



Northwest Adoptive Families Association, Inc.

NAFA's 2008 Calendar of Events

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Waiting Families

Great Expectations for Waiting Families

A monthly meeting/social time for waiting families. Every month there will be a new topic relevant to waiting families plus there will be time to socialize with other waiting families and NAFA parents.

Dates: 2nd Friday of every month - no meetings in July and December.

Location: Legacy Emanuel Hospital
Information: Lee at leerball@aol.com

Baby & Toddler Care Class for Adoptive Families

Dates: January 12th, May 17th & October 18th

Location: Legacy Meridian Park Hospital
Information & To Register: Debbie at debbie@dunhamfamily.org, 503 224-0222 or 360 514-0606

Did you Recently Adopt?

Get together with other new parents at NAFA's Newly Adopting Families group which meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month, 1:00 - 3:00 at Legacy Emanuel Hospital. Contact Mary at ladiebug772001@yahoo.com or 503 657-1431 for more information.

Especially for Teens

Teens, join us for any of the events in the next column - of special interest are roller skating, swimming and the campout. In addition, we will have a couple of "teen only" events with details to be announced.

For Parents Only: Lifestory Book Workshop

Saturdays, February 23rd & May 31st
9:00 - 4:00, Legacy Meridian Park Hospital.
Pre-registration is required. Contact
Andrea at akfeltham@comcast.net or 503
636-0559 for information or to register.

Offered in conjunction with
Adoption Mosaic.

Come One! Come All!

Following are our family-oriented social events. Whether you're waiting, have small children or teenagers, these events are great opportunities for both parents and children to network, meet new people and have fun.

- ◆ Friday, February 29th, 6:30 - 9:00, **Roller Skating Party** at Mt. Scott Community Center. FREE to NAFA members. For info contact Marcelline at 503 777-8070 or muzzjazz@worldnet.att.net
- ◆ Saturday, April 19th, 6:00 - 9:00, **Family Splash Pool Party** and social time, Dishman Community Center in NE Portland. FREE to NAFA members - pre-registration required for swimmers. For info or to register contact debbie@dunhamfamily.org.
- ◆ July 18th to 20th, **Family Campout** at Barton Park in Clackamas County.
- ◆ Sunday, September 28th, 1:00 - 4:00, **Wheel Family Day** at Champoeg State Park. Bring your bikes, blades or scooters and wheel around the miles of park. Potluck lunch. FREE to NAFA members. Some NAFA families will be staying at the camp Friday and Saturday nights. Contact NAFA for more information on cabin space availability.
- ◆ **University of Portland soccer and dinner.** Fall date TBD
- ◆ Saturday, November 8th, 4:00 - 7:00, **Celebrate Adoption Potluck** at Christ United Methodist Church. Contact Marcia at marcia.l.ohlemiller@state.or.us or 503 231-1463 for more information.

NAFA's 2008 Conference on Adoption

Saturday, April 26th, Oregon Convention Center. Keynote speaker will be Patricia Irwin Johnston, MS, author of *Understanding Infertility*, *Taking Charge of Infertility*, *Adopting after Infertility*, *Launching a Baby's Adoption*, *Adoption is a Family Affair!* and editor of *Perspectives on A Grafted Tree: Thoughts for Those Touched by Adoption*. Ms. Johnston will also conduct three workshops with a total of nine workshop choices available throughout the day.

NAFA (Northwest Adoptive Families Association) is a non-profit, *volunteer-driven* support group for adoptive families and those interested in adoption. NAFA is actively involved in education, advocacy and support for its nearly four hundred member families located throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington. NAFA is comprised of adoption professionals, prospective adoptive families and members of the adoption triad: birth parents, adoptees and adoptive families.

Additional Events may be added throughout the year; check our website regularly for the latest information!