

## **Non-Profit News**

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### **Get Involved this Summer!**

Summer is just around the corner and if you find yourself with some extra time on your hands, it is the perfect time to get involved in our community. The Crisis Center of East Alabama, a volunteer suicide and crisis intervention telephone hotline, will conduct a volunteer training workshop on May 30, May 31, and June 1. Training will run from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Friday, and from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Trainees will then work four shifts with an experienced listener who will supervise and familiarize them with procedures of how to help callers in need.

The Crisis Center offers a safe environment in which the volunteer can gain experience with a variety of people with a wide range of personal and emotional issues, and a chance to become familiar with what resources are available to assist these people. Professionals in the fields of human services who have been through this training, often say it is some of the most practical and useful training they have ever received. The Crisis Center is willing to work with faculty and students who wish to utilize this experience for class credit or experiential learning. If you know anyone who may be interested in training and volunteering for the Crisis Center, please call 334-821-8600.

If you have children between the ages of 11 and 15 who are interested in babysitting, sign them up now for the American Red Cross Babysitter Boot Camp. Babysitter Boot Camp is an in depth, two day program and sessions will be held on May 29 and 30; June 5 and 6 and June 12 and 13. Classes run from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. each day. Participants must attend both days to gain certification.

This is a day camp so youth will need transportation and lunch. Classes will be held at the Lee County Red Cross Office located at 206 26<sup>th</sup> Street in Opelika. Along with great instruction and hands-on practice, students will receive many tools to enhance their self confidence and babysitting credentials including: Leadership and professionalism; safety and safe play; basic child care and certification in infant and child CPR and first aid. Tuition for the two-day camp is \$100 which covers all supplies and text books. You must be pre-registered to attend. Please call 334-749-9981 for more information.

Have you gotten in the drawing to win a Harley yet? A donation of \$100 to the Lee County Red Cross will get you entered in the drawing to win a 2008 Harley Davidson Heritage Classic Softail. The give away will take place next Saturday, May 17 and only 500 tickets are available.

You can make your donation and get a ticket at Big Swamp Harley Davidson in Opelika, Chattahoochee Harley Davidson in Columbus or at the Lee County Red Cross office in Opelika. You can also donate online at [www.leeredcross.org](http://www.leeredcross.org). You do not have to be present to win.

We had planned to have a motorcycle ride the morning of May 17, but due to a lack of registrations for this event, the ride has been cancelled. We will be out at Big Swamp Harley Davidson starting at 10:00 a.m. with games, food and activities all day leading up to the reverse drawing at 3:00 p.m. If tickets are still available, we will accept donations and issue tickets for the drawing up until 2:00 p.m. on May 17.

Finally I want to wish all Moms out there a Happy Mother's Day. I hope you take the time to do something nice for yourself today!

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