



Bring On The Heat

The month of May brought on the heat as AmeriCorps members participated in holding a fund raising yard sale to benefit families of PEAK classes.

During National AmeriCorps Week on May 14th, members volunteered in the community assisting programs such as, Meals on Wheels, The Soup Bowl, and Center For Concern, and also attended a Disaster Preparedness Training in Montgomery with Governor Bob Riley.

May 16th, AmeriCorps Member Brenda Culpepper was proud to announce that The Best In School Pizza Party for Cobb Elementary went to Miss Terry Hick's 4th grade class who won with one hundred and seven "Gothcha!" slips.

A Busy Summer Season

AmeriCorps members began a busy summer season by participating in the 8th Annual "Stop The Violence Awareness Day" on June 3, 2007. The event began at Zinn Park where AmeriCorps members joined in a parade down 14th street to Carver Community Center where there was festival fun and food, guest speakers, and a AmeriCorps presentation by AmeriCorps member, Nathaniel Smith.

June 15th, AmeriCorps and HIPPY members invited all graduates from the PEAK/HIPPY programs from the past year for a Bar-B-Que Picnic Celebration. AmeriCorps members would like to thank Oxford Civic Center for the pavilion. AmeriCorps/HIPPY members would also like to thank all of our sponsors who donated food and door prizes which help make the picnic a big success.

Other June events include a PEAK class taught by AmeriCorps facilitator, Shane Boone that was held at "The Servant Of Jesus Shelter" which graduated ten parents on June 15th.

On June 26th, AmeriCorps members attended a Resume Building Workshop taught by Isaac Chappel and AmeriCorps Member Melvin Bush, which presented professional instruction

on how to participate in interviews, how to prepare a resume, how to properly research a job prospect.

A Conflict Resolution Class was taught by members Melvin Bush, Shane Boone, and Cat Brendel on June 26th at Carver Community Center to the Children enrolled at day camp.

The hot weather kept AmeriCorps & HIPPY members on the move as they prepared for the first graduates of the HIPPY Program, July 13, 2007.

Saturday, July 14th, PEAK member Nathaniel Smith coordinated "Three on One Basket Ball Shoot Out" at Glen Addie Recreation Center.

Gadsden State Community College presented AmeriCorps member's Shika Ball and Cat Brendel, and Family Link's Intern Chad Steed with a Certificate of Excellence on July 16th while they attended "Kids College" at the Ayer's Campus to photograph children for LINC ID and to discuss what staying drug free means.

Family Links and AmeriCorps would like to thank Intern Chad Steed for all his hard work and commitment to the LINC ID Program.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the graduates of the students at The Word In The Life Ministries, Glen Addie Baptist Church and to Calhoun County Rehab Center taught by PEAK class facilitators Melvin Bush, and Brenda Culpepper, Shane Boone, and Paula Simpson, Cat Brendel and Kimberly Rhine.

A Special Congratulations goes out to Anniston's AmeriCorps Coordinator Kimberly Rhine who married Nathan Hall on the 8th of August in Piedmont, Alabama and to HIPPY Coordinator Brenda Withers who married Connelly Williams on the 29th of August in Anniston, Alabama.

It has been a great summer for AmeriCorps Members and we look forward to new recruiting in September.