



## Club Project Profile



**Project Name:**  
A Fishing and Fun Day

**Sponsoring Club:**  
Hickory Flat  
Optimist Club

**Location:**  
The Darnell's Property  
Ballground, Georgia

**Target:**  
Cherokee County Special  
Olympics Community and  
Zone 3 Optimist

**Purpose of the Project:**  
To give all our friends a chance to  
enjoy a day of fishing, eating, and  
fellowship in the outdoors.

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**Georgia  
Optimist**

Because bringing  
out the best in kids  
is only part of it

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**Project:** The Hickory Flat Optimist Club hosted the Special Olympics community in Cherokee County and Zone 3 Optimists to a day of fishing and fun at the lake home of Heather & Scott Darnell, in Ballground, Georgia. Everyone was encouraged to bring a fishing rod and a pot luck dish. The Hickory Flat Club cooked up the hamburgers & hotdogs. The Darnells also graciously loaned out their tractor and trolley cars to shuttle folks back and forth all day.

**Results:** The Special Olympic athletes were so grateful for the chance to fish (for some this was their first experience)! Our zone three clubs had been trying for some time to get together for a “fun day”, and this was a great success as we were blessed with the company of Governor Hal Sewell and wife, Vicki, Governor-Elect Russ Thomas, and Lieutenant Governor Robin Wright and family, as well as numerous other optimists, thanks!!

In short – over one hundred and fifty people attended, many fish were caught, many hamburgers and hot dogs were eaten, and many special memories were made!