Project Uplift

July 2014

Uplifting Notes

Save the Date
Project Uplift’s
41st Year Anniversary
07-14-14

July Newsletter

The Days of July:
July 3  Opelika’s Freedom Celebration
OHS Track @ 6:30pm
July 4  Independence Day
July 4  Auburn 4th of July Celebration
Duck Samford Park @ 6pm
July 6  Project Uplift Training Session
158 Cary Hall, AU Campus @ 3pm-7pm
July 6  National Fried Chicken Day
July 13  Embrace Your Geekness Day
July 14  41st Anniversary Celebration
MLK Park @ 4pm-6:30pm
July 21  National Junk Food Day
July 23  National Hot Dog Day
July 27  Parents Day
July 30  National Cheese Cake Day

Project Uplift
Celebrates 41 Years!

July 1st marks another milestone for Project Uplift – the 41st anniversary. Since 1973, Project Uplift has paired caring adults with at-risk youth in an attempt to uplift the lives of children and help reduce juvenile delinquency. Over the years, Project Uplift volunteers have been helping make the Lee County community thrive through support of our youth and leading by example.

This year to celebrate our anniversary, we shall rejoice with the children and families in our program as well as our community and individual supporters at the Martin Luther King Park on Monday, July 14th at 4pm. We invite you to celebrate with us! So bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets and join us for an afternoon full of fun, sun, and great people. We hope to see you there!

Special Thanks to All Our Soldiers: Soldier Poem

Poem retrieved from www.lovinglinesandmore.com

I just want to thank you for all the things you do. For all your sacrifices and all that you go through. For wanting to serve others, for giving all your best. For showing such commitment no matter what the test. For always showing courage and never being weak. Showing strength in the troubled times, when freedom is what we seek. For being an inspiration no matter where you trod. For striving to keep this nation one nation under God.
Special Birthday Wishes

Lillian Kuhnsman July 2
Madelaine Ridpath July 2
Kathleen Gray July 4
Maggie Mitchell July 8
Mary Margaret Taylor July 9
Madelaine Julbert July 10
Mackenzie Eschmann July 14
Julia Trumbull July 25
Marilyn Moulton July 27
Rachel Ratliff July 29

Happy Anniversary

Project Uplift would like to wish Brett West a very special two year anniversary. We thank you for all you do on behalf of our program and for your mentee!

Friendly Reminders

Partners Required: Starting this coming Fall 2014 semester all volunteers will be required to have someone tag along with them on all outings. This person must be 19 or older. Although attending outings with the Project Uplift mentor, this person should never be responsible for or left alone with the child. She/he is strictly there to fulfill Auburn University’s Minors on Campus policy and provide additional support to the mentor. All incoming volunteers will be required to have an official Project Uplift partner to fulfill this requirement.

Updated Items: Please be sure you have the following items updated: TB Skin Test (good for two years), CPR Certification (training dates posted on the Project Uplift website calendar), also everyone must complete the Stewards of Children training (instructions can be found online – your transcript or certificate must be emailed to the Project Uplift office).

$5 Per Month/Per Child: Our hope is that mentors contribute their time more so than their money. Please be mindful to not spend more than $5 per child each month. Take advantage of free and low cost activities. A list of suggested activities and local discounts for Project Uplift volunteers can be found on our website.

Swimming: Always check with the parent/legal guardian to make sure swimming is OK. In addition, there must be an on-duty lifeguard present during all swimming outings.

Overnight Visits: Mentees must have their own sleeping area (bag, bed, etc.) and should for no reason share with another person. In addition, mentees must sleep in a room/area that has a door that can be closed and locked separate from their mentors. If you need clarification or have any questions or concerns with overnight rules/regulations, please contact the Project Uplift office.

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“A child, a friend, endless possibilities.”