



Companionship

Companionship Needs Your Assistance

Companionship's Frontier Round-up Fun Run & Walk is almost here! This is our second fund raiser of the new 2009-2010 school year. Companionship is a grant-funded organization, and unfortunately due to budget cuts at the state level, our funding was cut in half over the summer. We are now forced to rely heavily on donations and fund raisers to subsidize the costs of the events we host each month. We desperately need your help in finding runners and walkers, skippers and rollers! The Frontier Round-up is a non-competitive race. There will be unofficial times

posted at the end of the race for those interested. It starts at 9:00am on Saturday, October 11, 2009. The western themed run/walk will be held in Frontier Park in Graham. There will be a one mile and



a 5k course available. The one mile course is fully paved and great for all abilities, including strollers and wheelchairs and is only \$5. The 5k course winds through the scenic

property, surrounded by trees and is flat with paved, grass, and gravel surfaces and is only \$20. We'd love to have as many of our participants running, walking, or wheeling in the fun run as possible. Registration for the fun run/walk is available through Pierce County Parks & Rec at 253-798-4177. Volunteers are also needed during the run. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Jen Spane at 253-798-4753.

Companionship Program

Pierce County Parks & Recreation

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All New Franklin Pierce Team

We are proud and excited to announce our new Franklin Pierce District Team Leader is... Amanda Lashley! Amanda comes to Companionship with a great background in working with individuals with special needs and in event planning. She already has great plans for

the new year. Amanda is hosting a "Meet and Greet" night at Midland Elementary from 6 to 8 pm on Tuesday, October 20.

Because both of our Franklin Pierce teens graduated from high school last year, we have also brought in two new high school students.






We are pleased to announce Carin from Franklin Pierce High School and Angela from Washington High School. These two new teens will also be at the event! So, come on out and meet the great new Franklin Pierce Team!!

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October's Calendar of Events

to register please call (253)798-2997 or email
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	 Swimming	3 Fall Fest
4	5	6	7	8 Trip to the Movies	9	10 Frontier Round-up Fun Run 
11	12	13 Puyallup Special Education Resource Fair	14	15	16	17 ZOO BOO
18	19	20 Franklin Pierce Meet and Greet	21	22 	23 "Star Trekking" Halloween Dance	24
25 Pumpkin Patch 	26	27	28		30	31 Trick-or-Treating & Halloween Carnival 

10/2- Monthly Swim Night with Clover Park. 5:00pm-6:30pm Clover Park High School Pool, 11023 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, Lakewood. Splash around with your Companionship friends! Please note that our monthly swim night has moved to the first Friday of the month. **FREE**

10/03- Fall Fest in Eatonville. 10:00-2:00pm Eatonville High School, 302 Mashell Ave North, Eatonville. A variety of booths and activities will be set up for Fall Fun for all ages and abilities. **FREE**

10/08- Trip to the Movies with Clover Park. 6:00-8:00pm Ft. Lewis Carey Theater. Companionship is taking over Carey Theater to watch UP! The theater will be offering a great snack deal for us as well, just \$5 for a small popcorn and a medium drink. Nonmilitary welcome, please contact Katrina for post requirements. **\$1 kids/ \$2 adults**

10/10- Frontier Round-Up Fun Run & Walk. 9:00 am Start Frontier Park, 21800 Meridian South, Graham. Our fund raiser day! Please come out and support us in our efforts to provide all of our participants with low

cost activities! Please see the article on page one for specific details regarding the fun run.

10/13- Puyallup Special Education Open House. Puyallup Special Services Building, Burgundy Room, 214 West Main, Puyallup. Come take part in Puyallup School Districts Special Education Open House and see what the school district has to offer!

10/17- Zoo Boo with Clover Park. 10:00am-12:00 Noon Pt. Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, Tacoma. Join us in a safe and entertaining place to bring trick-or-treaters. There will be indoor festivities including face-painting, treats, a scavenger hunt, and photo opportunities all included with zoo admission. Look for the Companionship banner just outside the Admission Gate. *Come dressed in a costume and receive \$2 off regular admission. Regular admission: \$11 (13-64 yrs), \$10 (65 & up), \$9 (5-12 yrs), & \$5 (3-4 yrs)*

10/20- Franklin Pierce Meet and Greet. 6:00pm-8:00pm Midland Elementary School Gym, 2300 105th St E, Tacoma. Come meet the new Franklin Pierce Team! We'll have

Halloween crafts, games and refreshments! **FREE**

10/23- "Star Trekking" Halloween Dance. 7:00-9:00pm Sumner Middle School, 1508 Willow Street, Sumner. We'll dance the night away with all of our Companionship friends! Feel free to wear costumes or come in your regular party clothes! DJ Skippy will be there to keep the party going! **\$5/person**

10/25- Pumpkin Patch with Puyallup. 12:00 Noon- 2:00pm Scholz Farms, 12920 State Route 162 E, Orting. Join Companionship again this year at Scholz Farms! There will be a pumpkin patch, a corn maze, and farm animals! **FREE (but bring money if you would like to purchase pumpkins!)**

10/31- Trick-or-Treating & Halloween Carnival in Eatonville. 2:00-4:00pm Downtown Eatonville. Companionship will be meeting at the Community Center at 305 Center Street West, Eatonville and trick-or-treating at the businesses of downtown Eatonville until 3:00. Then we'll move on to the Halloween Carnival held at the Eatonville Community Center. **FREE**

Busy, Busy, Busy at Companionship!

September officially started our new year at Companionship and boy were we busy! We swam and tailgated. We touched trucks and learned how they work. We had a great night at Bingo, and in true Companionship style, winning Bingo cards were shared with those participants who hadn't yet been able to call "BINGO!" Everyone went home a winner! We danced with Youth Connection in Eatonville and celebrated the new school year. We

played ball in Sumner and enjoyed meeting great new families!

October will be even more exciting! In addition to hosting the first Frontier Round-up Fun Run & Walk, we'll be celebrating Fall and Washington State Disability History Awareness Month at Fall Fest in Eatonville. We'll have an entire movie theater to ourselves to watch the PG rated **UP!** We'll be trick-or-treating among the downtown businesses of Eatonville and at the Point Defiance Zoo &

Aquarium. We're visiting the Pumpkin Patch again this year... AND Companionship is hosting our first dance of the year! Whew! What a crazy upcoming month! We look forward to seeing each and every one of you at some of our great events this month!

Thank You, DJ Skippy!

We, at Companionship, wanted to take this time to thank DJ Skippy from All Energy DJs for keeping the music flowing and all of our participants moving at our Companionship dances! Thanks DJ Skippy! *All Energy DJs can be booked for all your musical needs by calling 253-255-8438.*



DJ Skippy keeping the party going at our 2008 Halloween Dance

October CIP Meetings Meetings subject to change. Please contact Michelle or Susan at 253-565-2266 with questions

Westside Meeting

October 15, 6-8pm

Drum Intermediate,
University Place

"DDD in-home behavioral support
with Anita Delight"

Eastside Meeting

October 8, 6:30-8:30 pm

Rogers High School,
Puyallup

"Building a Foundation with
CIP for your Circle of Support"

Peninsula Meeting

October 28, 5:30-7:30 pm

Peninsula High School,
Gig Harbor

"Resource Fair"

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Come play with us!



Companionship is designed to provide recreation and leisure opportunities for individuals with special needs and their families. Our goals are to enrich the lives of all who participate and to increase understanding and acceptance of disabilities as a natural part of life. There is no membership or commitment. Come once or come often, just come play with us!



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