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WALTON GAS HELPS CAMPERS FIND THEIR

'happy place'

Claire is accustomed to feeling different. At school, she stands out from classmates because of the backpack of emergency medication she always carries. When there's a birthday party, she can't indulge in the cake the other kids eat because of the strict diet she must follow.

But one week last summer forever changed Claire's life. She got to be a regular kid. Walton Gas customers helped make that possible.

Claire was among the 10,000 Georgia children who attended camping sessions at Camp Twin Lakes, top vote getter in this year's Walton Gas Champions for Charity Program. The nonprofit provides life-changing camp experiences for children with serious illnesses, disabilities and other life challenges.

"It's my happy place," said Claire, who suffers from epileptic seizures. She attended a weeklong overnight camp for children with medically controlled epilepsy and other seizure disorders.

"I know I'm not alone at camp because there are so many other kids that have a special diet and take medicine for seizures, just like me," she said.

Paying the way

Walton Gas customers support Camp Twin Lakes campers through Champions for Charity. In the last five years, Walton Gas donations helped pay camp fees for 113 children.

"Every child receives a scholarship to help pay for the camp. All the proceeds from Champions for Charity help us fund these scholarships," said Cheryl Belair, Camp Twin Lakes director of development.



During the 2019 season, Walton Gas donated \$1,000 to Champions for Charity for every University of Georgia football regular season win. Another \$5,000 was tacked on for a Sugar Bowl win.

In addition, every new Walton Gas customer can choose between receiving a \$25 bill credit or donating that amount to Champions for Charity. Every customer donation is matched by Walton Gas, meaning another \$50 is added to the year's Champions for Charity contribution.

The total donation is divided among three charities – Camp Twin Lakes, the Salvation Army and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta – based on the percentage of votes received. As the top vote getter, Camp Twin Lakes will take home the biggest portion of the donations for a second consecutive year.

Belair thanked Walton Gas and its customers for their commitment to the camp and those it serves. "Because of your generosity, we're able to grow to serve even more children in need."



Camper Claire calls Camp Twin Lakes her 'happy place.'

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Read more about the impact Champions for Charity donations are having at Camp Twin Lakes at waltongas.com/blog



Camp Twin Lakes

gas up the stove

GET
READY FOR
RAVE
REVIEWS!

Brownies

- 1 cup of all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 2/3 cup dairy or nondairy milk
- 1/3 cup oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup nuts, optional

Combine flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking powder and salt. Add applesauce, maple syrup, nondairy milk, oil and vanilla extract. Stir in chocolate chips and nuts (if desired). Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven in 8x8-inch cake pan for 30 minutes, or in mini muffin pan for 20 minutes.

Recipe and photo submitted by Vanessa Hatley. Featured recipes are not independently tested, so we must depend on the accuracy of the cooks sending them. Always use safe food handling, preparation and cooking procedures from the recognized experts.

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PREPPED FOR PIGSKIN PARTIES

By the time the game kicks off in Miami, about one in four Americans will already be deep into a bowl buffet, according to trend tracker statista.com. Party-goers at more than 25 million bowl parties will pack away a feast amounting to the year's second-highest food consumption day, topped only by Thanksgiving.

That's good news for some of Walton Gas's commercial customers. Supplying some of the most popular foods for super shindigs chalks up sales for both food service businesses and grocery retailers.

EYE ON THE PIE

Americans are expected to consume an estimated 12.5 million pizzas on Feb. 2, reports pizzatoday.com.

The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council predicts around 70 percent of bowl watchers will eat at least one slice of pizza.

The trend will keep Walton Gas customer Marco's Pizza busy on game day.

"We'll double our normal Sunday sales," said Jeremiah Decoteau, store manager at one of the company's three locations in Douglasville.

When you sell the two most popular foods – wings and pizza – it requires all hands on deck to get orders delivered on time, says Decoteau. Marco's begins receiving pre-orders as soon as the restaurant opens on Super Sunday.

FIRED UP

While some bowl party hosts choose to have their game day fare delivered, others will fire up their natural gas grill to make burgers, ribs and hotdogs, a Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association survey finds.

The survey says 23 percent of grill owners will choose to cook their football feast, making it winter's biggest grilling day. A survey by Fox News ranks the Super Bowl as the second-biggest grilling weekend of the year, just behind the 4th of July.

Whether you grill up your own or have it delivered, enjoy your football feast. Just don't forget there's a game on, too.

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