

Families with Children from China — Austin, Texas Chapter Presents:

A Series of Summer Gatherings

Once again, FCC-Austin is proud to offer this metaphorically appetizing pu pu platter of education and social assortments as a sampler to our members for the summer. Questions may be directed to the leader of the respective session. ENJOY!

“For some of us, books are as important as almost anything else on earth. What a miracle it is that out of these small, flat, rigid squares of paper unfolds world after world after world, worlds that sing to you, comfort and quiet or excite you. Books help us understand who we are and how we are to behave. They show us what community and friendship mean; they show us how to live and die.”

— Anne Lamott, *Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life*

Book Club

Abby Turner has been leading this book group of adoptive moms for over ten years and welcomes new members in reading *Widower's Tale* by Julia Glass for May and then participants come to a related theme dinner to chat about it.

When: The first Wednesday of every month (May 2, June 6 and August 1) starting at 6:30 pm

Where: TBD that week and emailed to participants

Cost: Free to anyone

Contact: Abby Turner abby814@austin.rr.com

Cameron Park Zoo Field Trip

Approximately an hour north of Austin, this well-shaded zoo has paved pathways for strolling or wagon pulling. Sporting a wonderful Asian area, this place is a sweet treasure. Check out the zoo at <http://www.cameronparkzoo.com/>.

When: Saturday, June 9 meeting at 10 am just inside the entrance by the Patio Cafe

Where: 1701 North 4th Street in Waco, Texas

Cost: \$9/adults (13 and up), \$6 ages 4–12, & under 3 is free. We would receive a discount rate for a group of 20 or more.

Contact: Host Bethany Morrison at bethany@cre8d.com

Glass Blowing Demonstration & Day Outing in Wimberley

Glass blower and adoptive parent Tim de Jong will demonstrate a variety of glass blowing techniques. We will then eat lunch at Brewsters pizza. Families can then choose to shop and explore Wimberley or join some of us for swimming at Blue Hole: <http://www.blueholeregionalpark.com/>.

When: Saturday, June 23, 10:45 am at Wimberley Glassworks

Where: Wimberley Glassworks, 6469 Ranch Road 12, San Marcos 78666 (512-393-3316)

Cost: Free, members only

Contact: Alan Greenberg at ggroup@mindspring.com

Parent-Child Chinese Cooking with Dorothy Huang

With your child, learn to make several fabulous Chinese dishes taught by highly acclaimed Houston chef and cookbook author Dorothy Huang. This event is co-hosted by Steve and Sandi Ross in their home, and is limited to 12 people.

When: Saturday, July 14 from 5 pm–8 pm

Where: 3200 Aztec Fall Cove, Austin 78746

Cost: \$40/adult & \$20/per child due that evening (includes all materials and food)

Contact: Sandi Ross at rosyk@austin.rr.com

Rocking River Aquatic Center

This is a multi-ages water park that features a great place for each age level of kid to play and swim including a great lazy river attraction. Coolers are welcome. Come on out and try to beat the July heat with this water event (<http://www.roundrocktexas.gov/pools>).

When: Sunday, July 15 starting at 4 pm

Where: 3300 Palm Valley Blvd., Round Rock, located in Old Settler's Park

Cost: \$5.50/adult & \$4.50/child under 17

Contact: Becky Harding at bjh0902@aol.com

Waiting Child Parent-to-Parent Workshop

Dianne Harwood, Alison Gaylord, Amy Stephenson, and other parents of children adopted through the waiting child program will lead a discussion for parents interested in learning more about the process and the experience.

When: Saturday, July 21 from 3 pm–5 pm

Where: Howson Library meeting room, 2500 Exposition Blvd., Austin

Cost: Free to members and \$7 each for non-members

Contact: Dianne Harwood at di@austin.rr.com

Braiding/Hair Techniques + Makeup Workshop

Targeted for girls aged 10+, this workshop offers a plethora of hair and makeup ideas for our community.

When: Sunday, July 22 from 2 pm–4 pm

Where: TBD (but hopefully at Austin Kung Fu Academy, 7739 Northcross Dr., Suite G)

Cost: \$3 for members & \$5 for non-members

Contact: Kim Goodman at weatage@gmail.com

Katie Malinski's Mother-Daughter Puberty & More Workshop

The Mother-Daughter Puberty & Communication Workshop is a fun, experiential, non-threatening way for moms and daughters to get started (or go deeper) in their conversations about puberty. We play games, talk about and practice good communication, get a brief overview of the nuts and bolts of puberty, and play with tampons and pads. Most girls are initially hesitant about attending, but all are laughing and having fun by the end, and tell their moms on the ride home, "That was a lot better than I thought it would be!" Moms appreciate the reminders about good communication, the 'touchstone' experience of talking about body changes and menstruation, and especially the matter-of-fact and positive way that puberty is presented. Every mom is asked to read the detailed summary of the workshop here (<http://www.katiemalinski.com/mother-daughter-puberty-workshop-information/>) before registering.

When: Sunday, July 29 from 2 pm–4:45 pm

Where: 3906 North Lamar Blvd. (Katie's office)

Cost: \$75, registering online at <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3692791238>

Contact: katie@katiemalinski.com, or by calling 512-940-4477

Note: This event caps at nine daughters, ages 9–11

