



Summer Newsletter



It is almost time for the heat!

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Summer Fun Ideas

Are you ready for another hot summer? Let us help you find fun and exciting new things to do to help you stay cool. Below is a list of things to do with your kids, but don't forget about yourself! Come to M.O.M.S. Night Out and the retreat this summer. Have a great time getting to know other moms.

- ☞ Hamilton Aquatic Center and other local pools in Chandler www.chandleraz.gov/default.aspx?pageid=301 For a weekly public pool swim date, contact April Ellis at saaellis@msn.com.
- ☞ Phoenix Zoo www.phoenixzoo.org/ Animals, splash pad, play area.
- ☞ Way2Play Café www.way2playcafe.com/ New play center in Chandler.
- ☞ Splash pads and parks all over the valley phoenix.about.com/od/publicswimmingpools/ss/splash_5.htm
- ☞ Chandler parks chandleraz.gov/default.aspx?pageid=288
- ☞ Michael's Kids Club Imagination Saturdays www.michaels.com \$2-3 per project. Click on store locator and then events at a specific location.
- ☞ www.arizonamama.com Amazing resource for moms in Arizona.
- ☞ Bounce U www.bounceu.com/ Fun bouncing for all ages.
- ☞ Home Depot Children's Workshop www.homedepot.com Free workshop where kids 5-12 do a small construction project. Must be accompanied by an adult. First Saturday of each month.
- ☞ Golfland Sunsplash and Big Surf www.golfland.com Water park and amusements.
- ☞ Fiddlesticks www.fiddlesticksaz.com Family amusements in Tempe.
- ☞ Jungle Jim's Playland www.jeepers.com Amusements and games.
- ☞ Local parks and playgrounds phoenix.parentzone.com/parentresources.asp?prid=461
- ☞ East Valley events www.kidscelebratemagazine.com/events/eventsindex.shtml
- ☞ www.starfall.com/ Great in-home ideas to do with your kids.
- ☞ Don't forget ice-skating, roller skating, museums, movies, pottery painting, children's theaters, mall play areas and bowling. There are so many things to do. Check your email for M.O.M.S. fun events.



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A Special Mom...



Spotlight on
April Ellis



Are you expecting?
We can help!
Contact Jenna Jefferson
at 480.507.3525 or
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so we can bring you
some meals to make the
transition a bit easier.

My name is April Ellis and I'm the Playgroup Coordinator for MOMS. I joined MOMS 3 ½ years ago after moving to Chandler from north Phoenix. I'm one of those few people who actually grew up in Arizona, although I did live in San Diego for about nine years during college and thereafter.

I've been married to my wonderful husband, Scot, for 8 ½ years. We have two fun little boys, Tyler who just turned 4 and Dylan who is about to turn 2. In my former non-mom life, I was a Human Resources Professional. I worked in all aspects of the field, including hiring Engineers and firing Architects. But my favorite HR job was recruiting people to work with the disabled.

I do love my current job as a Stay-At-Home Mom. I certainly have days where I wonder what it would be like to have full sentence conversations with actual adults. And of course the "Maid" in bold print of this job description is a bit frustrating. But as many of you know the benefits are extraordinary. I feel very blessed to get to hang with my kids, who I of course love with all my heart,

but also are just so much fun. I consider it an amazing blessing to live this life.

I do regard talking and power shopping to be two of my favorite hobbies. Additionally, I enjoy jogging and scrapbooking. I also love collecting quotes, and according to my husband, you can read your way through our home décor. My favorite quote right now, is from Abe Lincoln. He states, "Whatever you are, be a good one." I hope with God's grace I can do just that!

I actually have lots of favorite verses. I love the beatitudes! But as far as a verse I cling to, Matthew 6:33-34(a) is way up on my list. I tend to be a worrier and a bit neurotic (thank goodness for friends who are neurotic too!) so I often remember: "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself." When I start becoming too focused on the ifs or whats of life, this verse in Matthew just reminds me that I need to search after only one thing in life. What a great reminder.

Play Groups

Are you looking for a great way to get to know other moms? Are you looking for a place for your kids to play with other kids their age? Join a playgroup! There are new groups forming. Or start a playgroup! Please contact April Ellis at saeellis@msn.com for more information.

M.O.M.S. Tip:

By Kaylene Schulze

As you are driving home and your young child asks, "where are we going?", dictate your actual street address instead of saying "home". They will have your home address memorized in no time.



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Upcoming Events...

May

16 M.O.M.S. Night Out 7pm at Cheesecake Factory (Chandler Mall)
21 Pajama shopping for the M.O.M.S. Overnighter (look for email)
21 M.O.M.S. Morning Out 9am-12pm (pre-registration required)
23 Meal Makers 7pm

June

1-2 Annual Overnighter at Gainey Suites in Scottsdale (please register)
13 M.O.M.S. Night Out 7pm at Garcia's (AZ Ave/Ocotillo)
20 Swim Day at Lindberg Home 11:00am

July

11 Meal Makers 7pm
18 M.O.M.S. Night Out 7pm at Old Chicago (AZ Ave/Ocotillo)
20 Swim Day at Lindberg Home 11:00am

August

5 M.O.M.S. Meeting
15 M.O.M.S. Night Out 7pm (Place TBD)
20 M.O.M.S. Morning Out 9am-12pm (pre-registration required)

View all Women's Network events at
www.cornerstonechandler.com/women

We Might Be Looking for You!

Are you ready to take on the next challenge in your life while serving God at the same time? Are you ready to make a difference in someone else's life while helping M.O.M.S. succeed more than ever? If you are ready for long lasting, meaningful friendships, then this may be for you!

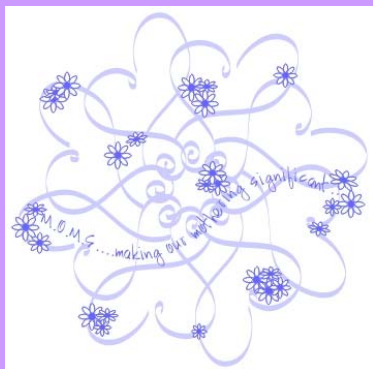
There are several ways you can help the M.O.M.S. leadership team succeed in 2007/2008. The leadership team is currently looking for moms who want to step up and help with the following positions.

Set up/Clean up Assistants- We need help setting up for the M.O.M.S. meetings the day before and staying after the meetings to clean up.

Table Hostesses- This would be a

one year commitment in which you would be assigned a table to foster communication between first time and regular M.O.M.S. members during the first hour of M.O.M.S. Table discussions or questions would be provided for you so your responsibility would be to get everyone talking and feel included. We believe this is another way for moms to get connected, not feel alone, and be able to attend events with the comfort of knowing other moms. We are very hopeful that everyone will want to participate throughout the year.

If you are interested in helping M.O.M.S. for 2007-2008 with any of these positions, please contact Amy Ibach at 480.247.6288 or amy_ibach_1@yahoo.com.



We strive to encourage and support mothers with children from infancy through elementary age. M.O.M.S. is a place where you can be yourself, build lasting relationships and receive resources that are relevant to you. We hope that you will join us! Our Monday morning meetings are held in multipurpose room from 9:00-11:00 am.

Our monthly M.O.M.S. meetings offer free childcare. There is no need to register. Please come join us and bring a friend as we Make our Mothering Significant!

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Sunday Services

8:30 am
10:00 am
11:30 am
5:00 pm

2007 Meetings

August 6th
"Don't Just Survive, Thrive!"
with Sharon Wilkens, author
and Disney Teacher of the
Year

September 10th
"The Tapestry of Your Life"
with Aly Lemons

October 22nd
"Creative Romance"
with Shelley Marshall

November 5th
"Creative Holiday Decorating"
with Nancy Hunter, designer

December 3rd
4th Annual Christmas Brunch
and Ornament Exchange

M.O.M.S. Tip:
By Jenna Jefferson
Since it is starting to get hot,
keep a spray bottle full of
water in your car and spray
down your kids' car seats
before they get in. The
combination of the water and
the air from the A/C cools
down hot buckles and straps
almost immediately.



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We'd like to hear from you...

Please feel free to contact the Leadership Team with questions, comments or suggestions. If you have an article, poem or announcement that you would like published in future M.O.M.S. Newsletters, contact Jennifer Acevedo. *This newsletter is published four times a year in February, May, August and November.*