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GIRL SCOUT CAMP COLEMAN ADDED TO THE ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE

The Alabama Historical Commission recently listed Camp Coleman in Trussville, Jefferson County to the Alabama Register. “The Alabama Register honors places at least 40 years or older that still convey a sense of Alabama History,” said Lee Anne Wofford, Alabama Register program coordinator.

In 1925 the Alabama-Cahaba Girl Scout Council opened its first camp in Trussville. The Council named it Camp Coleman after its first commissioner, Gertrude Coleman, who had passed away the year before. Today Camp Coleman is the oldest Girl Scout camp in Alabama. It contains wonderful examples of “camp” architecture rambling along the Cahaba River.

Endangered now, Camp Coleman is slated for closure in 2013 along with three other Girl Scout camps the North-Central Alabama Council. “Save Camp Coleman” is a newly formed group made up of former girl scouts dedicated to preserving this important place. Contact them at <http://www.savecampcoleman.com/>.

Listing is an honorary designation bringing attention to and promoting the property, while encouraging its long-term preservation. The Alabama Register does not restrict the rights of private property owners in the use, development, or sale of the property. Anyone can nominate a property to the Alabama Register and property owner permission is not required.

Does the Alabama Register program interest you? Visit <http://preserveala.org/alabamaregister.aspx>. Contact Lee Anne Wofford at 334-230-2659 or LeeAnne.Wofford@preserveala.org for more information on Camp Coleman.

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