

The Recreation Connection



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Park of the Month— Cauble Park

The most impressive park and beach in Cobb County lies just off Main Street in Downtown Acworth. With more than 25 acres of park space and walking trails that run from McClain Circle to Winn Street, the beach on Lake Acworth that sits in the middle of the park make for a great day on the beach or the perfect spot for a family picnic.

The park is open year round, but from Memorial Day to Labor Day there is a \$10 parking fee for non-city residents on the weekends. The beach and swim areas are officially open Memorial Day weekend and remain so until Labor Day. The beautiful beach house can be rented for a small fee for everything from wedding receptions to children's birthday parties.

The park also contains a gazebo and four pavilions that can be rented for a charge.

Park guest and their children can enjoy two playgrounds and a large green space for any activities.



Cauble Park, named after Dr. George C. Cauble and his late wife Vivian, is home to the Love the Lake Concert Series and Movie Night and house Camp Acworth, the Acworth Parks and Recreation summer camp.

You can also enjoy the calm waters of Lake Acworth by utilizing the boat ramp on the east end of the park. Feel free

to bring your fishing boat, but please be aware that trolling motors ONLY are allowed on the lake.

Two years ago, Acworth opened the Veterans Memorial at Patriots Point located on the west end of the park. This site contains a memorial dedicated to all who have served in the U.S. military past and present. A flag for each of the branches of the military and a POW flag stand tall along the banks of the lake behind the beach house.

For more information about Cauble Park or for facility reservation details, please visit the Acworth Parks and recreation website at www.acworth.org/aprd or call 770.917.1234.



2008 Special Needs League

Season two of the Acworth Special Needs League will kick-off June 7, 2008. More than 60 participants and volunteers took the fields of the Acworth Sports Complex every Saturday for six consecutive weeks to enjoy a game of baseball in its inaugural season. The first season of the Acworth Special Needs League was a movement for the special needs community to break in their own baseball traditions. Come join one of the newest and greatest sports seasons around.

The mission of the Acworth

Special Needs League is to provide children and young adults with developmental and physical disabilities the opportunities to develop lasting relationships among peers, coaches and parents, and show that they are an important part of their community through participating in a full season of baseball.

Registering for the Acworth Special Needs League can be done several different ways: You may register online by visiting www.acworth.org/aprd. You may visit www.acworthspecialneeds.com

to print, complete and mail in a registration form or visit the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department office located at 4762 Logan Road in Acworth to register in person. For more information please visit the above websites or call 770-917-1234.



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Mark Your Calendars:

- 6/6 First Friday Event
- 6/6 - 6/8 Dixie Hwy. Yard Sale
- 6/14 Flag Day Ceremony
- 6/14 Love the Lake Concert
- 6/17 Senior Citizen Luncheon
- 7/4 Concert and Fireworks
- 7/14—7/16 Baseball Camp

Visit us on the web at www.acworth.org/aprd for more details or call 770-917-1234.

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2008 Flag Day Ceremony

The city will continue its tradition of hosting a Flag Day Ceremony on **Saturday, June 14, at Cauble Park at 11:00 a.m.**, at the Veterans Memorial at Patriots Point. The memorial is adjacent to the Acworth Beach House at Cauble Park. Everyone is invited to attend this ceremony to honor our country's Flag. The city and its veteran partners are pleased to announce the featured speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Kyle Nickel.

Lieutenant Colonel Nickel is currently serving as the Inspector-Instructor, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group. Lieutenant Colonel Nickel was raised in Bay City, Michigan and graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA in Political Science and History in 1989. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1985. Lieutenant Colonel Nickel has been awarded the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Gold Star, Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon. Nickel has been serving as the Inspector-Instructor, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group since June 2006.

He has completed deployments in support of Operation Fiery Vigil in the Republic of

the Philippines; participated in the first employment of SACEUR's Strategic Reserve into Bosnia (Dynamic Response), Operation Shining Hope in Albania, the first U.S. peacekeepers/peace enforcers into Kosovo (Joint Guardian), and provided disaster relief following the earthquake in Turkey (Avid Response). In 2005 LtCol Nickel deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



The Veterans Memorial at Patriots Point officially opened on November 11, 2006. The memorial is located at Cauble Park on Lake Acworth. The memorial is dedicated as a tribute to all men and women

who have served in America's military forces. This picturesque setting is the backdrop for one of the most original memorial designs of its kind.

The service flags of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard surround the American Flag. The concrete dome structure is surrounded by a paver walkway with engraved pavers. The engraved pavers are still for sale. You can still honor a veteran by purchasing a 4" x 8" paver that includes up to three lines with 18 spaces for \$75.00 or an 8" x 8" paver which includes four lines with 18 spaces for \$125.00. Engraved pavers can be purchased for any person who has served America's Military.

The pavers are great for a Mother's Day or Father's Day gift, birthday present, holiday gift, or any occasion that you wish to tell someone that you appreciate their service and sacrifice for our country. Order forms can be picked up at the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department Office, Acworth City Hall, or downloaded at www.acworth.org/aprd. The pavers can now be ordered online with a credit card at www.acworth.org/aprd. Please contact the Acworth Parks and Recreation office at 770 - 917 - 1234, for any additional information.



Summer Sports Camps

Summer is closing in and it's about time to start looking for activities to participate in. Mark your calendars for the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department 2008 Summer Sports Camp series!

Acworth Parks and Recreation will be hosting two football camps in July. The Little Kids Football Camp, ages four -seven, will be held July 16-18, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Big Kids Football camp, ages eight -14, will be held July 21-25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. On Saturday, August 9, Acworth Parks and Recreation along with the Kennesaw State University Cheerleading Squad will host a one-day Cheerleading Camp. Little Kids cheerleading camp is for age five & six from 9:00a.m. - 12:00 noon. Big Kids cheerleading camp is for ages seven -12 from 9:00 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be two baseball



camps at Acworth Sports Complex this summer for age six-13. Baseball camp will be offered July 14-16, and July 28-30, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

New for summer 2008, the Acworth Parks

and Recreation Department will be hosting its first Speed and Agility Camp July 7-11, from 6:00p.m. - 8:30p.m. at Logan Farm Park. Camp is for ages seven -16. No matter the sport, come take advantage of the opportunity to become faster, more agile, and better coordinated with the Summer Sport Camp Series newest addition!

Register online at www.acworth.org/aprd or visit the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department office located at 4762 Logan Road Acworth, GA 30101. For more information call (770) 917-1234.



Special Needs Playground Ribbon Cutting

Hundreds of volunteers from The Home Depot Suppliers and the City of Acworth Parks & Recreation Department, organizers from KaBOOM! and residents of the Acworth community joined forces on April 26 to build a new, safe Special Needs Playground at the Acworth Sports Complex. The playground is fully handicap accessible and is located next to the future Special Needs Field site. The new playground's design is based on drawings provided by children of the Acworth area who attended a Design Day event in January.

Resurgens Orthopedics, with a donation of \$50,000.00, funded the completion of

Phase Two of the Special Needs Playground. The second phase includes an eight seat swing set, five ramps, and numerous slides and fixtures improving the playground from great to extraordinary.

The ribbon cutting for the new playground was held on May 3. The ribbon cutting launched the opening of the playground to the public. The playground will provide all the children of the Acworth community and Cobb County a safe place to play. Most importantly, the new playground is inclusive for everyone as it accommodates special needs children and people of all abilities. Made possible through KaBOOM!, The

Home Depot Suppliers, Geo Global Partners, Melnor, and finally Resurgens Orthopedics.



Summer Concert Series Kick Off

The 2008 Love the Lake Concert Series will kick off on Saturday, June 14, at 8:00 p.m. at Cauble Park.

The band Prime will kick off band this annual concert series. Prime consists of members from the Acworth area. Band members are:

Todd Brumbelow (lead vocals and guitar), Marietta
 John Greer (keyboard), Cartersville
 Jeff Siegel (drums), West Cobb
 Kenda Ruck (vocals), Acworth
 Shelley Howerton (guitar), Marietta
 Mike Brown (guitar), Smyrna
 Brad Gage (bass), Kennesaw and
 Ken Ferguson (keyboard and vocals), Powder Springs

The musicians met 10 years ago at North Star Church in Acworth. Prime is a variety band that plays everything from classic rock to modern country.

The Love the Lake Concert Series is sponsored by the Acworth Business Association along with the City of Acworth. All concerts are free to the community. Tables can be reserved by visiting



www.acworth.org/aprd. Tables are \$40 each and include six chairs and one parking pass. Parking at the park is by concert permit only. Parking is available in downtown Acworth at City Hall and the library. Shuttles will be available to take you down to the park.

Please call the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department at (770) 917 - 1234 for more information.



Expanding Horizons Recognition

On Thursday, May 15, the participants of the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department's Expanding Horizons program received a special recognition from Mayor Allegood and Alderman Tim Richardson for all of their achievements. Partnering with the Cobb County School system, these participants were specially selected to attend six educational field trips that they may not otherwise have been able to attend. The group visited the Tennessee Aquarium, Dahlonega Gold

Mines, Fox Theater Nutcracker, Coca-Cola Space Science Center, The King Center and a host of other amazing places.

Expanding Horizons is in its second year of existence and has been made possible each year by an anonymous donation of \$35,000. Each participant was responsible for keeping a notebook to document each experience and what they learned. Surveys that were distributed to the schools of the participants reveal an increase in class par-

ticipation, increase in enthusiasm, and an overall positive impact on their learning behavior.



Senior Luncheon

The City of Acworth Parks and Recreation Department hosts a Senior Luncheon on the third Tuesday of every month. This month's senior luncheon will be held on June 17th. Come join us for lunch, board games, cards, bingo, and other special activities. The luncheon is held at Roberts School Community and Education Center,

located just east of downtown on School Street. Lunch is served at noon. Following lunch there will be several rounds of bingo with prizes for the winners. For questions about the Senior Luncheon please contact Frank by phone at (770) 917-1234 or by email at jwhite@acworth.org.



Pro Wakeboard Tour Wrap Up

Acworth, Ga. – On May 16, 17 and 18, the world's top pro wakeboarders battled it out on the waters of Dallas Landing Park in Acworth, GA to compete for the first win the 2008 MasterCraft Pro Wakeboard Tour season.

Four rounds and three days later, the top four riders in the Pro Men's Division took to the water for the final heat of the contest, where all eyes were on **Rusty Malinoski (CAN)**, **Phillip Soven (USA)**, **Adam Errington (SCT)** and **JD Webb (USA)**.

All four rippers had a killer showing in the finals, but in the end reigning MasterCraft Pro Wakeboard Tour champion Phillip Soven posted a 92.50 to claim the top spot in the contest and became the first rider on Tour to win back-to-back contests in Acworth. Webb, Malinoski and Errington rounded out the competition respectively.

"All those guys stomped some killer tricks out there, not making it easy on me at all," said Soven. "I was just dialed-in on my final run and came out with a win." Although Rusty Malinoski didn't win in Acworth today, the "Bone Crusher" did pick-up some extra cash thanks to Rockstar En-

ergy Drink. The Canadian ripper was named the winner of the Rockstar Best Trick Award, a \$1,000 cash bonus for landing the most impressive trick of the contest, a Heelside Frontside Switch 720 off of the U.S. Air Force Kicker.



In the Pro Women's Division, six of the top female riders took to the water today for their finals. All eyes were **Emily Copeland Durham (USA)**, as the two-time women's wakeboard world champion was looking to repeat in Acworth. However, in the end Copeland Durham only manage to finish third, as **Nicola Butler (UK)** took the top spot, followed by **Amber Wing (AUS)**.



Today's win marks Butler's first-ever MasterCraft Pro Wakeboard Tour victory and her second consecutive win in the Queen of Wake series. Nicola Butler's success continued in Acworth today, as the second-year pro ripper claimed the MONA VIE Best Trick Award. The award is a \$250 bonus for the female rider landing the most impressive trick of the contest, a Moby Dick.

Harley Clifford (AUS) took the top spot in the Jr. Men's finals today, followed by **Jimmy LaRiche (USA)** and **Robert Soven (USA)** respectively. Clifford now paces all Jr. Men riders in the Indmar Performance Standings.

Acworth was the first of five stops on the 2008 MasterCraft Pro Wakeboard Tour. The Tour's next stop will be held in Forth Worth, Tex. (May 30-June 1), followed by Twin Cities, Minn. (June 7-8), Phoenix, Ariz. (June 28-29) and Reno, Nev. (July 11-13). To catch all the wakeboarding action from home, tune in to Fuel TV. For exact air dates, visit www.prowakeboardtour.com.

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