

November 2011 Newsletter



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Carla's Desk

Hello Everyone,

Well, Fall is finally here. Yeah!!! Hope you are as excited as I am about the cooler weather.

I had mentioned earlier that my Mother was under going a triple bypass. Well she has had the surgery, they discovered that she actually needed a quadruple bypass and got that taken care of all at the same time. She has done her 3 weeks of rehab and is now back home. I will be getting back into full swing again very shortly.

I want to thank everyone for being so patient with me through this ruff patch. Thank you!!!

If for any reason you do not receive a monthly newsletter, please contact Carla Floyd at Calvary School as soon as possible. I will have it corrected shortly. As always the newsletters will be posted on Calvary's website www.calvary-school.org.

Please feel free to check out the web links that are listed on Calvary's website. There are many fun and educational sites for parents and students. If anyone has any websites that they would like to share. Please email them to calvaryschool_carla.floyd@yahoo.com. I will review them and post them. They do need to be educationally based or informational to homeschooling parents. The more fun the better!!!

November Birthday's

Jason Little	11-4
Robby Gehring	11-5
JD Copeland	11-9
Kendall Walsingham	11-15
Rebecca Underwood	11-29

Community Information

Pioneer Days

Beatrice

Nov 3-4

9am - Noon

Rikard's Mill Historical Park -Between Monroeville and Camden on Hwy. 265, 5 miles North of Beatrice This is a unique opportunity for students and adults alike to see demonstrations of skills and crafts from the past, such as blacksmithing, mules grinding sugar cane, and corn milling at the 1845 water-powered grist mill.

There will also be candle making, cooking demonstrations, basket weaving, nature hikes and more. Schools groups and large groups must call to schedule.

Fall Spectrum Showcase

Tuscaloosa

Concert Hall

Nov 4

7:30pm - ?

The University of Alabama College of Arts & Sciences School of Music presents the Fall Spectrum Showcase Concert, a "Best of the Best" variety show on Friday, November 4, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Concert Hall of the Moody Music Building on the campus of The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL. Faculty and students will be featured showcasing every aspect of what the School of Music has to offer. Ensembles to perform include the Alabama Wind Ensemble, Jazz Standards Combo, Oboe Studio, Trombone Choir, Horn Quartet, University Singers, Jazz Ensemble, Faculty Brass Quintet, Huxford Symphony Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble. The concert will culminate with a featured appearance by the entire University of Alabama Million Dollar Band performing the favorite cheers and songs associated with football at Bryant-

Denny. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear this group "up close" along with the other stars of the UA music program. Everything from classical to jazz will be featured with a variety suited for everyone. There is no admission to this concert. Dress is casual; "football weekend attire". Come early to insure a good seat. For more information visit www.music.ua.edu/calendar or call 205-348-7111.

Cane Syrup

Beatrice

Nov 5

9am - 2pm

Rikard's Mill Historical Park- Between Monroeville and Camden on Hwy. 265, 5 miles North of Beatrice. Join us for a day of family fun. Watch a 20th-century mule-driven cane mill and furnace make cane syrup as in olden days. Stone ground grits and cornmeal will be available. The syrup will be ready by 1 p.m. with a limit of 1 jar per person. Monroe Sausage will be available for lunch.

Canyon Fest: Celebrating Art and Nature

Fort Payne

Little River Canyon Center

Nov 5

10am - 3pm

Enjoy live music, nature & arts activities, arts demonstrations & sales, great food, vendors, children's activities & fun at this festival designed to celebrate our natural world and to benefit the children of our community.

Selma Kenans Mill Festival

Selma

Kenans Mill, off Summerfield Road

Nov 5

www.kenansmill.com

Celebrate rural life in the Black Belt. Watch corn ground into meal. Enjoy bluegrass and gospel music, wagon rides, arts and crafts. Cross Valley Creek on a swinging bridge and see the beehive kiln. Tour the mill house, kitchen garden and explore antique farm implements. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Alabama Frontier Days

Wetumpka

Nov 2-6

Relive Alabama's frontier days - from French colonial times to the Early American period - at Fort Toulouse-Fort Jackson State Historic Site. The event includes a Creek Indian hunting camp, period traders, merchants and entertainers along with demonstrations of pottery making, dugout canoe construction and hide tanning. Begins each day at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m. Admission is charged. For more information, call 334-567-3002 or go to fttoulousejackson.org

Alabama Pecan Festival

Mobile

Tillmans Corner Community Center

Nov 4-6

A family-oriented festival featuring a carnival atmosphere with vendors selling food items, crafts, arts, jewelry, face painting, and lots of other associated items. A grandstand show featuring a classic country and western show. A Sunday gospel show with top notch entertainers. Bring the kids, bring the grandparents, there's something for everyone. Free admission and free parking.

Heritage Harbor Days

Foley

Heritage Park

Nov 4-6

11th Annual cultural heritage celebration showcasing our shrimping, farming and entertainment heritage in Foley, Baldwin County and the great State of Alabama. Includes, food, fun, crafters, children's art village, boat builders, shrimp boat, living history area, wooden boat show, concerts and fireworks after the Celebrate America concert.

Homestead Hollow Arts and Crafts Festival

Springville

Nov 4-6

www.homesteadhollow.com. Admission charged. Homestead Hollow, I-59 to exit 154--Handmade, hand decorated one-of-a-kind arts and crafts festival in a recreated pioneer setting. See demonstrations of blacksmithing, soap making, wood carving, weaving, open hearth cooking, candle making and the only licensed moonshine still in the state of Alabama. Live entertainment, children's activities and great food. Visit the general store for jams, jellies and pickles. 9 a.m-5 p.m.

Alabama Scenic River Trail Alabama River Fall Color Paddle

Monroeville

Claiborne Lock and Dam Area

Nov 5-6

Join us for the third year of this great event that camps at Isaac Creek Campground and explores the creeks and backwaters with great birdwatching and beautiful scenery of the Alabama River all around. Includes a lock-through of the Claiborne Dam in a group of paddlers—great fun.

Patriotic Tribute

Birmingham

Nov 6

An afternoon of patriotic events for the entire family: 1:30 - 2:30 Walk and Talk with History Talk with veterans about their military experiences 2:00 - 2:30 StepStone Cememony Placement of pavers to honor veterans 2:30 - 2:45 Flag Retirement Ceremony Demonstrate the proper procedure for retirement of the American Flag 3:00 - 3:30 Patriotic Ceremony Honoring all Veterans.

Photography Workshop

Fort Payne

Little River Canyon Center

Nov 11-12

Join master photographer and print maker, John Alexander Dersham, for this two-part workshop where you will discuss the fine art photography of John Dersham and learn compositional techniques in field application.

Greener Day at Little River Canyon Center

Fort Payne

Little River Canyon Center

Nov 12

The National Park Service staff and volunteers will present "Green & Grey" greener living programs on the second Saturday of each month. Topics include climate change, recycling, energy conservation, eco-gardening, exotic plants, native landscaping, pollution prevention, green energy, and more!

National Peanut Festival

Dothan

Fairgrounds

Nov 4-13

334-793-4323. www.nationalpeanutfestival.com. Fairgrounds, three miles south of Ross Clark Cir. on U.S. Hwy. 231 S.--The

nation's largest peanut festival is held each fall to honor peanut growers and to celebrate the harvest season. Festivities include amusement rides, animal acts, agricultural displays, music concerts, beauty pageants, arts and crafts displays, contests, food, a two-hour parade, and tons of peanuts.

Battles for the Armory Tallassee Civil War Reenactment

Tallassee

Nov 10-13

Located at beautiful Gibson View Plantation on County Road 4 in Tallassee. Take a walk back in time to the 1860's as you walk around on the plantation and take in the sights and sounds of the War Between the States. Civil War Reenactments on Saturday and Sunday at 2pm. School Days on Thursday. Period Civil War Ball Saturday Evening. Period Sutlers selling their wares.

Christmas in Cullman

Cullman

Nov 10-11

Annual holiday shopping extravaganza with great sales and live entertainment. Enjoy horse-drawn carriage rides, beautifully decorated shops, choral groups, bands and other live entertainment. Visit with Santa and enjoy the "Parade of Trees," food vendors and a Christmas parade.

Mobile Renaissance Faire

Mobile

Abba Temple Shrine

Nov 12-13

10am - 5pm

This two-day festival will feature jousting kights, pirates, falconry, swashbuckling swordsmen, storytellers, Arabian, gypsy

Renaissance and Irish dancers, musicians, theatre, jesters, jugglers, and more, including medieval food and drinks.

Golden Dragon Acrobats of China

Birmingham

Nov 13

3pm

3 p.m., in UAB's Alys Stephens Center, 1200 10th Ave. South. The Golden Dragon Acrobats reside in Hebei, China, and represent the best of a time-honored tradition that began more than 25 centuries ago. Their performances combine dazzling acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary music and theatrical techniques to present a show of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty. Part of the Alys Stephens Center's World on Stage Festival.

Native American Heritage Weekend

Fort Payne

Little River Canyon Center

Nov 18-19

Growin' Up Wild for Preschool Children: Native American Stories--Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers for fun nature and art programs for preschool age children (Fri., 11 a.m.-noon, free). Guided Archaeology Tour of Cherokee and DeKalb Counties--Come along with JSU archaeologist Dr. Harry Holstein for a guided tour of sites throughout Cherokee and DeKalb counties. Participants will visit the 19th-century Cornwall Iron Furnace, a Spanish contact site at Coosa village, a rock shelter in use as early as 3000 B.C., and much more. Bring your own food and drinks. Transportation is provided (Sat., 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 30 per person ages 14 and over); pre-registration required. Native American Pottery Workshop--Join expert potter, Tammy Beane, to learn how pottery was made on Lookout Mountain

thousands of years ago. Clay as well as bone needles and paddles provided to make designs on your pots (Sat., 10 a.m.-noon, \$20 adult/\$15 child); pre-registration is required.

Native American Tools & Weapons--Join National Park Service archaeologist Larry Beane for a demonstration of how Native Americans utilized natural resources to hunt and gather food, to make weapons, to start fires, and more (Sat., 10 a.m.-3 p.m., free).

River Rhythms: Native American Stories--Join Canyon Center's Renee Morrison for an hour of stories by Native American authors (Sat., 1-2 p.m., free).

International TELLABRATION: Storytelling in the Canyon--The International Tellebration is a worldwide event devoted to storytelling. This grassroots movement is endorsed by the National Storytelling Network. Join Alabama storytellers for this fun event which includes participatory activities that support the stories (Sat., 3-5 p.m., free). Visit www.tellabration.org for more info.

Some programs may have limited space so pre-registration is encouraged.

American HIndian History Month festival

Dothan

Nov 19

4:30pm - 10pm

Please mark your calendars and join us for all the excitement as American Indian artist from around the southeastern United States join with the nine recognized American Indian tribes of Alabama Saturday, November 19, 2011 at the Dothan Civic Center in Dothan, Alabama for American Indian History Month Festival 2011. Activities include: gourd dancing, grand entry in traditional dress, traditional powwow dancing, stomp dance, host northern drum & host southern drum, guest southern drum, flute

music, living history exhibits by recognized tribes, storytelling and lots of great door prizes for the audience. We would additionally like to thank the Dothan Police Department for serving as our event security & helping us provide another great year of safe family fun for the whole community. Doors open at 4:30pm. Admission is \$10.00 for spectators. All dancers enter free. Children 5 & under enter free. Advance tickets are on sale now at the Dothan Civic Center Box Office which is located on the second floor of the civic center building. Ticket information is available at 334-615-3175. More event information is available at www.aifestival.net. Thank you for helping make all our dancers feel welcome during this amazing celebration. We look forward to seeing you Saturday, November 19, 2011 at the Dothan Civic Center.

Guided Archaeology Tour of Cherokee and EdKalb counties

Fort Payne

Jacksonville State University

Nov 19

9am - 3pm

Come along with JSU archaeologist Dr. Harry Holstein for a guided tour of sites throughout Cherokee and DeKalb counties.

Participants will visit the 19th century Cornwall Iron Furnace, a Spanish contact site at Coosa village, a rock shelter in use as early as 3000 B.C., and much more. This will be an unforgettable all-day event. Bring your own food and drinks. Transportation is provided. Space is limited so register early!

Christmas in the Country

Leighton

Nov 19-20

256-446-9324. "Remembering Christmas Past" The historic "dogtrot" log cabin that serves as a Welcome Center and several

other log buildings, including a Barn, Corncrib, Chapel, Country Store, Blacksmith Shop, Post Office, Barber Shop and "Bonner House" Bed and Breakfast, will be decorated with Christmas trees and fresh evergreen boughs. Free Entertainment Hayrides with Santa will take families to the antebellum cemetery that is part of the LaGrange complex LaGrange volunteers will offer handmade crafts and baked goods for sale.

Galaxy of Lights Walking Nights

Huntsville

Nov 18-22

5 - 8pm

www.hsvbg.org

For the 16th year, Huntsville Botanical Garden will transform its gardens into a dazzling display of lights in celebration of the holiday season. Galaxy of Lights is a magnificent mile and a half-long holiday light extravaganza featuring larger-than-life animated light displays. Exhibits include nursery rhymes, a holiday village, dinosaurs, wild animals, a magical twinkling icicle forest, garden scenes, animated snowmen and much more! From November 18 - 22 from 5p.m. to 7:30 p.m., visitors can walk at their own pace through the winter wonderland of holiday lights. Children can visit with Santa Claus at the end of the walk and warm refreshments will be available. On, November 21, walkers can bring the family pooch, as the Garden hosts their third annual Dog Walking Night.

Poarch Creek Thanksgiving Pow Wow

Atmore

Poarch Creek Pow Wow Grounds

Nov 24-25

Come see Native America at its finest! The Poarch Creek Thanksgiving Powwow offers some of the finest entertainment for

the family in the southeast. Come see hundreds of Native American dancers in authentic regalia compete for top prizes. Take a bite out of the traditional thanksgiving dinner and roasted corn, and come shop at many booths featuring hand-made, one-of-a-kind, Native American crafts, and so much more!

The North Pole Express

Calera

Nov 18-Dec 18

A magical train ride to the North Pole, for kids of all ages! Visit with Santa and his elves, sing Christmas carols, enjoy cookies and milk, and receive a Christmas gift! Wear your pajamas! ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED – Tickets and info at www.HODRRM.org

Santas Village

Huntsville

Constitution Village/EarlyWorks Museum

Nov 25-Dec 23

Young & old alike will delight in visiting Santa & Mrs. Claus' home, the reindeer in their stable & elves in their toy shop working busily to create special memories for you & your family in the village Santa calls home. www.earlyworks.com

Arctic Express

Silverhill

Nov 25-Dec 24

1-9 Sat and Sun

www.waleswest.com

Christmas at the Wales West Light Railway is a special family time. The entire railway and surrounding park grounds are totally decorated with more than 1,000,000 lights, figures, blow-ups and miles of ribbon and garlands. The steam powered totally

decorated train (Arctic Express) leaves the main station for a mile-long trip through a wonderland of lights to the North Pole and return. Once at the North Pole the children will be able to visit with Santa in the winter wonderland barn while parents and grand parents take pictures. Each child receives a handmade wooden locomotive made at the railway as part of their visit. They can decorate it at the arts and crafts table before re-boarding the train. Upon returning to the main station everyone is treated to hot coco, cookies, and candy canes in the hospitality tent. The children can play with the large Thomas The Tank train tables while the adults relax or shop in the unique gift shop or tea room. Open weekdays from 10:00AM till 1:00PM for groups & walk-ins. Weekends from 1:00PM till 9:00PM to the general public. The last two weeks of the event are open daily from 4:00PM till 9:00PM to the general public. See our web site www.waleswest.com for scheduling changes. Admission is \$10.00 per person + tax.

Field Trips & Activities

Wed. Nov. 2nd, 11:00am Veteran's Museum 2060 Airport Rd SW #A, Huntsville. Come learn about the many wars the US has been involved in from the Revolutionary War until now. See uniforms, medalions, weapons, vehicles, and more. It is always a great experience. Feel free to pack a lunch and picnic at the nearby Kid's Space playground after the tour. Museum cost: \$3 per person.

Fri. Nov. 11th, 10:45AM Veteran's Parade. Join us near the VBC North Hall on Clinton Ave. in Huntsville to watch the parade and honor veterans. The parade starts at 11:00 but you'll want to arrive no later than 10:45 since our meeting spot is near the beginning of the route.

Fri. Nov. 18th 11:00am Monrovia Community Center 254 Allen Drake Dr. Huntsville, Al. Thanksgiving Lunch. Come celebrate fall and this time of giving thanks by sharing food and fun with each other. Bring a dish that might have been eaten by the pilgrims at the first Thanksgiving and a drink to share.

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