



September 2021

Concord Family Network Members,

How is it mid-September already? We hope everyone is having a GREAT start to fall and is staying happy and healthy!

We have many new members, which is very exciting! Welcome to those of you who are new to Concord, new to parenting or just new to our Family Network and thank you to all of you who continue to join us. [Concord Family Network](#) (CFN) is a volunteer-run group of working together to unite, inform, and engage Concord families with young children (birth-6 years). Most families live in Concord, but you don't have to! We'd love families with any connection to Concord to join us. CFN aims to provide many opportunities for member families to meet, socialize, and have fun with our kids! We host various theme parties, farm trips, parent events, playground meet ups, speakers and other activities. If you're a member, but have yet to join us at an event, please do! If you'd like to get more involved and volunteer to organize, host or be on a committee, please let us know by emailing [presidentcfn@gmail.com](mailto:presidentcfn@gmail.com). During COVID, we've been following state and local guidelines and have moved most of our events outdoors. You also can always e-mail us and ask if you need more details about an event.

This fall newsletter is going out to all active and recently expired members, so if you think your membership has lapsed, [please renew here](#). Renewing gets you access to our platform on [Tinyhood](#) where we post events and how you will access future newsletters. CFN is \$35 a year for the whole family: the cost supports our insurance, PO Box, subsidizing programming and bringing you some free programming and snacks. If you're not sure of your membership status, please feel free to email [presidentcfn@gmail.com](mailto:presidentcfn@gmail.com) and we can check for you!

We are trying to get in as many outdoor events for as many different factions of CFN families as we can over the next few months and encourage you all to pop onto Tinyhood and check out our offerings and RSVP. Some events require minimum participation numbers to host them, so please let us know if you plan on joining! Most events you can join at the last minute even if you have not RSVPed, but we always appreciate an RSVP (or a RSVP removal if you've realized you can't join!)

We'd like to thank [Sarah Schulsinger](#) for organizing August's mom's night "in" (outside) and [Ashley Healy](#) for hosting and September's Mom's night out at Rapsallion (outside). We'd also like to thank [Tracy DeTora](#) and [Sana Ghaard](#) our farm trip coordinators for a fun blueberry picking event. Thank you to [Anjali Curran](#) and [Allison Flynn](#) our baby activity coordinators for organizing our Stroller Walks!

**Upcoming Events! Check out Tinyhood for details and to RSVP! More events will also be posted soon!**

Friday Sept 17, 5pm: Dad's Night Out: Canoeing

Saturday, Sept 18, 10am: Family Crafts Fall Meetup at Ripley Playscape

Sunday, Sept 19, 2pm: Ninjas in Nature, outside Umbrella

Friday, September 24, 10am: Apple Picking at Honey Pot Hill Orchard

Sunday, September 26, 2pm: Feeling New Social outside in West Concord: this event is for anyone who “feels new” to Concord, CFN, parenting, etc! I’ve been here 2.5 years and still feel new, so if that’s you, please feel free to join!

Throughout October: Self-guided Creature Hunt at Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

Friday, October 1, 630pm: Mom’s Night Out: Paint and Sip at Pinot’s Palette, Lexington

Saturday, October 2, 130pm: Parent Social and Reading Talk outside in West Concord: this event will feature drinks, snacks and casual conversation in addition to a brief talk by Joan Kelley, M.Ed., founder of [Abound Parenting](#), as she explains the easy, everyday things you can do to make a difference for your pre-school/young school aged child, based on the science of reading.

Saturday, October 23, 1030am: Halloween Party outside under the tents at Verrill Farm

Saturday, October 30, 9-10am: Goats & Giggles outside at Chip-In Farm, Bedford (max 20 participants!)