



KINSHIP NEWSLETTER

July
2023

Thurston • Lewis • Mason
Counties

KINSHIP COFFEE CONNECTION SUPPORT GROUP



IN PERSON

2nd & 4th Wed.

(July 11 & July 25)

Adults Only-No childcare provided

FESS 6840 Capitol Blvd SE, Bldg 3
Tumwater, WA 98501

**LUNCH, Games, Raffles for gift cards
and other fun items, and an
AWESOME PLAYGROUND**



11am-1pm at Tumwater Historical Park
411 Cleveland Ave SE, Tumwater, WA

**Kinship Picnic
Aug 15th**

RSVP PLEASE

Contact Trista (360)701-3979

trista@familyess.org



Alliance Cares is hosting a
FREE play date



Centralia Park Play Date:

Thursday, July 20, at 10 AM

Join Shana at Fort Borst Park
19725 Old Hwy 99 SW, Rochester
Meet at the playground!

Please RSVP: srburres@uw.edu.



Summer Night Owls Kinship Support Group

Every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday
(July 5 & July 19)

6:30-8PM

Via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 446 048 833

Passcode: 00684



The Brookdale Foundation Group
The Brookdale Foundation The Glendale Foundation Ramapo Trust
Supporting today's seniors and tomorrow's leaders in aging



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

EBT/WIC CARDHOLDERS



- Burke Museum Free (Seattle)
- Hands on Children's Museum Free (Olympia)
- \$3 admission for each additional guest.
- 2 GUEST admitted FREE daily with ID
- Point defiance zoo \$5 per person (Tacoma)
- Point defiance zoo/ NW Trek \$40/ annual membership
- Woodland Park Zoo for \$5 per person (Seattle)
- Woodland Park Zoo \$35 Family Membership Explorer Pass

(Deadline to apply for this is on August 31st for the coming year and is limited to the first 2,000 applicants).

FREE RIGHT NOW

Woodland Park Zoo tickets

email

trista@familyess.org



FREE Admission (Olympia)

WET SCIENCE CENTER (360)664-2333

www.wetsciencecenter.org

Open Monday-Saturday 10 am-4 pm

YMCA has a variety of Activities for kids this summer-Day camps, Art and dance classes, Gymnastics and much more . Financial Assistance Available !

Free Toddler Gym

Tuesdays 10AM Ages 1-4

Briggs Community YMCA

1530 Yelm Highway SE, Olympia

(360)753-6576

FREE TEEN NIGHT School ID required (Grades 7-12)

1st Friday of the month-July 7

Shelton Family YMCA

3101 N Shelton Springs Rd, Shelton, WA 98584

(360) 753-6576-southsoundymca.org



Visit your local Home Depot or Lowes with your Kids for Free Kids Workshop

- ❖ Home Depot -1st Sat every Month between 9-12 registration:

https://www.homedepot.com/workshops/?irgwc=1&cm_mmc=afl-ir-22311-456723-&clickid=1fBUeCxxnxyPU-dx962Ty04bUkFx04WgeXvEzE0

- ❖ Lowes -July 15, 2023 from 10-1 registration: <https://www.lowes.com/diy-projects-and-ideas/workshops>
(only 14 days left to register)

Attention

Membership to the Boys and Girls Club in your Area

✚ KINSHIP

✚ FOSTER CARE

✚ ANY ONE WITH A STATE MEDICAL INSURANCE CARD

FREE



FREE State Park Entry and Camping

New Recreational Opportunity for Kinship Families

[VISIT 4 More Information](#)

Ask questions or request assistance by contacting the State Parks information center at:

<https://www.parks.wa.gov/1204/Foster-Home-Camping-Program> 360-902-8844 or info@parks.wa.gov

[Foster-Home-Camping-Program](#)



Earn Junior Ranger Badges

Visit National Parks or Download Activity book at home for more info &

Activity Book Visit <https://www.nps.gov/kids/junior-rangers.html>



Kids Eat Free During the Summer!

Are you a parent or guardian looking for meal sites near you? Find a summer site in your community with our [Summer Meal Site Finder](#) mapping tool. You can also text "Summer Meals" to 914-342-7744 or call 1-866-348-6479 to find a site near you.

Thurston County

*Chambers Prairie Elementary	8:00AM - 8:30AM
6501 Virginia St SE Lacey, WA 98513	11:30AM - 12:00PM
*Cascadia High School -New Market	10:30AM - 11:00PM
7299 New Market St SW Tumwater, WA	
*Tumwater High	10:30AM - 12:15PM
700 Israel Rd. Tumwater, WA 98501	
*Timberline High School	7:15AM - 7:45AM
6120 Mullen Rd. SE Lacey, WA 98503	11:45AM - 12:15PM
*Mountain View Elementary	11:30AM - 12:00PM
1900 College St. S.E. Lacey, WA 98503	Snack Time 3:30PM
*Boys and Girls Club Tracey Street	12:00PM - 12:20PM
1105 Tracy St. SE Lacey, WA 98503	
*Lydia Hawk Elementary	11:30AM - 12:00PM
7600 5th St. S.E. Lacey, WA 98503	Snack Time 3:30PM
*Merritt Manor	1:10PM - 1:30PM
3335 Martin Way E Olympia, WA 98506	
*Evergreen Vista	12:00PM - 12:45PM
1209 Fern St SW Olympia, WA 98502	Snack Time 3:00PM
*Pleasant Glade Elementary	8:00AM - 8:30AM
1920 Abernethy Rd. N.E. Lacey, WA	11:00AM - 12:30PM

Also visit your local foodbank for additional help providing for your family this summer or Call 1-866-3-HUNGRY or 1-877-8-HAMBRE or Visit www.whyhunger.org/findfood

Mason County

Let's Meet up, Eat Up and Read Up

The program will run from June 17 to August 2 at Mason County Central Upper Elementary in Scottville, Pere Marquette Early Childhood Center in Ludington, Emanuel Lutheran Church of Ludington, Mason County District Library Ludington branch and Ludington Waterfront Park. If you want more information on the program, contact Mary Ann Nielsen at (231) 757- 5721. ***Children will receive a free book!**

*Shelton High School	7:30AM - 8:00AM
3737 Shelton Springs Rd. Shelton, WA	11:30 - 12:00PM
*Olympic Middle School	7:45AM - 8:15AM
800 E. K Street Shelton, WA 98584	11:45 - 12:15PM

Lewis County

*Virginia Station Apts NONCON	10-1030 AM
Virginia Dr Centralia, WA 98531	
*Centralia Middle	8:00AM - 8:20AM
901 Johnson Road Centralia, WA 98531	11:10 - 11:40AM
*ROOF (Rochester Organization of Families)	11:30 - 12:00PM
10140 Hwy 12 SW Rochester, WA 98579	Snack Time 3:40PM
*Mossyrock Elementary	8:00AM - 8:24AM
445 Williams St Mossyrock, WA 98564	11:00AM - 11:30AM



FREE SplashPads



Thurston County Locations:

Woodruff Park - 1500 Harrison Ave NW Olympia
Heritage Park Fountain- 330 5th Ave SW Olympia
Lions Park - 800 Wilson St SE Olympia
East Bay Public Plaza - 325 Marine Dr NE Olympia
Yelm City Park 115SE - Mosman Ave. Yelm
Tenino Quarry - 399 Park Ave. W Tenino

Lewis County Locations:

Chehalis Spray Park –
 401 SW Parkland Dr. Chehalis



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COURSE

Some FESS financial assistance programs require the **Financial Difficulties** course be completed. This course takes approximately 25 minutes to complete.

Steps to complete course

- Sign up at www.moneyedu.org/fessfamilies
- Complete the Financial Difficulties course on the website

For Financial Difficulties course
REGISTER HERE
www.moneyedu.org/FESSFAMILIES



\$100 gift card drawing

After completing the Financial Difficulties course, complete the **Budget Basics** course to be entered for a chance to win a \$100 gift card courtesy of TwinStar Credit Union.

If you need assistance signing up or taking the course
Email: tiannas@familyess.org



Stay Connected Internet/ Phone Discounts

You may qualify if you are eligible for public assistance programs like the National School Lunch Program, Housing Assistance, Medicaid, SNAP, SSI and others for the Internet Essentials Program in **Thurston County**

- ❖ Internet Essentials: 50/10 Mbps internet service for just \$9.95 a month plus tax.
- ❖ Internet Essentials Plus: 100/20 Mbps internet service for just \$29.95 a month plus tax.
- ❖ Option to purchase a computer for just \$149.99 plus tax.

Go to internetessentials.com or es.internetessentials.com or call 855-8-INTERNET (855-846-8376) If you have a National Verifier ID, you can use it to enroll in Internet Essentials. We'll use it to verify your Internet Essentials eligibility, and then you'll need to enter it again when you complete the ACP enrollment. For details and how to apply, see ACP Enrollment Process. if you qualify for Internet Essentials, you can also apply for the



Provides a discount of up to \$30/ Mo. and a one time discount of up to \$100 to purchase laptop, desktop, or tablet **Apply at GetInternet.gov**

All Counties



provides eligible low-income households with free monthly data, unlimited texting, and free monthly minutes. Apply at <https://www.lifewireless.com/enroll/>

