

C.H.E.F. OF LAFAYETTE

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Guilty as charged. How many times, as a parent, have I allowed current stressful circumstances to lure me into thinking my present harried situation is more important than my child's future?

How many instances have I been annoyed by the sounds or actions of my children and reacted out of frustration rather than realizing that my choices as parent can affect the adult lives of my children? And lastly, I am guilty of occasionally being too lazy or self-absorbed to discipline for offenses in which I know I should discipline.

How often we forget our focus. We tend to focus on the "now" rather than the "what will become". It's easy to get wrapped up in the overwhelming tasks of life and to convince ourselves that keeping caught up on the laundry of making it to soccer on time is more important than training our children for their lives as adults. Although supplying the physical needs of our children is part of our job description, providing character training is far more important.

Our Emotional Example

Isn't it ironic that we find ourselves reminding our children to speak respectfully to their siblings, and, in turn, speak disrespectfully to them or to our spouse? We see them throw a tantrum while with a contorted Scrooge-face we angrily exclaim, "YOU NEED TO GET CONTROL OVER YOUR ANGER! ARRRRGH!" We tell our children that it is not God's way to hold unforgiveness in our hearts as we give our husband the "silent treatment" for telling us the truth when we asked if he thought we should lose some weight. When we look at our daily behavior from the perspective of our children's future, are we setting the right examples for them? Are we rearing emotionally sound human beings, or creating little emotional train wrecks?

Annoying childhood behaviors can become detrimental adult behaviors if we don't nip them in the bud. If our children find whining to be a valuable tool in getting their way, they will continue to whine into their adulthood. An adult whiner is not pretty! If our children are chronic complainers, you can bet their future spouses will spend a lifetime of listening to constant negative words. These are some of the behaviors that we as parents are responsible for curbing in order to eliminate adult grief for our children.

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Home Court Advantage Meeting

Join us this month for a "Moms Only" fellowship. This is a chance for mom's to come together to discuss home school topics. We talk about struggles and challenges that we have faced, and also bring encouragement, especially from those who have been home schooling for a long time. We usually share a scripture or two to go along with our topic for the night. We would love to see you there!!!

****You are not required to purchase anything.**

Home Court Advantage is a CHEF of Lafayette Members only activity. However, Member Moms can invite a friend to attend the monthly gatherings.

RSVP with Monica Gauthreaux [337-207-0738](tel:337-207-0738) monicagaux@bellsouth.net

When: **Thursday, November 17th at 6:30pm**

Where: **Professor Bob Beans Coffee Bar**

114 Meadow Farm Rd.

Lafayette, LA

Cookie Swap Party

December 15th at 6:30pm

Will be held at the home of Monica Gauthreaux

Please RSVP by December 12th with Monica [337-207-0738](tel:337-207-0738)

A head count is needed asap. The amount of people that are able to attend are going to be the amount of dozens of cookies each person needs to make. More details to come!

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UPCOMING HOMESCHOOL EVENTS

November Field Trip

Vermilionville

When: Wednesday, November 30th

Time: 10:00am (lunch at 12:00-12:30) tour continues until 1:30

Where: 300Fisher Rd. Lafayette, LA 70508

RSVP with Laura Horn by Nov. 15th 337-394-8919

laurashorn@hotmail.com

Limit 25 children and adults

Cost: (group rate of 25) Adult \$8 Student \$5

Cost for tour guide, \$35. This must be paid 2 weeks in advance and the cost can be split between the families.

Helpful Info: Bring a picnic for lunch.

Sky Zone

This is not a CHEF event

Tuesday, November 1st at 2 PM - 3 PM

Skyzone Lafayette (trampoline place near Chick fil a)

Lafayette, Louisiana 70506

\$10 per jumper. (10.90 after tax) \$2 for socks if you forget yours

Skate Zone

This is not a CHEF event

Friday, November 18th

2:00-3:30

\$5 per skater

4518 W. Congress
Lafayette, LA 70506

Visit Magnolia Estates

Please join us at **1:45pm on November 15th** to bless the residents at Magnolia Estates. We will join/assist them during their craft time. If we have extra time, reciting scripture, sharing thanksgiving passages, reading poems are other ways we can bless them. Please come prepared with something memorized or to be read in case we have time for this.

RSVP Laura Gavlas [\(303\)667-8607](tel:303667-8607) or LauraGavlas@gmail.com

You are invited to a Thanksgiving Dinner and Presentation



Give Thanks, Sing, Fellowship, the Story of the Pilgrims
Hear an informative Program about the Pilgrims
Wednesday, November 23, 2016 -- 6:00 pm
Home of Ross & Julie Little
101 Ruthwood Dr., Lafayette

Please Bring your Favorite Thanksgiving Dish
RSVP to Julie Little and let her know your dish
Space is limited, please RSVP soon
Call or Text 337.654.8003

Monthly Park Play Days!!

Join us at Thomas Park, the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month, for fellowship and play!

Bring snacks and water for the little ones.

Meet by the playground.

Contact Mary Lewis with questions **337-551-9697**

Dates: 4th and 18th

Time: 2:30-5:00pm

December Nursing Home Visit

Come join us at Rayne Guest Home to bless the residents with Christmas cheer. We'll be singing Christmas Hymns. Feel free to bring checkers games and/or coloring pages. We will fellowship and mingle with the residents after singing. This is a great opportunity to spread not only God's word, but Christmas cheer.

Don't forget to RSVP by December 1st with Monica Gauthreaux

monicagaux@bellsouth.net 337-207-0738

****Christmas music practice will be held at Monica Gauthreaux's home on Monday, Dec. 5th followed by playing board games. 2:00pm-4:00pm**

When: December 8th

9:30am-10:45am

Where: Rayne Guest Home 308 Amelia St. Rayne, LA 70578

Memories from October's Field trip at Freddy's



CHEF Family Camp-out!!

November 4th
At Acadiana Campgrounds
RSVP by November 1st please!

Contact Don Gauthreaux for more information

dongaux@bellsouth.net

November Birthdays

17th Elise Horn
26th Kasy Cuthkelvin
10th Don Gauthreaux
1st Nathan Greig
4th Ethan Guidry
8th Luke Guidry
30th Peter Lawrie
13th Jessica Lawrie
5th Tiffany Olivier
6th Kevin Sinegal
28th Kylan Sinegal

Important Dates for November

1st Sky Zone
4th CHEF Camp-out
15th Magnolia Estates
17th HCA Meeting
18th Skate Zone
30th Vermilionville

November Anniversaries

26th Murray & Ella Atkins
11th Jim & Channe Karaba
26th Kevin & Irene Sinegal

B.O.L.O (Be On the Look Out)

November 4th CHEF Camp-out
15th Magnolia Estates
November 30th Vermilionville
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December 15th Cookie Swap Party