



New Beginnings Celebrates 10th Anniversary

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In July Three Springs New Beginnings Residential Treatment Center for girls celebrated ten years of helping adolescents gain the social, academic and interpersonal skills they need to lead fulfilling lives.

New Beginnings residents celebrated the milestone on July 14 with a carnival on the program property in the Owens Cross Roads community near Huntsville, Ala. Activities included a cookout, dunk tank, music, carnival games, crafts and water games.

The staff members of New Beginnings are proud of the work they do and of the accomplishments they have made over the past decade. They have successfully served the emotional and educational needs of over 330 Alabama adolescents and helped them to – by all accounts – go on to lead successful lives.

Everyone at Three Springs looks forward to the next ten years of helping troubled adolescents find lasting solutions at New Beginnings.



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NiMat Backpacking Trip

This summer Three Springs of Courtland took eight residents from the NiMat group and three staff members on a backpacking trip into the Bankhead National Forest. Staff members attending the trip included Earnest Brothers, Cayley Edmonds and Josh Lambert. By all accounts the trip was a successful one.

Though the group encountered few major challenges it was a very eventful, to say the least. One of the more memorable moments was the sighting of two non-poisonous snakes just inches from the campsite.

The hike consisted of approximately two miles of beautiful terrain. The campers encountered flowing streams, waterfalls and some of the most amazing rock clefts this side of the Mississippi.

Each camper was responsible for cooking his own dinner entrees, which consisted of red beans and rice, flour tortillas, and a granola bar, along with keeping up with his own water supply throughout the trip. To maintain the water supply, some campers obtained



water from the nearby stream using a water filter, while others boiled their water.

Every camper was prepared with a thorough education on poison ivy and how to avoid it, especially due to the fact that the trip leader was just getting over a horrific case of it!

The trip concluded as the campers waded through a spot just off the trail where the Sipsy River and Borden Creek merge. Staff members report that it was worth the trip to see the excitement on the boys' faces.

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TSI Staff on the Move

Greg Graham, Courtland Group Administrator, recently completed supervision for his LPC license.

Congratulations, Greg!

A New Direction

As many of you are aware, the Board of Directors of Three Springs recently made the difficult decision to close Turning Point Transitional Group Home in Owens Cross Roads. This action is the result of long-term, chronically low census figures.

The staff members at Turning Point are to be commended for the incredible job they've done over the years in serving the many girls who have passed through the doors of that program.

These valued individuals are considering other options within the Three Springs system so that they may continue their employment with us.

But wait! There is a silver lining in this otherwise dark cloud! When the Turning Point girls vacated the premises, the New Direction boys moved from an older building in Madison to the Turing Point facility. It is a much better building and the staff and residents of New Direction are very excited about living in a much nicer facility. Bonus: The boys will also receive support from the New Beginnings staff as needed!

SEVP Approval

Three Springs, Inc. recently received approval from the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), a function of the federal Department of Human Services, to accept international students at its Paint Rock Valley and New Beginnings programs. All Three Springs schools are now eligible to accept international students.

Formerly known as CIPRIS, SEVP acts as an umbrella bringing together different governmental organizations and the web-based Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) in order to keep track of visiting students. No educational institution may admit non-immigrant international students without the approval of SEVP.

What this approval means is that all Three Springs locations are now able to offer the international educational community the same opportunity for treating troubled adolescents they have provided to parents and educators in the United States for over 20 years.