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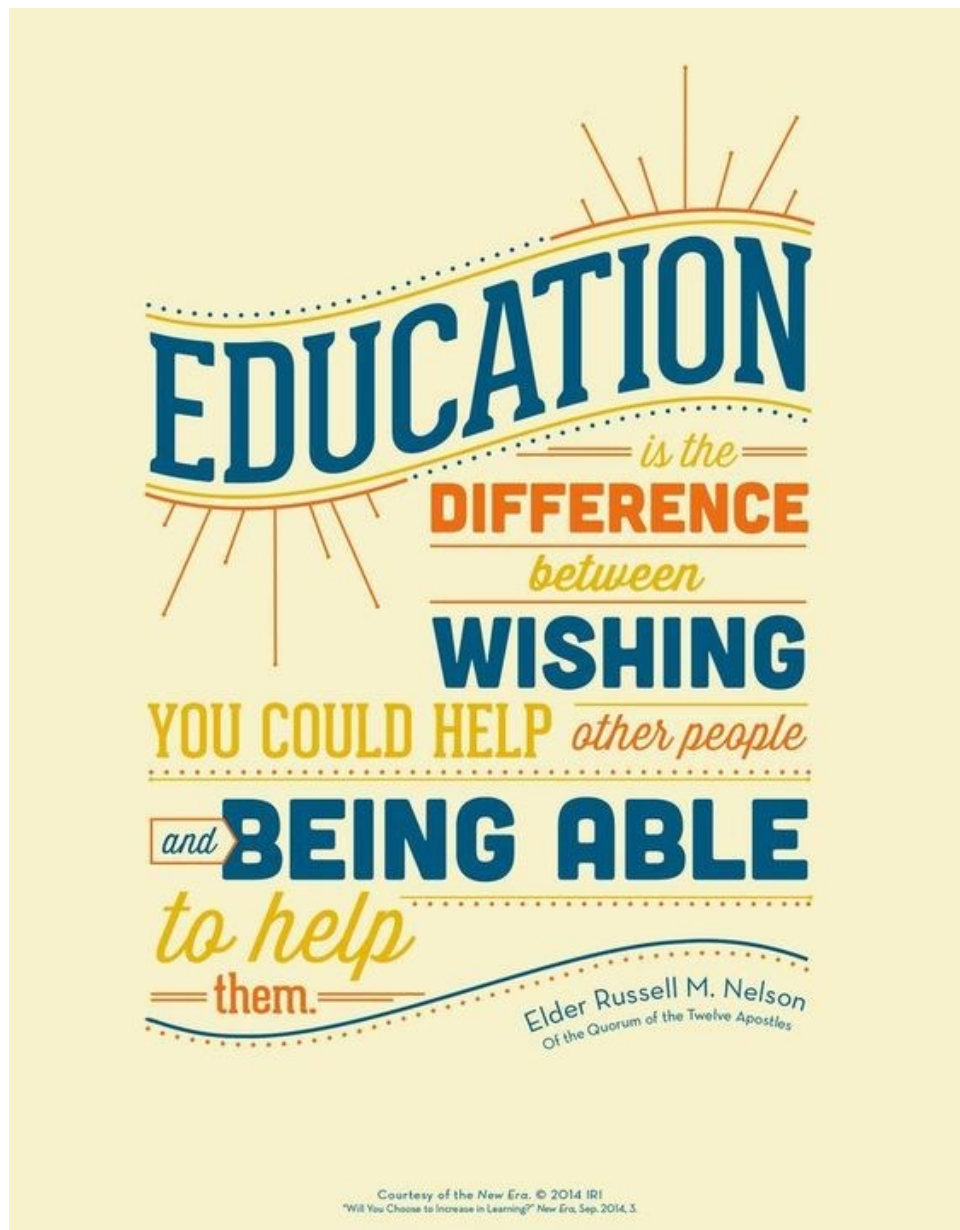
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Educator Resource Guide

Educator Resources

The following are local resources that are provided at free or reduced costs to educators to enhance the learning experience of our students.



Annual Arbor Day Art & Essay Contest

Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce
Robin A. Halstead, TMP
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230 E. E. Butler Pkwy.
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The Greater Hall Chamber, in conjunction with the Georgia Forestry Commission and area sponsors, conducts an annual Student Art & Essay Contest about the importance of trees. The title of the contest – “I Speak for the Trees” – revolves around Dr. Seuss’s *The Lorax*. The art contest is open to all 3rd graders and 5th graders in Gainesville-Hall County school systems. Student art and essay entries are due in December, and winners will be awarded cash prizes at the Arbor Day Celebration, held the third Friday in February in Georgia.

*“I am the Lorax.
I speak for the trees.
I speak for the trees,
for the trees have no tongues.
And I am asking you, sir,
at the top of my lungs.
Oh please do not cut
down another
one.”*



Atlanta Botanical Garden Gainesville



ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN

Gainesville

Atlanta Botanical Garden Gainesville
1911 Sweetbay Drive
Gainesville, GA 30501

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About us:

The Atlanta Botanical Garden Gainesville is a destination for connecting with beauty and the natural world. Complete with a visitor center, outdoor gardens, a children's garden, and an amphitheater, it is a cultural center for the community hosting exciting exhibitions, events, educational programs, and special events rentals.

The nationally recognized collections expand the horticultural palette of the Atlanta Botanical Garden. The Garden has already developed a sophisticated horticultural operation and the largest conservation nursery in the Southeast on the property. Endangered plants are propagated on site for both the native plant conservation program and the International Plant Exploration Program.

Individual and Group Visits:

The Garden and hiking trails are designed to enjoy on your own, with guided maps and plants with botanical labels. The Garden also offers adult classes, family programming, concerts, and special events for members and the public.

Self-guided tours and back pack tours are available for grades K – 12; these tours meet the Georgia Performance Standards. To schedule a tour, please visit [Atlanta Botanical Gardens Gainesville School Tours](#) and complete the online form.

Self guided adult group tours are available as well. Please visit [Atlanta Botanical Garden Gainesville Group Tours](#) and complete the online form.

Pricing:

Regular Admission: Adults \$14, Children 3-12 \$12.95, children under 3 free, and free for Garden members. Adult classes will be listed on the website and cost additional with member discounts available. For additional information, or to register for an adult class(all registration is done online), please visit: <https://atlantabg.org/classes-education/>

Other:

The Atlanta Botanical Garden offers a full variety of learning opportunities to everyone including: Adult Classes, Kids Programs, Conservation Efforts, Plant Hotline and Educator Resources.

Center Point

Center Point
1050 Elephant Trail
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-535-1050



- Duration:** Mentors with the Center Point Mentor program commit to one school year, one hour a week. Of course, the longer the Mentor and Mentee relationship continues, the more successful it is. The ultimate goal and preference would be to stay with a Mentee until graduation. Of course, that is not always realistic and a one-year commitment is all that is required.
- Duties:** Interact regularly on school premises with the Mentee you are matched with. This interaction can be meeting for breakfast, lunch, school programs or any school/teacher approved time period. It may involve homework assistance, but tutoring is not a requirement.
- Supervision:** Mentor/Mentee relationships are coordinated by Center Point on behalf of Center Point's Mentor Program, in cooperation with the Hall County Schools and Gainesville City Schools. School counselors will match Mentees and Mentors and contact Mentors with that information. This person will act as the liaison between you and your Mentee.
- Training:** Center Point requires 2 hours of training, half of which is completed online on the Mentor's own time. The hour of in-person training can be scheduled for businesses, organizations, churches, or schools at their location upon request. Please contact Center Point for more information about setting up trainings for your business or organization.
- Hours:** Hours are flexible. Scheduling is handled on an individual basis depending upon the availability of the Mentor as well as the Mentee's class schedule.
- Location:** Mentoring will occur at the Mentee's school. The Mentors choose the school(s) they prefer and the age range of the student they will be matched with.
- Traits:** A Mentor is dependable, caring, and generous in spirit. A Mentor must be able to follow through with scheduled meetings and communications with Mentee. A Mentor must communicate any changes in availability or participation with the school counselor and Center Point. All Mentors must pass a criminal background check.
- Questions:** Visit our website for more information www.centerpointga.org.
770-535-1050
Email: elaine.hortman@centerpointga.org

Chattahoochee Riverkeepers



Keeping Watch Over Our Waters Since 1994

www.chattahoochee.org

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper

Headwaters Office

104 Washington St SE
Gainesville, GA 30501
678-696-8866

About Us

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper (CRK) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated solely to protecting and restoring the Chattahoochee River Basin. Our mission is to advocate and secure the protection and stewardship of the Chattahoochee River, its tributaries and watershed, to restore and preserve their ecological health for the people and wildlife that depend on the river system.

Outreach and Education

Educating our future generations is a vital part of the mission of CRK. The Chattahoochee River provides more than 70% of metro Atlanta's drinking water to approximately five million people. Yet the watershed area north of Atlanta is among the nation's smallest to serve a major metropolitan area.

This small watershed size—coupled with our growing population, altered landscape and changing climate—demands we be wise stewards of our water resources, to ensure we have enough clean water today, tomorrow and for future generations.

Lake Lanier Aquatic Learning Center

The Lake Lanier Aquatic Learning Center (LLALC), a partnership by CRK, Elachee Nature Science Center and Hall Co. Parks and Leisure are operated out of Hall County's River Forks Park in Gainesville. Through this water-based learning centers, students engage in a variety of hands-on activities that incorporate STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), and which are tied to age-appropriate Georgia Standards for Excellence. To schedule a program, contact Elachee at (770) 535-1976 or elachee@elachee.org.

Rain Barrel Workshops

Interested in installing a rain barrel at your home, school, or business? CRK offers rain barrel workshops! These short, introductory workshops explore water challenges in the Chattahoochee River Watershed and explores practical solutions, and also offers a step-by-step explanation of the rain barrel and its installation. Contact mpendleton@chattahoochee.org for more information.

Group Presentations

Learn more about the Chattahoochee River, YOUR watershed, and the work we do to protect it! Schedule a presentation for your group today. We can customize presentations to groups of any age and any size. Contact mpendleton@chattahoochee.org

Volunteer Opportunities

We couldn't carry out our mission without the help of volunteers. Whether you are looking for a one-time opportunity or a weekly commitment, we can use your help! We also host public clean-ups throughout the year – stay tuned by visiting our website at www.chattahoochee.org

Find out more by visiting our website at www.chattahoochee.org, or email [Headwaters Watershed Specialist at brisser@chattahoochee.org](mailto:brisser@chattahoochee.org) for more information.

Chick-fil-A



Chick-fil-A in Gainesville

Community Partnership Program 2019-2020

Bobby Shoemaker, Owner/Operator

Kiara Abercrombie Restaurant Marketing Director

The Chick-fil-A locations in Gainesville are excited about creating meaningful relationships with schools and organizations to support our Gainesville community!
So, what does this look like?

FUNDRAISING

1. Chick-fil-A Chicken Biscuit, Sandwich, & Chocolate Chunk Cookie Sales:

- The school/club purchases these items at a discount and resells them for a profit.
- The items are packaged in a heated container to maintain quality.
- Ideal for before/after-school, fall festivals, field days, sporting events, etc.

2. Chick-fil-A Chicken Nugget/Strip Trays (Chilled)

- Popular during holidays or during large sport events
- Schools/clubs purchase these items at a discounted rate and resells them for a profit.
- Pre-sale tickets to ensure a correct quantity to order.
- Additional document for detailed information and order form.

3. Gallon and Give Fundraising Week

- This will be a week-long fundraiser. One per year. Schools Only.
- Every Tea Gallon sold, Chick-fil-A will give back \$1.
- For every Lemonade Gallon sold, Chick-fil-A will give back \$2.
- This will give schools the opportunity to push it all week and allow for students/teachers and families to stop by anytime during the week. We will calculate total sales of all Gallons purchased on close of business day Saturday.
- Challenge your departments or grades to stop by on a given day to make it a competition! (Winner can be rewarded with Chick-fil-A)



CHARACTER/LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Chick-fil-A Home Office Back Stage Tour - The Chick-fil-A® Home Office Backstage Tour is a walking, guided cultural tour. Visit <https://tours.chick-fil-a.com/tours/Home/Reservation> for more information.

Career Development - The Chick-fil-A team is available to speak on career opportunities, Chick-fil-A history and culture, Leadership, Marketing, and Human Resources (Soft skills, Preparing for Interviews, Job Applications, etc.)

OTHER PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES & BENEFITS

Faculty/Staff Offers and Promotions - We offer 10% off any catering orders for schools and charitable organizations.

We will also provide each teacher and staff member a FREE Chicken sandwich card during Teacher Appreciation Week. These will be distributed to each school. No in-store promotion.

Other Requests - For coupons, cow appearances, and donation requests, **please email us 3 weeks prior to your event** (requests are granted based on lead time as well as our monthly donation budget).

If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us (email is the best way). We appreciate what you do for our community, and we look forward to working with you this year.

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Don Carter State Park

Don Carter State Park

5000 North Browning Bridge Road
Gainesville, GA 30506
678-450-7726



Educational Programs

Don Carter State Park can provide your class or group with programs in the classroom, or you can bring your group to us. Each program lasts around an hour but can be modified to last longer or shorter. Please check the options below. Please call 678-450-7726 for more information or to schedule an outreach program or field trip.

Forest Ecology (Field Trip Only)

Students will explore a trail at the park while learning about the components of a forest and how they interact. We will also learn about the local flora and fauna that can be seen at Don Carter. Appropriate for all ages.

Owl Pellets Dissection

Students will explore the contents of owl pellets, small packages of fur and bones coughed up by owls after they hunt. Using bone charts, they will identify various types of prey, and then explore an owl's food chain. Appropriate for all ages.

Wildlife

Students will learn the differences between a variety of animals based on their skulls and skins. We will explore what makes something a predator vs. prey, what adaptations are, how animals use camouflage and what animal's basic needs are. Appropriate for all ages.

Stream Ecology (Field Trip Only)

Students will learn all about the water cycle during this class, as well as understanding what makes a healthy stream. We will also have a chance to go hands-on to catch some aquatic animals and see the diversity of life in a stream. Appropriate for all ages.

Survival (Field Trip Only)

Students will learn about being prepared for a trip in the woods. We will go over steps in loss prevention and students will learn what to do if they are to become lost. We will conclude the activity with a primitive shelter building activity. Appropriate for all ages.

Please give us a call to schedule something today. Our fees are generally minimum, starting at \$2/student/class. We can also cater a field trip to a schools needs if there is something that you want covered that is not listed.

Elachee Nature Science Center

Elachee Nature Science Center

2125 Elachee Drive
Gainesville, GA 30504
(770) 535-1976
www.elachee.org



About Us

Elachee Nature Science Center is nestled in one of Georgia's largest protected greenspaces, the 1,440-acre Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve. Elachee serves visitors through school field trips and outreach, Camp Elachee summer day camps, public visitation, nature-themed festivals, access to 12.26 miles of pristine hiking trails, and life-long learning and seasonal nature-related programs for the public. The campus is also home to Elachee Nature Academy, a State-licensed and accredited school offering nature-based Preschool and Kindergarten-2nd Grade programs.

Elachee Field Trips

Elachee offers STEM-based, grade-specific environmental programming. Our school field trip programs support the Georgia Standards for Excellence (GSE). We have a passion for teaching students about life science, nature, and spending time outdoors. Find grade-level program descriptions and fees at www.elachee.org/school-programs.

Choose Your Experience

- Field Trip to the Nature Center – These two-hour programs involve time in the classroom and time on the trails, exploring the Chicopee Woods. Many programs include a visit to our live animal exhibit!
 - Elachee in Your Classroom – We bring our classroom presentation to your school, taught to each class in one-hour sessions. If you can't make it to us, we'd love to come to you!
- Lake Lanier – Climb aboard our floating classroom to learn about water quality. The students will participate in chemistry and biology activities and learn all about watersheds!

Booking Your Program

After choosing your topic and program format, fill out the [registration page](#). Our registrar will get back to you to complete the registration process.

More Information

We have picnic tables at the nature center and lake for your group to bring lunches and eat together after your program. Field trips at the nature center will go on rain or shine - encourage your students to dress for the weather!

Other Visitors

Learn more at www.elachee.org/plan-your-visit or call 770-535-1976.

Foothills Area Health Education Center

Foothills Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

329 Oak Street
Suite 101
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-219-8130
www.foothillsahec.org



Foothills Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is a community-driven, non-profit organization serving northeast Georgia supported by federal, state, and local funds. *Our mission is to [partner with communities](#) to recruit, train, and retain health care professionals in our region and to improve their supply and distribution in medically underserved areas, ultimately improving the health of our citizens.*

Health Careers Recruitment Services:

Foothills AHEC exposes youth and adults to careers in health care by offering presentations, programs, counseling and resources.

Classroom Presentations: Our Health Careers Coordinator travels to high school classrooms throughout our 31-county service area to present options in the healthcare field. Students learn about resources, educational programs, and job opportunities in Georgia.

Supplemental Materials: The statewide AHEC publication, *Health Careers in Georgia*, is distributed to the high schools and to middle schools that offer high-school-level Health Science classes. Students and teachers can access a digital copy of the manual here: <https://www.foothillsahec.org/hcgm>.

Hospital Tours: Structured facility tours and departmental tours of Northeast Georgia Medical Centers are coordinated for high school students interested in pursuing careers in health care.

College and Career Counseling: Our Health Career Coordinator meets privately with students interested in the healthcare field to provide college and career counseling, resources, and guidance.

Intensive Programs: Foothills AHEC partners with universities in our service area to expose students to healthcare careers via hands-on activities on college campuses. These intensive programs include at least 20 hours of instruction designed to give high school students an inside look at the lives of college students in healthcare professional education programs. Current programs include the Brenau University Medical Scholars Program, the Piedmont College Health Scholars Program, and the UGA-Foothills AHEC Health Career Youth Conference.

Intensive Program Scholarship: Foothills AHEC offers a scholarship opportunity to eligible Intensive Program graduates. For eligibility requirements and other details, please visit the Foothills AHEC Scholarship page on our website.

Gainesville Parks & Recreation

830 Green Street
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-531-2680
www.gainesville.org
Contact: Julie Butler
jbutler@gainesville.org



All City of Gainesville Schools

- ❖ Park Pavilion Rentals at no cost provide access and opportunity for outdoor learning and field trips
- ❖ Walk to school through the Rock Creek Greenway
- ❖ PBIS Rewards Support through Frances Meadows Aquatic Center in the form of daily passes.
- ❖ Each school may receive One Seasonal Family Pass to the Frances Meadows Aquatic Center for school auction item, raffle, etc.
- ❖ City of Gainesville School System employees receive Corporate Partner Discount at Frances Meadows Aquatic Center for certain fitness opportunities.

All Hall County Schools

- ❖ Each school may receive 4 daily passes to the Frances Meadows Aquatic Center for school auction item, raffle, etc.
- ❖ Hall County School System employees receive Corporate Partner Discount at Frances Meadows Aquatic Center for certain fitness opportunities.

Department of Water Resources City of Gainesville

2641 Old Flowery Branch Road
Gainesville, GA. 30504
770-532-7462
www.gainesville.org/water-resources
Contact: Kristen Redmon
kredmon@gainesvilleGA.gov



Gainesville's Public Education Program through the Department of Water Resources offers training for Adopt-A-Stream certification in both chemical and biological and bacteria monitoring. Students from elementary to high school become certified in water testing and provided equipment to perform needed monitoring near their school or home. Annual cleanups of streams and storm drain stenciling are also a part of this program. All grade levels are encouraged to take advantage of presentations and lesson plans given in their class that cover: water conservation, sources of pollution, watershed protection, recycling, and environmental monitoring.

Students are encouraged to participate in the annual Fire Hydrant Decorating Contest as well as others. For more information, check the Gainesville website at <https://www.gainesville.org/265/Conservation-Outdoor-Resources>.

Georgia Mountain Food Bank

Georgia Mountain Food Bank
1642 Calvary Industrial Drive SW
Gainesville, Georgia 30507
(770) 534-4111 Fax (770) 534-1800
www.gamountainfoodbank.org



Partner Distribution Organization of The Atlanta Community Food Bank

About Us

The Georgia Mountain Food Bank (GMFB) is a 501c3 nonprofit food distribution center that serves other nonprofit groups in five counties of northeast Georgia. Our mission is to address hunger, health and quality of life by serving those in need. An affiliate of Atlanta Community Food Bank, we provide a vital link between sources of food supplies and hardworking community-based partner agencies who help get the food into the hands of families and individuals in need. Through community partnerships, GMFB helps to increase food supplies in rural parts of northeast Georgia, effectively connecting more food to people in need. The food we distribute comes through our partnership with the Atlanta Community Food Bank along with goods donated locally from retailers, manufacturers, distributors, food drives and other food banks within the Georgia Food Bank Association.

How You Can Help

Volunteers and advocates help us complete our mission of bringing nutritious food to those in need. They are the backbone of the Georgia Mountain Food Bank. Whether giving time or financial resources, the friends of GMFB help us reach people in need and are critical to our success. We welcome individual volunteers, groups and community service (some restrictions apply). It's easy to help! Visit gamountainfoodbank.org for complete information and to sign up.

Visits to GMFB

GMFB is open 5 days each week: Monday-Thursday 8:00 am -5:00 pm., Friday 8 am – 4 pm. Visitors are always welcome to tour the facility and learn more about GMFB operations. It's best to call ahead and let us know you're coming and how many are in your group.

We welcome school field trips for groups ages 5 and up! Contact our Volunteer Coordinator (770) 534-4111 ext. 208 to schedule. We also welcome business, civic and corporate groups for use of our meeting room and a service opportunity. The meeting room, conveniently located adjacent to the kitchen, is equipped with flexible seating options and audio/visual equipment. Contact Denise for scheduling.

EMPTY BOWL

GMFB's annual fundraiser, the Empty Bowl Lunch, is a major part of the culture of the organization. Volunteers are vital to the success of the event each year. Bowl painting parties are available throughout the year both onsite and off. Volunteers create hand painted bowls to donate to the Empty Bowl Lunch, where bowls are presented for guests to choose one to take home as a reminder of the empty bowls in our community. Each bowl painted is \$10 (covers entire cost) For more information on scheduling your bowl party, call GMFB at (770) 534-4111.

FOOD & FUNDS CAMPAIGNS

GMFB offers a variety of ways you can help. Your campaign can be designed to be as unique and creative as the individual you are! From food drives to peer-to-peer fundraising, GMFB will work with you to help your efforts be the most impactful as possible. Call us at (770) 534-4111 to learn more!



Georgia Power

Georgia Power

Gainesville Area Office

426 Spring Street NE

Gainesville, GA 30501

www.learningpower.org

Contact: Glennis Barnes or Nathan Bartlett

Learning Power Program

A standards-based program bringing “in-classroom field trips” to your students at no cost. The grade-specific curriculum targets STEM based standards through hands-on activities, web-based learning, and educational/career awareness events. Every Learning Power experience also relates the STEM subjects to energy efficiency.

The program goals are to:

- ~Contribute to student’s academic achievement.
- ~Educate students, families and educators on energy efficiency in school and at home.
- ~Build awareness around careers in the electrical industry.

Below is a highlight of the standards based subject matter around which each grade specific lesson is built. For more detailed information, lesson plans (including specific activities and standards) can be found at georgiapower.com/learningpower:

- ~**Grades K-2:** Literacy – standards based book for each grade
- ~**Grade 3:** Heat transfer, insulators, thermometer reading
- ~**Grade 4:** Math word problems, rounding, graphing
- ~**Grade 5:** Insulators vs. conductors, simple circuit
- ~**Grade 6:** Renewable vs. nonrenewable resources
- ~**Grade 7:** Invention vs. innovation
- ~**Grade 8:** Law of Conservation of Energy, potential vs. kinetic, energy sources, energy transformations
- ~**High School:** Three complete lessons covering one of the following subjects each:
 - 1) Nuclear Energy, 2) Economics, 3) Environmental Science

To schedule a lesson, visit georgiapower.com/learningpower or contact the Education Coordinator for NE Georgia directly:

Katie Weaver

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706-357-6640

Hall County Animal Services

Hall County Animal Services

1688 Barber Road
Gainesville, GA 30507
678-450-1587



About Us:

Hall County Animal Shelter:

The Hall County Animal Shelter is the Hall County Government's first full-service Open Admission Animal Shelter. Opening in October 2009, the shelter has over 300 kennels that comfortably house about 8,000 animals each year. The shelter offers low cost spay/neuter (\$50.00), rabies vaccines (\$10.00), and microchipping (\$25.00) services to the public.

Hall County Animal Control & Enforcement:

Hall County's Animal Control enforces Hall County's Animal Services Ordinances and assists other county and state departments with ordinance enforcements and other animal-related issues. The staff of 6 Animal Control Officers and 1 Field Supervisor addresses all issues related to:

- Bite cases
- Cruelty investigations
- Loose or uncontrolled domesticated animals
- Potentially dangerous and dangerous animals
- Rabies control

Officers are on duty from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Hall County / 911 Central Communications dispatches calls after hours and an officer on call will respond when immediate assistance is required.

Educational Field Trips:

The Hall County Animal Shelter is happy to host scheduled tours for local school groups. To schedule, call 678-450-1587 X2404 or email Stephanie List, Program Coordinator at slist@hallcounty.org

Hall County Library System

Hall County Library System (HCLS)

127 Main St. NW Gainesville, GA

(770) 532-3311 Ext. 104

www.hallcountylibrary.org



About Us:

The Hall County Library System is a community resource for lifelong learning, technology, literacy, and entertainment. There are five library branches located around Hall County to serve community needs: the Gainesville Library, the Blackshear Place Library (Oakwood area), the Murrayville Library, the North Hall Technology Center (just off of Hwy 129), and the Spout Springs Library (Flowery Branch). Each library branch offers a collection of circulating books and audiovisual items for all ages, diverse programming, and high speed internet access with public printing. Through our webpage, the library also offers online access to downloadable materials such as e-books and databases.

Educational Field Trips:

All library branches are happy to host scheduled tours for local school groups. Upon request, story times or other activities may also be available to supplement a tour. To schedule, call 770-532-3311 x129.

Access to library materials and databases

HCLS offers access to a wide range of print and audiovisual items to support school curriculum and help students and teachers meet their learning objectives. Through the PINES library network, almost any book can be reserved for teachers or students. In addition, the library offers access to multiple electronic materials through our webpage at www.hallcountylibrary.org. E-books, downloadable audiobooks, movies, magazines, and music are available through HOOPLA and One Click Digital. Access to Georgia's online library GALILEO is also available. Other local databases available include Reference USA and the Foundation Center Directory.

Outreach Visits

HCLS library staff are happy to visit schools to provide storytimes and general library information to students and parents throughout the year as well as Summer Reading Program promotion in May. We are able to offer library card registration at schools during open house events, PTA meetings, fall festivals, literacy nights or other after school functions. We can also attend community events such as festivals and fairs, wellness events, book clubs and provide services to assisted living facilities. Please contact 770-532-3311 Ext 104 with outreach requests.

Reference Assistance for Teachers and Students

HCLS has a team of trained library staff that are available to guide research, provide homework assistance, answer reference questions, and assist with reader's advisory. We also provide free, live homework help seven days a week through Tutor.com.

Summer Reading Program

HCLS offers a free, incentive-based Summer Reading Program every year where babies through adults can read books to earn points and prizes to assist in slowing students' summer slide. Families can also attend a variety of free, educational and entertaining activities and see performers at our local libraries throughout the summer months.

Hall County Recycling



Hall County Resource Recovery Division

Hall County Resource Recovery Division

P.O. Drawer 1435

Gainesville, GA 30503

(770) 535-8284

Email: rpurdum@hallcounty.org

www.hallcounty.org

Contact: Bobby Purdum, Hall County Resource Recovery Supervisor

Living in a Recycled Material World/Facility Tour

A presentation using many visual aids with or without accompanying PowerPoint suitable for 3rd grade and up. Requires 45 min or up to an 1/½ hours depending on audience questions. Find out how we all use and depend on things made from recycled content every day and don't even realize it. Then take an exciting tour through the Hall County Recycling facility and learn how the facility processes the recyclables from start to finish. We truly do live in a recycled material world!

Green Education Station at Hall County Recycling Center

1008 Chestnut Street

Gainesville, GA 30501

770-535-8284

Contact: Bobby Purdum

Located at the Hall County Recycling Center, the Green Education Station offers a training session on recycling and how it relates to various environmental and societal subjects such as the three "E's" (Environment, Energy, Economy).

Hands on visual learning for all ages along with a tour of the recycling facility is at your disposal. The "Living in a Recycled Material World" presentation can be offered at your location upon request.

Interactive College of Technology

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**INTERACTIVE
COLLEGE**
OF TECHNOLOGY

Interactive College of Technology has proudly served Hall County and the Gainesville community for nearly 20 years.

ICT offers Associate of Science Degrees and Diploma programs in office technology and business, as well as one of the most comprehensive English as a Second Language program in the United States. We provide our students with great value through small class sizes, personal instruction, and career training opportunities. All of our business and technology programs include our popular externship program which helps students get hands on experience. At ICT, we help prepare students for life through advising and counseling toward solid career choices. Financial Assistance is available for all students who qualify and a variety of tuition payment plans are available to every student. Career Placement Assistance is available to graduates of all programs offered at ICT.

Associate of Science Degrees - Designed to be completed in 22 – 24 months

Major in Office Technology with an Emphasis in:

- o Accounting
- o Business Information Systems
- o Medical Office Administration

Diploma Programs – Designed to be completed in less than a year with emphasis in:

Accounting with Professional Applications
Business Information Systems
Bilingual Administrative Support
Medical Office Administrative Specialist

English as a Second Language

The ESL program at ICT is one of the Nation's most comprehensive English as a Second Language program. Students learn Grammar, Pronunciation, Conversation, Vocabulary, Reading, Writing and Speaking English. Assessments are done for each prospective student and course requirements are based on each person's current level of English usage. While it will vary for each student, completion of the program may range from 8 to 16 months. This is a college level program with a diploma earned upon completion of the program.

Interactive Neighborhood for Kids



Interactive Neighborhood for Kids (INK)

770-536-1900

www.inkfun.org

INK is a hands-on Children's Museum where children can role play and learn through practical experiences about being a banker, grocery store clerk, doctor, dentist, airplane pilot, dairy farmer and much more. All exhibits are designed to provide a unique experience and to actively engage young minds (not to mention, it's just plain fun!).

Group Visits

Interactive Neighborhood for Kids is a wonderful extension of the classroom. Our exhibits are designed to provide experimental, hands-on learning opportunities in many career paths, using activities that address Career Cluster curriculum objectives in the Georgia Department. The exhibits complement and enhance classroom learning by providing interactive play, to develop and build new skills, to be eager and curious about learning together. If your group has not been to our Museum - you're missing a great lifelong learning opportunity! Reserve your trip today.

Lunch/Snacks

The Museum has a room in which groups may have snacks or lunch. Upon arrival, the group coordinator will guide you to the eating area where you can store your coolers, bags, etc. Food is not allowed in the Museum. We also offer options to order food through INK prior to your visit.

Plan Your Trip

Field trips may be scheduled Monday-Friday from 10:00am-4:30pm. To schedule a group visit, please call our field trip coordinator at 770-536-1900 or email us at fieldtrip@inkfun.org. Reservations and a \$50 deposit, which is deducted from your total, are required one week following your reservation. Group visits are approximately 2 hours long.

Group Rates

Number of Students: Group Rate:

10 - 20 \$9 per person group rate

21 - 30 \$8 per person group rate

31 + \$7 per person group rate

Educators - admission is free.

Parents chaperoning the trip will be charged at the group rate. We recommend one chaperone for every 6 children. Additional adults pay the group rate.

Jackson EMC

P.O. Box 5909

Gainesville, GA 30504

www.jacksonemc.com/schoolvisits

Contact: Karen Ewing, CMP

Email: kewing@jacksonemc.com

Phone: 706-367-6122



Jackson EMC has educational programming for all grade levels. If you would like a Jackson EMC employee to visit your school, please use the online request form located on our website: <https://www.jacksonemc.com/schoolvisits>. We can customize educational programs to any grade level to support the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE). We can send printed materials, as well.

Classroom Educational Programming:

Power Town™ is a 24" x 48" table-top model of a mini-town with common electrical situations and hazards geared for elementary-aged students. You can view the video in your classroom at any time by registering to view the video at www.jacksonemc.com/powerstown.

The **Safety Trailer Power Line Demonstration** is an outdoor demonstration geared for elementary age students.

In-class speakers can address topics such as electrical safety, energy efficiency, solar energy, the path of electricity and power restoration.

Career Days: Employees from Jackson EMC can talk about careers and the education required in the energy industry. We have staff with extensive experience in the fields of engineering, communications, finance, marketing, and information technology.

Middle School Classroom Funding:

Bright Ideas grants fund innovative and creative classroom projects developed by middle school teachers. Read all the details at www.jacksonemc.com/brightideas.

High School Opportunities:

The **Washington Youth Tour**, sponsored by electric membership corporations (EMCs), is open to current 10th and 11th grade students. Jackson EMC sends four student delegates on an all -expenses paid leadership and team-building experience to Washington, D.C. where they will join approximately 1,700 other delegates from across the nation. Read details at www.jacksonemc.com/wyt.

The **Walter Harrison Scholarship** is open to high school seniors enrolled in a Georgia college or vocational school. The \$1,000 scholarship is sponsored by Georgia EMC. Read details at www.jacksonemc.com.

Jaemor Farms



Jaemor Farms

5340 Cornelia Hwy. | Alto, Georgia 30510

Market: (770)869-3999 | Fax: (770)869-9173

About:

Jaemor Farms is a family owned and operated farm and farm market just north of Gainesville, Ga., on I-985/Hwy. 365. The Echols family grows peaches, strawberries, blackberries, pumpkins, apples, grapes and a variety of summer vegetables on more than 500 acres. The farm sits in Hall, Habersham and Banks Counties.

In addition to the roadside farm market, Jaemor has several annual agritourism events including school field trips, fall corn maze, and two u-pick events with strawberries (May) and peaches (July).

It has become a fall tradition like back-to-school and Halloween: Jaemor's annual Harvest Celebration. Starting Mid-September through the first weekend in November, Jaemor offers a whole fall farm experience that includes a corn maze, hayrides, farm slides, farm ball, farm basketball, roller ball, a pumpkin train, tricycle races, apple cannons and a mini-maze for those who want a quicker visit. Top off your fun with farm fresh food from The Eatery at Jaemor and a visit to the market for homegrown produce, homemade cakes and ice cream.



Kona Ice

Kona Ice of Greater Gainesville Georgia
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Gainesville, Ga 30501
770-668-4217
mkleiber@kona-ice.com



KONA IN THE KOMMUNITY:

Kona Ice is a One of a Kind Mobile Shaved Ice Truck that prides ourselves on being able to donate back to our local communities. Since our inception in 2007, we have donated over **\$150 MILLION TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS** where we all live and work. Locally, we have given over \$525,000 in 5 short years of business just from our franchise! We at Kona Ice are honored to team up with our local schools, businesses, and organizations to see firsthand just how the donations make a positive impact in the lives of our youth.

NUTRITION:

Our VITA-BLEND Flavor Mixture not only meets but exceeds the state and federal guidelines for nutrition. (Federal Register/vol. 78, no 125 – contains 10% of the daily value of a nutrient of public concern). Kona Ice is also the only Federally Approved product on the streets.

As a “SMART SNACK APPROVED” vendor for schools and any organization you can rest assured that our shaved ice is a healthy treat for all. You are nourished with a minimum of 60% of your daily Vitamin D and 25% of your daily Vitamin C. (Even more in our larger sizes)

We take great pride in being APPROVED BY “THE ALLIANCE FOR A HEALTHIER GENERATION”... meaning we can be present on school grounds any time during the school day.

FUNdraising:

The possibilities are endless! Don't wait until FIELD DAY to call. We are available for OPEN HOUSE, MOVIE NIGHT, BINGO NIGHT, DANCES, FOOTBALL GAMES, BASEBALL GAMES, SOCCER GAMES, etc...

Our most popular option is a KONA DAY once or twice a month as an incentive and a treat for your students who are working so hard. You do not have to lift a finger! We bring the truck, the fun, the Kona's and when it's all over, we write your school a check to cash. IT IS THAT EASY!

We have several incentive programs for your top readers, straight A's, perfect attendance and even a CANS for KONA DAY. We help your school collect can goods for those in need. Each student receives a free upgrade in size and warmth in their heart knowing they are helping their local community.

KONA KLASS:

Once we have partnered with your school, we offer the option of a few students working hand in hand with us. The students nominated or chosen will be responsible for hanging up and taking down posters to announce our arrival, helping us coordinate dates and times through the staff of the days we are needed and any other task that needs to be fulfilled. They will get to see firsthand just what it takes to own and operate your own business.

Main Street Gainesville

Main Street Gainesville
City of Gainesville
Nicole Parham
Main Street Manager
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Main Street Gainesville is an organization of people who care about their town including businesses, residents, property owners, and non-profits. If you want more for your community, YOU are one of us.

We carry the banner of a better life. Main Street Gainesville works through a 4-Point Approach of Main Street looking at business development, design, organization, and promotions to create a better Gainesville for you. Our goal is to preserve our resources, encourage well-rounded lifestyles, and to leave Gainesville better than we found it.

Main Street Gainesville wants to create the best community. We do not strive to be like any other town, but to lead and have other towns yearn to be like us. We want more business, more arts, great events, more people to support our cause and anything else that will make Gainesville the very best!

We provide programs that benefit Gainesville through the support of the City of Gainesville and the investment by community members like you.

2024 Events Include:

March—Mutts on Main
April—Spring Chicken Festival
May-September—First Friday Concerts
July—Beach Bash
October—Squarecrows on the Square
November—Jingle Mingle
December—Christmas on Green Street

For more events and information, visit us at www.downtowngainesville.com, and on Facebook & Instagram @DowntownGainesvilleGA

Northeast Georgia History Center

Northeast Georgia History Center

322 Academy Street NE

Gainesville, GA 30501

770-297-5900

www.negahc.org



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS at the IVESTER EDUCATION CENTER

We make it easy for educators to help their students understand and retain what's being taught in the classroom. All of our educational programs are designed to meet Georgia Standards of Excellence. We provide on-site programs and tours, travel trunks for classrooms, and free digital programs that cover a broad range of historical topics.

On-site programs offer a broad range of on-site Living History programs that meet the Georgia Standards of Excellence. Our programs are engaging, entertaining, and memorable experiences that encourage critical thinking skills in students. These popular programs are an excellent way to connect students to historic events and figures they are learning about in class.

Travel Trunks are like a "museum in a box" filled with artifacts, primary sources, and GSE-based lesson plans that offer a hands-on experience for your students. Topics include Native American Cultures, the Civil War, WWII, and the American War for Independence.

The Cottrell Digital Studio provides free digital programs to all Georgia schools and homeschool groups. Students can interact with a historic character through a Live Webcast, take a guided tour of our exhibits through a Virtual Tour, and watch our original and entertaining series of Webisodes.

ADMISSION

Free for Museum Members, \$6 for Adults, \$4 for students. Group rates (20 minimum) start at \$5/person and must be booked in advance. Many specialty tours, living history presentations, and hands-on activities are available; please see our website for details and pricing. In-classroom digital programs are provided FREE of charge to all Georgia schools.

CHAPERONES

Student tours require a 1:10 ratio of chaperones to students. Chaperones (except for teachers) pay tour admission and must stay with their group. Bus parking and picnic areas available.

MUSEUM SHOP

Many themed and moderately priced items are available at the museum, and students and chaperones are welcome to peruse our shop!

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call 770-297-5900 or email info@negahc.org

UGA Extension: 4-H & County Extension

UGA Extension. Hall County

734 E. Crescent Drive
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-535-8293

Contact:

Garrett Hibbs, County Extension Coordinator

ghibbs@uga.edu



About:

UGA Extension is the 'outreach arm' of the University of Georgia. Extension offices are located in all 159 counties in Georgia serving the community in the areas of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences and 4-H.

4-H Youth Development

Hall County 4-H provides experiences for young people to learn by doing. 4-H'ers complete hands-on projects in our focus areas of Agriculture and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), Healthy Living, and Civic Engagement. Youth can experience 4-H through in-school and after-school programs, community clubs, project work, and 4-H camps. Programming for grades 4-12.

Agriculture & Natural Resources

The Agriculture and Natural Resources County Agent in Hall County shares university-based research for residents to use on the farm and at home.

Programs offered in Agriculture and Natural Resources:

Recommendations in areas including soil fertility, pest management, plant and crop varieties, water quality, and herd health and management focus on maximizing production and profits while minimizing environmental impacts. Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension agents also provide homeowners and communities with information on lawn care, landscaping, gardening, and water conservation through a variety of workshops.

Georgia Master Gardener Extension Volunteers give thousands of hours of service to their communities by answering questions in county offices, work with schools on projects like community gardens and farm-to-school programs and offer educational opportunities for Hall County citizens.

Family and Consumer Sciences

UGA Family and Consumer Sciences outreach, resources, and programs help improve the quality of life for individuals and families in Georgia. We provide training, disseminate research-based publications, and link families, businesses and communities to university faculty and resources.

UGA Extension: Family & Consumer Science

UGA Extension in Hall County

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Gainesville, GA 30501

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Contact:

Gwendolyn Hawn

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Hall County FACS Agent



Family and Consumer Sciences specifically address the areas of family, financial education, home management, health, nutrition and child development.

The program content consists of researched based information from specialists assigned to these subject areas at the university. Most programs are FREE to the public. Programs consist of a presentation or demonstration and interactive activity or educational extender. Many materials are available in English and Spanish.

Programs offered in Family and Consumer Sciences:

Family:

- Healthy Relationships/
"Relationship Smarts"
- Early Childhood Development
- Childcare provider trainings
- Supporting Senior Adults
- Eat Healthy, Be Active curriculum

Finance:

- Managing time
- Budgeting/Cash Flow Management
- Saving and Investing
- Understanding Bankruptcy
- Protecting Your Identity

Home:

- Homebuyer Education
- Energy and Water Conservation
- Buying vs. Renting

Food, Nutrition and Health:

- Keep Food Safe
- Expanded Food Nutrition
Education Program- (EFNEP)
low income families learning to
shop smarter and eat healthier
on a budget.
- ServSafe Manager/Food Handler
training
- Food Safety for Childcare
- Prevent and Control Disease
- Select and Prepare Healthier Foods
- Cancer Prevention Cooking School
- Rite Bite Diabetes Cooking School
- Food Preservation
(Canning Classes)
- Chronic Disease Prevention

United Way of Hall County

United Way of Hall County
527 Oak Street
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-536-1121
www.unitedwayhallcounty.org

Contact Information:
communications@unitedwayhallcounty.org
For help with resources, dial 2-1-1.

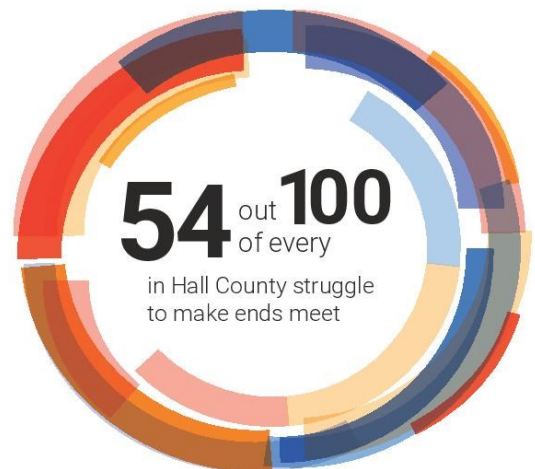


United Way of Hall County

TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE THE GAME IN HALL COUNTY.

TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE WHAT'S POSSIBLE...

We envision a Hall County where everyone has the opportunity to achieve his or her best life possible. By Living United and joining together on collaborative initiatives like The Compass Center, One Hall, Read Learn Succeed and our funded programs, we can address poverty on a larger scale than any single organization can achieve alone.



70% of children entering kindergarten are not demonstrating **reading readiness.**

Population to **mental health provider** ratio in Hall County is **1,350:1** compared to **330:1** for top US performers.

40% of the Hall County population struggle to meet their basic needs such as **food, clothing, shelter** and **healthcare.**



United Way of Hall County

View the full Community Game Plan at unitedwayhallcounty.org/gameplan.

2019-2020 COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES



Humane Society of Northeast Georgia

Humane Society of Northeast Georgia

845 West Ridge Road

Gainesville, GA 30501

Contact: Volunteer & Education Coordinator

(770) 532-6617 ext. 234

outreach@HSNEGA.org



The Humane Society of Northeast Georgia's (HSNEGA) mission is to create a community recognized for responsible pet ownership and humane treatment of animals through offering basic pet wellness and spay/neuter services, public education, and placement of companion animals. To foster our mission, HSNEGA provides shelter tours and programs, classroom programs, reading programs, Scout Badge Programs, and internships. Our programs are available to persons of every age and are free with donations from our wishlist or with a nominal donation of \$25. Programs can be tailored to accommodate the learning objectives you may have for your group. All programs, aside from internship opportunities, are offered on a first-come, first-served basis; availability is limited. We highly recommend requesting your program at least 2 weeks in advance.

HSNEGA Tours & Programs

Do you have a class or club or other organization that is interested in learning more about HSNEGA? Bring your group to us! Visits generally include a tour, an explanation of who and what HSNEGA is and does, a brief education program, a possible service component, interaction time with a canine rescue(s), and a goodie bag for each student. Groups should consist of no less than 5 and no more than 15 people per visit. There should be 1 adult for every 5 children.

Classroom Programs

Can't bring your students to us? We can bring HSNEGA to you! Classroom programs generally include an explanation of who and what HSNEGA is and does, an education program, interaction time with a canine rescue(s), and a goodie bag and worksheet packet for each student. Take advantage of this great resource and schedule your classroom program today!

Reading Programs

Reading & Rescues is a reading program HSNEGA offers that benefits both children and rescues by providing socialization for our rescues and reading practice for children in front of a non-judgmental audience. Whether your children are too young to volunteer or you're looking for a new way to entice your kids to read, Reading & Rescues is a great solution. Along with your group tour, students can grab a book from our small library (or bring one of their own) to read to our rescues. Every student will receive a free HSNEGA bookmark!

Internships

Now is your chance to get some work experience! We offer a few different internships and/or work based learning opportunities to students, such as our Marketing & Development Internship and Health Pet Clinic Assistant position. Additionally, most administrative volunteer positions found on our website can be made into internships. If you are interested in growing your skills while working for an amazing cause, then come see us! We look forward to meeting you.

Mountain Fresh Creamery & GloCrest Dairy



Mountain Fresh Creamery and GloCrest Dairy
6615 Cleveland Hwy
Clermont, GA 30527
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We offer farm tours and school field trips based on the Georgia Standards of Excellence for students in grades K-12.

While visiting Glo-Crest Dairy, students will learn firsthand how their milk gets from the farm to their table. Students will also see how we care for our cows and how technology plays a role in the dairy industry.

On the next stop of the tour, at Mountain Fresh Creamery, students will see how the bottling process takes place after the milk leaves the dairy. Students will also learn the importance of local, minimally processed milk and sample our products!

We accommodate any size group and every age! Ticket prices are \$7 per student. Teachers and Bus drivers are free. Each student receives a scoop of our delicious ice cream and a goody bag.

Schedule your tour today!
770-983-1666
www.mountainfreshcreamery.com

Safe Kids

Safe Kids Northeast Georgia

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Gainesville, GA 30501
Phone (770) 219-8095
Fax (770) 219-1630



Launched in 1987, Safe Kids Worldwide is the first and only international non-profit organization dedicated solely to the prevention of accidental injuries, a leading killer of children 19 and under. More than 600 coalitions in 49 states bring together health and safety experts, educators, corporations, foundations, governments and volunteers to educate and protect families.

Created in 1992, Safe Kids Northeast Georgia, formerly known as Safe Kids Gainesville/Hall County, is one of 30 coalitions in Georgia. Northeast Georgia Medical Center and Health System, Inc. serves as the lead agency for Safe Kids Northeast Georgia. The coalition is made up of over 130 members representing more than 30 community agencies. In 2018 Safe Kids Northeast Georgia expanded services to Barrow County, in addition to Gainesville/Hall County.

Safe Kids Northeast Georgia tracks childhood injury rates through the Department of Public Health and Safe Kids Georgia data. The data is analyzed to identify the target injury areas to focus. Safe Kids has seven major injury prevention areas of focus including: Vehicle and Road Safety, Bicycle/Wheeled Sports Safety, Pedestrian Safety, Water Safety, Fire and Burn Safety, Home Safety, and Sports Safety.

Vision – Northeast Georgia’s children will have a safe place to grow and play, free from accidental injuries.

Mission - To reduce the number of accidental injuries to children ages 19 and under through community partnerships, advocacy, public awareness, and the distribution of safety equipment and providing education on its proper use.

For more information, please contact:

Elaina Lee, Safe Kids Northeast Georgia Coordinator
Email: elaina.lee@nghs.com

Work Based Learning

Need qualified, career-oriented employees? Grow your own.



The mission of the Work-Based Learning (WBL) Program is to assist in providing a highly trained, technologically sophisticated, and career oriented young work force. These goals are accomplished by developing partnerships which lead the participating student into meaningful careers.

Business Guide to Employing a WBL Student

FAQ's About WBL Student Employee

Age? 16 – 18 years old, Junior or Senior in High School

Quality? Student receives 3 teacher recommendations and has good behavior and attendance to qualify for the WBL program.

Hours? Often students arrive at 2:00 and work agreed upon # of hours per day per week. It is recommended they not work >25 hours per week. Availability is student schedule dependent.

Employment? Can be direct or through the employer's staffing agency. \$7.25 - \$14/hour is suggested.

Work Skills? Student employee develops work skills and increases employability that can be applied to a career path. It is a good model to rotate the student through company departments every 6 weeks.

Mentor? Company will identify a key employee to encourage the student employee to set goals, use creative problem-solving, and to be aware of their environment and the contribution they make to the company. Mentor is of character that the student could strive to emulate, performs job well and is willing to share their knowledge.

Accountability? WBL Coordinators will meet with the student employee multiple times per year and sometimes onsite at the company. Mentor will be asked to review the student employee regularly.

WBL Student Employee

EXAMPLE

17 year old
High School Junior
that passes school
qualifications and
employer interview.
Drives to work for
4 hours each afternoon
at a \$11/hour rate.
Has employer mentor for
the purpose of teaching
employability and
connection to
a career path.

EXAMPLES of industry jobs/skills

- Shipping
- Welding
- Parts picking
- Assembly
- Inspections
- Measuring
- Purchasing
- Following instructions.

Interested? Contact your Work-Based Learning Program Coordinator

Hall County Schools
Rhonda Samples, CTAE Director
rhonda.samples@hallco.org
770-534-1080x283 or 770-718-7236
www.hallcowl.org

Gainesville City Schools
Helen Perry, Work Based Learning Coordinator
Helen.perry@gcssk12.net 770-536-4441x5403
Steven Cornett, Work Based Learning Coordinator
Steven.cornett@gcssk12.net 770-536-4441x5419
www2.gcssk12.net/schoolsites/GHSweb/worked-based-learning.html



WorkSource Georgia



Georgia Mountains Regional Commission - Workforce Development
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Gainesville, GA 30501
Hall County
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WorkSource Georgia Mountains (WSGM) offers assistance to eligible young adults through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), a federally funded program. WSGM partners with high schools, technical colleges, colleges, and community-based organizations that are committed to the well-being and success of participants, and help to ensure that they are prepared to complete their education and become active members of the workforce.

WorkSource Georgia Mountains (WSGM) offers assistance to eligible young adults through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), a federally funded program. WSGM partners with high schools, technical colleges, colleges, and community-based organizations that are committed to the well-being and success of participants, and help to ensure that they are prepared to complete their education and become active members of the workforce.

College Assistance: Eligible Applicants pursuing college or technical school may receive assistance with the cost of books, tuition, and supplies needed to complete their educational programs. Approved programs should be completed within two (2) years or six (6) semesters. Assistance for transportation and childcare may also be provided.

Credit Recovery Program: Assist youth participants who have dropped out of high school, or have been withdrawn from a credit recovery program, to retrieve credits for diploma completion. Eligible youth receive incentives for each credit recovered and assistance with transportation costs and daycare may also be provided.

GED/Career Pathways Programs: Eligible Applicants ages 16-24, who have dropped out of school, or eligible high school graduates may be offered assistance including obtaining a GED through funding for test fees, works skills/employment training and internships. Assistance for transportation and childcare may also be provided. More information is available through Athens Technical College, Lanier Technical College, and North Georgia Technical College's Success Programs. The Transition to Success program is a collaborative transition program between WSGM, Lanier Technical College Adult Basic Education program, and the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice School System. The program provides GED training and testing to youth who are incarcerated in the Hall County Regional Detention Center.

SHIFT: Eligible Applicants ages 16-24, who are currently incarcerated in the Regional Youth Detention Center, on probation, or under court supervision, are offered specific WSGM services in order to assist them in completing and furthering their educational and employment goals. This collaborative program between WSGM and Goodwill also assists in developing career skills through hands-on training. Assistance for transportation and childcare may also be provided.

Employment Training Program: This program provides eligible participants with exposure to the workforce, career professionals, work practices and expectations, helps clarify career interests and enhances occupational skills. Other Work-based learning opportunities may include On the Job Training, Apprenticeship, and Paid and Unpaid Internships.

Mapping Your Future: This series of workshops is designed for 8th grade students and High School students. The workshops were developed to inform students about the options for their future and to guide students in understanding that good choices early can lead to more success in the future.



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