

The Recreation Connection



A Publication of the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department

Camp Acworth

The Acworth Parks and Recreation Department has now begun registration for Camp Acworth! This camp is for children between the ages of six and 11 years old.

Camp Acworth offers children many exciting activities including swimming, arts and crafts and a weekly field trip.

There will be eight, one-week sessions. The first session will begin June 6, and the last session will end August 5. There will be no



camp the week of July 4. Camp hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Extended hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Register online at www.acworth.org/aprd or at the Parks and Recreation Office located at 4762 Logan Rd.

The registration fee for city residents is \$95.00 per week and the non-resident fee is \$110.00 per week. Extended hours are an additional \$20.00 per week for city residents and \$25.00 for non residents.

For more information about Camp Acworth visit www.acworth.org/aprd. You may also contact Jeff Chase at jchase@acworth.org or call 770-917-1234.

Volume 4, Issue 4

April Edition

Mark Your Calendars:

- ◆ 4/16 Easter Egg Hunt
- ◆ 4/17 Opening of Dallas & Proctor Landing Parks
- ◆ 4/30 Classic Car Show
- ◆ 5/07 Smoke on the Lake BBQ
- ◆ 5/14 Computer, Electronics & Metal Recycling Day
- ◆ 5/19 Pro-Wakeboard Tour

Middle School Camp

The Acworth Parks and Recreation Department has now begun registration for Middle School Camp. This camp will offer exciting opportunities for campers this summer. Campers will enjoy activities such as swimming, canoeing, archery, arts and crafts, planning a "community project" of their choice and presenting this project to the city council, learning from community leaders, listening to speakers, and attending weekly field trips. This camp is for children between the ages of 11 and 15.

There will be eight, one-week sessions. The first session will begin June 6, and



the last session will end August 5. There will be no camp the week of July 4. Camp hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Extended hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

You can register online at www.acworth.org/aprd or you can come into the Parks and Recreation Office located at 4762 Logan Rd to register.

The registration fee for city residents is \$95.00 per week and the non-resident fee is \$110.00 per week. Extended hours are an additional \$20.00 per week for city residents and \$25.00 for non residents.

For more information about Camp Acworth visit www.acworth.org/aprd. You may also contact Jeff Chase at jchase@acworth.org or call 770-917-1234.

Inside this issue:

Tree and Shrub Seminar	2
Easter Egg Hunt	2
Pro Wakeboard Tour	2
Horizon Baseball	3
Summer Sports Camps	3
Smoke on the Lake Festival	3
Recycle Day	4
Aquafina Pitch, Hit, Run	4

Acworth Parks & Recreation

4762 Logan Road

Acworth, GA 30101

Phone: 770.917.1234

Fax: 770.966.7891

Website: www.acworth.org/aprd

Dallas & Proctor Landing Parks open for the season Saturday, April 16

Spring Tree and Shrub Seminar



The Acworth Tree Commission and the City of Acworth invite the public to join us for the Spring Tree and Shrub Seminar to be held on Tuesday, April 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Acworth City Hall.

The focus of the seminar will be how to choose, maintain, and plant trees and shrubs. The seminar will be led by Chattahoochee Technical College's John Hatfield. John is a professor in

the horticulture department.

This seminar is absolutely free to the public. RSVPs are highly recommended, space is limited. For more information or to RSVP contact Lisa Barlow or Michelle Patrick with the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department at 770-917-1234.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny is making his way to Acworth and he will be bringing 20,000 eggs filled with candy and toys!! The Annual Acworth Parks and Recreation Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 16 at the Acworth Sports Complex located at 4000 South Main St, Acworth. The hunt will be for children under the age of 12. The children will be divided into four age groups:

1. The 1 - 2 year old group will begin at 10:10 a.m.
2. The 3 - 5 year old group will begin at 10:20 a.m.
3. The 6 - 8 year old group will begin at 10:30 a.m.
4. The 9 - 11 year old group will also



begin at 10:30 a.m.

Within each age group there will be "Prize Eggs" that can be redeemed for great prizes.

Again this year there will be a Special Needs Easter Egg Hunt on the Horizon Field. This hunt will begin at 10:00 a.m.

and is for children under the age of 12 with Special Needs.

Bring your camera - there will be no photographer on site this year; however, there will be photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny.

For more information on the Easter Egg Hunt contact Jeff Chase at jchase@acworth.org or call the Acworth Parks and Recreation Office at 770-917-1234.

Pro Wakeboard Tour Returns to Acworth!

The Pro Wakeboard Tour makes its return to Dallas Landing Park in Acworth, Thursday, May 19, through Saturday, May 21. On Thursday and Friday the event begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends around 4:00 p.m. The Main Event will take place on Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The MasterCraft Pro Wakeboard Tour is presented by Rockstar Energy Drink and is a three-day event of water-sports action. But not all of the action takes place on the water. On land, fans will experience tons of great food and music; athlete autograph signings; chances to win free stuff; and shopping at the most cutting-edge stores for water-sports equipment including boats, wakeboards,



wakeskates, sunglasses and the latest in wakeboarding and surfing fashions. This family oriented event and will provide a fun filled day of sun, surf and excitement for all who attend.

To purchase tickets in advance for a discounted rate visit

www.prowakeboardtour.com. Tickets will also be available for purchase on event dates at the Dallas Landing Park: \$13.00 for ages 13 and older, \$5.00 for ages 6-12, and ages five and under are admitted free. Parking will be available at the park on the 19-20. Shuttles will be available on Saturday from Downtown Acworth for the Main Event.

The Pro Wakeboard Tour is currently recruiting sponsors for the Acworth tour date. If you would like to get your business involved with the event, or for more information about the event visit www.acworth.org/aprd or contact the Parks and Recreation Office at 770-917-1234.

Horizon Baseball Leagues

Let's play ball! The Acworth Parks and Recreation Department's Spring Baseball Season has started registration. In addition to the current age groups; 5-12 and 13-20 year olds, the department is adding an adult league for those 21 years and older, with special needs. Games are non-competitive and each player on the roster gets on base before the opposing team gets to bat.

The mission of the Horizon Baseball League is to provide children and adults with developmental and physical disabili-

ties the opportunities to develop lasting relationships among peers, coaches and parents, and show that they are an important part of the community through participating in a full season of baseball. If you are interested in this league but do not wish to play, you may volunteer your time as a coach or as a buddy.

Baseball season begins on Thursday, April 16 and runs through May 21 for the Youth League and begins on Saturday, April 14 and runs through May 19 for the Adult League. The cost for the league is

\$15 which covers league expenses. If you are unable to afford the cost of the league, opportunities for financial aid are available. The registration deadline is Friday, April 1.

To register, visit www.acworth.org/aprd or come to the Acworth Parks and Recreation office at 4762 Logan Rd Acworth, Ga 30101. For more information or questions concerning financial aid, contact Lauren Ham at lham@acworth.org or call (770) 917-1234.

Summer Sports Camps

Summer is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department 2011 Summer Sport Camp series!

Speed and Agility Camp for ages 7-16 will kick off the APRD Summer Sport Camps June 27 - July 1, from 6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. at Logan Farm Park. The Little Kids Football Camp, ages 4-7, will be held July 26-28, from 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Big Kids Football Camp, ages 8-14, will be held July 25-29, from 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. On Saturday, July 16, Acworth Parks and Recreation will host a one-day Cheerleading Camp. Little Kids Cheerleading Camp is for age 5 & 6 from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.



Big Kids Cheerleading Camp is for ages 7-12 from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. There will be one baseball camp at the Acworth Sports Complex this summer for ages 6-13. Baseball camp will be offered July 11-13 from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

No matter the sport, come take advantage of the opportunity to become faster, more agile, and better coordinated with the latest Summer Sport Camp Series!

Registration has already begun. Register before May 14 and receive an early registration discount.

To register online visit www.acworth.org/aprd or for more information about all the summer sports camps call the Parks and Recreation Office at 770-917-1234.

Smoke on the Lake Festival

The Rotary Club of North Cobb and the City of Acworth will host the 2nd Annual Smoke on the Lake Backyard BBQ Festival on May 6-7, 2011. It will be a non-sanctioned BBQ competition open to anyone who loves to cook BBQ.

Come taste the best local BBQ in the area on Saturday then stick around for a free Banks and Shane concert following the awards ceremony. Lawn seats are free and you can purchase a table and dinner for six for only \$100.

Smoke on the Lake is a BBQ festival for charity that raises funds for local Cobb County Charities, including the Horizon Field at the Acworth Sports Complex.

In addition this year a free concert has been added on Friday evening with free lawn seating and reserved tables as well.

For anyone not interested in BBQ, there will also be Johnny's Beer Garden sponsored by Budweiser and Johnny's Pizza with a variety of your favorites, including the world famous Johnny's New York Style Pizza.

This year for \$5 and a good roll of the dice you can drive away in a brand new Camaro from Day's Chevrolet. As the Rotary Club



and cook teams are Cookin' and Eatin' for Charity, you can help this great cause by trying your hand at this exciting opportunity to win the best Day's has to offer.

The admission is free with live music from 11:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. on the Gas South Stage. If you wish to purchase a table, enter the BBQ competition or would like to sponsor the event please visit www.smokeonthelake.com There are still a few spaces available for backyard teams. The cost to enter the competition is \$150.

For more information visit www.acworth.org/aprd or call Peter Jezerinac at 770-917-1234.

Computer, Electronics and Metal Recycling Day

The Acworth Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a Citywide Recycle Day on Saturday, May 14 from 8:00 a.m., to 5:00 p.m., at the Acworth City Library.

Recycle computers, electronics, appliances and just about anything else made primarily of metal. There is no charge to recycle



(except for televisions). All material will be managed and recycled according to specifications set forth by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Visit www.acworth.org/aprd for a complete list of items accepted and for more information about the event.

Aquafina Pitch, Hit, Run

The Aquafina Pitch, Hit, & Run competition is finally here! The Acworth Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting the local competition on April 23 from 4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m. at the Acworth Sports Complex Field 3. This competition is a free skills competition that provides boys and girls, age 7 to 14, the opportunity to showcase their pitching, hitting, and running abilities. Winners can advance through four levels of competition, including Team Championship events at the 30 Major League ballparks and the National Finals at the MLB All-Star Game!



The City of Acworth Parks and Recreation Department is a 3-Time recipient of the Aquafina Major League Baseball/ National Parks and Recreation Association Double Play Grant for extraordinary participation Pitch, Hit, and Run competition. Let's see if we can accomplish the same feat this year!

For more information please call the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department 770-917-1234.

Senior Moment - Upcoming Senior Activities



Senior Lunch

Join us on April 19 for the City of Acworth Parks and Recreation Departments Senior Luncheon. Come join us for lunch, bingo and other special activities. The luncheon is held at Roberts School Community and

Education Center in Acworth. Lunch is served at noon. After lunch we will have several rounds of bingo with prizes. This program is free to all seniors!

Chi Kung/ Tai Chi

Chi Kung, also spelled Qi gong, is pronounced "chee kong" and dates back to 2600 B.C. Chi Kung is an internal Chinese meditative practice which uses slow graceful movements and controlled breathing techniques to promote and enhance a practitioner's overall health. The benefits of practicing Chi Kung include increased energy, stress release,

toned muscles, improved balance and a stronger immune system.

This is an easy to learn/low impact class geared specifically for Seniors. New classes start April 5 and are held on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at Roberts School Community and Education Center. The cost of this eight week class is \$50 for City of Acworth residents and \$55 for non-residents.

For questions about the Senior Luncheon and all other Senior Activities please contact Lauren Ham at (770) 917-1234 or by email at lham@acworth.org.

Staff Directory

James Albright, Director
 Peter Jezerinac, Operations Manager
 Frank White, Recreation Coordinator
 Jeff Chase, Recreation Coordinator
 Lauren Ham, Special Populations Coordinator
 Aaron Ross, Parks Superintendent
 Lisa Barlow, Office Manager
 Michelle Patrick, Administrative Assistant

jalbright@acworth.org
pjezerinac@acworth.org
jwhite@acworth.org
jchase@acworth.org
lham@acworth.org
aross@acworth.org
lbarlow@acworth.org
mpatrick@acworth.org

All staff members can be reached by phone at 770-917-1234.

Visit us on the web at

<http://www.acworth.org/aprd>