



All children need to be truly creative in the freedom to commit themselves to the effort and make whatever activity they are doing their own. What's important in any creative act is the act of self expression. Creativity fosters mental growth by giving opportunities for trying out new ideas, new ways of thinking and problem solving. Creative activities help acknowledge a child's uniqueness and diversity as well as offer opportunities to personalize our teaching and focus on each child.

" Play is the business of childhood, allowing your child free rein to experiment with the world around him and the emotional world inside him."  
- Linda Acredolo, Prof. of Psychology University of CA.

Creative and physical play are vital parts of these experiences. Children learn most about the world through play, and a properly guided series of opportunities will only expound this!

**South Gwinnett GPCS High School**

**Chess Championship** — Apr 16<sup>th</sup>  
Open to all GCPS high school student  
Please bring proof of attendance at a GCPS.

**Saturday , April 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-5:00p**  
South Gwinnett High School, 2288 East Main Street, Snellville GA 30078  
Tournament held in the Common area  
Free of Charge – pre-reg by emailing Kirk Buis at SGHS. Reg Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-8:45am. Email Kirk at...  
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**Art News...**

**Atlanta Film Festival**  
**April 15-23, 2010 - Various Locations throughout Atlanta Georgia**

The **34th Annual Atlanta Film Festival** promises to be an *exciting* Viewing Event. Experience **9 Days of intense film viewing**, where you can indulge in *every type* of cinema from the US & around the World.

**Screenings, Panels & Workshops** will be held at several different locations; including Regal Cinemas Hollywood 24, The Carter Center, Lefont Garden Hills Theater, the High Museum of Art, Piedmont Park, Lab 601, Peachtree Playhouse ... *and ...* the Georgia Center for Advanced Telecommunication Technology.

**Atlanta Dogwood Festival**  
**April 15-17, 2011 - Lenox Square – Buckhead Atlanta Georgia**

The **74th Annual Atlanta Dogwood Festival** will be held at Lenox Square ... from April 15 through April 17. 2011 Dogwood Festival Hours are Friday, Noon - 9:00 PM; Saturday, 10 AM - 9 PM; Sunday, 10 AM - 5 PM.

**Georgia Renaissance Festival**  
**April 16 - June 5, 2011 - 6655 Virlyn B Smith Rd - near the Atlanta Airport**

Enter through the *'castle gates'*... and spend the entire day in *merry old England*. Shop the 15-acre **Artists Marketplace** featuring *thousands* of **Handcrafted Wares**. With Atlanta's mild **Spring Days...** it's the *perfect time* to spend an entire weekend filled with merrymaking, feasting and shopping.

**Georgia Renaissance Festival** hours are: 10:30 AM - 6 PM Saturdays & Sundays, including Memorial Day.



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**Editor's Notes**

With Spring now sprung, daylight saving time in full swing, and school sports taking up the bulk of family time in people's lives these days, we find ourselves overwhelmed by the fact that we perceive that there is so much to accomplish.

Taking a few moments to slow down and smell the figurative "roses" will have a positive mental and physical effect on your family. Take the time to go outside for a picnic, movie, or even a rodeo ( if you have them in your neck of the woods ). Each of our communities can offer a lot of family oriented events that we should take advantage of. My personal favorite is taking my nieces to the park where we watch the free movies on the green while munching on a hoagie. I think we hit all the fun spots in one night...picnic, movie, parks, family, and food. Don't forget to have FUN!!!

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# Activity 10-

Mark Twain wrote about the Jumping Frogs of Calveras County in California back in the 1850's. maybe these are some of their kin?



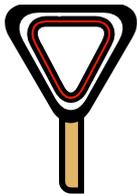
Draw a number 2 and fit



this wavy squiggle over it.



A few more lines will make a sad froggy on a lily pad.



Practice Drawing the shapes, angles, and the perspectives in this case of .... Jumping Frogs!

