## 2010 Spring Consignment Sale Season

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I have a few hobbies and one of them is children's consignment sale shopping. I'm not a cheapskate ... OK, maybe I am. But I just can't see spending retail on something that I know my kids are either going to spit up on, stain or otherwise soil, and grow out of really quickly.

If you're among the uninitiated, children's consignment sales are often organized by local moms or church groups. Some just sell clothes, but most have both toys and clothes and even maternity clothes. The sales are usually held twice a year - in the winter/early spring (where spring and summer clothes are sold) and late summer/early fall (when fall and winter clothes are sold).

The big one ... the Kids Exchange at the State Fairgrounds was last month ... but there are many, many yet to come.

Here's a list of the upcoming sales with the public sale dates. If you consign or volunteer at a sale, you can shop before the public does and get the best deals. Please check a sale's website to learn more about how to consign or volunteer.

Nearly New Clothing Exchange, Falls Village Shopping Center, 6675 Falls of Neuse Rd., Raleigh. The sale is open noon to 8 p.m. Feb. 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 7, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 8 through Feb. 12, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 13 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 14 (some items are 50 percent from 10 to 3 p.m., prices reduced to 75 percent from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.). Maternity clothes available.

The Friendship Closet, Apex United Methodist Church, 100 S. Hughes St., Apex. The sale runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Feb. 5, and 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., Feb. 6 (when some merchandise will be marked down by 50 percent). Maternity clothes available.

**First United Methodist Church of Cary Children's Consignment Sale**, 117 S. Academy St., Cary. The sale runs 8 a.m. to noon Feb. 20. Some items are 1/2 off from 11 a.m. to noon. Maternity clothing available. Early birds can shop starting at 7:45 a.m. with a \$5 donation, which will go to a local family in need.

The Divine Children's Show, Falls Village Shopping Center, 6675-127 Falls of Neuse Rd., Raleigh. The sale is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Feb. 24, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Feb. 25 (when some items are 1/2 off). Grandparents and new moms can shop this sale, which features new and gently used boutique children's clothing, early. Check the Web site for details.

Second Blessings Consignment Sale, Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, 110 SE Maynard Rd., Cary. The sale is open 1 to 7 p.m. Feb. 26 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 27 (it's closed from 12:30 to 1 p.m. and reopens from 1 to 3 p.m. when items are 1/2 off). Maternity clothes available.

The Monkey Exchange, North Hills Club, 4824 Yadkin Drive, Raleigh. The show, featuring

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boutique children's clothing, is from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 4. The sale features clothing from all seasons. Free babysitting is provided.

<u>Kidz Stuff Children's Consignment Sale</u>, Hayes Barton Baptist Church, 1800 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh. The public sale is 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. March 4, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 5, 8 a.m. to noon March 6 (when some items are half off). Maternity clothes available.

<u>KidAround KidSale</u>, The Factory, 1839 S. Main St., Wake Forest. The sale is 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 5, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 6, and noon to 6 p.m. March 7 (when some items are 50 percent off). Maternity clothing available.

<u>Carolina Kids Consignment Sale</u>, Smithfield National Guard Armory, 406 Hospital Rd., Smithfield. The sale runs 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 5, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 6, and noon to 6 p.m. March 7 (when some items are half off).

<u>Upscale Resale</u>, Cary Masonic Lodge, 1142 Southeast Maynard Rd., Cary. The sale, which features high-end boutique children's clothing, runs from March 12 through March 13.

<u>Kids EveryWear</u>, Morrisville Outlet Mall, 1001 Airport Blvd., Morrisville. The huge sale, with thousands of consignors, runs 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 12, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 13, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. March 14 (when some items are 50 percent off), and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 15 (when some items are 50 percent or 75 percent off). Special shopping times for first-time moms and opportunities for homeschoolers.

Chatham Kids Consignment, Chatham Crossing Shopping Center, US Hwy 15/501, Chapel Hill, is March 19 to March 20.

<u>Twice as Nice Consignment Sale</u>, Crosspointe Church, 6911 Carpenter Fire Station Rd., Cary. The sale runs from noon to 8 p.m. March 26 and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 27 (it's closed from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. before some items are marked 50 percent off).

Triangle Mothers of Twins & Triplets Clothing and Equipment Sale, Kerr Scott Building, N.C. State Fairgrounds. The big sale is 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., March 27. Maternity clothes available.

<u>Next2New4Kids</u>, Cleveland Gymnasium, 8994 Cleveland Rd., Clayton. The public sale runs noon to 6 p.m., April 2, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., April 3, and noon to 3 p.m., April 4 (when some items are 50 percent off). Maternity clothes available.

Durham/Chapel Hill Mothers of Multiples Club, Hillsong Church, Chapel Hill. The sale is scheduled for April 24.

Just 4 Kids Consignment Sale, Life Spring Community Church, Fuquay-Varina. Spring sale date to be announced.

If your sale isn't included, please add it in our comments and I'll add it to the list.

Happy shopping!

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