



Chamber Chatter

July 13, 2009

Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau
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Kyle, TX 78640

www.KyleChamber.org
512-268-4220

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2009

14 All Day –FREE Small Business Counseling through the TxState SBDC – Depot – Call 512-268-4220 to set up an appointment

17&18 Harry Potter fundraiser benefiting CTMC Hospice – Starplex Theatre in San Marcos – call 512-393-9995 for more info

18 8:00am –Passport Fair – Kyle HEB plus

18 9:00am – Christmas in July benefiting Hays County Area Food Bank at Old Town Gift Emporium– 200 W. Center St. in downtown Kyle

24 8:50pm –Movies in the Park presents: Madagascar II – Gregg-Clarke Park

25 Plum Creek presents Movies in the Park featuring Pink Panther at Fergus Park – Movie begins at dusk

28 11:30am –Kyle Chamber Back to School Luncheon/Backpack Drive sponsored by [Randolph Brooks FCU](#) – Kyle Elementary – Now accepting RSVPs! [Click Here!](#)

30 9:00am –RESCHEDULED Golf Committee Meeting – Kyle City Hall

30 6:00pm –Texas Old Town Open House – 1205 Roland Lane – RSVP at 512-396-1800

September 10& 11

Kyle Annual Classic Golf Calcutta & Golf Tournament sponsored by Jamail & Smith Construction
Celebrity guest Jesse James Leija

Back to School Kyle Chamber Luncheon/Backpack Drive

Sponsored by:

Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

11:30am-1:00pm

Lunch Room at Kyle Elementary

500 W. Blanco Street in Downtown Kyle

with Guest Speaker: **Dr. Jeremy Lyon, Hays CISD Superintendent of Schools**

Every year the Kyle Chamber partners with Hays CISD and Randolph Brooks FCU to ensure that students at Hays CISD have a backpack when they return to school in the fall. This year we are hoping to make the Backpack Drive the biggest & best! Please bring with you new backpacks to be donated to students at Hays CISD. All sizes are welcome, especially rolling backpacks!

We will also be recognizing a record 13 new members! Join us as we welcome them to the Kyle Chamber!

Cost for the Luncheon in \$10 for members/ \$15 for future members if you RSVP by Monday, July 27 or if you pay at the door, cost for the luncheon is \$15 for members & \$20 for future members. To RSVP, [Click Here!](#) Space is Limited, RSVP Today!



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Tips on how to get the most out of your page on the Award-Winning Kyle Chamber Website!

- Create your member webpage. Include your logo, photos and text on your page. Don't forget to add links to your site! For assistance with your webpage, contact Josiesque Designs at updates@josiesque.com
- Sign up to participate in the BRAND NEW [Member to Member Benefits Page!](#) Submit your discounts to offer to fellow chamber members by emailing updates@josiesque.com with the subject line: Member to Member. Also don't forget to check this page often when you need supplies or service...Remember Members First!
- Have a job opening or an event that you would like to promote? Send it to us at info@kylechamber.org and we will get your job posting on our [Employment Opportunities Page](#) or your event on our online [Calendar of Events](#).

All of these benefits are included in your membership, so take advantage of them!

**Passport Fair
H-E-B Kyle Plus
5401 South FM 1626**

**Saturday, July 18th
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

General Adult Passport Requirements*:
 Passport Application - visit <http://www.ci.san-marcos.tx.us/cityhall/cityclerk/Passports.htm>
 or www.travel.state.gov
 Proof of US Citizenship (birth certificate, long form)
 Proof of identity (valid driver's license)
 Two recent color passport photographs, available at H-E-B, and fees in check or money order
 *Children under the age of 18: refer to website for requirements

City of San Marcos City Clerks will be on hand to process passports! Routine service takes 4 – 6 weeks*

For questions, phone 512-268-7900



Walk-ins accepted until 2 p.m. however, do anticipate a wait time.

Don't miss **Christmas in July** at



Saturday, July 18, 9 a.m - 6 p.m.

benefitting **Hays County Food Bank!**

- ~ Brain Freeze Sno-Cones
- ~ Monkey Moon Walk
- ~ Discounts storewide!
- ~ **FREE Lone Star Kettle Corn** (with non-perishable food item or cash donation.)



200 W. Center Street, Kyle | 512-262-0773

IRS Summertime Tax Tip: Tax Benefits for Job Seekers

Many taxpayers spend time during the summer months polishing their résumé and attending career fairs. If you are searching for a job this summer, you may be able to deduct some of your expenses on your tax return.

Here are the top six things the IRS wants you to know about deducting costs related to your job search.

1. In order to deduct job search costs, the expenses must be spent on a job search in your current occupation. You may not deduct expenses incurred while looking for a job in a new occupation.
2. You can deduct employment and outplacement agency fees you pay while looking for a job in your present occupation. If your employer pays you back in a later year for employment agency fees, you must include the amount you receive in your gross income up to the amount of your tax benefit in the earlier year.
3. You can deduct amounts you spend for preparing and mailing copies of a résumé to prospective employers as long as you are looking for a new job in your present occupation.
4. If you travel to an area to look for a new job in your present occupation, you may be able to deduct travel expenses to and from the area. You can only deduct the travel expenses if the trip is primarily to look for a new job. The amount of time you spend on personal activity compared to the amount of time you spend looking for work is important in determining whether the trip is primarily personal or is primarily to look for a new job.
5. You cannot deduct job search expenses if there was a substantial break between the end of your last job and the time you begin looking for a new one.
6. You cannot deduct job search expenses if you are looking for a job for the first time.

For more information about job search expenses, see IRS Publication 529, [Miscellaneous Deductions](#). This publication is available on the IRS Web site, IRS.gov or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

Free Business Counseling!

Need help writing a business plan? Do you have a business idea? Are you a new or existing business owner? Then the services that the Texas State Small Business Development Center offers are right for you!

A representative from the TxState SBDC comes to the Kyle Chamber office the 2nd Tuesday of every month to answer any questions and provide you with guidance for your business.

Appointments go fast, so if you are interested in a free, confidential meeting, call 512-268-4220 to set up your appointment!



There are less than 100 days left until Seton Medical Center Hays, a member of the Seton Family of Hospitals, will open its doors to the public. Contact us for a tour of the Come see the largest and most comprehensive healthcare facility in Hays County before the doors are open in the fall. (512) 324-5826
www.seton.net

Volunteer Opportunities with Meals on Wheels

If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity or know someone who is, contact Shelley Pulliam at www.lifeinashan@gmail.com.

Meals on Wheels delivers meals 5 days a week. There are two routes and the drivers pick up noon meals in Kyle, deliver them and are finished in about 45 minutes.



Sponsorship Opportunities for the **2009 Kyle Annual Classic & Calcutta** presented by: The Kyle Chamber of Commerce & Jamail & Smith Construction are now available!

Kyle Annual Classic & Calcutta

September 10 & 11

Plum Creek Golf Course

With Celebrity Guest Player, Jesse James Leija, two-time World Boxing Champion!

Visit www.KYLEANNUALCLASSIC.com and find the sponsorship that's right for you!