

Local Events and Happenings

Fri, Sept. 25th (TODAY)

ILMS Early Release Activity: Melissa Bible has set up Early Release Activities for parents who would like to get together after school on Early Release Days. This month, the Early Release Activity is at **WILLS PARK**, (1820 Old Milton Parkway, Alpharetta, GA) For more info: <http://www.willspark.com/>. We will meet at Wacky World, the large wooden play are next to the pool. If it rains, the alternative location is **CATCH AIR**, Cumming– BRING SOCKS. For more info: www.catchairparty.com

Sat, Sept. 26th

7th Annual Play at the Park Family Fun Festival at Central Park: will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Free Admission) Activities include a petting zoo, magic show, carnival area, face painting, tree climbing, inflatables, train rides, hay rides and a shopping zone. There will also be a variety of entertainment and Food vendors. Central Park is at 2300 Keith Bridge Road (Hwy. 306) in Cumming. For more info: (770) 781-2215.

Free kids fishing event, for children 16 and younger, will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the **lower pool just below Buford Dam** off Buford Dam Drive. Life jackets are recommended, and bait will be provided. Some loaner rod and reels will be available. Hot dogs and drinks are provided. For more info, (770) 945-9531 or <http://kidsfishingevent.johnscreekiwanis.org>

Wild Weekend Annual Festival @ Autrey Mill Nature Preserve 11-2pm (Admission free, ticket costs per activity/concession) Live Animal Demonstrations, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Raptor Show, Scout Loop Activities, Games, Crafts, Stories, and more! *Proceeds help fund the continuing operation of Autrey Mill and the preservation of its natural environment and history.

Sat – Sun, Sept. 26-27th

Duluth Fall Festival (3142 Hill Street Duluth, GA) Free Admission. They have over 250 Arts & Crafts vendors participating in the festival each year, with 40 food vendors and more than 50 sponsors. For more info: <http://www.duluthfallfestival.org/>

Tues, Sept 29th through Thurs, Oct.16th

Staying Safe Program Series @ Forsyth Library, Sharon Forks Branch Help keep your family and yourself safe and secure. Attend our **free** [crime prevention programs](#), presented by the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, from September 29th through October 15. *Workshops include: Stranger Danger, Self-Defense for Women, and Internet Safety for Parents* *Pre-registration is required.* For more info: 770-781-9840, Ext. 6707

Wed, Sept. 30 and Wed, Oct 14th

Job Search Program series @ Forsyth Library, Cumming Branch: Are you looking for a job? Is someone you know looking for a job? Help is on the way! The Department of Labor will present a free [Job Search program series](#) at the Cumming Branch. Join us!

September 30th Class: **Age is an Asset**

October 14th Class: **Choosing a New Career/Identifying Job Skills**

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Sat, Oct. 3rd

Crossroads at Crabapple Antique & Art Festival (Downtown Crabapple, 790 Mayfield Road, Milton, Ga) 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. FREE Admission/Parking. A tradition since 1969, this one day only outdoor festival features 50 local juried artists and 50 American Country Antique Dealers from six states. Thousands of antiques, accessories, and unique pieces of art in all mediums will be available. Also included are roaming musicians, food for sale benefiting the Boy and Girl Scouts, children activities from 2 'til 4 p.m., a home tour, and trolley rides. For more info: 770.448.3860.

Thurs, Oct. 8th- Sun, Oct. 18th

Cumming Country Fair and Festival (Cumming Fairgrounds) Featuring old-fashioned fairground fun for the whole family, the Fair offers a variety of attractions from Midway carnival rides, daily ground acts, a petting zoo, fairway foods, and a lineup of great concerts scheduled throughout eleven fun-filled days of entertainment for all ages! For more info: www.cummingfair.net

Sat, Oct. 10th

Alpharetta Amphitheatre: [Third Day Family Picnic: Third Day, Jars of Clay, Glory Revealed](#) Saturday, October 10 at 5:00 pm *doors open at 4:00 pm* Ticket Price: \$76.00, \$46.00, \$31.00 Reserved; \$21.00 Lawn For more info: <http://www.vzwamp.com>

Wild West Fall Festival at The Avenue Forsyth - 11:00am to 4:00pm. Enjoy wild western style family fun at The Avenue Forsyth near Coldwater Creek. **Complimentary** western photos, arts and crafts, face painting, lassoing, marshmallow roasting, horseshoe toss, panning for gems, pony rides and more!

Sat-Sun, Oct. 10th -11th

2009 Georgia Apple Festival (Elijay, GA)- Adults - \$5.00, Children under 10 are FREE. There are over 300 vendors with handmade, hand-crafted items, as well as many on-site demonstrations of how selected types of crafts are made. (Elijay Lions Club Fairgrounds, South of Elijay, off Hwy. 5) For more info: <http://www.georgiaapplefestival.org/>

Sat-Sun, Oct. 17th-18th

2009 Georgia Apple Festival (Elijay, GA)-continues this weekend. (see above for info)

Sat, Oct. 24th

Halloween Hayrides and Haunts (Wills Park Recreation Center) FREE EVENT: 10am-1pm. Come for some outdoor howling family fun! Take a hayride through Wills Park, listen to ghost stories, dress up for our costume contests (infants, children, and pets), and jump on SPOOKtacular inflatables. **All activities are free to the public.** Hayrides will run every 15 minutes. Parking is available at the Wills Park Recreation Center located on Wills Road. For more info: 678-297-6130.

Fri, Oct. 30th

ILMS Early Release Activity: For October, the Early Release Activity will be at Sawnee Mountain Preserve. For more info: <http://www.sawneemountain.org/>