

Stonegate Email News of 7-16-08

The Family Games, Picnic and Dive-In Movie are this Friday and sign-ups are slow – probably because it's summer and parents aren't worried that they'll be left out.

Top 10 reasons why it's really is important to sign up *now*, not at the gate.

1. It's very hard to plan the food with no idea how many people are coming.
2. It's very hard to plan the games with no idea how many people are coming.
3. Staff (Nora) would *really* appreciate it.
4. You get in early, you get the good seats.
5. Your family will get in faster because you won't have to pay, and fill out the sign-up sheet.
6. The line at the gate will be much worse if everyone has paperwork to do.
7. The people in line behind you will be impressed because you're so organized.
8. Your kids won't be late for the games.
9. This is probably the biggest family entertainment bargain of the summer.
10. As of now, we have only one Stonegate volunteer to check you in and you're scaring her. (To volunteer, call Nora at 480-391-9760 or hit email reply.)

The weather report is now favorable: no rain. Sure, it'll be hot before sunset. But come early anyway. The games are water-oriented. They'll be lots of fun and the kids really need a chance to burn off some energy before the movie starts. Also, the teens need time to hang out, goof off and be cool in the pool. And the parents need time to set up play-dates for the little ones, and chat about the coming school term.

We'll start letting people in at 5PM and try to begin the games at about 5:30.

Information below is reproduced from Stonegate Email News of July 10:

The big event of the summer!

Stonegate Family Games, Picnic and Dive-In Movie. Friday, July 18, 2008.

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| 5:00 PM | Start of sign-ins. |
| 5:30 PM | Snacks: hot dogs, soft drinks, snow cones. |
| | Bounce house |
| | Family games (Kids under 12): |
| | Water balloon dodge-ball |
| | Egg race/relay |
| | Balloon toss |
| | Parent/child wheelbarrow race |

Broad jump
Coin dive
Parent race (in the pool, kid on shoulders)
Air mattress derby (in the pool, parent aboard, kid pushing)
7:45 PM Movie: Ice Age (runtime 81 minutes)

\$1 per person.

Sign-up form is attached to this email. Drop you form at the Community Center or the community drop box in the outbound lane at Main Gate

Remember, games start time is now 5:30, not 6:30.

- No minors will be admitted without adult supervision.
- Kids can bring their friends.
- Plan to supervise the children you bring.
- Please sign up and pay in advance – as a courtesy to others. It makes the line move much faster. We will not restrict the number who can attend, so we may run out of seating.
- Bring your own beach blankets, flotation devices, and dry clothes (jams are okay).
- There will be tickets for food and beverages. (We're figuring one hotdog, one beverage and one snow cone per person. You may want to pre-feed 'em or BYO sandwiches.)
- Game sign-ups at the event. Play at your own risk.
- We do need volunteers. *Fitness Experience* will have their crew there to cook and run the games. But we need volunteers to sign people in and hand out food tickets. We also need volunteers for screen holding, if necessary. Even a small wind can destabilize the screen.
- Weather could cancel the event. If that happens before it starts, we'll refund all pre-paid admissions. Forecasts currently call for a hot July day, no monsoon. (Plan to get wet.) We should have better information 24 hours ahead of time.

Our sponsor, *Fitness Experience*, is in the Mercado, behind Goldie's. New management, new classes, new look. Stop by to see the facility or call the gym at (480) 451-7650. They will have table at the event and a very low, special offer: \$20 a month on a 24 month contract. Sign up *at the event* and they'll waive the enrollment fee.

Silver Sneakers Alert

Sheldon Robbins, a Vintage homeowner and former president of the Association, made a good spot and brought it to our attention. *Fitness Experience*, our event sponsor, is the closest AARP Silver Sneakers gym. That means that seniors who have AARP Medicare Supplement Insurance can use the gym at no cost. Go to *Fitness Experience*, fill out a form and you're enrolled. A trained senior advisor will help you get started.