



**Kinship**  
**Coffee Connection**  
**Support Group**  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays  
(April 11 & 25)  
**10:00-11:00am**  
**\*In Person\***  
*Adults Only*  
*No childcare provided*  
Family Education and  
Support Services  
6840 Capitol Blvd SE  
Building 3  
Tumwater, WA 98501

**Free Entrance Days in the National Parks**  
**April 22: First day of National Park Week**

Come experience the national parks! On five days in 2023, all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission to everyone.

<https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/fee-free-parks.htm>



**Night-Owls Kinship Group**  
**Wednesday**  
**Evenings**



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/446048833?pwd=aHhOSzhBZ21hV1p5L1JkTnltZGxZUT09>

**Meeting ID: 446 048 833**  
**Passcode: 006845**

**6:30-8:00pm**

Contact: [Trista@familyess.org](mailto:Trista@familyess.org) for signup information

**Kinship Financial Assistance Update**

FESS assists low-income Kinship families under a grant from the state. The current grant is depleted. We will receive more funds in July 2023.

The state has ended the COVID exceptions we have been operating under the past 3 years.

Moving forward after receiving financial assistance for 3 years in a row, families must take one year off.



The fish are jumping at Longs Pond! This annual event is designed to encourage fishing as a family activity. Many volunteers are on site to help teach fishing basics and assist kids ages 4-14yrs old in catching their first fish!

Offered in cooperation with South Sound Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers, Capital City Bass Club, Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife, Cabela's and Zebco.

**Pre-registration is required:** Children 4-14 yrs old pre-register for a fishing time: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm and **please arrive 15 minutes before your assigned time to check in.** Fishing time is limited to 90 minutes or when a maximum of two fish are caught. This popular event will fill, so don't wait to register!

If time slots fill, be sure to go on the waitlist in case we are able to open additional time slots!

Fee includes tax and a rod & reel for participant to keep!

<https://laceyparks.org/events/family-fish-in/>

## Columbus Park

5700 Black Lake Blvd SW,  
Olympia, WA 98512



www.ColumbusPark.net  
360-786-9460



Saturday, April 29, 2023  
9am-3pm

### The Bob Leingang Memorial Fish In



#### Kids 14 & Younger Fish Free

Call or Email to register your kids!  
360-786-9460 or  
ColumbusPark1926@gmail.com

#### Prizes, Games, & Vendors!

Vendor space available!  
360-786-9460



This Event is NOT suitable for 4 legged family members! Your pets must stay home.  
Parking for the event is Free. Food/Some activities offered at minimal fees.  
Some Vendors are cash only, NO ATM on site.  
Swim Area Closed Friday- Saturday for the event.

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## HEALTHY KIDS DAY®

April 29 Free to the Public

BRIGGS YMCA  
1:00-4:00pm

Join us for a day of free and fun family activities and local resources!

- Free Swim
- Fire Trucks
- Obstacle Courses
- Sensory Friendly Room
- Class Demos and more!

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» FIND YOUR Y.

SOUTH SOUND YMCA

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[www.southsoundymca.org](http://www.southsoundymca.org)

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# WE ARE FAMILY DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 7  
1:10 P.M.

TICKET PRICES  
MAIN-\$20  
VIEW-\$10

We're excited to invite you to We Are Family Day on Sunday, May 7, as we celebrate foster, kinship and adoptive families and the folks that support them. Enjoy a fun-filled day of baseball, a pregame event on the Rooftop Boardwalk (near Section 330) and an exclusive Mariners-themed blanket when you purchase through this special offer!

TO BUY TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFO CALL OR VISIT:  
(206) 346-4540 \* MARINERS.COM/WEAREFAMILY

## Pinwheels for Prevention

FAMILY EDUCATION & SUPPORT SERVICES  
**Pinwheels for PREVENTION**

# Pinwheels of Hope

April 1 - 30, 2023

Join us throughout April as we recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month and be part of the Family Education & Support Service's campaign to plant **Pinwheels of Hope** and grow a better tomorrow for children in Washington. Pinwheels of Hope Partners showcase the value of prevention by planting pinwheel gardens and sharing prevention messages with their community.

# Math for Life

April is Math Awareness Month!

Math for Life is a partnership between the Thurston County Chamber Foundation & the North Thurston, Olympia, Tumwater, Griffin, Tenino, Rainier, Rochester and Yelm Public School Districts.

DO THE MATH, WIN COOL PRIZES!

THANK YOU 2022 SPONSORS

ALL STUDENTS are invited to participate in the 12th Annual **MATH FOR LIFE** event for a chance to win cool prizes! Students will answer a math question, based on their grade level, and visit local businesses to learn how they use math in their workplace.

ALL STUDENT participants receive a medal, the chance to win cool prizes, and entry into a Grand Prize Drawing (by school district) to win a tablet!

TEACHERS from each school district whose students participate at the highest rate will win a \$50 gift certificate to local restaurants in Thurston County.

SATURDAY March 25 to SUNDAY April 9

REGISTER TODAY!  
[www.thurstonchamber.com/mathforlife](http://www.thurstonchamber.com/mathforlife)  
DEADLINE TO BE A PARTICIPATING BUSINESS FOR 2023 IS FEBRUARY 15, 2023.

## 2023 MERMAID FESTIVAL

The International Mermaid Museum is holding its 2023 Mermaid Festival from Saturday, April 1 through Sunday, April 9. During this nine-day event it is free to visit the museum from 11am to 6pm and to enjoy the festival from noon to 5pm.

## ABERDEEN

2023 International Mermaid Museum Festival

<https://www.mermaidmuseum.or>

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