



CREW Teens Enjoying Summer of Learning



This year, 30 students from nine area high schools were selected for our teen summer enrichment program based at the YW Family Resource Center. The students will participate in job skills training and academic and personal development. Follow their adventures on the YW Facebook page.

inspiration from



"The question isn't who's going to let me; it's who is going to stop me."

-Ayn Rand

YW NIGHTS: Come Socialize After Hours!

Please come get to know your YW family after hours! Our upcoming events include:

First Thursdays monthly- Happy hour at Rogue Tavern at 4:30 p.m.

July 11- Birmingham Aids Outreach-BINGO. Doors open at 6 p.m. The game starts at 7 p.m. Guests purchase cards to play six games, with a cash prize of \$100 each. Door prizes are awarded. You can bring your own food and beverage or purchase from concessions. Reservations are required. Email Rikki Ross at ross@ywcabham.org to confirm your spot! Price packs are \$25, \$21, and \$16.



July 23- Barons Baseball Star Wars night. The first 1,000 kids will receive a Babe Ruff backpack. General admission is \$7. Questions? Contact sparkplug@ywcabham.org.

SMILE Client Recruitment

Do you know a YW client who could benefit from a FREE career advancement program? They may qualify for the YW's first class of students in our Single Moms Invested, Learning & Empowered (SMILE) dental assistant training program. For more information, contact Mary Jane Gibson at mjgibson@ywcabham.org.

Get Help with Retirement Planning

Did you know that you can begin saving for retirement by putting away as little as \$10 or \$20 per pay period? As a YW staff member, you have support while planning for the future. Start by using the 3-minute check-up to understand your current situation and starting your contributions. Find out how to do both by contacting Adrian Westfall at awestfall@ywcabham.org.

AmeriCorps is Hiring!

Do you know of a woman or man over age 21 with a college degree or some college classes, a passion for service and an interest in the nonprofit world with a year to spare? If so, please be sure to encourage them to visit our website at ywcabham.org/ameriCorps for more information and to submit an application to AmeriCorps@ywcabham.org for our new program year beginning in September.

dates to remember

Payroll is due on the 5th and 18th before noon.

July 4 Independence Day
July 6 Mission Talks
July 12 Lunch and Learn
July 28 CREW Graduation
July 28 Health Fair

comings & goings

We are sending a YW welcome to Family & Children's Case Manager **Melinda Mickens**, Blount County Victim Services Liaison **Brandy Key** and Pell City Victim Services Specialist **Jasmeen Davis**.

July BIRTHDAYS

Vernetta Bowman
July 1

Gentale Hanks
July 1

Carmen Rosario
July 9

Jennifer Caraway
July 10

Dorothy Burns
July 11

Marlyse Hirsch
July 11

Ray Richardson
July 11

Tracy Griffin
July 12

Mary Pearce
July 12

Lashanda Hudson
July 23

Nicole Todd
July 23

Caroline Pernell
July 26

Demi Eckhoff
July 29

Carolyn Muhammad
July 29

Brenda Bensko
July 30

Brien Borden
July 31

Delilah Malone
July 31

July ANNIVERSARIES

Shante Coach
1 Year

Stacy Oliver
1 Year

Melody Robertson
1 Year

Scottie Vickery
2 Years

Thelisia Boykin
3 Years

Marie Freeman
12 Years

Abe Bouie
16 Years



SparkPlug News

july lunch & learn

Want to find out more about using social media? Our next Lunch and Learn will feature Liz Major of our YW Communications Department on **Tuesday, July 12 at 12:30 p.m.** in the Ethel Gibson Room. Be sure to RSVP by July 7 to **Michele Blackmon** at mblackmon@ywcabham.org.

mission talks

Join us **Wednesday, July 6 at 12:30 p.m.** as we discuss recent events that have affected our community and how to find your voice in the face of tragedy. As always, bring your lunch or grab some pizza! For more information, contact **Rebecca Harkless** at rharkless@ywcabham.org.

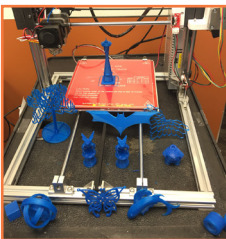
your recycling ROCKS!

We are partnering with the Alabama Environmental Council (AEC) as they provide pick-up service and transport our materials to their recycling facility. "Our goal is to decrease the amount of waste we discard, and to help conserve landfill space by recycling as much non-confidential paper, aluminum, and plastic as we can," said Administrative Assistant Brittany Crenshaw. Keep up the great recycling work, YW!

kudos

Congratulations goes to:

Mubarak



- our UAB student IT intern **Nicole Mubarak** who attended a 3D printing class hosted by Red Mountain Makers. She built and learned to operate a cool 3D printer which is now being used by the YWCA as a learning tool to teach about technology. All are welcome to stop by the 2nd floor computer lab to see the printer in action.

- Kudos to **Faith Munford, Kenyata Tate, Jennifer Thomas** and **Bethany Reeves** for being named **AmeriCorps Members of the Year** by fellow members, staff and supervisors.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!



AmeriCorps 2016 Members of the Year



Faith Munford
Irondale, AL



Kenyata Tate
Center Point, AL



Bethany Reeves
Hoover, AL



Jennifer Thomas
Birmingham, AL



let's have some fun! Please send your suggestions and ideas for YW Nights activities to sparkplug@ywcabham.org. We look forward to hearing from you!