

IDAHO KINCARE PROJECT

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Celebrate Idaho Kin-care Family Day, July 15
- Attend a Support Group
- My Family. My Story. Art Contest Winners Announced



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Idaho KinCare Family Day

The Idaho KinCare Project is pleased to share the official Proclamation for Idaho Kin-care Family Day, a day that celebrates the contributions of kincare providers throughout the state of Idaho. Idaho KinCare Family Day will take place Friday, July 15, 2011. Contact your local Idaho Kin-Care Project team member to find out about events in your region.

PROCLAMATION TEXT

"WHEREAS all of us have ancestral families known as 'kin' who have cared for one another for generations; and

WHEREAS this tradition continues through Idaho Kin-care, which includes grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, cousins, or other meaningful adults who have

stepped up to raise someone else's child; and

WHEREAS over 18,000 Idaho

WHEREAS kincare providers render stability and structure to children in crisis situations by keeping familial ties intact; and

WHEREAS kincare providers significantly impact all citizens of Idaho by drastically reducing the need for formal foster care; and

WHEREAS the often under-appreciated kincare providers in Idaho deserve thanks for offering their hearts and homes to children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim July 15, 2011, to be

IDAHO KINCARE FAMILY DAY"



children live in nearly 10,000 households headed by grandparents or other relatives; and

Support Group Meetings

- ◆ Treasure Valley GAP, Boise Tracee Crawford: 323-7538
- ◆ KinCare Support Group, Mountain Home Robbie Jackson: 287-1031
- ◆ Relatives as Parents, Nampa Linda Dripps: 919-4731
- ◆ Relatives Raising Relatives, Idaho City Ginny and Ken Ohls: 344-4329
- ◆ Grandparents/Relatives as Parents Support Group, Twin Falls Shawna Wasko: 208-736-2122

Free Summer Lunch Program



Visit participating parks and schools for weekday picnic lunches

If your children regularly participate in the free meal program while at school, summer lunch costs can be an added expense to your already-stretched budget. Don't worry—there is help to be had if you know where to look for it. School districts and counties around the Treasure Valley are serving lunches (and some breakfasts!) Monday through Friday at participating park and school locations. The lunches are free for kids 1-18, with no questions asked. The only

restriction is that your kids must eat their lunch while at the location. So, you can't show up, take a few bags and leave. As an added bonus, if there is a playground at the location you visit, your kids can get food and exercise all in one stop!

Here are the websites for some participating school districts and counties. If you don't see yours listed, contact the district and ask if they have a similar program.

Boise School District:
http://www.boiseschools.org/food/Summer_meals.pdf

Meridian School District:
<http://www.meridianschools.org/Lists/NewsNotes/DispForm.aspx?ID=62&RootFolder=%2FLists%2FNewsNotes>

Canyon County: <http://oasiswc.org/interior-page%20summer%20feeding.html>

Don't pay a fee to file VA applications!



Veterans' Benefits Scams

Source: Idaho Division of Veteran Services

Veterans and their spouses who are applying for Veterans Affairs pension benefits or service-connected benefits should know that they can receive free application assistance through the Idaho Division of Veterans Services and the Disabled

American Veterans. **There is no need or requirement to pay a fee or sign a contract with an attorney or other consultant to get help with the VA application process.** Service Officers at the IDVS and DAV are trained and accredited by the VA to assist veterans with claims, and the help is always free of charge.

For more information, please call:

Idaho Division of Veterans Services
444 West Fort Street, Boise, ID 83702 (208) 577-2300
320 Collins Road, Boise, ID 83702, (208) 246-8761
Disabled American Veterans
444 West Fort Street, Boise, ID (208) 429-2140

Kids' Riddles

Source:
www.bestfamilyadvice.com

1. Why is an island like the letter T?
2. What has many rings, but no fingers?

3. What kind of coat can you put on only when it's wet?
4. What is as big as an elephant, but weighs nothing at all?

1. Because it's in the middle of water
2. A telephone
3. A coat of paint
4. An elephant's shadow



Treasure Valley Trail Systems



The weather is warmer, the wildflowers are blooming, and the outdoors are waiting to be explored. The Treasure Valley is blessed with extensive trail systems that city dwellers in other states should be jealous of. The following information highlights trails in Boise and Nampa.

From <http://ridgetorivers.cityofboise.org/>: “The Boise Foothills rise above Idaho's Capital and largest city, providing a postcard backdrop that inspires and soothes the soul. An interconnected network of roads and trails courses through these hills, linking not only neighborhoods with public lands but also connecting people with the natural environment. With over 130 miles of trail, there is something for everyone.”

From <http://www.nampaparksandrecreation.org/ParksDepartment/>

[trails.aspx](#): “We invite you to experience and enjoy the City of Nampa’s growing trail system. The City offers miles of existing trails and has developed a master trail map that plans for more trails in the future. Nampa citizens and visitors will enjoy running, walking, in-line skating or bicycling on the Nampa Trail System.”

Visit these websites to learn more, then visit the trails to experience some of the best of what the Treasure Valley has to offer.

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Outdoor Summer Movies

The smell of popcorn, the excitement of the movie, the glow of...stars? Movies in the open air are viable options this summer, and the best part is that they are FREE! The cities of Boise, Meridian, and Nampa are each hosting their own spin on the outdoor movie theme. So, pop a bag of popcorn in your microwave, grab some blankets and lawn chairs, and spend some quality time with your kids.

In Boise, go to the Gene Harris Bandshell at Julia Davis Park. Activities begin at 7:00,;movies start at dusk. July 16—Diary of

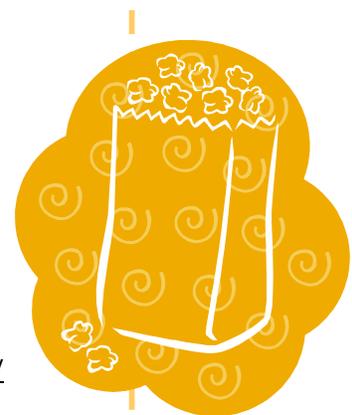
a Wimpy Kid; August 20—Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader. <http://www.cityofboise.org/Departments/Parks/News/2011/page65102.aspx>

In Meridian, go to Settler’s Park. Movies start at dusk. July 1—Yogi Bear; July 8—Nanny McPhee Returns; July 15—The Karate Kid; July 22—Despicable Me; July 29—How to Train Your Dragon; August 5: Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader; August 12—Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga Hoole; August 19—Ramona and Beezus; August

26—Megamind. http://www.meridiancity.org/parks_rec.aspx?id=222

In Nampa, go to the Nampa Civic Center Outdoor Amphitheatre. The movie begins at 9:45 following a full day of festivities. July 17—Akeelah and the Bee.

http://www.snakeriverstampede.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=144&Itemid=229





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A kinCare provider is a grandparent or other family member raising a relative's child. This arrangement can be challenging from legal, financial, and emotional standpoints. If you are one of the 10,000 kinCare providers in Idaho, this newsletter is for you.

Visit the FACS library at
www.211.idaho.gov



My Family. My Story. Art Contest Winners

The first annual My Family. My Story. Art Contest is officially over. The art contest celebrates the relatives and significant adults who open their hearts and homes to kin children. Children from across the state sent in their poems, short essays, and drawings that described how living with someone other than their parents has made a positive difference in their lives.

And the winners are...

Shaela, age 16

Kelvilynn, age 15

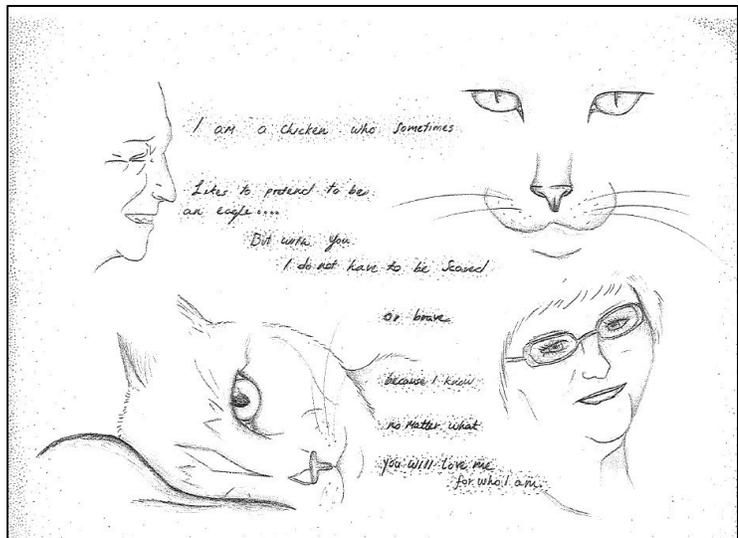
Cassidy, age 12

Samirah, age 10

Hailey, age 8

Mary, age 7

Congratulations to all the winners. Each winner receives \$100 from D.L. Evans Bank.



All entrants will receive a special gift from the 2-1-1 Idaho Careline and a booklet containing all the entries.

**Winning Contest Entry Age 13-18
Division
Shaela, Age 16**