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Camden Pointe Is Dressing Up For The Holidays:

A big thanks goes to the Webb family (Russ Webb of the Camden Pointe BOD) for decorating the front and Woolwich entrances and the clubhouses for the holiday season. Tracey Webb even made the wreaths for the entrances. We hope you enjoy the seasonal dress-up of the common areas and encourage you to participate in the annual decorating contest.

The Camden Pointe Holiday Decorating Contest has officially kicked off for 2010. We have six categories to choose from:



- **Best Front Door**
- **Best Back Yard**
- **Most Spirited**
- **Most Traditional**
- **Best Overall**
- **People's Choice**

The judging will be conducted over two nights, **Friday, December 17th**, and **Saturday, December 18th**. So please make sure your decorations are up and lights are on those nights. The winners will be awarded the coveted yard sign and a gift card for their participation.

Good luck to all who enter and take pride in our beautiful neighborhood. Have a WONDERFUL Holiday Season!!!!

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Our next meeting
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**Wed Dec 15th @
7:30 pm**
in the large
clubhouse.

Please come meet
your Board, your
neighbors, and help
drive what's going
on in your
community.



Thank you Camden Pointe for another great year! I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah. As my gift to you, I'd like to help with your home financing. If you're a Camden Pointe homeowner and refinance with me, or have a friend purchasing in Camden Pointe and I handle their loan, I will pick up the cost of the appraisal.*

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Joe Beckford, Owner

a Camden Pointe Resident

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Did you know that your old Christmas trees can be recycled? Recycling trees creates mulch, fuel, wildlife habitats and other useful material. You can't take your trees to the landfill, so why not help "Keep Cobb Beautiful," by recycling your old tree this holiday season. Keep Cobb Beautiful will sponsor free recycling drop-offs.

Trees will **ONLY** be accepted Saturday, January 8, 2011 at selected Home Depot Locations, throughout Cobb County.

Cobb County Parks and Recreation specified locations will accept drop-offs from December 26, 2010 through January 8, 2011.

For more information, please contact Keep Cobb Beautiful at 770-528-1135 or visit us online at www.cobbcounty.org/kcb

HOME DEPOTS *

(TREES ACCEPTED ONLY ON JANUARY 8, 2011)

3355 COBB PKWY	ACWORTH	30101	770-917-8425
1200 EAST WEST CONNECTOR	AUSTELL	30106	770-941-9600
2350 DALLAS HWY	MARIETTA	30064	770-792-6858
4101 ROSWELL ROAD, NE	MARIETTA	30062	770-977-9700
449 ROBERTS CT., NW	KENNESAW	30144	770-424-1309
3605 SANDY PLAINS ROAD	MARIETTA	30066	770-971-2470
1062 RICHARD SAILORS PKWY	POWDER SPRINGS	30127	770-222-3619
1655 SHILOH ROAD	KENNESAW	30144	770-421-1245

OTHER RECYCLING DROP-OFF SITES

LOST MOUNTAIN PARK*
4845 DALLAS HWY
POWDER SPGS, GA 30127

FULLERS PARK
3499 ROBINSON RD
MARIETTA, GA 30067

SEWELL PARK*
2085 LOWER ROSWELL RD
MARIETTA, GA 30067

NOONDAY CREEK PARK
489 HAWKINS STORE RD
KENNESAW, GA 30144

HARRISON PARK
2650 SHALLOWFORD RD
MARIETTA, GA 30066

***Seedlings given away on January 8, while supplies last.**

Davey Trees at 770-451-7911, as well as the Cobb Parks chipper locations will have free mulch available to citizens after January 8th.



From A Camden Point Resident

Our son Jonathan has been away since August now, working with NET Ministries base out o Minnesota. He has been traveling to different states in the US (so far they have been really COLD states) spreading the word of God to our youth by hosting Youth group retreats. He has been to Toledo and Columbus Ohio, Crookston Minesota, and now Grand Rapids Michigan. We do not get to hear from him often as he is constantly on the go but when we do talk I can hear the joy he is feeling from doing this work in his voice. This is the first Thanksgiving that he will not be with us. I ask for all of you to keep Jonathan and his team in your prayers this Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Here is a letter I received with an update.

Hello again! The NET teams have been on the road for nearly two months and our office is being flooded with positive feedback from parishes that have hosted NET retreats or are hosting one of our parish teams. Over and over again, parish workers are telling us how inspiring our ministry is and how the NET teams share God's love in such powerful ways. God is really working through your son and his team! Here's an excerpt from one of the evaluations:

The retreat was for our Confirmation Candidates and attendance was required...one candidate gave his parents such a hard time about going that after they dropped him off at the retreat the parents argued about who was going to pick him up! The father lost and had to pick him up and he was not looking forward to it. He was pleasantly shocked when he picked him up—his son was so enthusiastic about the whole experience he told him about the team, their talks and skits and about the prayer time. His mom said they had to call and share his experience because it had made such an impression on him. His mom said they attend mass regularly and they hoped their son prayed but weren't sure until they talked that night after the retreat. Thank you so very much!

Now that the teams have been conducting ministry nearly every day for two months, they have a good grasp of the "hows" of NET. With this being the case, you might think the rest of the year will be easy for the team members. But oh, it just doesn't work that way. One of the great aspects of being on a NET team is that you get to practice all the virtues of the Christian life. Living and working in close proximity with seven to thirteen other people every day is quite the challenge and affords team members many opportunities to practice patience, forgiveness, generosity, and selflessness...whether they want to or not. Jonathan and his team are getting quite the spiritual workout! Please keep all nine teams in your prayers.

Anyone interested in checking out the NET ministries website to see what they are about go to NETministries.com

This is mission work he does not get paid, so if anyone would like to give a donation you can do so through the website in his name. There is no donation to small all are welcome and appreciated. Also St Catherine's of Sienna in Kennesaw are having NET do a retreat for them I believe in March anyone interested in hosting a member let me know and I will contact the person in charge.

God Bless,
The DeThomas Family

Camden Pointe Girls Jr. Tennis Team keeps on Giving...

At this same time last year, with your support, the Camden Pointe Girls Jr. Tennis Team collected, wrapped and delivered over 50 new toys to the Calvary Children's Home.

For the holiday season of 2010, the team is again accepting donations of new toys for the **Calvary Children's Home**. The kids receive holiday gifts through donations only.

They are also sponsoring "**Animals Deserve Better**", a local no kill *animal rescue center*, specializing in puppies, kittens, special needs cases and rescues. A select group of rescued dogs also make it through their "Service & Therapy Dog Program" to assist others. The animals remain with the center until they are adopted.

If you would like to help the girls Gift of Giving this year, your donation may be dropped off at the Stowell residence, 2153 Kings Tree Way.

Two plastic containers are near the walkway for:

1. New toys for kids 6-18 year of age – **Calvary Children's Home** on Lost Mountain Rd.
2. Items for *dogs and cats* (Treats, rawhide chews, soft & squeaky toys, Kongs, blankets, sheets, towels, hand sanitizer, heavy water bowls, quick release collars/leashes) – **Animals Deserve Better**

The girls will make their holiday deliveries during the week of *Christmas* and thank you in advance for helping spread joy and cheer this holiday season!

Teresa Stowell ~ Richandt@Comcast.net ~ 678-574-7445



Storm Gutter Article from Lake Chairman Buzz Galbraith



This past summer, we have had reports of several homeowners blowing yard debris (grass trimmings etc.) into the street and leaving it there. It eventually gets washed down the gutters into the lake making the silt problem we have even worse. See the note below from the Cobb County newsletter and be sure to do what you can to keep our streets and storm gutters clear. Thanks!

From the Cobb Department of Transportation

Keep debris out of neighborhood roadside gutters. The Cobb Department of Transportation would like to remind all residents and landscape contractors to not blow their lawn clippings and yard debris on the county right-of-way.

According to Sec. 102-92 (c) of Cobb County's Code of Ordinances, it is unlawful to throw or leave litter on the right-of-way of any road or highway. Yard debris and grass clippings are considered litter. Yard debris piles into gutters and catch basins creating substantial problems with drainage. With the record amount of rainfall this winter, clogged basins are becoming a recurring problem. Yard debris and grass clippings hamper the flow of water creating slow drainage and potential flooding of streets and private property.

Homecoming Queen –Allatoona

Congratulations to Sabrina Page, our 2010 Senior Class Homecoming Queen.

Pictured L-R, 11th Grade Princess, Amanda Turner, Senior Homecoming Queen, Sabrina Page, 10th Grade Princess, Elise Moffatt, and 9th Grade Princess, Debra Adayeye.



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From the HOA President—Joe Beckford

Our November Camden Pointe HOA meeting was held on Wed, November 17th. Two homeowners attended as well as Joe Beckford, Avonda Hendricks, and Russ Webb of the Camden Pointe HOA Board of Directors and Denise Hindes of All-In-One Management. Clubhouse repairs, expenses, the 2011 budget, Christmas contest, and newsletters.

Clubhouse: The back door for the large clubhouse is being repaired and will be finished by Thanksgiving. Due to further increased expenses associated with the clubhouses, the Camden Pointe Board approved an increase in the rental fee for the large clubhouse to \$115 for rentals in 2011.

Utilities:

We have seen the utility bills increase quite a bit this year. We did have to drain and refill the pool this summer with the resurfacing and we do have new upper tennis court lights now. However, we have also noticed many folks using the clubhouses are not readjusting the thermostats when they leave. We ask that you please adjust the thermostats to 80 degrees on the air conditioning in the summer and 60 degrees on the heat in the winter time when your rental is done. Thanks for helping us mind the bills!

2011 Budget:

The Board approved the 2011 budget which will be included in 2011 assessment notices mailed out to each homeowner in December. **There will be NO increase in HOA dues for 2011.** Please remember your dues are due January 15th, 2011 and are late after February 15th, 2011.

Dues are \$462.00. Accounts not paid by February 15th will be assessed a \$46.20 (10%) late fee. Accounts delinquent beyond that will be charged interest at an annual rate of 6% applied monthly.

Holiday Decorating Contest:

The season for holiday decorations is here again. The annual Camden Pointe Decorating Contest is coming. Watch for a separate article in this newsletter for details

Our next meeting and last one for 2010 will be held on Wednesday, December 15th at 7:30pm in the large clubhouse. Please come meet your Board, your neighbors, and help drive what's going on in your community.

~ Joe Beckford

POA Update

As you know, the Camden Pointe Board of Directors has adopted a resolution to pursue transitioning Camden Pointe from a Homeowners Association to a Property Owners Association. So far, we have about 25% of the homeowners who have approved the measure. We need a total of 75% to become a POA. We are making an additional mailing this year to those who have yet to respond in hopes of a great response. We will initiate a door-to-door campaign in 2011 to educate and answer questions for those who have yet to sign on so we may pick up the remaining votes necessary. Below is a rerun of an article run in the August Camden Pointe Newsletter. The financial numbers have been updated to reflect our budget numbers through October 31st, 2010.

Why are we pursuing becoming a POA? Two Primary Reasons: Financial Constraints and Neighborhood Quality/Appearance.

Financial Constraints:

As of the end of October, 2010, we have eight seriously delinquent homeowners whose balances are over \$1,000 each for a sum total of \$15,087.80 among just those eight. In an environment where we are all struggling to make ends meet and the vast majority pays their dues, it is simply not right for some to place such a financial burden on the rest of the association. While many of these are in suit at the present time, collection of such delinquent amounts is much easier for a POA than an HOA. This would significantly lessen the financial strain on the association.

Neighborhood Quality/Appearance:

Property values in metro Atlanta have fallen over the last two years. Unfortunately, Camden Pointe is not immune to this trend. We have however, been able to hold our own pretty well when compared to other neighborhoods of comparable size in the area. Most homeowners here take great pride in making sure their homes are maintained and provide that oh-so-important curb appeal the neighborhood needs to help maintain property values and attract quality buyers.

However, over the last two years, we have seen an increase in the amount of folks who are not maintaining their homes according to the design standards and covenants they agreed to when they purchased their home. We all suffer when a homeowner chooses to let his/her home fall into disrepair and not maintain the yard as needed. Becoming a POA would allow the association to better enforce the design standards and covenants already in place.

The consent form may be completed and turned in any of the following convenient methods:

- Deliver to any HOA Board Member
- Deposit in the ACC request box on the front of the small clubhouse
- Fax it in to All-In-One Management
- Mail it in to All-In-One Management

Remember, only the homeowner may sign the consent form and only one is needed per residence.

Besides helping our community remain competitive against newer neighborhoods and maintain our property values, you still need more motivation to sign up for the POA? How about a vacation? Once we receive the needed 75% of homes, those **who voted for the POA will be entered into a random drawing for a FREE ONE-WEEK RENTAL OF A PANAMA CITY BEACH CONDOMINIUM.**

Bird lovers see roaming cats as a major threat to many species

By Adrian Higgins

Washington Post Staff Writer

Thursday, September 30, 2010; PG08

Pete Marra doesn't want cats in his Takoma Park garden. The cats haven't gotten the memo.

Over the years, felines have preyed on their share of the songbirds he does want. One spring was particularly harrowing: A cat killed a nesting robin and a nesting wren.

"People just think cats have the right to be outside, but they're about the only species allowed to run free," said Marra. Scientists are quietly raging about the effects that cats, both owned and stray, are having on bird populations. It's not an issue that has received much attention, but with an estimated 90 million pet cats in the United States, two-thirds of them allowed outdoors, the cumulative effect on birds is significant, according to experts.

"In the recent oil spill, fewer than 10,000 birds were killed in the Gulf [of Mexico] that we know of," said Steve Hutchins of the Bethesda-based [Wildlife Society](#). "But literally millions of migratory birds are killed every year by feral and free-roaming pet cats. It's a serious environmental problem." This is, as Marra realizes, "a charged issue." For gardeners seeking to attract cardinals, chickadees and goldfinches with feeders, baths and bird-friendly plantings, the sight of a neighbor's cat stalking and killing these feathered friends can be extremely upsetting. Cat owners, however, believe their pets need to be outside and that having a bell on their collar will warn birds of their approach.

Experts say that the birds don't heed the bells or that cats learn to keep them silent. Either way, collar bells "can reduce their hunting effectiveness a little bit, but not that much," said Caren Cooper, a research associate at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Threatened species?

Scientists trying to quantify this problem have come up with some alarming figures.

The number of pet cats in the United States has tripled in the past four decades, and each outdoor cat kills between four and 54 birds a year, according to wildlife biologists Nico Dauphiné and Robert J. Cooper in a review paper published last year by the bird conservation consortium [Partners in Flight](#). They estimated that at least one billion birds are killed by cats annually, "and the actual number is probably much higher."

"Two-thirds of all bird species are in decline in the U.S.," said Steve Holmer, a policy adviser with the [American Bird Conservancy](#) in Washington. "Cats are a contributing factor."

Human impact

Feline advocates say that our society accepts cats as outdoor animals and that birds face greater threats than cats.

Elizabeth Parowski, the spokeswoman for [Alley Cat Allies](#), says there is no evidence that cats are affecting overall bird populations or species. It's humans, not felines, that are the leading cause of bird mortality, said Parowski, whose Bethesda-based group is a national advocacy organization for stray cats. Tens of millions of birds die from being hit by cars or flying into buildings.

"Another 67 million [die] from exposure to pesticides," she wrote in an e-mail. "These figures do not even begin to take into account the direct impact of habitat loss. In metropolitan Washington alone, suburban development has destroyed thousands of acres of wildlife habitat over the last 15 years."

Bird advocates, however, believe that if the public had a better understanding of the scale of the bird carnage, there would be less willingness to let cats roam at will.

Nancy Peterson, the [Humane Society of the United States'](#) cat programs manager, said "the cat-versus-the-birds debate is a real one, [but] we feel it's really unproductive to continue the debate." She said it's "unfeasible" to expect the issue of feral cats to go away. But for pet cats, "they should be indoors or sufficiently supervised on their property," she said.

Baby catbirds study

For Marra, the problem goes beyond a personal interest. As a research associate at the [Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute](#), he recruited a network of backyard birders named Neighborhood Nestwatch to help study the fortunes of baby catbirds in neighborhoods in Bethesda and Takoma Park.

The researchers picked neighborhoods with dense and light cat populations and tracked spring nestlings with radio transmitters. In the neighborhoods with a lot of cats, 80 to 90 percent of the fledglings died, most of them killed by cats. In the other areas, about 50 percent died, a rate found in nature, he said. The results suggest that catbirds in cat-heavy areas are not able to reproduce at a rate that is sustainable. The predators "aren't feral cats; they're domestic cats allowed to go outside," he said. "And this is just one [bird] species."

Cornell's Cooper said that of the 836 species protected under the [Migratory Bird Treaty Act](#), "about a quarter are in some kind of trouble." Two summers ago, she saw a cat take two fledgling mourning doves whose progress she had followed as nestlings.

What you can do

Wildlife biologists say that the remedy is to keep pet cats indoors. This is healthier for the cat as well as the birds, they say. Cats that roam outside are more likely to suffer injuries from cars, dogs and other cats, to contract life-threatening diseases and to become prey themselves, they say.

Hutchins said that if cat owners want to have their pets in the garden with them, as many do, they can be kept on a leash or contained in enclosed cat runs.

Strays and out-and-out feral cats are also a significant problem for birds. Dauphiné and Roberts say there may be as many as 100 million such cats in the country. They argue that increasing efforts to control feral cat colonies through sterilization rather than euthanasia don't seem to be reducing numbers, largely because new migrants join the colonies.

Of course, turning an outdoor cat into an indoor cat is not as easy as it sounds. Sue Mandeville, a retired university employee and gardener in Springfield, Ore., said she tried to keep her three cats inside after they started catching birds. "They became very angry at me," she said, and showed it by marking parts of the house with urine. The standoff lasted three weeks, and "everyone was miserable."

Mandeville gave up on keeping her cats under house arrest; wondering how she could have them outside without killing birds, she came up with the idea of a bib. She cut up the leather tongue of her husband's boot and attached it like a shield hanging from the cat's collar. She refined the design and now uses two-millimeter-thick neoprene bibs that weigh "less than a chickadee," she said. "It gently interferes with their timing and coordination," she said. "They can still climb trees and jump on counters and run," but it makes them much less dangerous to birds. She sells the CatBib from her Web site, <http://www.catgoods.com>.

This is a recent photo of the lake. We ask all residents to refrain from throwing things in the lake. It costs all of us homeowners to have this removed and it doesn't reflect our pride in our community.



CCSD School Calendar

December

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Dec. 20-31 - Winter Holidays

January

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Jan. 17 - MLK Day



It's that special time again! Santa will be stopping at the Depot in Downtown Acworth on Friday, December 3 from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm. There will be a host of performances to help Santa kickoff the holiday season.

Bring the entire family to hear Mayor Tommy Allegood read *The Night Before Christmas* and watch the lighting of the Tree on Main Street.

Enjoy pictures with Mr. & Mrs. Claus, eating candy canes with all his elves, and filling the streets with the holiday spirit.

Arrive at the Depot at 5:15 p.m. to schedule your picture time with the Clauses, pictures begin at 6:45 p.m. Time slots for pictures are limited so arrive early to schedule your picture time.



<http://www.bigchickenchorus.org/>

A Radio Days Christmas

Ticket sales are brisk. Order now to get the best available seats.

Our Christmas show will be filled with Christmas carols. [Rhubarb Jones](#) will be our MC for all three shows at the [Jennie Anderson Theater](#) next to the Cobb Civic Center:

- Sat Dec 11, 2010 3:00 PM
- Sat Dec 11, 2010 7:30 PM
- Sun Dec 12, 2010 3:00 PM

Tickets prices:

- \$17.00 for adults
- \$15.00 for students
- \$15.00 for patrons 60 years of age or older
- \$15.00 for groups of 10 or more

You may order tickets online at <https://web.memberclicks.com/mc/quickForm/viewForm.do?orgId=bicc&formId=88370> or call our ticket line at 770-438-9752. For groups of 10 or more, please call 770-438-9752.



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<u>Oct. 4 – Nov. 3</u> Mondays/Wednesdays 6:00pm – 9:00pm <u>Oct. 9 – Nov. 6</u> Saturdays 8:00am – 2:30pm	<u>Jan. 11 – Feb. 10</u> Tuesdays/Thursdays 6:00pm – 9:00pm NOT AT HARRISON <u>Jan. 15 – Feb. 12</u> Saturdays 8:00am – 2:30pm <u>Feb. 28 – March 30</u> Mondays/Wednesdays 6:00pm – 9:00pm <u>Feb. 26 – March 26</u> Saturdays 8:00am – 2:30pm	<u>April 19 – May 19</u> Tuesdays/Thursdays 6:00pm – 9:00pm <u>April 16 – May 14</u> Saturdays 8:00am – 2:30pm <u>Summer Schedule</u> TBA

One Week Class Kell High School Only

Fall Break Class – Sept. 20,21,22,23 – 8:00am/4:00pm

One Week Class Marietta High School Only

Holiday Break Class - Dec. 27,28,29,30, – 8:00am/4:00pm

Winter Break Class – Feb. 22,23,24,25 – 8:00am/4:00pm

Spring Break Class – April 4,5,6,7 – 8:00am/4:00pm

Two Week Classes at Marietta High Only

Thursday, Sept. 16 & 23, 6:00pm – 9:00pm	Thursday, Nov. 4 & 11, 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Saturday, Sept. 18 & 25, 8:00am – 4:00pm	Saturday, Nov. 6 & 13, 8:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, Sept. 19 & 26, 1:00pm – 5:30pm	Sunday, Nov. 7 & 14, 1:00pm – 5:30pm

Thursday, Jan. 20 & 27, 6:00pm – 9:00pm	Thursday, Mar. 3 & 10, 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Saturday, Jan. 22 & 29, 8:00am – 4:00pm	Saturday, Mar. 5 & 12, 8:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, Jan. 23 & 30, 1:00pm – 5:30pm	Sunday, Mar. 6 & 13, 1:00pm – 5:30pm

The Durham Middle School

Holiday Cookie Contest

RULES: Cookies must be homemade and all trays must be disposable. Tape your name to the bottom of the tray - we will assign a number and remove your name before judging. Gift card prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. (\$25, \$15, \$10)

JUDGING: A ballot box will be placed next to each cookie tray of cookies that is submitted. Durham teachers will place their vote for the BEST COOKIE AT DURHAM!

Goosey... Chewy... Crunchie.....
No matter what type
they are, we want you to
bring us your best!



Join us for the
*1st Annual Durham
Holiday Cookie Contest*

When: December 8th, 2010

Where: The Wildcat Lab

Time: 10:30 am

(Cookies may be dropped off in the office prior to school if necessary!)

*Please R.S.V.P. by Nov. 30th that you plan to enter so that we can have a ballot box ready for your cookie entry! When responding, please send your name and the type of cookie you will be providing to cookiecontest@durhampts.com
GOOD LUCK!!!*

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A WhizzBall! puzzle is made up of a grid, a drop funnel (where a metal ball is dropped), a round target (where the ball should end up), and building bricks. The building bricks roll, bounce, direct, punch, and throw the ball towards the target. [Play Whizzball! here.](#)



Ask the Expert: What are some ideas on "brainy" activities we can do on a cross-country road trip to sneak in some learning this Holiday?

The Holidays are a time for road trips, family outings, no school, and lots of time in the car. Take advantage of old games we've all played as kids with some fun new twists. [Find out some great brainy activities for the road in this month's Ask the Expert!](#)

Online Game: Would Santa Hire You as an Elf Because of Your Great Memory?

The holidays are full of stress, worry, and lots of sugar. All of these can affect your memory, at least temporarily. See if your mind is as sharp as one of Santa's elves, even after you ate your 27th snowman cookie! Find reindeer, angels, presents, boots, skates, and other Christmas items. Start off easy and progress to very hard. As a bonus, a sweet little elf will tell you when you have one right! (Note: it may take a little time to load.)

[Play here.](#)



Ask an Expert: My son just took an IQ test. He tested fairly high, but has difficulties learning and reading. How can that be? What does his IQ really tell us?

IQ, or Intelligence Quotient, is a measurement that most people see as the absolute final number that determines our intelligence (and potential) now and possibly for life. But, this one number does not tell the whole story. It may be hiding weaknesses you never knew about. Thankfully our brains are always changing, and with focused practice and brain exercise, IQ does not have to stay the same forever. [Find out the answers to this month's Ask the Expert here!](#)



¡Feliz Navidad!
¡Prospero Año!
Warm up your bellies and brains with some [Mexican Hot Chocolate](#)

Smart Mom's Travel Toy Box: 7 Christmas Gift Ideas for Planes, Trains, and Automobiles

Maybe this Christmas and New Year's, you'll be traveling somewhere: to find a tree, to get a creamy mug of hot chocolate, to a neighboring state, or to the sledding hill. No matter where you are traveling—or the distance you are going—it's always handy to have a travel-sized game that can fit in a pocket, snowboard bag, or stocking. Here are 7 travel-sized games that are sure to give your craniums a good workout and keep them warm this winter. [Check out this Smart Mom's Travel Toy Box.](#)

Come Bounce Your Brain with Us!!

You're Invited ~ Save the Date!

Join us on Thursday, December 16th for a FREE Event from 5:00-7:00 at BounceU in Kennesaw.

LearningRx Kennesaw, BounceU in Kennesaw and Acworth Parks & Recreation Horizon League have teamed up to offer you a **FREE** extraordinary night of Jumping, Brain Training fun, educational toy samples, pizza & drinks, local vendors with free giveaways and coupons, plus much more!! While the kids jump, parents can enjoy a Free Seminar on "**Bounce the Brain ~ How Exercise is Important for the Brain**", while participating in some interactive brain training fun. Come find out who LearningRx is and what we can do to help you or your child. Also, learn about the many resources for your children in the local community that help to encourage, promote and enhance their educational growth.

****The first 150 kids to RSVP will receive a free gift bag of goodies!****

This event is free, but you must RSVP to reserve your spot.

****Please indicate the ages of your children****

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Physical Exercise Does a Body and Mind Good: Work Out Your Brain!

When you work out, not only do you tone your leg and arm muscles, but you keep your brain in shape, too. Physical exercise is essential for mental health.



What most people don't realize, however, is that your brain also stays in better shape when you exercise. And not just challenging your noggin by, for example, learning a new language, doing difficult crosswords or taking on other intellectually stimulating tasks. As researchers are finding, *physical* exercise is critical to vigorous mental health, too.

Surprised? Although the idea of exercising cognitive machinery by performing mentally demanding activities-popularly termed the "use it or lose it" hypothesis-is better known, a review of dozens of studies shows that maintaining a mental edge requires more than that. Other things you do-including participating in activities that make you think, getting regular exercise, staying socially engaged and even having a positive attitude-have a meaningful influence on how effective your cognitive functioning will be.

To learn more about LearningRx Kennesaw, visit us at: learningrx.com/kennesaw

To learn more about BounceU in Kennesaw, visit us at: bounceu.com

To learn more about Acworth Parks & Recreation Horizon League Dept., visit us at: acworth.org/aprd

To learn more about LearningRx, go to: www.learningrx.com/kennesaw

Mailbox Corner

If your mailbox needs help before winter sets in, paint for Camden Pointe mailboxes can be purchased at the Acworth Home Depot on Hwy 41. **Ask for Camden Pointe Green.**



If mailbox post is beyond repair, contact Greg Blake at 770-917-0869 or Mark Rice 770-427-1777. Both can build the official Camden Pointe mailbox post. New mail box post protectors email Ralph Sillesky at rsillesky@yahoo.com or call Southern State Signs at 770-529-5945.

December Tennis Schedule

1-Dec	Wednesday	Tournament assistance money mailed out
4-Dec	Saturday	Winter captains' meetings - all leagues
5-Dec	Sunday	End-of-year EC dinner
8-Dec	Wednesday	Spring 2011 roster information letters mailed
12-Dec	Sunday	End-of-year BOD dinner
15-Dec	Wednesday	Application deadline - Junior Challenge Ladder (2nd session)
24/27		
Dec	Fri./Mon.	Office closed - Christmas holiday
31-Dec	Friday	Office closed - New Year's Eve

ALTA 2010 A6 Winter Mixed Champions! Captained by Doug Page



The HOA Board of Directors knows most Camden Pointe Dog owners are responsible, loving pet-owners and good neighbors too. Unfortunately, there are some who are not.

We have been receiving an increasing number of complaints lately about dogs in our neighborhood. These complaints range from those who are simply not being courteous, responsible dog owners to outright animal cruelty violations.

If you're a dog owner, please make note of the following major complaints:

- Curb your dog when out walking him/her. No one wants to have to clean up after your animal.
- Keep your dog from excessive barking.
- Keep your animal from chasing cars, bikes, people.



If any of those might apply to you, you are not only annoying your neighbors, but you're breaking the law. See Official Code of Cobb County GA, Chapter 10, Article 1 (Nuisance Animals) **Nuisance animal means any animal that:**

(1) Damages, soils, defiles, eliminates or defecates on private property other than its owner's property or on public property;

(2) Causes unsanitary or offensive conditions or otherwise endangers public health, welfare or safety;

(3) Causes a disturbance by barking, howling or other noisemaking for a period of more than 15 minutes;

(4) Chases vehicles, bicycles, or people;

(5) Is in estrus and not confined in a manner which can keep it away from intact males of the same species; or

(6) Causes serious annoyance to a neighboring residence and interferes with the reasonable use and enjoyment of that property.

Finally, when not out walking your dog on a leash, keep your animal adequately contained in either a home, fenced yard, or invisible fence...NOT ON A CHAIN, ROPE, ETC. We've been getting several reports of animals on chains, etc. This too is against the law.

See Official Code of Cobb County GA, Chapter 10, Article 11 (Control of An Animal)

Restraint of dogs and/or animals shall be maintained as follows:

- a. When upon the premises of the owner, all animals shall be kept indoors or in a primary enclosure as defined by this chapter in such a manner as to contain the animal within the bounds of the owner's premises, or on a leash in the hands of a person that possesses the ability to restrain the animal. Tethering as a means of primary enclosure is not permitted.
- b. When off the premises of the owner, all animals shall at a minimum be maintained on an appropriate chain, leash or tie not exceeding 6 feet in length, and in the hands of a person who possesses the ability to restrain the animal.

Please help keep Camden Pointe the family and animal friendly neighborhood we all love.



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