



*Pride Community Center of North Central Florida Announces our 11th Annual Holiday Party!*



## ***Pride & Punch***



**December 13th  
7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Join us for the 2013 Pride & Punch Holiday and Volunteer Recognition Party at the Community Center at 3131 NW 13th St.**

Snacks, wine, good company and great conversation. And an opportunity to tell the PCCNCF Volunteers how much we appreciate them!

## **ENTER THE GAINESVILLE 2014 PRIDE THEME CONTEST!**

**\$150 Cash Prize**

for the theme selected by PCCNCF for use as our official 2014 Pride Theme!

This theme will be used on our 2014 Pride Logo, t-shirts, website, Pride Program, and promotional literature. All



submissions become the property of Pride Community Center of North Central Florida.

**Themes must be submitted to Pride Community Center at [pridectr@bellsouth.net](mailto:pridectr@bellsouth.net) by noon on February 10th.**

### **Upcoming Community Events:**

Dec 1: World Aids Day

Dec 1, 4pm: Wimmin's Movie Night

Dec 10, 6-8pm: IQuit Smoking Cessation Seminar

Dec 11, 7pm: Gainesville Queer Reading Group (at Civic Media Ctr)

Dec 13, 7-9pm: Pride & Punch Holiday and Volunteer Recognition Party

Dec 17, 7pm: PFLAG Gainesville Meeting (at United Church of Gainesville)

Dec 27, 7:30pm: Gay Movie Night

Jan 5, 4pm: Wimmin's Movie Night

Jan 10, 7pm: Trans\* Movie Night

Jan 14, 6-8pm: IQuit Smoking Cessation Seminar

Jan 25, 10am-4pm: LGBT Foster/Adoption Training

Feb 1, 6-8pm: Chili Cook-Off

Feb 10: Pride Theme Contest Deadline

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# Gainesville Pride Needs You!

As we celebrate another successful Pride Festival and Parade we will honor our volunteers at the Pride and Punch Holiday party on December 13th. Without the volunteers who make it all possible we cannot have a community center or a Pride Festival here in Gainesville. So please join us to show your appreciation to all of our great volunteers.

We have already begun planning for next year's events but we need you to be a part. Community members are needed to plan and host the parade, festival, and all of the Pride Days events. We also need volunteers to organize and supervise programs and resources that we provide year round at the community center. Will you spare a couple of hours a month to make the Pride Festival and Parade even better next year and support the LGBT community throughout the year? Just send us an e-mail at [pridetr@bellsouth.net](mailto:pridetr@bellsouth.net) or give us a call at 352-377-8915.

## LGBT Foster/ Adoption Training

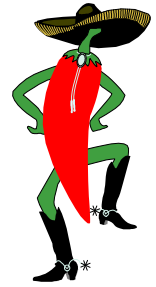
Can you commit to providing  
a loving caring home for a  
child in need?



Partnership for Strong Families will host classes at the Pride Community Center on foster and adoptive care beginning Saturday, January 25 at 10am to 4pm, and occurring

every other Saturday through March 22nd. With 32 foster homes and over fifty children in foster care in Alachua County today, children are being placed an hour or more away from their homes. Join us as we discuss requirements and the dire need for quality foster homes. We will explore the truths and myths facing lesbian and gay foster parents from two of our same-sex foster and adoptive families. We hope to see you become a part of the movement!

## PCCNCF Plans Chili Cook-Off



**Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

**6:00 - 8:00pm**

Join us at the Center to taste the best Chili that Gainesville has to offer. Try them all and then vote for your favorite! Admission and Cash Bar proceeds support the programs of the Center.

Admission, which is \$5-10 (sliding scale), includes a bowl of the "house" chili, chili samples, corn bread, a dessert bar, and all the water you can drink.

We are looking for Chefs to participate in our friendly challenge, so sign up today. Prizes will be awarded to the top three.

For more information, please call the center at **352-377-8915**. To register, send an e-mail to [pridetr@bellsouth.net](mailto:pridetr@bellsouth.net).

## FREE IQuit Smoking Cessation Seminars

You didn't come out to die of lung cancer. The American Cancer Society estimates that over 30,000 LGBT people die each year from tobacco-related diseases. Around 70% of current tobacco users want to quit, but few know there are free programs to help.



IQuit with AHEC, in partnership with Suwannee River AHEC and Tobacco Free Florida, will be hosting FREE classes. The classes will be the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:00pm-8:00pm in November, December, and January.

Tools to Quit at the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida is a two-hour LGBT-friendly seminar where you'll get information on how to select and get ready for your quit date! You'll learn about what triggers you to smoke, dip, or chew, and how to handle withdrawal symptoms. The program offers free nicotine patches, lozenges, and/or gum (while supplies last), as well as follow-up support.

We are here to help you break free from your tobacco addiction. Call to register: 866-341-2730 or visit our website for more information: [www.ahectobacco.com](http://www.ahectobacco.com)

*Please remember PCCNCF in your will/trust.*