

# The Recreation Connection



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## Halloween Carnival

Join the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department on Saturday, October 25 at Logan Farm Park from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. for our annual Halloween Carnival. There will be fifteen carnival games for your child to enjoy. The games offer a variety of different skill levels so they can be enjoyed by all age groups.

Game tickets can be purchased for \$1.00. This ticket is good for ten games. If you bring two non-perishable food items for the Tackle Hunger campaign you

will receive a ticket good for fifteen games. Additional tickets can be purchased through-



out the event. There will also be inflatables during the Halloween Carnival for an addi-

tional \$1.00 per ride.

This year we will have a costume extravaganza and there will be non profit vendors set up selling food and drinks, so bring the whole family and plan on spending a “spook”tacular evening at Logan Farm Park.

Call the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department at 770 – 917 – 1234 for more information or visit [www.acworth.org/aprd](http://www.acworth.org/aprd).



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### Mark Your Calendars:

- 10/03 First Friday
- 10/04 First Aid/CPR Class
- 10/04 Movie Night
- 10/18 Taste of Acworth
- 10/21 Senior Citizen Luncheon
- 10/25 Halloween Carnival
- 11/07 First Friday
- 11/11 Veterans Ceremony

Visit us on the web at [www.acworth.org/aprd](http://www.acworth.org/aprd) for more details or call 770-917-1234.

## APRD Youth Basketball Registration

Registration for the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department’s Youth Basketball League began on Monday, August 18 and is currently open for all age groups.

This league is open to all children (boys and girls) between the ages of five and 14. The fee for the league is: 5&6 COED: \$75 for City of Acworth residents, \$90 for non City of Acworth residents. All other divisions: \$125 for City of Acworth residents, \$140 for non City of Acworth residents.

The fee for the 5&6 division includes a team t-shirt and team shorts. The fee for all

other divisions includes a team jersey and team shorts. All teams practice once per week. Games will be played on Saturdays.



All divisions are open until the maximum number of participants per age group has been met.

The ages are divided as follows:

- 5& 6 COED
  - 7&8 Boys
  - 7&8 Girls
  - 9&10 Boys
  - 9&10 Girls
  - 11&12 Boys
  - 11&12 Girls
  - 13&14 Boys
  - 13&14 Girls
- (All girls divisions are based on enrollment numbers, some changes may occur).

Registration is open until October 3, but sign up early as space is limited. Please visit [www.acworthbasketball.com](http://www.acworthbasketball.com) to register online or call (770) 917-1234 for more information.



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## Special Needs Field Well Underway!

The Acworth Special Needs Field Project is well underway! Scheduled to be completed by the end of 2008, this field will be the first of its kind in Cobb County and will serve a large part of the North Georgia area. Equipped for recreational activities such as baseball, basketball, soccer and much more, the field will be capable of offering therapeutic activities year around.

The field will be accompanied by a concession stand with special considera-



tions for the special needs population, which will allow for life skills training programs at each activity held at the field.

Though construction has begun, donations are still being accepted. Funds still need to be raised to add field lights for evening activities and other site amenities. For more information please call the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department at 770-917-1234.



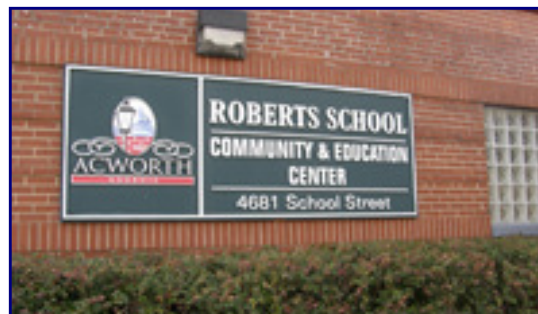
## Park of the Month- Roberts School Community & Education Center

The Roberts School Community and Education Center is located at 4681 School Street just off Main Street in Downtown Acworth. Roberts School is home to the Senior Luncheon, adult square dancing classes, preschool tap/ballet classes, a quilting club, first aid/CPR classes and much more.

The Community and Education Center contains two classrooms, a cafeteria, a multi purpose room, computer lab, and game room. The cafeteria can be rented for birthday parties, family

reunions, and other large gatherings. The facility can accommodate up to 90 people. The cafeteria has a stage, comes

with tables and chairs, and has a warming kitchen with a refrigerator, sink, and microwave.



The facility can be rented as early as 8:00 a.m. to as late as 10:00 p.m.

For more information on Roberts School, its programs, or directions please visit [www.acworth.org/aprd](http://www.acworth.org/aprd) or contact the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department at 770-917-1234.

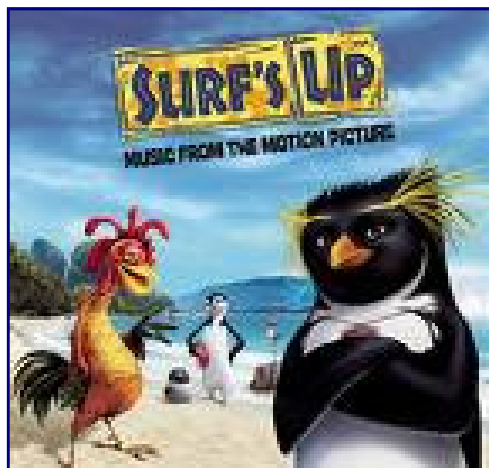


## Rescheduled Movie Night at Cauble Park

The Acworth Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a family movie night in the park on Saturday, October 4. The movie "Surf's Up" will be shown on a 30-foot inflatable screen at Cauble Park. The movie will begin at dusk.

This is a free event for the public. Parking will be available downtown at the library and city hall with shuttle service to the park.

Come join Cody's journey from his home in Shiverpool, Antarctica, to the Big Z Memorial Surf Off on the beach of



Pen Gu Island. During this journey you will meet some of Cody's new friends including surf nut Chicken Joe and the spirited lifeguard Lani. This is a movie for the whole family with a great message that winning isn't always about coming in first.

For information about the free family event, please contact us at (770) 917 - 1234 or visit our website at [www.acworth.org/apr](http://www.acworth.org/apr)



## Taste of Acworth

The Fourth Annual Taste of Acworth will take place in the Historic District on Main Street, Saturday, October 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Acworth Business Association and the City of Acworth sponsor this popular event every year that benefits numerous local schools and charities in our community. Last year 18,000 visitors enjoyed a variety of food and exhibitions from local restaurants and businesses.

There will be 150 booths from local restaurants and businesses at this year's festivities. There will be two live enter-

tainment stages providing fashion shows, a dog show, live music and demonstrations throughout the day. Children will have plenty to do with inflatables, bungee, a



rock climbing wall, pumpkin contest, candy making, and splatter painting located in a special kid's zone.

Admission is FREE! An array of diverse restaurants will be offering food samples from \$1.00 to \$3.00 to satisfy every palate. Parking will be available throughout the city with shuttles running from the McCall Primary School, Acworth Presbyterian Church, and Acworth First Baptist Church. Come hungry, bring the kids, bring the pooch, and join in the fun!



## Volunteer of the Month— Acworth Business Association

The Acworth Business Association was recently selected to receive the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association (GRPA) 2008 Volunteer of the Year Award. This award will be presented at the November 3 – 6 GRPA State Conference in Athens.

The Acworth Business Association (ABA) was formed in 1979 by a group of Acworth professionals. This organization's mission is to build, guide and promote community involvement in the Greater Acworth Area.



The Acworth Business Association knows how important quality recreation and parks

are to a community. In order for our community to grow and thrive, we need to have quality recreation and parks and since 1999 the ABA has helped us meet these goals. Every year they help bring a free summer concert series to Lake Acworth. There are three events in this series. The series kicks off in June with a concert; this concert is followed by a 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. This celebration is full of music and patriotism. Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration ends with one of the best fireworks displays in Cobb County. The series ends in August with a movie



night. All of these events are free admission. Families bring their blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a great evening in the park.

The ABA also helps the city put on a Taste of Acworth event every October. This event allows the citizens of Acworth and the surrounding area to see what is offered in their community. The Taste of Acworth was moved to downtown Acworth last year and had approximately 18,000 people attend.

This year the Acworth Business Association wanted to provide a festival for the community at Cauble Park on Labor Day weekend. This event was another free event they gave to the city of Acworth. There were over 90 vendors at this event and 8,000 people attended this event.



The ABA has also been instrumental in promoting the Special Needs field this past year.

The ABA also has a great working relationship with the city, but also shares the same supportive relationship with the Cobb County School District and the Cobb County Board of Commissioners. The ABA gives money to all local schools each year to assist their education needs. They also sponsor a Teacher Appreciation lunch every August before the teachers get back to the classroom. They have fully supported referendums such as the transportation and school SPLOSTS that have both recently successfully passed bringing hundreds of million dollars to local governments to provide adequate public infrastructure.



The Acworth Business Association gives so much back to the community by volunteering to assist the Acworth Parks and Recreation Department in so many ways. They are an integral part of our community. With-

out their generosity the citizens of Acworth and surrounding communities would not enjoy some great, family-friendly events.



## 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 October 21. Come join us for lunch, board games, cards, bingo, and other special activities. The luncheon is held at Roberts School Community

and Education Center in Acworth. Lunch is served at noon and is FREE to anyone over 55. Following lunch there will be several rounds of bingo with prizes for the winners. For questions about the luncheon please contact Frank White at (770) 917-1234



## Farmer's Market

The Farmers' Market is now open each Friday morning from 7:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the upper parking lot by the railroad tracks and Depot on Main Street. The Farmer's Market, sponsored by the Acworth Downtown Development Authority, will continue each Friday through October 31. Shoppers can pur-

chase fresh vegetables, fruits, bedding plants and hanging baskets. For information on the Acworth Farmers' Market, please contact Amanda Sutter, Acworth Downtown Development Director at (770) 974-8813.



## Veteran's Day Ceremony

The City of Acworth will honor America's Veterans on Tuesday, November 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial 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. 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 Memorial serves as the ideal backdrop for a ceremony to honor those who have faithfully served our country.

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 pavers can be ordered online at [www.acworth.org/aprd](http://www.acworth.org/aprd). Please contact the Acworth Parks and Recreation office at 770 - 917 - 1234, for any additional information.



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