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AMPED ABOUT CAMP

Champions for Charity partner Camp Twin Lakes creates meaningful, memorable experiences for those with special needs

In what has become a summer tradition, Walton Gas employees armed with scoops, sprinkles and plenty of ice cream headed to Winder. Their destination is Camp Twin Lakes where they dole out frozen treats while making new friends.

The annual party also provides a first-hand look at how donations from the Walton Gas Champions for Charity program impact the lives of fellow Georgians. This year's event coincided with the camp session for ESP (Extra Special People), a nonprofit organization that creates programming for individuals with developmental disabilities.

The ESP camp is one of many weeklong summer experiences Camp Twin Lakes provides for children and teens with special healthcare needs and life challenges. Campers can participate in classic camp activities, such as zip lines and horseback riding that are adapted to their special needs.

CAST YOUR VOTE

Camp Twin Lakes joins Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities (ARMHC) and Annandale Village as the featured nonprofits in this year's Champions for Charity program.

Walton Gas donates \$1,000 for every Bulldog regular season victory and \$5,000 for every post-season win. In addition, new customers can opt to have another \$50 donated to one of the three charities. Last season, Walton Gas and its customers combined to donate \$39,000 to the three organizations.

Walton Gas customers' votes will determine how much each nonprofit receives. The voting period opens on Sept. 5 with the first University of Georgia football game.

Go to waltongas.com/uga to vote for Camp Twin Lakes, ARMHC or Annandale Village.



Each summer, Walton Gas team members host an ice cream party for campers at Camp Twin Lakes, one of three nonprofit organizations competing for votes and donations in the Champions for Charity contest.



Walton Gas team member Kathy Ivie takes a break from ice cream party duties to catch up with her friend during the ESP session at Camp Twin Lakes.



Camp Twin Lakes



Vote to send donations to your favorite Champions for Charity nonprofit.





SIX SIMPLE MAINTENANCE TASKS FOR HOME ENERGY SAVINGS

The countdown to summer's end is on. As the warm days wind down, it pays to begin thinking about fall fixes that can prepare your home for cooler weather. Add these simple projects to your to-do list to save on energy costs and maximize comfort when the heat comes on.

SCHEDULE A TUNE-UP. A well-maintained heating system operates more efficiently and reduces the chance of surprise breakdowns.

MIND THE GAPS. Keep energy-robbing drafts at bay by filling cracks with caulk or spray insulation. Replace worn or insufficient weather stripping around doors and windows.

LOOK UP. Ensure attic access points, such as pull-down stairs or hatch covers, are well insulated to prevent warm air in the living space from leaking into the attic.

REVERSE DIRECTIONS. Set ceiling fan blades to spin clockwise to move warm air from the ceiling down into the room.

FOCUS ON FILTERS. Set a monthly reminder to check or clean dirty air filters to keep your heating system operating at peak efficiency.

CLEAR THE WAY. Move draperies, carpeting or furniture away from return/supply vents and registers. Blocked air flow can cause your heating system to run longer.

Prioritizing energy efficiency on your list of fall maintenance projects will keep you and your budget comfortable all winter.

Celebrate National Potato Month

September is National Potato Month, and what better way to celebrate than with a warm, loaded baked potato? Whether you're looking for an easy weeknight dinner, a hearty side dish or something the whole family can customize, baked potatoes are a simple option with endless possibilities.

Start with a perfectly baked potato, then pile on your favorite toppings. Need a little inspiration? Try one of these combinations:

The Classic

Butter, sour cream, shredded cheddar cheese, crispy bacon and fresh chives.

BBQ Chicken

Shredded BBQ chicken, cheddar cheese, red onion and a drizzle of extra barbecue sauce.

Taco Night

Seasoned ground beef, shredded cheese, salsa, sour cream and jalapeños.

Broccoli & Cheese

Steamed broccoli topped with plenty of warm cheddar cheese sauce.

Loaded Chili

Your favorite chili, shredded cheese, sour cream and green onions.

Make it a meal by setting out several toppings and letting everyone build their own. It's an easy dinner that makes National Potato Month worth celebrating!



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