be pre-

purchased with cash or check only through the Lakewood Community Center at 9112 Lakewood Dr. SW **no later than 5:00pm on Friday, April 10, 2009.** Following the show, we invite you to walk the short distance to the Old Spaghetti Factory and join us for dinner. (Dinner is not included in the ticket price.)

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March's Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	Bethel Transition Fair 3	4	5	Talent Show or St. Patrick's Day Party 6	7
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3/3- Bethel Transition Fair. 6:30pm-8:30pm Spanaway Lake High School Commons, 1305 168th St. East, Spanaway. Come see what resources the Bethel School District and other community organizations, including Companionship have to offer you and your family.

3/6- Talent Show in Puyallup. 6:30pm-8:00pm Hunt Elementary, 12801 144th St. East, Puyallup. Time to dust off your talents and showcase them with Companionship! We'll also have tables set up for showcasing "silent talents" such as collections and hobbies. You will need to be prepared to set up your own talents. Pre-registered and write-ins welcome. **FREE**

3/6- St. Patrick's Day Party in Gig Harbor. 6:30pm-8:30pm. Artondale Elementary, 6219 40th St. NW, Gig Harbor. Join us to celebrate with games, treats, and loads of fun! **Erin Go Bragh! \$2.00**

3/12- Puyallup Resource Fair. 6:30pm-8:30pm Puyallup High School Commons. Come see what resources the Puyallup School District and other community organizations have to offer.

3/14- Gymnastics with Sumner. 11:00am-12:00pm Roach Gymnastics, 1627 45th Street E., Building D103, Sumner. Each gymnast will need to be accompanied by a participating one-on-one helper for safety reasons. **\$3.00 per gymnast.**

3/18- Monthly Swim Night with Clover Park. 7:00pm-8:00pm (please note that the time has changed) Clover Park High School Pool, 11023 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, Lakewood. **\$1.00 per swimmer.**

3/21- Foothill's Dash! 9:00am Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary, 805 Old Pioneer Way NW. Join Companionship in cheering for the runners or participate in the Fun Run yourself! All fun runners will need to pre-register to participate. Please see the article on Page 3 for details.

3/22- Egg Hunt with Clover Park! Time-time. Sprinkler Recreation Center, 14824 South C Street, Spanaway. Can't wait for the Easter Bunny? Now you don't have to! Come hunt eggs with us.

We'll have 2000 eggs filled with treats and surprises and scattered on a ball field. Look for the Companionship banner! **FREE**

3/23- Companionship Monthly Meeting. 6:00pm-7:00pm Downtown Puyallup Library, 324 S. Meridian, Puyallup. Our monthly staff meetings are always open to our participants and other community members. Come down and share your ideas!

3/27- Youth Connection Birthday Celebration Dinner in Eatonville. 6:00pm-8:00pm. Eatonville Community Center, 305 Center St. West, Eatonville. Come join the fun as we celebrate Youth Connection's 21st birthday! We'll have plenty of food and party games. **FREE**

3/28- Jr. Daffodil Parade with Bethel! 9:30am-Conclusion of the parade. Tacoma's North End Procter District. We'll be strutting our stuff and showing everyone in Pierce County what Companionship is all about... **HAVING FUN!!** See page 3 for more information! **FREE**

CIP Meetings

3/12/09- Eastside Meeting 6:30-8:30
"Puyallup Resource Fair" Rogers High School, 12801 86th Ave. East, Puyallup.

3/19/09-Westside Meeting 6:00-8:00
"Exploring the Arts for All Abilities" Midland Elementary School, 2300 105th Street East, Tacoma.

3/27/09- Peninsula Meeting 5:30-9:00pm "Pay It Forward Auction" Peninsula High School, 14105 Purdy Dr. NW, Gig Harbor. Fundraising auction to benefit CIP. \$12.00 for dinner.

You as the Photographer

At our Valentine's Dance in Puyallup, we set out a few disposable cameras to allow our participants to take some candid shots of their own. What a success! Take a look at these great pictures we received!



Jr. Daffodil Parade is Almost Here!



Come watch or participate in this Tacoma tradition!

This is a "non-motorized" parade geared specifically toward children. It'll even be televised! Our plan is to walk the

four blocks (strollers, wheelchairs, wagons, etc. are always welcome) through Tacoma's North End Procter District, celebration Spring and showing the community what Companionship is all about...having fun! We will meet at 9:30am at Mason United Methodist Church, 2710 N. Madison St., Tacoma. The parade begins at 10:00am. Our plan is participate in the "Greatest Daffodils" segment of

the parade and dress as daffodils and farmers/gardeners. Please RSVP by calling our Companionship line at 253-798-2997 or emailing us at pcparkscompanionship@yahoo.com to ensure we have enough "props" for everyone! For a map of the parade route, visit the "Parade Map" link at www.jrdaffodil.com.

Camp Lots of Fun Registration Coming

Camp Lots of Fun Registration begins May 4, 2009 at 5:30pm at the Lakewood Community Center, 9112 Lakewood Drive SW, Lakewood. Information for camp will be made available by the first of April.

Camp information will be mailed to past participants and made available in the April Companionship Newslet-

ter. If your child is not a past camp participant and you would like a camp packet mailed to your home, please contact Jennifer Spane at 253-798-4753 or jspane@co.pierce.wa.us



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Come play with us!



Companionship is designed to provide recreation and leisure opportunities for individuals with special needs and their families. Our goals are to enrich the lives of all who participate and to increase understanding and acceptance of disabilities as a natural part of life. There is no membership or commitment. Come once or come often, just come play with us!



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