

EASTERN

Indie film night slated

GREENVILLE — Join NC Family and Someone's Sister (in partnership with Magnolia Arts Center) as they host two showings of the award-winning film "For The Bible Tells Me So" on Sept. 8 at Topsy Teapot, 409 Evans St., at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$5 donation, payable at the door. For more information, email sisterkatj@yahoo.com.

Road trip time!

GREENVILLE — Pack the Walkie Talkies, wicking underwear and best Mad Lib Words and join the NC Family folks as they take to the road for a fun-filled trip to the Upper Piedmont in October.

The Asheville Pride-White Water Rafting '08 trip is taking reservations now.

The trip includes a road rally on Oct. 9, with caravan to Asheville, stopping along the way to connect with others wishing to join the fun. On Oct. 10, following a group breakfast, roadies will head down to the river for some white water rafting on the French Broad. Later, stop at the hotel to change, then jet over to Wild Wings Cafe for NC Family's annual Wing and Gab.

On Oct. 11, spend time as a group at the Asheville Pride 08 festival. Live music and vendors will be on hand to provide the entertainment.

Still not enough fun? Wait, on Oct. 12, meander along the corridors of downtown Asheville to watch the occasional street dancing, window shop and more. Afterwards, a trip to the Mast

General Store completes the adventure.

To reserve a spot on the river, phone 888-905-7239 and mention the NC Family or reservation number 227500. All raft trip reservations must be complete by Sept. 8.

For more information, email georgia.winfree@suddenlink.com.

TRIANGLE

Imani is looking for you

DURHAM — Imani MCC, in preparation for NC Pride, is seeking volunteers to help plan for the year's festival activities. Interested parties should contact Interim Pastor Rev. Phil Mathews to offer services via email at revphil@imanimcc.org.

Also, Imani is hosting a membership class during August, as well as a Friends & Family Sunday on Aug. 17 (with dinner and prizes following service). Youth Sunday will be held on Aug. 31 when church youth take over the duties normally held by adult members during a special service.

The church recently made a contribution to MCC's Rev. Jide Macaulay and the House of Rainbow MCC in Nigeria to help support their work there. The congregation is offering hope in the midst of oppression and standing up to societal and governmental anti-gay pressures. CNN and CNN International developed a news story feature on the initiative. An online video is available for viewing at www.cnn.com/video/?/video/world/2008/07/17/purefoynigeria.gay.church.cnn.

Imani has also announced that The Fellowship 2009 Leadership Retreat will be

held on Feb. 18-21, 2009 in Charlotte. This retreat is open to all pastors, clergy, and persons serving in leadership. The Fellowship has forged new alliances and networks that should make the 2009 Leadership Retreat an empowering event. For more information, visit www.radicallyinclusive.net.

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STATEWIDE

Gear up for Equality Camp

CHARLOTTE — The Human Rights Campaign will hold its Equality Camp on Sept. 6-7. Training at the event will put participants in a position to help make 2008 the Year to Win for LGBT individuals across the country. Elections for 2008 include ones for a new president, all U.S. House members, one-third of the U.S. Senate and thousands of state legislators. Equality Camp can help participants learn how to become more effective at advocating causes and candidates.

Two tracks are available, depending upon individual experience.

The Fundamentals Track is designed to give one a step-by-step primer necessary to be successful at the grassroots level. Topics include planning, recruitment, volunteer coordinating, event fundraising, earned media and creating a local activist plan. Learn the basic skills that are essential to putting campaign issues or local committees in the best position to win.

The Advanced Track is for the more seasoned activist or campaign professional. This track offers the fundamentals of political campaign management. During your sessions,

learn advanced techniques of fundraising, field organizing, media relations, volunteer coordination, targeting, candidate relations and the latest campaign technology.

Ever thought about volunteering for a campaign or already have experience in one? This boot camp will serve to jump start the novice or re-energize those with a higher skillset.

Cost is \$35 and includes a one-year HRC membership.

To register for the camp, visit www.hrcactioncenter.org/ct/B73nPPd1TSgi.

Can ya hula?

PINEHURST — The first Equality NC (ENC) Luau for Equality will be held on Sept. 13, 4-7 p.m. at the home of Michael Edwards. Dancing will follow.

There will be plenty of luau food and drink, plus ENC will have a prize for the person wearing the best Hawaiian shirt.

Room reservations are available at a special rate at the smoke-free Microtel Inn in Southern Pines. Single rate is \$42 and double rate is \$49 plus tax. Their number is 877-693-3738. Mention equality luau.

To register and make a contribution in support of ENC, visit eqfed.org/equalitync/events/20080913/details.tcl?member_key=iivusee2v73jj6n8&. Gifts of \$250 or more will be acknowledged as a sponsor on the website and at the event. Printed invitations will include those who become a sponsor by Aug. 11.

For more information, call Kay Flaminio at 919-699-3501 or email at kay@equalitync.org. info: Announce your community event in NC News Notes. email: editor@q-notes.com or fax 704-531-1361.

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