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AIDB's Birmingham Regional Center Summer Chill Out at Lakeshore Foundation, Zoo

The Lakeshore Foundation and the Birmingham Zoo will host the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB) Birmingham Regional Center Summer Chill Out Camp, June 28 and June 30, respectively.

Sponsored by a \$10,000 EyeSight Foundation of Alabama (ESFA) award and in collaboration with the AIDB Foundation, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Optometry and School of Education, Special Education, the Summer Chill Out includes up to 20 students who are visually impaired/blind from Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair and Walker Counties. UAB Special Education students, in conjunction with the UAB School of Optometry, aid in supervising the camp while implementing tactile student activities as a component of their graduate studies.

The attached schedule cites specific camp dates and times; to learn more, visit www.aidb.org or contact Jessica Edmiston at (256) 761.3470 or edmiston.jessica@aidb.state.al.us.

Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind

AIDB's mission, now more than 150-years strong, is to provide comprehensive education and service programs of superior quality for children and adults who are deaf, blind and multidisabled and their families. This commitment to excellence is carried out through three residential schools, serving children, ages three to 21 from across the state (Alabama School for the Deaf, Alabama School for the Blind and Helen Keller School of Alabama) in addition to an education and rehabilitation program for adults, ages 16 and older (E.H. Gentry Facility) and an industrial, manufacturing complex (Alabama Industries for the Blind). AIDB serves more than 20,000 individuals annually through its five Talladega campuses and a statewide network of Regional Centers (Birmingham, Dothan, Huntsville, Mobile, Montgomery, Talladega, Tuscaloosa and Tuscumbia). To tour or for more information, call AIDB at (256) 761.3207 or visit www.aidb.org.

The AIDB Birmingham Regional Center

The Birmingham Regional Center encompasses Blount, Chilton, Walker, Jefferson and Shelby Counties. With programs and supports tailored to specific community needs, most services are free to residents of Alabama who have a 25% diagnosed vision or hearing loss and for children with a diagnosed developmental delay. Offering an array of children, adult, senior and community services related to deafness and blindness, detailed information can be found at www.aidb.org or by contacting Larscene Turk at turk.larscene@aidb.state.al.us or (205) 328.3989.

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The EyeSight Foundation

The EyeSight Foundation of Alabama (ESFA) is a nonprofit foundation whose mission is to serve as a catalyst to improve eyesight through education, research and access to care. Awarding grants in various categories related to public education and training; routine and preventative eye care; low vision and rehabilitation and research, additional information on grant awards and funding categories can be found at www.eyesightfoundation.org.

UAB School of Optometry

Since 1972, AIDB has partnered with the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Optometry to conduct clinics through AIDB's Low Vision Center. Specific to this proposal, AIDB will work closely with the UAB Vision Graduate Program to provide valuable education and training programs for students and interns in a summer community education program. For additional information, contact Carol Allison at callison@uab.edu or (205) 975.5481.

The UAB School of Optometry aspires to make significant contributions to eye and vision care knowledge, vision science, and to provide meaningful service to humanity. For additional information, contact Mary Jean Sanspree, Ph.D., at sanspree@uab.edu or (205) 934.6723.

UAB Special Education Department

Under the UAB School of Education, the Special Education Department encompasses the areas of Collaborative Teaching, Early Childhood Special Education and Visual Impairments. Within the AIDB-Birmingham Regional Center Summer Chill Out, UAB Special Education graduate students will assist with camp activities. For additional information, contact Diane Pevsner, Ph.D., at dpevsner@uab.edu or (205) 975.5351.

Media Note: The Camp schedule is attached; students attending have signed publicity releases. Please contact Ms. Edmiston to schedule a feature on a child from a specific county and/or to coordinate interviews at any of the locations cited.

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**AIDB Birmingham Regional Center
2011 Summer Camp Chill Out
Camp Schedule**

June 21, 2011

Theme: Get Cookin'

9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Cookin' Kids: Assistive Technology Orientation

10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Cookin' Kids: AT Snack (Dirt Cups)

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Cookin Kids: Kids Cookbook
(UAB Activity, adding dirt cup recipe)
Note: Will be converted to Braille/LP**

11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lunch & Play at Homewood Park

June 23, 2011

Theme: Get Creative

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Alabama School of Fine Arts
Visual Arts
Dance
Creative Writing
Theatre Arts
Music**

June 28, 2011

Theme: Get Movin'

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**The Lakeshore Foundation
Swimming
Rock Climbing
Indoor Track w/Adaptive Equip.
Goal Ball**

June 30, 2011

Theme: Get Wild

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**The Birmingham Zoo
Carousel & Train Rides
Petting Zoo
Panning for Jewels
Lorikeet Feeding**

**Rain Plan: Bowling, Brunswick Riverview Lanes, Hwy 280, Birmingham
2908 River View Rd
Birmingham, AL 35242
(205) 991.3900**

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**AIDB Birmingham Regional Center
2011 Summer Camp Chill Out
Camp Schedule**

July 12, 2011

Theme: Get Imaginative

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**The McWane Center
Imax (Descriptive Video)
Critters (Petting)**

July 14, 2011

Theme: Get Fresh

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Farmers' Market & Fishing (East Lake)

**Rain Plan: Descriptive Movie @ The Regal 16, Trussville, Alabama
5895 Trussville Crossings Pky
Birmingham, AL 35235
(205) 661.9994**

July 19, 2011

Theme: Get Musical

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Alabama Symphony Orchestra @ BRC
Pizza Lunch**

July 21, 2011

Theme: Get Your Sense On

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**AIDB Equestrian Center (MGHSE)
Horseback Riding
Tractor Ride w/ Popsicles
Barn Activity
Leather Craft
Lunch at Alabama School for the Blind (ASB)
ASB Fragrance Garden**

July 23, 2011

Theme: Get Chill

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Chill Out Carnival
Moon Jumps
Cotton Candy/Popcorn
Hotdogs, etc.**

12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Lunch and Awards

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