



The North Georgia Traditional Archery Club travels all over helping kids learn archery. They visited Reconciliation House on July 17 and introduced over 50 kids to a bow and arrow. The kids started out a little wobbly, but after a few lessons, they were popping balloons with no trouble at all. Pictured: Tony Provencio helps Atrreau Matthews from Atlanta aim the bow.

## *Camp Gives Inner City Kids Glimpse of the Country Life*

Those of us who live in Monroe County sometimes take for granted that we live in such a beautiful place full of lakes, rivers, trees and lots of land. Some kids never get the chance to run in a field, play on a farm or go fishing. Angela and Exavier Johnson, founders of Reconciliation House in the southwest section of the county, opened their home recently to 50 inner-city kids from Atlanta.

A few years ago, Wayne Knight founded "Zone Busters," a ministry geared toward helping kids. Knight was working with the

Last Call Ministry in Atlanta feeding homeless children. He realized that these kids needed more than just a hand-out. They needed some direction and some fun. So, recently, Knight, along with Pastor Frank McConnell and other volunteers brought the kids, ranging from age six to 18, to Reconciliation House. They pitched tents and camped out all weekend. They had 52 acres to run and play. They took turns fishing in the pond. Most of the kids had never camped out for fun before or ever had the opportunity to go fishing.



"Zone Busters" founder, Wayne Knight helps Damon Stephens of Atlanta land a fish as friend Josh Darley of Griffin watches. Damon said this was the first time he had ever been fishing. He said he can't wait to go again.