



Boys & Girls Ranches of Alabama

Ranch Round-Up Newsletter Spring 2016

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

This year marks the 50th year since the Ranches were founded. The first big event kicking off this extra special year was a visit by nationally recognized Pro BASS angler Hank Parker this month. Hank visited the Tallapoosa County Girls Ranch where he met some of the girls as well as local supporters.

The event continued with a dinner at Great Southern Outdoors Wildlife Plantation in Union Springs. Hank gave his very moving and personal testimony to the group of Ranch sponsors and guests that evening.



We are thrilled that Hank made a special trip to Alabama to visit one of our Ranches and support the children in our care," said Nick Rauccio, Ranch CEO. "This new event was a tremendous opportunity for the Alabama outdoor enthusiasts to meet one of the nation's top fishing and hunting legends and support the boys and girls."

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Ways You Can Help:

- Join a Ranch Support Group
- Donate a Noncash Item
- Become a monthly donor
- Mother's & Father's Day is a great time to give an Honor or Memorial Gift in tribute to a loved one
- Participate in a golf or fishing tournament or other event in your area



Upcoming Events:

- May 18 Cash for Kids Charity Drawdown
Chance to win \$10,000 cash drawdown
- May 19 Reinhardt Lexus Children's Charity Classic
Arrowhead Country Club, Montgomery, AL
- June 23-24 A Day and Night to Remember
Two-day concert and golf tournament,
Terri Pines Country Club, Cullman, AL
- Aug. 1 Sheriff Mike Hale's Children's Charity Classic
Grayson Valley Country Club, Birmingham, AL
- Aug. 13 2nd Annual River Region Amateur Corn Hole Classic
Union Station Train Shed, Montgomery, AL

The Colbert County FAME Girls Ranch hosted “An Evening with Randy Owen” to benefit the Ranch on Valentine’s Day weekend. Randy did an amazing job and everyone had a wonderful evening. Two gift certificates to the Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa were also raffled and over \$30,000 was raised with the concert and raffle. We are excited to be able to make some much needed ranch repairs. Thanks so much to Randy and his wife, Kelly, for spending their wedding anniversary weekend to help us at FAME.



Spring break for our FAME girls was a big hit. We took the girls on a two-night vacation to Chattanooga, TN. The girls enjoyed sightseeing, the Tennessee Aquarium, the Aquarium boat ride, Ruby Falls, rock climbing, and the Incline Rail Road. We couldn’t have asked for a better trip and bonding time.

This month we will have WOW Women of Woodward come out to help with our annual spring cleaning projects. This group of women from Woodward Baptist Church are wonderful to help us year-round. They not only help us with donations but they give up their time and energy to make ranch life a little less stressful for our girls and staff.

Current needs include twin sheets and comforters. We welcome cash donations, Walmart, Target, Visa and restaurant gift cards, art supplies and other donations to help the girls.



The Baldwin County Boys Ranch hosted their annual Pig Roast and Auction this spring. This is the Baldwin Ranch’s largest fund-raiser and this year marked the 17th for the annual event. They auctioned off items big and small including jewelry, yard equipment, hotel stays and artwork.

The boys and staff have been busy planting gardens again this year including several acres of watermelons. All the boys are working hard in school preparing for exams and are looking forward to summer break.



Anita Thompson, left, with Sheriff Terry Surles and Freddy Turrentine of the St. Clair County Sheriff’s Office. Mom Thompson retired as Director of Ranch Life for the St. Clair County Boys Ranch in April after working for the Ranches since 1981.

Anita and her husband, Jim, have served the Ranches in many capacities and at both boys and girls Ranches over their 35 years with us. Many of the local supporters joined our staff to honor Anita at her retirement luncheon. The children and staff will miss her and wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

New Ranch Director Daniel McCoy looks forward to getting to know the boys, staff and local supporters as he and his family settle into this new location.



The Tallapoosa County Girls Ranch girls enjoyed going to a Columbus Cottonmouth hockey game recently as well as the Hudson Family Foundation Concert featuring Montgomery Gentry, Justin Moore and Frankie Ballard.

A group of volunteers from Hurlburt Field Chapel Youth Group from the Air Force Special Operations Unit volunteered at the Ranch for a week remodeling the lawnmower shed, relocating a food room as well as helping with general home repairs and cleaning.

There are four seniors at the Ranch this year: Rebecca, Amber, Kelsey and Teya. Each of these girls has excelled in school and is planning to start college this fall.

