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Alabama Summer Camps are Back in Session

Birmingham, Ala. (Monday, June 01, 2009): Alabama's summer camps are back in session. With many school districts going back to school before August 15th, and 70% of Alabama's schools going back before August 7th, summers for today's kids are not filled with the long, lazy days many of us remember from our own childhood.

One thing that hasn't changed: Children still can't have summer camp without summer. Plus, parents find that summer camp gives children opportunities for learning and growth that simply cannot be duplicated at home or school. Children and families all over our state have more summer opportunities than ever before – and less summer. Today's families have to get off to a quick start if they hope to fit much into the short summer vacation, and kids are already enjoying summer camps all across the state!

Some Over-the-Mountain favorite summer camps are listed below, and more Alabama camps can be found at: <http://www.alabamacamps.org/map2.html>

Camp Mac; www.campmac.com

Camp Cosby; www.campcosby.org

Riverview Camp for Girls; www.rivercamp.com

Camp Skyline; www.campskyline.com

Alpine Camp for Boys; www.alpinecamp.com

Camp Laney www.camplaney.com

Camp Winnataska; www.winnataska.org

Summer camp offers an experience like no other – horseback riding, sailing, waterskiing, golf, tennis, rappelling, canoeing, kayaking, Capture-the-Flag, Bombardment, old-school video games (think Frogger and Mrs. Pac-Man), theatre, music, mountain biking, blobbing, riflery, swimming, wilderness skills and ropes courses. With options like this, it's no wonder children and teens are squirming for the end of the school year. Time away from home in the summer has benefits for the whole family – children learn independence and how to care for themselves (with the help of supervising counselors!), parents find time for a restful respite, and camps bring in revenue and tax dollars for our state while running thriving local businesses.

Charles Eliot, Former president of Harvard University said, "I have the conviction that a few weeks in a well-organized summer camp may be of more value educationally than a whole year of formal school work." We couldn't agree more. Come spend the day at one of Alabama's summer camps; we'll feed you, tell you our story, we'll even let you ride in the boat – or on the horse!

About Association of Alabama Camps

For more than 25 years, the Association of Alabama Camps (AAC) has represented the interests of the children and families who attend camps in Alabama, as well as the camps themselves. AAC was initially formed in 1980 to serve Alabama camps. These camps serve around a quarter million children, parents, young adults and seniors each year.

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