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# SUMMER FUN EDITION

**Pack a picnic lunch this summer and visit the sites in Walker County such as:**

## Alabama Mining Museum

The Alabama Mining Museum located in Dora depicts the development of coal mining from 1890 to 1940. During this period, mining became an important industrial force and the chief source of energy. During this era, coal mining moved from the pick and shovel to machines. In 1984, the Alabama State Senate designated the Alabama Mining Museum as "The Official State Coal Mining Museum of Alabama." For more information and to visit this Historic Museum contact Bonnie Groves (205) 648-2442.



## Carl Elliott House Museum



The Carl Elliott House Museum is located in Jasper. Carl Elliott was a U.S. Congressman who served in the House of Representatives from 1949 to 1965 and lived in this house with his family. His two great accomplishments were the Library Services Act, bringing library services and books to rural America, and the National Defense Education Act, helping to obtain low cost loans for students. In 1990, he received the first John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award for his work on equal rights and opportunities for all Americans. The house is open to the public by appointments. For more information contact Bevill State Community College (205) 387-0511.



**Girl  
Scouts**

"American Traditions, Red, White, Blue and You", a Girl Scout Day Camp for girls ages 5 through 10, will be held June 5-8, 2006. Camp is from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM at Memorial Park in Jasper. The cost is \$45.00 for Girl Scouts and \$55.00 for non-scouts. The additional \$10 covers the cost of Girl Scout membership, and includes a T-shirt, swimming, crafts, a cookout and camp patch. Additionally girls will learn flag etiquette, sing patriotic songs and participate in formal flag ceremonies. Also included is a bus trip to The American Village at Montevallo, where campers will experience first hand early Colonial American life.

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## BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR

My name is Brian Bagwell and I am a Financial Representative with Metlife. As a member of the Walker County Chamber of Commerce I would like to cordially invite you and a guest to a complimentary business and financial planning seminar brought to you exclusively by Metlife Financial Services. We expect over 25 couples to attend, so please call today to reserve your space.

If you are retired, retiring soon, or even planning for retirement you may have asked yourself the following questions:



- Do I have enough money to retire?
- Is my money in the right places?
- Which assets do I spend first?
- Am I taking too much risk with my investments?
- How can I increase my monthly income in retirement?
- Are there alternatives for low interest rate CD's?
- Do I have an estate tax problem?
- How can I minimize my income taxes?
- Should I even be in the stock market?
- How do I protect my assets from the cost of long-term care?
- What is Long Term Care Insurance and how does it work?

### DINNER

Tuesday  
June 13<sup>th</sup> 2006  
6:30 PM

### RESTAURANT

**OH! Bryan's Family Steakhouse**  
305 Hwy 78 W Jasper, AL 35501

**Seating will be limited so to make your reservations  
Call (205) 970-9782 ext: 198**

We will also discuss some of the most common money mistakes people make. Making financial decisions can sometimes be confusing and overwhelming, and the cost of making the wrong decision or no decision at all can be expensive.

Your speaker is **Michael J. Sheehan**, Financial Planner, CFS, RFC, with Metlife Financial Services. Michael has been the chosen speaker for numerous trade associations as well as several Fortune 500 companies.

Partner: **Brian D. Bagwell**, Financial Services Representatives, with Metlife Financial Services.

## SUMMERTIME FUN DAY CAMP 2006



This fun camp is offered by the Memorial Park Natatorium located at 610 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Jasper for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The fee is \$280.00 per session (non-refundable) with the first session June 5-June 30 from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, and the second session July 3-July 28 (closed on July 4) from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Fees include tuition supplies, arts and crafts, reading material and swimming. Lunch will not be provided. Campers will need to bring lunch. Snacks will be available for purchase in the concession area.

Indoor/outdoor activities will include swimming, kid yoga and aerobics, nature walks, arts and crafts, relay races, and the list goes on. If you are interested in this camp, contact Angela Flowers, Camp Director, at (205) 384-9617.

Also, for more information on the Natatorium events contact Park and Rec (205) 384-6014. Summer classes for ceramics, art lessons, quilting, or carrying a picnic lunch to watch the ducks at the pond would be fun! Private pool parties, ballroom dancing lessons, room rentals and a playroom/nursery is available for instructional programs only.



## Fun In The Sun – Discover Alabama’s Largest Natural Treasurer

You may be surprised to learn that this Deep South state is home to mountains that rise 2,000 feet above sea level, and many of them are within a national forest. The highest peaks are 2,200 feet in the Talladega National Forest and the lowest elevation is a mere 100 feet in the Coastal Plain of the Conecuh National Forest.

The four national forests in Alabama each have unique forest features. You will find high overlooks, rolling hills and tree-studded flat lands. Forest roads can take you on a quiet drive with scenic views. Special walk-in areas are designed for wildlife viewing. You might enjoy traveling the Talladega Scenic Drive, canoeing beneath a canopy of hardwoods along the Sipsey Wild and Scenic River or fishing a secluded stream for largemouth bass.

The extensive network of hiking trails allows for exploration on foot. Some pathways even crisscross designated wilderness areas. In season, hunters can pursue favorite game species in any of the five wildlife management areas. Boaters and water skiers can enjoy large, clean lakes that have enough quiet coves to satisfy anglers as well. Campers will find southern hospitality at its best at the 12 developed recreation areas.

You'll find plenty to explore in the 680,000 acres of Bankhead, Talladega, Conecuh and Tuskegee National Forest of Alabama.

For more information contact National Forests in Alabama [www.southernregion.fs.fed.us/alabama](http://www.southernregion.fs.fed.us/alabama)

- Forest Supervisors Office (334) 832-4470
- Bankhead National Forest (205) 489-5111
- Conecuh National Forest (334) 222-2555
- Tuskegee National Forest (334) 727-2652
- Talladega National Forest-Talladega District (256) 362-2909
- Talladega National Forest-Shoal Creek District (256) 463-2272
- Talladega National Forest-Oakmulgee District (205) 926-9765



### Camp Jimmy Goodwin

Looking for some fun this summer? Then, Camp Jimmy Goodwin is the place to be! Camp Goodwin, an outdoor and environmental education center located on Smith Lake encompasses 66 acres of lake front property near Curry in Walker County. Since 1960 Camp Jimmy Goodwin has provided summer adventures for thousands of children.

Camp Goodwin has a trained staff, whose main focus is the safety and development of your child. Certified lifeguards are used for all aquatic activities such as swimming and canoeing. Each counselor is trained to encourage and uplift the campers and promote positive interactions with their peers. Summer activities include dance classes, environmental education, arts and crafts, fishing, swimming, flag football Frisbee tournaments, camp wide relays, and the list goes on.

Day Campers may choose to ride the camp bus that departs from Jasper's Memorial Park Pool Building at 7:30 AM and returns at 4:45 PM. Your child must be picked up no later than 5:15 PM. This service is provided for the entire 10 weeks for a fee of \$120.00 Availability is very limited. Parents may also choose to provide their own transportation to the camp. For more information, and available dates, contact Camp Goodwin, 197 Camp Goodwin Road, Curry, AL, (205) 384-3855.

### Nauvoo Depot Museum and Harbin Hotel

The Nauvoo Depot Museum is a replica of the original structure built in 1897. It is positioned at the original location alongside the railroad tracks. With the aid of the Nauvoo Historical Society, stories of the train station, local industry and pictures are displayed in the museum and on-site caboose.



In 1923, the Harbin Hotel was built by Mr. W.O. Harbin. It featured 16 furnished rooms and 76 electric lights. The pine walls are original and guest rooms still have their original room numbers. The hotel is filled with period antiques, photographs and newspaper clippings. This two-story brick building was added to the Alabama Landmark Register in 1990.

The BSA Mountain District of the Black Warrior Council would like to announce their 2006 Summer Camp Schedule.

Club Scout Day Camp - Camp O'Rear, Jasper May 30-June 2 Cost - \$45.00 Register Scout, \$55.00 Non-Registered Scout

The following camps are held at Camp Horne in Tuscaloosa

**1st Session Boy Scout Camp**

Date: June 4-9

Cost: \$120.00 Registered Scout, \$135.00 Non-Registered Scout

**2nd Session Boy Scout Camp**

Date: June 11-16

Cost: Same as 1st Session

**3rd Session Boy Scout Camp**

Date: June 18-23

Cost: Same as 1st Session

**1st Session Cub Scout Resident Camp**

Date: June 25-27

Cost: \$75.00 Registered Cub Scout, \$85.00 Non-Registered Cub Scout

**2nd Session Cub Scout Resident Camp**

Date: June 29-July 1



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