



A fun-filled way to spend your Saturday

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If you're looking for a fun-filled way to spend your Saturday, head over to Hodnett Cooper's Under 17 on 17. The event is geared toward children, but will be held at new communities, Clearwater and Berrie Bluffs, both located off U.S. 17. This will offer a great opportunity for parents to peek at the subdivisions.

Berrie Bluffs is a new development situated on the historic Berrie Plantation site. Homes start in the low \$500s, and a model home is ready for viewing. Amenities include two freshwater lakes, controlled access gates, a lake house with a pool and spa and a community dock on Big Branch Creek.

Clearwater is a family-oriented subdivision with homes starting in the \$250s. The neighborhood also features a multi-million dollar resort-style aquatic center, stocked freshwater lake and a multi-purpose field.

Activities will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and will include pony rides, clowns, a water slide, face painting and more. Things will kick off at Clearwater with hot dogs and hamburgers being served. Festivities will continue at Berrie Bluffs, where kids can help make cookies for dessert.

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How green is your reno? Metropolitan Home weighs in on eco ideas

By **MONIKA MATHUR**
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If you've been sold on something "green" for your home renovation, be careful of the hype.

There's a lot of conflicting information about what's good for the environment and what's not — and there are plenty big claims, says Metropolitan Home editor-in-chief Donna Warner.

"People aren't aware because the information is not clear," Warner says. "It's really important to get professional help; it may be expensive but it can save you money in the long run."

In a special "green" issue of the magazine, Warner and industry experts, including two architects, a planner and an interior designer, weighed in on what's green and what's not:

- Make sure that the house is properly sealed up to reduce energy use but also ventilate it properly to avoid indoor air pollutants.

- Choose wood that is certified by the Forest Stewardship Council, Warner advises.

- For your flooring, select recycled tiles or wool carpeting.

- Remove your shoes at the door because toxins that get carried in them can worsen indoor air quality.

- Put a high-efficiency toilet in your bathroom. Warner is fond of a new device called Aqus that recycles gray water from a single sink to a toilet up to 10 feet away.

- Paint should be non-toxic and have low VOC (volatile organic compounds).

- Buy durable products that last a long time to avoid having to replace them.