

CRESS CREEK MOMS & TOTS NEWSLETTER

April 2023

CHAIRMOM'S MESSAGE

On Monday mornings, at 5:00 am, I meet a small group of women to run. The group started out of necessity- we were all training for a race and needed accountability. I liked the idea of getting my run checked off before my kids woke up, and 5am didn't sound THAT early .

Wrong. That first morning, when my alarm went off at 4:30am, I had so many regrets. It was dark, I was tired and most importantly, I knew I couldn't have a cup of coffee until I got home.

Now, almost two years later, it's become a habit. I lay out my clothes the night before, and have my running shoes untied and ready by the back door. The last race I ran was over a year ago, but at least two times a month, I still meet the group to run.

This past Monday morning was gorgeous. We started running in the dark and as we were finishing our last few miles, the sun began to rise. This doesn't sound noteworthy, obvious even, it's what the sun does every morning, but for the last six months, we had been running in the dark. It had been dark from the start of our run to the end of our run. But, on Monday morning, the sun peeked over the horizon and lit up the trail. We turned off our head lamps and enjoyed the warmth from the sun's morning rays.

It was beautiful. I have no photo to prove it, so you'll have to take my word for it.

Kind of the perfect way to start a week, and an awesome gift after running in the dark and cold for several winter months.

Moral of the story - spring is on the horizon, I promise! I saw it, it's coming, just keep covering those beautiful front-porch-potted-flowers for a little longer.

I'm this month's newsletter, we are recapping the CCM&T Easter Egg Hunt; thanks to all the families who joined us! We have a new monthly Board Spotlight - "Kid Friendly Restaurants/Tips for Eating Out." Also, checkout our Save-the-Date page - the much anticipated Pedal n Sip event is happening at the end of this month!

See you soon!

Your friend,
Meghan

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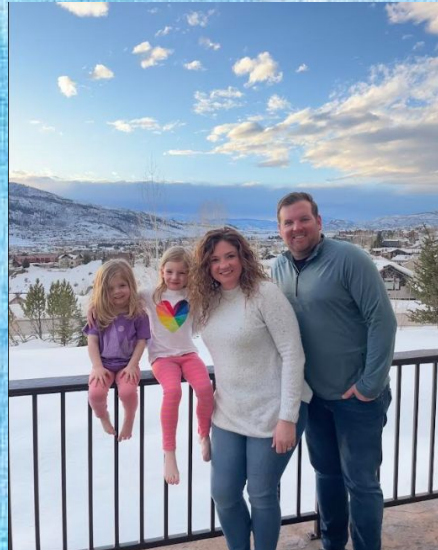
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CRESS CREEK
MOMS & TOTS

Spring Break!

CCM&T Families traveled far and wide, and made great memories no matter where we were!



Easter Egg Hunt

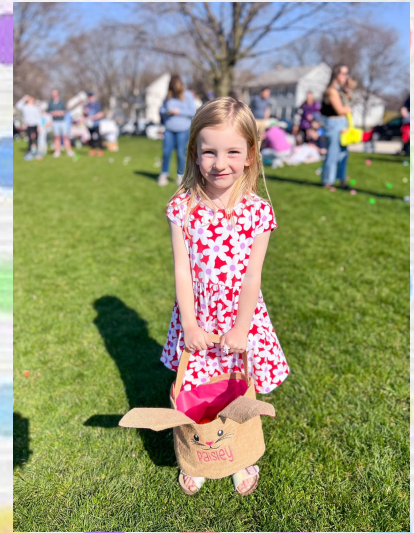
This year's Egg Hunt at Cress Creek Park was a huge success! Beautiful weather, great turnout, and smiles and laughs all around. We have many to thank for making this event possible!

Thanks to all who donated to our philanthropy drive collecting items for the Little Giraffe Foundation. We collected 58 books and 28 toys! Thanks to our kids event chairs Julie Chiu and Roby Callaway for organizing this event. Thanks also to Bill White Homes for sponsoring this year's egg hunt.

Finally, thanks to our Easter Bunny extraordinaire for creating some extra Easter joy for all!









Philanthropy Spotlight: Giving DuPage

Giving DuPage is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to promote giving and volunteering in DuPage County. As a public-private partner of DuPage County, Giving DuPage connects residents, students, community groups and businesses with local volunteer opportunities.

Giving DuPage's Volunteer Platform is dedicated to volunteering services throughout DuPage County, including 945+ volunteer opportunities, in-kind donations, nonprofit jobs, and community events across 400 local nonprofits, all searchable by cause, keywords, interest, location, and more. Please check out the link on how you can get involved: <https://givingdupage.galaxydigital.com/need/>

We look forward to exploring philanthropy opportunities this year and connecting our CCM&T community with Giving DuPage!

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April Board Pick:

Favorite Kid-Friendly Restaurants and Tips for Eating Out with Kids

Getting out of the house for a meal every now and then can be a welcome change to our daily meal routines. Knowing the right spot to pick and having some handy tips in your back pocket will help to make this a fun experience for all! This month, Board members are sharing our favorite kid-friendly restaurants and tips to make eating out a bit easier!

Name: Molly

We love having breakfast at [Buttermilk](#). My son's favorite dish is the giant Mickey Mouse pancake. They also have great coffee and options for adults. If you have early risers like me you'll love this spot!



BUTTERMILK
..... cafe

Name: Kathryn

We love going to [Charlie's Restaurant](#) at the Bolingbrook airport. This is a great family friendly stop and the kids enjoy watching all the airplanes land and takeoff! The Mickey Mouse pancakes are a hit with my kids, and the airport has a museum that's great for the whole family to enjoy!



Name: Amanda

We love taking the kids to [Two Brother's Roundhouse Brewery](#) in Aurora! We take the train (bc the kids love it!) and it stops right next to the restaurant. They have a great outdoor space in the summer, live music on weekends, and the food is good/quick!



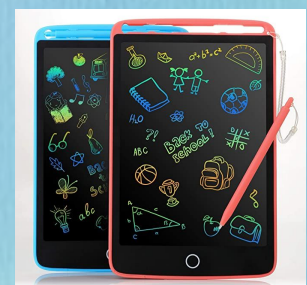
Name: Alex

For our girls' birthdays, we love heading to Glen Ellyn to go to [2 Toots Train Whistle Grill](#). Not only is it right on the Metra train line, but they have a train that moves throughout the restaurant which delivers the food. If you let them know it's your child's birthday, they'll get a special dessert with a train whistle too - so fun!



Name: Katie

This [LCD Writing Tablet](#) (with attached pen) provides doodling and coloring entertainment without the need for 25 crayons and paper at the table. Get a pack of 2 for \$20 on Amazon!



Name: Erin

While it's not actually a restaurant, one of our favorite ways to get out of the house for a meal is to have a family picnic. When the weather is nice, it has become a tradition to have a picnic dinner on Sunday nights. The meal is always super simple - like PB&J. Sometimes we go to a park or forest preserve, or even just eat in the backyard. The best part is no dishes to wash on Sunday night! Two of our favorite picnic locations are [St. James Farm](#) in Warrenville and McDowell Grove right next to Cress Creek.



Name: Caroline

When we are short on time and looking for a quick, easy meal, we always go to [Taco Madre](#) (in the same plaza as Binny's and Fresh Thyme). It's very casual and the food is great plus all my girls love it there! Chances are if you stop in, you will probably see the Connells there!!

TACO MADRE[®]

Name: Meghan

Admittedly, eating at a restaurant with my kids is not my favorite way to eat. But, when we do eat out, I always take an activity bag with me. A large reusable zipper bag filled with items to keep them all busy. I use items from Busy Toddler's blog, "Restaurant Kit for Toddlers." Pack the bag once, and you can use it over and over again.



['Busy Toddler' Restaurant Kit for Toddlers](#)
[Large Reusable Zipper Bag](#)

Name: Julie

Restaurant/tip: [Colonial Cafe](#) (home of the famous "Kitchen Sink" sundae) is a great family-friendly restaurant near downtown Naperville. They have kids menus and coloring sheets, and their food is yummy (love their chicken & waffles)! We've never had to wait long, and they've given us the whole room in the back frequently when we come in a large group. The kids also love climbing on the cow in the lobby while waiting.



Name: Sara

[Crust Brewing](#) in Rosemont is a great place to take the kids. They have a great menu for both kids and adults. We went with a large group and they brought out pizza dough for the kids to play with while waiting for their meal. It was a huge hit!

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BREWING

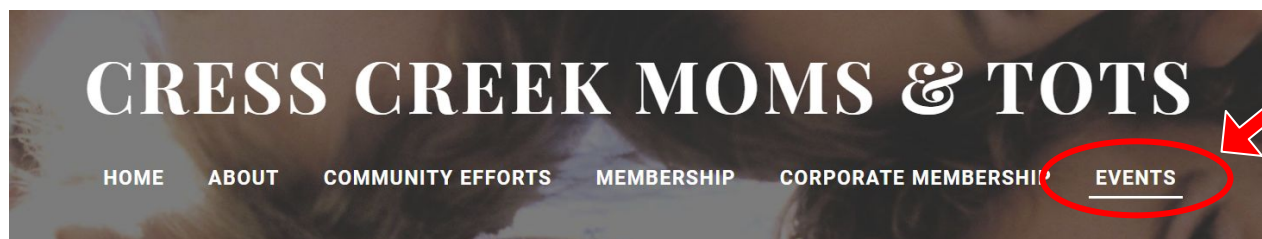
EVENTS

Check the chart below for a list of our upcoming CCM&T Events. Can't wait to see you there!



<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
"Tour De Creek" Ladies Bike Event	Postponed from original date New date & time TBD	Around Cress Creek
Dads & Donuts	Saturday, May 6th 9:00-11:00 AM	Cress Creek Park
Spring Couples Night	Saturday, May 13th	Turner Home
Spring Picnic	Sunday, May 21st, 11:00 AM	Cress Creek Park

Members can register for all events on ccmomsandtots.org.
Click the "EVENTS" tab to find information and RSVP



LADIES

PEDAL & SIP

Postponed - TBD

Wine & Seltzers
Snacks
Pizza

Sun Start @ 2pm

Enjoy a fun afternoon of biking around Cress Creek with food & drink pit stops throughout

Athleisure Wear Attire

Meeting Point :
 Meghan Mederich's Driveway
1114 Thunderbird Lane

Text Katie 630.699.8929 or Amanda 231.740.6019 to meet up with us along the way!

Please join us for the annual CCM&T Ladies Pedal & Sip event! Enjoy an afternoon of leisurely biking around Cress Creek, stopping at various houses for food, drink and fun. Arriving late? Just text Katie (630-699-8929) or Amanda (231-740-6019) to meet up with us along the way.

We hope to see you there!

[RSVP Here](#)



First-ever DADS & DONUTS! 🍩☕️🌟 We are excited for this hangout time with our CCM&T Dads & Kiddos! While your children play at the playground, your husbands can enjoy some donuts, coffee, and conversation! They can come by anytime between 9:00-11:00 am.

Moms- Please RSVP below for your husbands, so that we'll know how much to order!

[RSVP Here](#)

CCM&T INVITES YOU TO:

DADS & DONUTS!

SAT. MAY 6. 9:00-11:00 AM
CRESS CREEK PARK

Dads- come enjoy donuts, coffee & conversation while your kids play!

CCM&T INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

Spring Couple's Night

Book your babysitter for a fun
couple's night with friends!

MAY 13, 2023 | 7 PM

TURNER HOME
1608 IMPERIAL CIRCLE

BYOB

Appetizers will be provided

Party will be outside (weather permitting)

Book your babysitters and join us at the CCM&T Spring Couples Night on Saturday, May 13th, @ 7pm. Appetizers will be provided, please BYOB. This is the final Adult Social before Summer Break, so don't miss it!

A special Thank You to the Turner's for hosting this event! The party will be outside (weather permitting)!

[RSVP Here](#)



CCM&T FAMILY PICNIC!

Sunday May 21 11:30 am

Food, Entertainment and Fun!

11:30- Picnic begins: Giant Slide, Face Painting opens up
12:00- Miss Make Believe Bubble Show
1:30- Farewell (til next fall!)

Cress Creek Park * RSVP by May 15th

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The poster features a collage of photos showing families at a picnic, a giant slide, and a bubble show. The background is a red and white checkered picnic blanket with a blue sky and green grass at the bottom.

We cannot wait for this GRAND FINALE of our CCM&T season! Come with your families with a packed lunch, blanket or chairs, and be ready for our giant slide, face painting and bubble show by Miss Make Believe! We hope to see ALL you families there!

Our philanthropy will be for Dupage Pads, a local nonprofit to end homelessness here in DuPage County. Please bring your items for donation to the picnic, thank you!

[Please RSVP Here by May 15th!](#)



Happy Birthday!

April Birthdays

Kaylee Phalon

Katy Gordon

Sara Olson

Emily Liszka

Emily McMahon

Lisa Wendel

Up Next: The CCM&T Babysitter Directory

In the following pages, you will find the CCM&T Babysitter Directory! Here you will find contact information from Cress Creek residents who are interested in babysitting, being a 'mother's helper', pet sitting, house sitting/watering flowers. We hope this is a helpful resource for our members!

CCM&T Babysitter Directory

Welcome to the CCM&T Babysitter Directory! All names were submitted by the babysitter or their parent. Please interview and check references before hiring.



= Caregiver is comfortable babysitting infants under 1 year.

LANEY BRODRICK

Mother's Helper, House
Sitting/Water Flowers

Age: 11

(630) 352-6994

IAN BRODRICK

Babysitting, Pet Sitting, House
Sitting/Water Flowers, Lawn
Mowing/Snow Removal

Age: 13

(630) 453-8869

ADDY BOULWARE

Babysitting, Mother's Helper, Pet
Sitting, House Sitting/Water
Flowers

Age: 15

(630) 881-2178

EVY BOULWARE

Babysitting, Mother's Helper, Pet
Sitting, House Sitting/Water
Flowers

Age: 15

(630) 881-2178

NATALIE BROWN

Babysitting, Pet Sitting, House
Sitting/Water Flowers

Age: 14

(331) 330-1336

ELOISE CHUBIRKA

Babysitting, Mother's Helper,
House Sitting/Water Flowers

Age: 11

(630) 486-0055

*Has completed a Babysitting course

ARIA DINKINS

Babysitting, Mother's Helper

Age: 12

(630) 414-1339

KATE GALLAGHER

Babysitting, Pet Sitting, House
Sitting/Water Flowers

Age: 14

(331) 444-8918

*Has completed a CPR & Babysitting
course

ELLA GRACE

Babysitting, Mother's Helper, Pet
Sitting, House Sitting/Water
Flowers

Age: 15

(630) 470-8399

*Has completed a CPR course

LEXI GIBSON

Babysitting, Pet Sitting, House
Sitting/Water Flowers

Age: 18

(252) 382-1781

*Has completed a CPR & Babysitting
course

*Can drive

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CHARLIE HAIGH

Mother's Helper, Pet Sitting,
House Sitting/Water Flowers,
Lawn Mowing/Snow Removal

Age: 11

(773) 391-0879 (Mom's (Kelly) cell)

RUBY HUNTER

Babysitting, Mother's Helper, Pet
Sitting, House Sitting/Water
Flowers

Age: 11

(630) 864-1111

*Has completed a Babysitting course

THOMAS KAMINKY

Babysitting, Pet Sitting, House
Sitting/Water Flowers, Lawn
Mowing/Snow Removal

Age: 23

(630) 802-1072

*Has completed a CPR & Babysitting
course

*Can drive

AUDREY KONSTANTELOS

Babysitting, Pet Sitting

Age: 16

(630) 442-9228

*Has completed a Babysitting course

*Can drive

OLIVIA KONSTANTELOS

Babysitting, Pet Sitting

Age: 17

(312) 931-5087

*Has completed a Babysitting Course

*Can drive

MILES MILLER

Babysitting, Mother's Helper, Pet
Sitting, House Sitting/Water
Flowers

Age: 12

(773) 633-6842

*Has completed a CPR & Babysitting
course

ANNA PROVENZANO

Pet Sitting, House Sitting/Water
Flowers

Age: 15

(773) 490-3819

CATE PROVENZANO

Babysitting, Mother's Helper

Age: 15

(630) 346-8918

*Has completed a CPR & Babysitting
course

GEORGIA RILEY

Babysitting, Pet Sitting, House
Sitting/Water Flowers

Age: 15

(979) 264-3006

*Has completed a CPR & Babysitting
course

SARA ROSSI

Babysitting, Mother's Helper, Pet
Sitting, House Sitting/Water
Flowers

Age: 15

(630) 601-9859

*Has completed a CPR course



CCM&T Babysitter Directory

KARLI VANTINE

Babysitting, Mother's Helper, Pet
Sitting, House Sitting/Water
Flowers

Age: 15

(630) 742-5837

*Has completed a CPR & Babysitting
course

ANNA WOLF

Babysitting, Mother's Helper, Pet
Sitting, House Sitting/Water
Flowers

Age: 12

(630) 607-9075

TESSA WOLF

Babysitting, Mother's Helper, Pet
Sitting, House Sitting/Water
Flowers

Age: 10

(630) 607-9075



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