

Non-Profit News

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Time Flies as We Prepare for the Fly-in

The 5th Annual Fly-In is Saturday March 8, now just two weeks away! It is crunch time as we count down to the biggest event the Red Cross does all year. We added two new ticket locations this week, both Chambers of Commerce. Get your tickets now at these retail locations: Auburn Chamber of Commerce; Auburn-Opelika Airport; Bancorp South; Flip Flop Foto; First National Bank of Lee County; Kroger of Tiger Town; The Lee County Red Cross office and website; Opelika Chamber of Commerce; The Opelika-Auburn News and The Village Mall. The advance ticket package is just \$5.00 and includes a commemorative pin that you wear to gain entry. Adults will pay \$8.00 at the gate and will not receive a pin. Kids 12 and under get in for \$2.

The fly-in will feature over 60 aircraft on display; military and emergency response vehicles; kid's activities such as inflatable's, face painting and a huge rock climbing wall and food vendors. We are also happy to host approximately 250 Veteran's who pre-registered by the February 15th deadline. This is over triple the amount of Veteran's who registered last year!

I am excited to announce two new developments that happened this week. First, Dan Gryder is going to bring over his red DC-3 from Griffin, Georgia. It will be escorted by the Red Stars. This plane is awesome and is sponsored by Herpa. It will be coming over Friday, March 7 so look to the skies that day to see the DC-3 and many others on their way in for the fly-in. The Hilton Garden Inn is housing many of our pilots and they are generously hosting a reception for them on Friday, March 7.

The second new development is that Buddy Blue with Skydive Opelika will be making two jumps the day of the fly-in. For his second jump which will take place at 2:00 p.m., he will be taking an audience member down with him! Tickets will be on sale for \$5 at the fly-in for a chance to parachute at the event. We will select a winner at random and that person will get to do a tandem jump with Buddy Blue. You have to be 21 or older to enter and of course, you have to be present to win. I can't wait to see which lucky winner will get to jump out of a perfectly good aircraft at the fly-in! Our thanks go out to Buddy Blue for this "exhilarating" donation!

The Auburn Kiwanis Club and Child Advocacy Center are teaming up to offer a Healthy Parenting Expo on Saturday, March 1 at the East Alabama Medical Center Health Resource Center in Opelika. Workshops will be conducted by area doctors, counselors, and professionals on topics such as: Family fitness and nutrition; family fun and vacations; keeping the lines of communication open; step-parenting; and navigating the

teen years. All workshops are free and lunch will be provided by Sam's Club of Auburn. Child care and group activities are planned for children ages 2 to 4, 5 to 8, and 9 to 12 at the Child Advocacy Center, 1810 Corporate Drive, Opelika. The expo is free, but you must pre-register to attend. Call 334-705-0770 to get signed up.

Have a great week!

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