



Boys & Girls Ranches of Alabama

Ranch Round-Up Newsletter - Fall 2017

"It's easier to build boys and girls than to repair men and women"

Baldwin County Boys Ranch

The boys enjoyed holiday activities sponsored by their many longtime supporters. The Gulf Shores Women's Club helped the boys decorate the houses. Renowned plastic surgeon and former University of Alabama football player Dr. Gaylon McCollough and his staff brought presents and hosted a wonderful Christmas party for the boys. The Loxley Optimist Club brought presents and breakfast for the boys again for the 29th year.

Former University of Alabama football player and current team chaplain Jeremiah Castille and former teammate Drew Crouse spent time with the boys. Castille gave a powerful devotional to the boys and encouraged them to be their best. The boys and houseparents participated in the local Christmas Parade this year and won Second Place for their Charlie Brown themed float. The boys also enjoyed a meal and movie along with gift cards and presents provided by The Hangout.



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Colbert County Fame Girls Ranch

The girls and staff have been very busy with activities and fundraisers. Their 4th Annual Tunes and Tees was a huge success thanks to their many supporters and sponsors including Buzz and Emily McKinney, Pam Clepper Stumpe, and Shane Conn. The event featured music by Paul Thorn and the McCray Sisters following the golf tournament. The McKinney's also hosted a special Thanksgiving meal for the girls.

The Billy Reid store hosted their annual shopping day with a 20% donation of sales to the Ranch. Legendary musician, studio owner and record producer Norbert Putnam and his wife, Sheryl, were on-hand to sign copies of his book "Music Lessons Volume 1." They are donating a portion of the proceeds to the Ranch. Kevin and Leah Arnold of Village Discount Drugs have supported repair projects at the Ranch.

Many of the girls are involved in new activities at school and their communities. Lexxis is involved with plays at school and has been chosen for several roles already. Anna and Makenzie are taking dance lessons and Brianna is taking karate lessons.



Many Ways You Can Help:

- Join a Ranch Support Group
- Donate a Non Cash Item
- Become a monthly donor
- Send an Honor or Memorial Gift in tribute to a loved one
- Participate in a special event
- Request a Ranch speaker for your church or community group
- See if your company has a matching gift program
- Shop on Amazon.com and .5% of your total can be donated if you select our charity through the Amazon Smile program. Click the link below to go directly to our page on Amazon.



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Tallapoosa County Girls Ranch

The Tallapoosa Girls Ranch has had a wonderful few months. We are excited to update everyone on our New Sabel Learning Center Project. Construction is well under way on this exciting project that will house a computer lab, crafting room, recreation activities and a learning kitchen. This will be a great space for our girls to continue their academic success. Over the past three years our cumulative GPA has not dropped below a 3.26 and last semester the girls achieved a combined 3.47 GPA. Great job, girls!

Winter is baby animal season at the Girls Ranch and here are two of our girls with one of our new additions. Our farming program teaches work ethic and responsibility along with helping our Ranches supplement food money.

The girls enjoyed a wonderful Christmas with help from the many community supporters including the Auburn Kiwanis, West Point Rotary Club, Omega Epsilon, Dadeville United Methodist Church, Fannie Bulger Women's Mission Group, Mr. & Mrs. Patrick, National Village Group, Dadeville Kiwanis, Nanette Brooks, Sheriff Sid Lockhart, Sheriff Jimmy Abbott, Fredonia Homemakers, Lanett Congregational Church, the Auburn Santas, the Red Ridge Tutors, Davidson, Davidson and Umbach, and Mr. and Mrs. Phillips.



St. Clair County Boys Ranch

It has been a very busy time for the St. Clair County Boys. One of our older Ranchers, Jesse F., was awarded the Vulcan Community Award in the Hero category. This was for his outstanding actions last spring when their school bus driver fell unconscious. Jesse's poise and quick thinking were definitely heroic and he prevented what could have been a very tragic accident. We are so proud and thankful for Jesse's courage that day.

Donovan and Ken are two of our 10th graders who participate in the ROTC. Trey is one of our younger boys who played pee wee football. His team made it all the way to the championship game, but lost in overtime. Ken is another of our boys who has been taking piano lessons. All the boys enjoyed being able to attend an Auburn football game and everyone had a blast when we got six inches of snow.

This year marked the 22nd Annual St. Clair County Sheriff's Office Bass Tournament. It was a successful event and the boys had a great time participating in the tournament. We attended the Energizers luncheon at the Birmingham Country Club. This is a division of retired workers from Alabama Power and we are thankful to have their support.

Our ranch is continuing a great relationship with Safe-lite Auto Glass. They provided all of our children with a stocking for Christmas and we are also working with them on organizing a fund-raiser in June. It will be a motorcycle ride that will end with a lunch and games here at our ranch. The Vestavia Hills High School Key Club also held a party for us and brought gifts for all the boys. Many individuals also helped to sponsor our boys at Christmas and we are thankful for each one.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April -- Great Southern Outdoors Presents Clay Time for Kids, Union Springs, AL

April -- Bama Budweiser Children's Charity Concert & Golf Classic, Greystone Country Club

May -- Reinhardt Lexus Children's Charity Classic, Montgomery, AL

June -- A Day & Night to Remember Golf Tournament and Dinner Concert, sponsored by USA HealthCare

August -- Jefferson County Sheriff Mike Hale's Children's Charity Golf Classic, Birmingham, AL

August -- 4th Annual River Region Corn Hole Classic, Montgomery, AL



Please call Lori or Roman at the Administrative Office for information about upcoming events: 1-800-548-4256