

Non-Profit News

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More Ways Than One to “Beat Bama”

You can feel the energy around town as the date approaches for Auburn to play Alabama in one of the biggest rivalry games in the SEC. On November 24 our stadium will be full and fans will be glued to TV sets everywhere. “Beating Bama” seems to be a main priority this time of year, but I want to remind you all that the football field is not the only place we can be victorious over the Crimson Tide. Two other very important competitions are going on right now that will not only allow us to show our team spirit, but will help people in need as well.

Now through November 16 the East Alabama Food Bank is conducting its annual Auburn-Alabama food fight. The following locations have barrels where non perishable items may be dropped off:

- Ashley Furniture in Opelika's Tiger Town
- Bruno's in Auburn
- Kroger Stores on Dean Road in Auburn and in Opelika's Tiger Town
- Piggly Wiggly on 2nd Avenue in Opelika
- Wal-mart Supercenter on College in Auburn and on Pepperell Parkway in Opelika
- Winn-Dixie Stores on Fox Run, East University and College Street
- Wrights Grocery on Pleasant Drive in Opelika
- The Food Bank of East Alabama, 375 Industry Drive in Auburn

So far Auburn is ahead! The “score” as of November 5 was Auburn University, 16,695 and University of Alabama, 6,527. The score reflects pounds instead of points and the campaign goal is 200,000 pounds of food. I encourage you all to get out and give as generously as possible as our local food bank inventory is lower than it has been since 2002.

Some schools are also doing food drives that will help. I know my son brought home a flyer this week and we were quick to fill a big sack with canned goods and bring it in the next day. It wasn't hard, I just gathered up some spare items in my cupboard. If you buy a few extra things when you are at one of the stores listed above, you can just deposit them in the bins as you leave. I would ask you to be nice and deposit only food, not trash in the bins. They are clearly marked as being for the Food Bank drive, but when I was in Wal-Mart last week, I peeked in to see how the drive was going and I was appalled by how much trash was inside when a trash can was located only a few feet away.

Another way to Beat Bama is to participate in the Annual Auburn University SGA “Beat Bama” Red Cross Blood Drive. This year's drive will be held November 13 and 14 at the Foy Union Ballroom on campus from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day. All donors will get free t-shirts and snacks and will be registered in drawings to win Auburn Stadium Blankets, Auburn Footballs signed by Coach Tuberville, and two round trip airline tickets from Delta Airlines. Student donors and volunteers also get spirit points. Blood supplies

typically get very low during the holiday season and the Red Cross must collect roughly 800 units a day to meet the demands of the hospitals we serve in our Alabama and Gulf Coast blood region. I hope you will come out and help us save some lives and keep the blood bowl trophy in Auburn.

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