

September Newsletter

Back to SCHOOL



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Hello Everyone,

WOW! Can you believe the summer is almost over. Where did the time go. Well it is time to crack the books and expand your minds.

I want to Welcome back all of our returning families and Welcome to all of our new families. I would love to see as many of Calvary's families at our Field Trips and Activities as possible. All of our functions are located on the next to the last page of every newsletter. Please attend if you can. We would love to have 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.

September Birthday's

Tia Johnson	9-2
Jackson Eberly	9-9
Christelle Nieburg	9-10
Michael McNutt	9-12
Luke Neal	9-15
Addison Jones	9-20
Kathryn Walker	9-21
Colin Tate	9-24

Community Information

Alabama Butterbean Festival

Pinson

Historic Main Street

Sep 2-3

Friday 5-10, Sat 8-4

Imagine...escaping from the busy life and experiencing two relaxing, fun filled days with endless family activities...in a "Mayberry" setting! Well, if that sounds like a dream come true, then escape to one of Alabama's premiere festivals, The Alabama Butterbean Festival. You'll discover "down home" entertainment away from the hustle and bustle of the world. Nestled in the heart of downtown Pinson, Alabama, The Alabama Butterbean Festival has activities to offer people of all age groups ranging from kids to grandparents! Bring out the cook in grandma with our "Butterbean and Cornbread Cooking Contest!" Take grandpa back in time to the "good ole' days" with our Antique Car Show! Make your dog feel special when he competes in our "Tail Waggin' Dog Pageant!" Get dad back in shape with our 5k run... while mom takes her time enjoying endless amounts of Arts and Crafts! And, capture your kid's heart with the Children's Parade, Kid's Zone and Greased Pig Contest...and so much more! All of this plus FREE PARKING & FREE ADMISSION! We're very excited and proud to announce that our 2011 festival will be the largest one yet! It will now be two days with even more attractions and activities from a Friday night fireworks show. The Alabama Butterbean Festival continues to be an event where people from around the country flock to experience the life of a small town. Come join us this fall and help make this year's festival even that much more special. We specialize in taking you back to the times when life was just a little more sweet, a little simpler and a lot more fun. We look forward to seeing your smiling face and making another new friend.

Battle for Decatur

Decatur

Point Mallard Park

Sep 3-4

6am-10pm with 2pm battles

Civil War Reenactment featuring mock battles each day at 2:00 p.m. Camps are also open to the public for viewing. 6 a.m.- 10 p.m.

Sue the T-Rex and Be the Dinosaur Life in the Cretaceous

Huntsville

US Space and Rocket Center

Main Exhibit Hall

Through Sep 5

www.spacecamp.com

These two exhibits are combined for the first time ever! Sue is the largest, most complete, best preserved T.rex. Be the Dinosaur is the world's first dinosaur simulation - which includes the most complex and far reaching restoration of dinosaurs and their environment ever created.

Northeast Alabama State Fair

Huntsville

John Hunt Park

Sep 1-5

256-883-JCJC (5252). www.huntsvillefair.com. Admission charged. John Hunt Park--Now in its 50th year, this family-oriented event is sponsored by the Huntsville Jaycees and features midway rides, shooting games, contests, live entertainment, barbecue contests, and more.

Sweet Tater Festival

Crane Hill

Dowling Memorial Park

Sep 4-5

A good time for the whole family! Arts and crafts, food, live entertainment, games, kiddie rides, flea market, door prizes, and much much more. Located at Dowling Memorial Park, in the heart of Crane Hill, AL. Labor Day weekend, open Sunday 1-4pm and Monday 8am - 3pm.

Labor Day at Old Alabama Town

Montgomery

Sep 5

9am-3pm

Return to the days before Labor Day was established in 1894 to learn how early Americans of all backgrounds toiled in 19th century Alabama. Open on Labor Day, 9am to 3pm. Admission: \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth ages 6-18, free to ages 5 and younger. Picnic baskets and blankets are welcome in Kiwanis Park. For more information, call 1-888-240-1850

Labor Day Celebration

McCalla

Sep 5

205-477-5711. www.tannehill.org. Admission charged. Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park—Labor Day family fun. Handmade crafts, music, barbecue and moon pie eatin' contest. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Labor Day Nature Walk

Pelham

Sep 5

10am

Campground Beach @ Oak Mountain State Park – Stop and take a deep breath this Labor Day. Join Park Naturalist and go on a nature walk around the campground lake.

Ballet and the Beast

Montgomery

Sep 9

Gates open at 6. Ballet begins at dusk.

The City of Montgomery Zoo and the Montgomery Ballet joins forces to bring this spectacular performance. For years the Montgomery Ballet and the Montgomery Zoo have offered “Ballet and the Beast” to the River Region area. Family and friends can enjoy a free performance of the Montgomery Ballet in the events area of the Zoo. Guests may bring a picnic dinner, or purchase concessions.. www.montgomeryzoo.com

19th Annual Arab Community Fair

Arab City Park

Sep 10

9am-4pm

Activities are still being lined up, but here's what's on tap so far: Crafts, Children's Clothing, Music, Food & Fun! Capt. John Rayburn Marshall County Camp 452 re-enactors will set up tents like those used in the Civil War. They'll be cooking navy beans and cornbread and demonstrating other aspects of camp life. Society member Shirley Gullion will play old-time gospel and Civil War songs at the old Rice Church, and singing along is invited. Dulcimer clubs will perform between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Former students of Lola Boyd are invited between 1 and 2 p.m. to a reunion and a tour of her house at the village. They are asked to share memories of their school days in her classes and bring school pictures of themselves from that time to hang in her entrance hall. Demonstrations of old ways of washing clothes, making lye soap and churning butter will be given at the Boyd House, as will explanations of old farm equipment. You and your children also can watch as corn is ground into meal in the gristmill and a smithy at work in the blacksmith shop. Kids can play checkers at the country store and buy a sack of penny candy. Desserts and cold drinks will also be available. In the Ruth Clubhouse, kids can make pieces that will later be made into a small quilt. Hands-on computer help will be given at the old Hunt School for those interested in getting started researching their genealogy. You'll need to bring the birth and/or death date of the oldest ancestor that you want to research. For more information or to sign up as entertainment, call: Shirley Gullion, 256-586-5646. For booth reservations, call: Juanita Edmondson: 256-550-0290; or 256-586-6397.

Abalabip! Tuscaloosa Alabama

Sep 10

Bama Theatre

8pm-11pm

ABALABIP! in Tuscaloosa, Alabama Come join the Oxford American Magazine to celebrate the Year of Alabama Music! STARTS: Saturday, September 10 2011, 8 p.m. ENDS: 11 p.m. CATEGORIES: Special Events The Oxford American returns to Alabama for the fourth installment of ABALABIP! All ticket sales benefit the Governor's Emergency Relief Fund for storm victims Saturday, September 10, 2011 at 8 p.m. Bama Theatre Tuscaloosa, Alabama Featuring jazz bass superstar and Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame Inductee: Cleve Eaton & The Alabama All Stars Tuscaloosa's homegrown grit-rockers: Dexateens Plus special guests! Presented by The Oxford American, in partnership with the Tuscaloosa Arts Council and the Frances S. Summersell Center for the Study of the South at the University of Alabama. With support from Alabama Department of Tourism, Florence Lauderdale

Tourism, Lucy Buffett's LuLu's at Homeport Marina, MINI, and Arkansas Delta Byways.

Joe Wheeler Birthday Party

Courtland

Sep 10

256-637-8513. www.wheelerplantation.org. Visit the grounds and out buildings of Pond Springs, the home of Confederate Gen. Joe Wheeler, for a party celebrating his birthday. It resumes a tradition that ended in 1955 with the death of daughter Miss Annie Wheeler. The main house is scheduled to reopen in 2012 following a 12-year restoration.

Old Timer's Festival

Rosalie

State Hwy 71

Sep 10

10am-6pm

Take a few steps back into the past and experience quilting, corn grinding, blacksmithing, broom making, whittling, shingle-making, Native American demonstrations, and period music entertainment.

Blount County Fair

Oneonta

Blount County-Oneonta Agri-business Center

Sep 13-17

5-10pm

Visit the many exhibits featuring prized fruits and vegetables, crafts, artwork and baked goodies. See displays from area businesses and civic groups along with youth exhibits. Entertainment and special events nightly with updated Midway and Carnival games. Enjoy the beef cattle show Thursday night and the halter horse show Friday night. Childrens events nightly.

Bridgeport Jubilee

Bridgeport

Sep 17

9am-9pm

Join in the entire day of family fun in downtown Bridgeport near Soulard Square as we celebrate our present to preserve our historic past. Be a part of the patriotic decorated bike and tricycle parade starting at 1:30. You might be a winner. There will be musical entertainment throughout the day including blue grass, gospel, and local pickers and singers. Also food vendors, silent auction, arts & crafts, antique car show, motorcycle show, children's games, and historic story telling with re-enactors.

Museum Day

Anniston

Sep 17

Anniston Museum of Natural History--Annual event celebrating the museum's anniversary. Free admission to the exhibit halls. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Growin' Up Wild for Preschool Children: Butterfly Flutterby

Fort Payne

Little River Canyon Center

Sep 23

11am-12pm

Join Canyon Center's Renee Morrison, staff and volunteers every fourth Friday of the month for fun nature and art programs for preschool age

children. <http://epic.jsu.edu>

Identifying Butterflies

Fort Payne

DeSoto Park Campfire Circle

Sep 23

8pm

Join lepidopterist and photographer, Vitaly Charny, to learn more about the fascinating life-cycle of Alabama's butterflies. Stunning

photographs. <http://epic.jsu.edu>

Melodies and Musings – Our Appalachian Legacy

Guntersville

Rec Center

Sep 22-24

8:30am-4:30pm plus evening activities

This regional Mountain Dulcimer Workshop will bring four national instructors to celebrate and preserve Appalachian music. Students will receive 15 hours of dulcimer instruction, four additional hours of Appalachian music heritage classes of their choice, evening activities, contra dancing, fa-so-la singing, music vendors and jamming. The Saturday night concert will feature the national professionals and will be open to the public. See website for details. Festival workshops made possible in part by: National Endowment for the Arts, City of Guntersville, Marshall County Convention & Visitors Bureau and Marshall County RSVP. www.melodies-and-musings.com

Irondale Whistle Stop Festival

Irondale

20th Street South

Sep 24

9am-5pm

The 19th Annual Irondale Whistle Stop Festival will be held on Saturday, September 24th. This year the festival will be celebrating Irondale's history and rich artistic community. For the first time the festival will join with National Night Out for a Friday night kick off, September 23rd. The Irondale Whistle Stop Festival held annually in historic Irondale brings together artists and craft makers to sell and demonstrate their work. There will be a muster of vintage fire engines as well as fire safety demonstrations. Carnival games for adults and children. A variety of live music and performances all day and into the evening. There will be BBQ and Funnel cakes. The Irondale cafe will be open selling their famous fried green tomatoes. Come shop and enjoy a day of family fun in Historic

Irondale. www.irondalewhistlestopfestival.com

Meet the Farm Animals

Oak Mountain State Park
Pelham
Sep 24
10am

Petting Farm @ Oak Mountain State Park – Come out to the Petting Farm and meet the animals. Most of them loved to be petted, so be ready to share some love and learn some of the cool facts about these animals.

River Rhythms Family Fun Program

Fort Payne
Little River Canyon Center
Sep 24
1-3pm

Expert photographer and lepidopterist, Vitaly Charny, will lead this easy hike to search for and identify butterflies. <http://epic.jsu.edu>

Big Spring Jam

Huntsville
Von Braun Center
Sep 23-25
256-533-1953. www.bigspringjam.org. Admission charged. Von Braun Center--A full lineup of great musical entertainment throughout the weekend. www.bigspringjam.org

Mule day

Winfield
Sep 23-25
Sat and Sun 8am-4pm
205-487-0000. Winfield--Mule Day festivities begin on Friday evening with music and dancing for all ages, great food, flea market booths, and downtown shopping specials. Saturday features the Mule Day Run at 7:30 a.m., a variety of food, musical entertainment, the Mule Day parade, car and tractor show, flea market, mule judging, arts and crafts, bake-n-auction, and a carnival. A Civil War reenactment, "Skirmish at Luxapalila," will also take place at Ivan K. Hill Park, with battles on Saturday and Sunday, and a period ball Saturday evening at the Winfield Community Center.

Summer Butterfly House (Last Month)

Huntsville
Through Sep 30
The Nature Center at Huntsville Botanical Garden is the nation's largest open-aired butterfly house with over 2,000 butterflies, fluttering freely among beautiful vegetation, a trickling creek and even a cascading waterfall. However, the butterfly house is also home to over two dozen turtles: yellow and red eared sliders and box turtles, as well as several families of button quail - a small flightless bird. You won't want to miss this amazing adventure - a crowd favorite! www.hsvbg.org

Fall Fest

Gadsden
Sep 1-30

www.culturalarts.org

Apples and pumpkins and gourds, oh my. We'll be celebrating the harvest season all month long. Bob for apples, make a scarecrow and more. Please check website for specific dates and times.

Cullman County Fair

Cullman County Fair Grounds
Sep 20-28

Since 1954, the Cullman County Fair has been delighting the citizens of Cullman and surrounding counties with thrilling rides, amazing exhibits, and the best in local and regional entertainment. Now in its fifty-sixth year, the Cullman County Fair is back to quicken the pulses of both the young and the young at heart with an event we feel is the best ever!

North Alabama Scottish Festival and Highland Games

Scottsboro
Sep 30-Oct 2
9am-6pm

Celebrate the heritage and culture of the Highlands at the Scottish Festival in Scottsboro at the Amphitheater area with Bagpipes & Drums, Highland and Irish Dancers, Scottish Storytelling, plenty of beautiful Highland Music and demonstrations of Sheep Herding and Scottish Cows "Coos". Children's events held all day ending with a Pet Parade! The Highland Games competitions and demonstrations include: The Hammer Toss, The Caber Toss, The Sheaf Toss, The Clachneart or "Stone of Strength", 28 & 56 Pound Weights for Height, and 28 & 56 Pound Weights for Distance – all held in the athletics area. www.tennesseevalleyscottishsociety.org

Pumpkin Patch Express

SilverHill
Sep 24- Oct 30
1-9pm Sat and Sun

www.waleswest.com

This trip is total fun in the fall for kids of all ages! Our totally decorated steam powered day train (Pumpkin Patch Express) leaves the station for a 1 mile fun ride to the Pumpkin Patch at the Haunted Barn and return. This trip is very popular with school & mother's day out groups so book early to get the time & date you want. Our steam powered night train (Ghoul Ville Express) travels through a totally decorated landscape where everything is illuminated and monsters come out to greet the train as it passes through Ghoul Ville and return. This train is very popular with the general public & groups & organizations that can not come out for day trips. Both trains stop at the haunted barn where the children will find the haunted maze. Beyond the maze is the pumpkin patch filled with pumpkins for them to choose from. Once the children have selected their pumpkins it's off to the craft tables to decorate them before re-boarding the train. Once back at the main station everyone receives snacks and a Halloween sucker. Open to groups and walk-ins on weekdays from 10:00AM till noon, weekends from 1:00PM till 9:00PM. The last two weeks of the event are also open daily from 5:00PM till 9:00PM.

Fall Scarecrow Trail

Huntsville
Botanical Gardens
Sep 1-Oct 31
9am-5pm

Don't miss the Fall Scarecrow Trail at Huntsville Botanical Garden where over 100 scarecrows await you! Come see what hay-filled delights sprang from the creativity of their makers. And for the second year, you'll be amazed by over a dozen hay bale art displays. From spooky to funny, you are sure to be impressed! Stay tuned to our website at www.hsvbg.org to find out other great events that take place during September and October: like visits from the "Bat Lady", Safari Wildlife

Adventure shows and Bootanica!www.hsvbg.org

Old Baker Farm Pumpkin Patch

Harpersville
Old Baker Farm
Sep 24-Oct 31
Sat and Sun 9am-dark

205-672-7209. www.oldbakerfarm.com. Admission charged. Old Baker Farm--Pumpkin patch, corn maze, hay maze, hay ride, petting farm, and more. Sat. & Sun., 9 a.m. until dark.

Fieldtrips and Activities

Fri. 9 Sept. 11:00am-2:00pm Back to School Party at Green Mountain. 5000 Nature Trail Rd., Huntsville AL 35803. Come picnic in the pavilion and help us get our new year started with food and fun. Meet and encourage new families and re-unite with returning families. Bring a covered dish to share and a two liter drink. Please RSVP what you plan to bring to Carla Floyd at calvaryschool_carlafloyd@yahoo.com or call 256-423-8165

Fri. 16 Sept. 10:00am Ivy Green, 300 North Commons Street West Tusculumbia, AL 35674. Come see where Helen Keller grew up and learn about her amazing life and how she overcame her trials. Bring a sack lunch and join us down the street at Spring Park for lunch and playing on the playground or riding on the train. Cost of Ivy Green tour: \$2.00 per person (there is an additional cost to ride the rides at Spring Park but entrance to the park and playground is free)

Fri. 30 Sept. 10:00am Huntsville Botanical Gardens, 4747 Bob Wallace Avenue, Huntsville, Alabama 35805. We'll be doing a self-guided tour, so come along with us as we explore the gardens and see scarecrows dressed up as your favorite storybook characters. Bring your own sack lunch for a picnic in the garden after we're done exploring! Cost: \$5.00 per person.

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