



Out & About

News and notes for LGBT-parented families

JULY 2014



PFP Summer Picnic At The Elmood Park Zoo

PFP's annual summer picnic took place on Saturday, July 14, again at the Elmwood Park Zoo in Norristown, PA.

It was a gorgeous day to visit the animals, reconnect with old friends and make some new friends, too.

Parents had a chance to chat while kids made duct tape wallets and bookmarks with PFP Community Coordinator Stephanie Haynes.

There was a wide variety of great potluck food (good job everyone!) and we donated the leftovers to the staff at the zoo.

The most popular animals were the giraffes, the bison and the wolves.

Thanks again to everyone who made it out!



Crafts and Treats with PFP!

What a crowd! Many, many families met up at [Penelope's Frozen Yogurt & More](#) in Horsham on Sunday, July 27 for frozen treats and crafts.

Those not interested in crafts (yes, more duct tape!) played games or dug into the shop's bin of Legos.

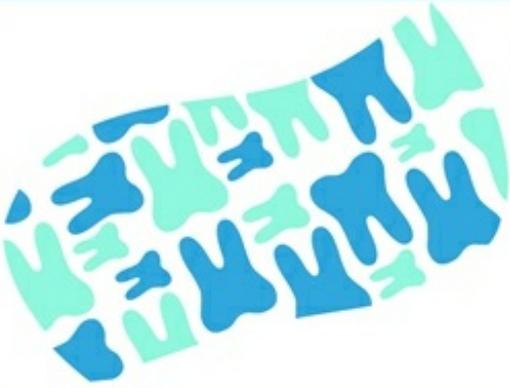
Thanks to owners and PFP parents Erika Miller and Tracy Smith (pictured) for hosting us.

Be sure to stop by and thank them in person and treat yourself!

They are located at 587 Horsham Rd, Horsham, PA.

If you know of a local business that would be appropriate (and fun!) for a meetup, please e-mail Community Coordinator Stephanie Haynes at stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org.





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Your ideas needed for this year's conference!

Philadelphia Family Pride is excited to announce that this year's Family Matters Conference (our fifth!) will be hosted by [The Philadelphia School](#) on Saturday, November 1st!

The Philadelphia School has been a past sponsor of our conferences and PFP in general, and we're happy to be partnering with them this year. TPS is a coeducational, nonsectarian independent school educating children from preschool through eighth grade. The school is located at 25th and Lombard Streets in Center City.



This year's conference theme is "Technology and the Family" and will cover a wide variety of topics related to how electronics and social media are becoming part of how we connect as an LGBT community and their impact on adults, kids and family units. [Complete this survey](#) by September 1 to share your ideas on specific workshop and discussion topics as well as facilitators and speakers.

If you'd like to be a part of this year's planning committee, please e-mail PFP Community Coordinator Stephanie Haynes at stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org.

Member Milestone

♥ PFP members Sam DiFalco and Bob Brown were married on June 13 after being together for 39 years. Congratulations!

If you have a milestone you'd like included in next month's newsletter, please reply to this message with the details and a photo. Thanks!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 23: [Parents Night Out Dinner at Han Dynasty](#) in University City. Get a sitter and join other LGBT parents (and prospective parents) for dinner.



Saturday, September 14: Southern NJ LGBTQ Pride. Join PFP in celebrating pride in New Jersey. [E-mail Robin](#) to volunteer at the PFP table.

Look for more confirmed dates soon for a camping trip to Knoebel's, PFP softball game, and more!

Keep an eye on our [Facebook](#) page and [Twitter](#) feed for more upcoming events.



How to Set Screen Rules That Stick

Easy tips for limiting kids' computer, TV, game, and movie time.
by Caroline Knorr, Common Sense Media

In many homes, getting kids to turn off their cell phones, shut down the video games, or log off of Facebook can incite a revolt. And if your kids say they need to be online for schoolwork, you may not know when the research stops and idle activity begins.



It may seem counterintuitive, but getting involved with your kids' media is the first step to cutting the cord. Showing an interest, knowing what they're doing -- even playing along with them -- makes it easier to know how much is too much.

Every family will have different amounts of time that they think is "enough." What's important is giving it some thought, creating age-appropriate limits (with built-in flexibility for special circumstances), making media choices you're comfortable with, and modeling responsible screen limits for your kids.

Read the rest of the article here: <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/how-to-set-screen-rules-that-stick>



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