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Challenge Air at Heaven's Landing

On Saturday April 30th Heaven's Landing proudly hosted a life changing event for everyone involved by giving the experience of flight to 20 local children with special needs. Challenge Air for Kids & Friends is a nonprofit organization from Dallas, Texas that has now given such rides to over 35,000 children across the country, but this was a first at Heaven's Landing.



The day was filled with wide eyes, big smiles, big cheers, and joyful tears, as each of the children earned their wings by taking flight over Rabun County. Many of them even had the opportunity to take the controls for a while to see what it was actually like to fly their own airplane!

Many thanks to the pilots and volunteers (listed on the following pages) that in many cases traveled a long way to give their time and donate the use of their aircraft for this especially moving event.











Pilots:

- Mark Stapleton Frisco, TX
- Peter Serodino Chattanooga, TN
- Terry Connorton Spartanburg, SC
- Danny Benson Clayton, GA
- Mike Ciochetti Clayton, GA
- Bob Frichette Trumbull, CT
- Scott Poss Clayton, GA
- Butch Harben Gainesville, GA
- The Pilot Club
- The Anchor Club





Volunteers:

- April Culver & Juliet Siddens (Challenge Air for Kids & Friends)
- Malivia Swanson
- Cheryl Hybl
- Dr. Scott Beck
- The Teachers and Staff from the Rabun County Schools
- The Team from 1st American Bank
- The Rotary Club Volunteers
- The Kiwanis Club Volunteers
- The Pilot Club Volunteers
- The Anchor Club Volunteers









With the overwhelmingly generous support of our sponsors, **Heaven's Landing was able to raise \$5,778** for Challenge Air for Kids & Friends! Your support for all of our sponsors (listed below) is greatly appreciated.

Sponsors:

- 1st American Bank
- Reeves Ace Hardware
- The Carr Law Group
- Jeff Eller Construction
- S-N- K Construction
- Pro Med
- Go Green Garden (Butch & Becky Harben)
- Rotary Club of Rabun County
- Masonic Lodge
- The Pilot Club
- The Anchor Club



Ashlee's mother Sherry Compton-Henderson shared this photo and these sweet words with us on Facebook: Yesterday my daughter had a totally awesome experience...her first plane ride with a local pilot Mike... he was the best!! From the plane we got to see Lake Burton, Black Rock welcome center, Tallulah Gorge and their beautiful waterfalls, 441 through Clayton and the 3 schools!! Ashlee is still talking about it and I personally want to thank Challenge Air for making this possible!! Most of all she earned her WINGS!!



Extra special recognition must also go out to our event coordinator **Holly Ciochetti**, who worked tirelessly to organize the inception of this event for nearly two years. From the time that Holly heard about Challenge Air for Kids & Friends it became her mission to make this event a success.

As the mother of a 13 year old special needs son (Sean), it was especially heartfelt to orchestrate this event and rewarding to witness its success. **Thank you, Holly,** from everyone that was involved!

If you'd like to see more photos from Challenge Air's past events, check out their Flickr.

You can also read about Challenge Air's programs, as well as donate to their organization, at their website.





In Loving Memory of Trudy Jean Balducci, Mother of our Dear Friend Ginger Tomaszewski

The Heaven's Landing family of owners, partners and staff were deeply saddened to hear of the recent passing of Trudy Balducci. She was the loving mother and best friend of her daughter Ginger Tomaszewski. Ginger and her husband Jim are owners here at Heaven's Landing. Trudy is also survived by her husband Art Balducci and two sons.

Our heartfelt condolences and virtual hugs go out to Ginger and her entire family. It is never easy losing a loved one, and it is especially difficult losing your mother. Faith tells us, though, that Trudy is in a much better place now, and that all of her worldly worries and suffering have ended. She is now resting in Heaven and smiling down upon all of those who helped to make her life complete, especially Ginger and Jim.

May your hearts heal swiftly, and may all of your memories be only those of the best of times. God Speed.





Our Summer Camp Neighbors

There's a reason summer camps have been around for decades and are still going strong all across the country! Here in Georgia, we have all the makings for superb summer camps: beautiful mountains, lakes, and rivers. Wonderful weather and wildlife. Strong and caring communities.

We have three great summer camps within 10 miles of Heaven's Landing, with a range of activities and programs to give any and all children a life-changing camp experience.

Camp Dixie

For over 100 years, <u>Camp Dixie</u> has been welcoming boys and girls ages 6-13, leading them through activities like arts and crafts, canoeing, backpacking, camp newspaper, leadership skills, swimming, archery, sports, nature exploration, and drama. Camp Dixie strives to balance fun with safety and wholesome values, helping campers become their best selves.

Camp Dixie immerses children in nature: "We are not about 'stuff'. There are no blobs, zip lines, speed boats, or go-karts. We have a lot of fun activities at Camp Dixie, but the fun is not about things. We rely on the nature that surrounds us and our wonderful staff to make each child's time special. We try to minimize the distractions of the outside world and maximize the attractions of the natural world."

Summer Open House Saturday, May 7: 2:00—4:00 pm

Bring the kids along for the camp open house! See the grounds, cabins, and lake. Meet the staff and see how Camp Dixie can be a perfect summer fit for your children. Please RSVP for the open house by emailing info@campdixie.org or calling 678-701-3052.









High Harbour - YMCA Camp on Lake Burton

Located on the shores of scenic Lake Burton, <u>High Harbour</u> offers two general camping programs, three specialty camps, a day camp, and an Advanced Leadership Academy program. Their weekly summer sessions are themed for even more fun, each ending with a special themed program, such as "Aloha Summer," "Movie Magic," "Sports Week," and "Peace Out." For registration information, click <u>here.</u>

Not only will your children have fun, but they'll also gain wholesome memories and experiences. "At High Harbour, we teach many skills which help each camper to develop spiritually, physically & mentally. We also try to help each member of our camp community develop Christian values that will lead to becoming a more mature, creative and helpful person. In a supportive community of peers and dedicated leaders, each camper has the opportunity to gain independence and accept new responsibilities."







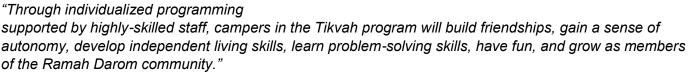
Camp Ramah Darom

With a picturesque waterfall and crystal clear lake, Camp Ramah Darom offers a wide range of camps to suit every child. Their Taste of Ramah program gently introduces young and hesitant children to the fun of summer camp. Past campers speak highly of the positive influence the camp had on them:

"Our campers and staff tell us Camp Ramah Darom feels like a 'second home,' and is where they 'feel

like they just fit in.' It is our inclusive community in which campers are encouraged to embrace their authentic selves that makes us so special. Our campers walk away inspired, confident and energized to contribute to their communities and live meaningful lives."

Their inclusive <u>Tikvah program</u> for campers ages 12-17 with social and communication difficulties has been designed to offer campers the additional support and staff they need to enjoy the magic of Camp Ramah Darom. Program Director Dr. Audra Kaplan is a Clinical Psychologist with extensive experience in working with children with disabilities.



Registration information can be found <u>here</u>.







Georgia Wildflowers at the Beechwood Inn



Our friends at the Beechwood Inn shared these beautiful flowers from their grounds this month.

From the rivers to the mountains, Georgia is a great place to spot flowers. Try these resources for identification and information: <u>US</u>
<u>Wildflowers Database</u> & <u>Discover Life</u>
<u>Identification Guide</u>.











This Month at Heaven's Landing:

Saturday, May 14 & Sunday, May 15 wannaGOFAST Runway Racing

Our favorite "speed addict" friends are coming back to give us our 1/2 mile shootout thrills! Get pumped up by watching their awesome promo video here. Bring your blankets and camp chairs, and gear up for a day with great cars and gearheads.

Tickets can only be purchased at the event—no limit on ticket sales! Adults: \$20 each per day—or \$35 each for a Weekend Pass Children 12 and under: \$10 each per day

7:45 am Driver check-in

9:00 am Gates open to spectators

12:00 pm Break for lunch
1:00 pm Racing resumes
6:00 pm Last run of the day
6:15 pm Awards ceremony





Sunday, May 22 Runway Runaway 5k



We're excited to invite you all to our third annual Runway Runaway 5k! Don't worry about traffic as you walk, jog, or run down our private runway. All ages welcome! Register here by May 12 to guarantee your shirt and goodies. You're also welcome to register the day of and will receive a shirt while supplies last. There will be plenty of refreshments. See you on the runway!

Registration opens: 2:00 pm 5k begins: 3:00 pm

All proceeds benefit the Pilot Club of Clayton and their efforts with RCHS Anchor Club Youth Leadership Development, BrainMinder Buddies, and the Pick-Me-Up Program (Caring for Caregivers).

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Heaven's Landing Concierge Services

Heaven's Landing Concierge Services is on call for our truly unique and mobile owners. The Heaven's Landing staff is pleased to provide clients with a vast array of services.

Please call the office at **706-212-0017** for pricing information and other consultations. Please note that due to offering a vast array of services to our owners, all requests for assistance will be billed at a pre-arranged fee.



Some of our commonly requested services include the following:

Interior Cleaning Alarm/Security Checks

Holding Postal Mail Scheduling Party Staff and Maintenance Services

Receiving Service Personnel Transportation Needs

Receiving Furniture, Appliances, and Packages

Tree Removal Window Washing

Gutter Cleaning



Quick Links

Landscaping

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Lot and Yard Maintenance

Weather Link — Stay up to date on the Clayton, GA conditions and forecast from NOAA.

Heaven's Landing Facebook Page — "Heaven's Landing Residential Airpark."

Rabun County Tourism Development Authority — ExploreRabun.com, (706) 212-0241.

Marina and Boating Information — <u>Anchorage Boat Rentals</u> at (706) 782-5193 or <u>LaPrade's</u> Marina at 706-947-0010.

Local Events and Information — Rabun County Chamber of Commerce at (706) 782-4812 and Rabun County Visitors Bureau at (706) 212-0241.

Facebook "Likes" — Exploring the back woods: <u>Waterfall of Western North Carolina</u>, <u>Waterfall and Back Roads of North Georgia</u>, and <u>The Wayward Traveler</u>.

Airfield Fuel Prices



Self Serve Pumps

AV GAS \$3.99 / gal*

JET A \$4.29 / gal*

*Prices Subject to Change.

Prices as of May 7, 2016





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