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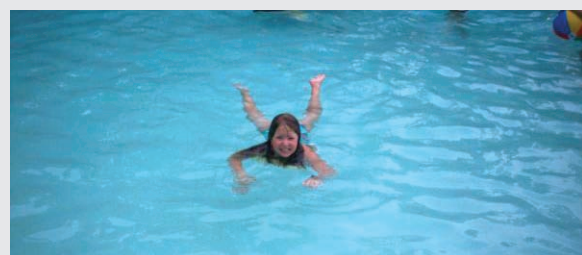
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UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

*Georgia Salzburger Society Labor Day
Festival Weekend
September 4-6, 2010*

*Ebenezer ALIVE! Education Program
School field trips from September to May*

*Handbell Festivals
January 28-29, 2011 – John Behnke
February 25-26, 2011 – Christine Anderson*



SWIMMING LESSONS

Three two week sessions of swimming lessons were held this summer. The sessions were taught by Ginny Knorr, retired aquatics instructor for Armstrong Atlantic State University and a certified Red Cross instructor.

Donations! Donations! Donations! Donations! Donations! Donations! Donations!

When considering your giving options for 2010, please think about New Ebenezer Retreat Center as one of your choices. As a non-profit 501 (c)3 Organization all gifts are tax deductible. Your contributions help us to keep our facilities in good order as well as undertake construction projects. Our goal at this time is to build a totally handicap accessible cabin for our guests. Another opportunity is to contribute to our Scholarship Fund. This fund enables us to give financial assistance to children and adults who might not be able to attend events here at the retreat center without financial assistance.

CAMP ALOHA

One of the non-traditional ways Hospice Savannah serves children is through Camp Aloha, an annual overnight grief camp for children ages 6 – 18. This May, trained volunteers and professionals came together to provide a weekend of therapeutic fun and group process designed to help 63 children cope with the death of a loved one.

Hospice Savannah's Full Circle has bereavement counselors available all year long to help children, teenagers and adults needing grief support. There is no charge. Reach them at 912.303.9442 or visit the Grief Support pages of Hospice Savannah's website (www.HospiceSavannahHelps.org) to view images from the weekend's activities at New Ebenezer, listen to recordings of children, volunteers and a parent's experiences, or to find out more about Full Circle's services.

—Submitted by Beth Logan

Effingham resident and Full Circle bereavement Counselor, Barbara Moss, comforts a camper.

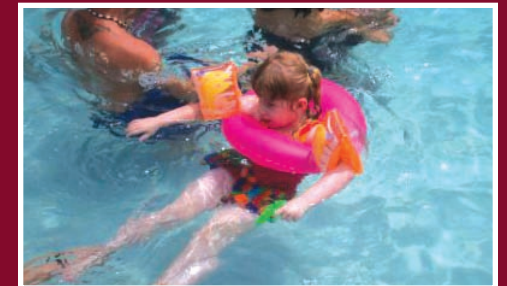


NEW EBENEZER HAND BELL FESTIVALS

John Behnke will be the clinician for our advanced festival January 28-29, 2011 and February 25-26, 2011 and February 25-26, 2011 will be the intermediate festival with Christine Anderson. Registration forms are now available and each festival is limited to 100 ringers.



SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE



EBENEZER ALIVE!..... CELEBRATES 10 YEARS !!!

WOW! Ebenezer ALIVE! Education Program began over 10 years ago. Many students, teachers, and parents from Georgia, Florida, Alabama, North and South Carolina have participated and enjoyed our program.

The New Ebenezer Retreat Center Staff has developed an educational program that ensures that the students will learn "lifelong skills" through new experiences during the Ebenezer ALIVE! Program.

EA Staff believes that there is something extra ordinarily valuable about taking students out of a typical classroom and giving them the opportunity to learn "outside-the-box".

Many teachers comments have been: the best field trip we have ever been on; well-organized; looking forward to coming again; the instructors were "great".

Ebenezer ALIVE! Education Program, an extension of the classroom, is a "hands-on" enriching educational program for students fourth grade and up. This customized program is designed to provide many opportunities during 3 days-2 nights or longer, which includes:

- History/Heritage**
- Nature/Environmental Sciences**
- Character Education**

The Ebenezer ALIVE! Staff enjoyed the groups listed below that participated in our Education Program in May and June:

- Bullock Academy** – Statesboro, GA
- Effingham Co. Middle 8th** – Springfield, GA
- Brookwood Elementary Gifted** – Dalton, GA
- Twin Oaks Elementary Gifted** – Leesburg, GA
- Gateway To College** – Savannah, GA
- St. Mary's** – Savannah, GA

Please call for reservations as soon as possible. We are excited and are looking forward to your school participating in our Ebenezer ALIVE! Program.

Please view our video @ www.newebenezer.org

Call today and sign up today for the 2010-11 School Year!!!

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Character Education



Personal Development: Table manners and etiquette are learned during the theme banquets. Teachers and students enjoy wearing costumes to match the banquet theme, such as "The Wild West".



Learn by Doing: "Slide-Slide-Slide!" Students take cues from the caller during the Folk Dance.



Team Building: The Challenge Course is designed to build confidence to succeed and teach the principles that you will learn in order to help you to lead in the future.



Learning Lifetime Skills: Make Your Own Omelet Breakfast! Also, leaders and students learn the importance food safety and why eggs are "eggcellent" for them.

History/Heritage



Living History and Heritage: Opportunity to learn about "Pastor John Martin Boltzius" at Historic Ebenezer, GA -1734



Revolutionary Living History: During a camp-fire, students and leaders learn and develop an appreciation for Revolutionary soldier's life.



Adventure! Having a "blast" at an old fort.



"Hands-On" Experience: Exploring and learning about Historic Savannah – 1733.



Nature/Environmental Sciences



Discover: During the Reptiles ALIVE! Class, students and teachers have the opportunity to "touch" reptiles



Adventure in "The Puddle Shuttle": Students learn to appreciate life during a creek ecology/history class while cruising on the "Historic Ebenezer Creek".



Down-By-Sea: Teachers and students enjoy the seining and beach ecology class at Tybee Island.



Knowledge: During the GA DNR "Wildlife" class, students and teachers discover many of GA's fur bearing animals.



Summer is always an exciting time here at the retreat center. Over 600 children have participated in camp activities so far this summer. Vacation Bible School is a joint adventure of seven Lutheran Churches in Effingham County. The Savannah Presbytery hosted camp for beginners thru middle school age campers. Muscular Dystrophy Association and St. Joseph's Candler Diabetes Camp were weeks of fun, excitement and learning opportunities for eager campers.

The Servant Work Camp Program provided opportunities for youth of ten congregations from Ohio, Illinois, North Carolina, Kansas, Minnesota, Florida, Pennsylvania and Virginia to share the love of Christ with needy families and senior citizens by helping with yard work, painting, minor home repairs, etc. We have space available for you to schedule a camp experience for your group.

