



UPCOMING FALL EVENTS

Get Ready for Boys & Girls Clubs Day for Kids!



Kids will enjoy all types of field day activities during the event.

Boys and Girls Clubs Day for Kids is all about the importance of meaningful time and relationships between caring adults and young people.

"It's important to set aside a special day to rein-

force our commitment to our kids. By celebrating BGC Day for Kids, we remind the children in our lives just how important they are," said Joyce Wilson, Boys & Girls Clubs VP of Development &

Marketing. Thanks to the dedication and commitment of individuals, organizations and proud corporate supporters, the 2007 BGC Day for Kids celebration is sure to be a resounding success. This

year's event will be held on **Friday, September 14** at the main Club (behind Fair Street School).

For more information on Day for Kids please contact Steven Mickens at 770-532-8102.

Futures 4 Kids Gala 2007

The Futures 4 Kids Gala will be held **Thursday, September 27, 5:30 pm** at the Gainesville Civic Center. The keynote speaker for the event will be Keni Thomas, a former Army Ranger and member of the elite Task Force



Keni Thomas will speak at this year's Gala.

Ranger assault unit. Thomas fought in the Somalia battle recounted in the book and motion picture "Black Hawk Down." He is a nationally recognized speaker sharing his motivating message of teamwork and leadership. This annual event helps support programs provided by the Clubs. For more information about the event call Joyce Wilson at 770-532-8102.

Holiday Golf Classic

Come enjoy the beauty of fall, a day of golf and help out the kids of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County all at the same time. Join us on **Friday, October 19**, for the 9th Annual Holiday Golf Classic at PineIsle Golf Club.

- Registration begins - 7:00 am
- Shotgun start - 9:00 am
- Banquet and prizes - 1:30 pm
- \$125 per player/\$500 per team



We only have space for 36 foursomes so reserve your spot today! Sponsorship opportunities are available as well. Look for the enclosed brochure and reserve your foursome, sponsorship and/or tee sign or call Joyce Wilson at 770-532-8102.

Our special thanks to Holiday Marina for donating proceeds of this event to our Clubs.



Special thanks to WellCare of Georgia, Futures 4 Kids Gala Title Sponsor.

2007 FUNDRAISERS LOTS OF FUN! Derby breaks record, raises \$86,000 for Clubs



Who would have thought that 13,500 little yellow rubber ducks would cause such a stir at Clarks Bridge Park, raising a record \$86,000 for programs at the Boys &



"Quacky" loves showing off for the crowd.



Thanks to board member, Barkley Geib whose business donated the Grand Prize which was won by Tonya Aiken of Gainesville.

Girls Clubs of Hall County? But it's true. In a record-breaking year, the annual spring-time event drew thousands of people to the park on Lake Lanier.

"We broke all kinds of records," said the Club's

Joyce Wilson. "We netted the largest amount of funds ever, people adopted a record 13,500 ducks and this was the longest race, taking 42 minutes to complete. All in all it made for a very exciting day."

John Jarrard Concert

More than 2,000 people turned out on a HOT evening in early August to pay tribute to the late songwriter John Jarrard. The event raised money for three of Jarrard's favorite

charities. Our local Club received \$8,500 from proceeds raised and we would like to thank the organizers and the community for supporting this great event.



Above: Local patrons enjoy the evening's festivities. Left: BGCHC Vice-President, Larry Baldwin, displays an \$8,500 check.



What you need to know about the most basic estate planning document - A Will

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."
Winston Churchill

Regardless of your charitable intent, if you have not yet written a will, please consider this:

With a Will

- You can direct the distribution of your assets to those you care about most.
- You can choose a personal representative (executor) to oversee the distribution of your assets.
- You avoid unnecessary expenses on the administration of the estate.
- You can appropriately provide for minor children by naming a guardian or establishing a trust.
- You can provide for relatives and friends according to their needs.
- You can save considerable estate taxes by utilizing proper estate planning techniques.
- You can provide support for charitable causes that have special meaning for you.

Without a Will

- State statute determines the distribution of your property.
- The court appoints an administrator for you.
- Because the administrator is subject to constant court supervision, the cost of administering the estate may be greater.
- You cannot provide for minors. The court will appoint a guardian for them, and the guardian will make decisions about a minor's care.
- Your heirs will benefit rather than in the proportions you would have intended.
- Your estate may lose thousands of dollars in taxes because you did not take advantage of the tax-saving opportunities available to you.
- State statutes do not provide any support for charitable causes on your behalf.

Boys & Girls Clubs Kids race in SeaQuest Kids Nationals



Club kids were able to race the boats they previously built and painted at the SeaQuest Kids national competition which was held August 4 at the Lake Lanier

Olympic Venue. "The kids had a great time and were proud of their accomplishments," said Bilal Ali, Unit Director, Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County.




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What We Do at Our Clubs


The Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County provide more than 20 after-school and summer programs emphasizing five core areas essential to youth development. The five core areas are the Arts, Character and Leadership Development, Education and Career Development, Health and Life Skills and Sports, Fitness and Recreation.

 The **Arts** component enables youth to develop their creativity and cultural awareness. Programs in the Arts include arts and crafts, digital arts, and performing arts, such as dance, drama and singing.

 **Character and Leadership Development** empowers youth to support and influence their Club and community. Some of the Character and Leadership Development programs are Youth of the Year, Youth for Unity, Torch Club and Keystone Club, which is a teen leadership group.

 **Education and Career Development** allows youth to improve academic skills and apply learning to everyday situations. Education and Career Development programs include Power Hour homework help, Junior Staff Career Development, Money Matters, Career Launch, Project Learn and Goals for Graduation.

 **Health and Life Skills** encourages young people to make positive healthy lifestyle choices that will nurture their well-being by setting personal goals and learning skills to be successful, self-sufficient adults. Some of the Health and Life Skills programs are Passport to Manhood, SMART Girls, SMART Moves, Healthy Habits, Date Smart and Charm School.

 **Sports, Fitness and Recreation** fosters social and interpersonal skills, fitness, stress management and an appreciation for the environment. Sports, Fitness and Recreation programs include Falcons Fitness Zone, Junior NBA and WNBA, Triple Play, game room tournaments, field trips and sports leagues.

From homework help to extracurricular activities, the Club's program curriculum in the five core service areas has something to offer every youth.

Teen Center Goals for Graduation

Ensuring a meaningful education for every child has never been more crucial than it is today. Many American youth are achieving below expected national educational levels and closer to home, Georgia ranks in the bottom 10 in the nation for high school dropouts. Research suggests that learning to set goals can have a positive effect on a child's learning ability.

The Goals for Graduation program helps kids set academic goals. It focuses on members between the ages of 6-15 years old. In this program kids learn to set what we call achievable goals. Club members create an action plan with the graduation coach, Jason Pleasant and together they set daily and weekly goals.

This past year 17 seniors attended the Teen Center and all graduated from high school. Ten of those seniors are enrolled in college.



College-bound graduates from left to right: Michael Holeman, Elisa Coleman, Tarlisha Bonds, Tekendra Harbin, Brianca Young, T'Challa Williams and Breonna Smith.

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