Summer Fun in Rowan County

ROWAN COUNTY — With summer around the corner, avid outdoor enthusiasts are in a decent spot to exercise that passion.

The Rowan County Parks and Recreation Department boasts six unique parks with various outdoor activities and programs to meet a variety of needs and interests.

Rowan County Facilities Management, Parks and Recreation Director Don Bringle said that throughout those six parks, they are able to offer clients with developmental and intellectual disabilities, as well as senior demographics, outdoor opportunities.

“We touch a lot of members in the community through the programming that we offer,” Bringle said.

The director pointed to his department’s therapeutic recreation arm as one example. According to the Rowan County Parks and Rec website, a special division was created in 1979 to ensure the availability of recreation programs for individuals with disabilities.

The programs offered through the Therapeutic Recreation Division have an emphasis on socialization, inclusion and development of recreation/leisure skills that carry over to the home and community.

Bringle indicated that the county’s parks and rec department also recently took on the local Special Olympics competitions. Additionally, the department services the Senior Games and Silver Arts, a program that dates back to the 80s, when Rowan County Senior Games joined North Carolina Senior Games with a vision to create a year-round health promotion and education program for adults of Rowan County age 50 years or better.

According to the county website, Senior Games takes a holistic approach to body, mind and spirit. It allows participants to stay fit while enjoying the company of friends, family, spectators and volunteers.

Between the six parks in Rowan County, visitors can find a ton to do.

“All of our parks are passive parks,” Bringle said. “We don’t have organized league play in any of them.”

The parks have walking trails, ADA-compliant parks, and shelters for rent to host occasional get-togethers like birthdays and other social events.

Ellis Park has an equestrian area and a disc golf course.

“Last year, we repurposed our tennis courts to pickleball courts,” Bringle said of Ellis Park.

Just last month, the department commemorated the opening of Woodleaf Park, which features an interactive playground area with rubber matting, a shelter, restrooms and a walking trail.

Bringle said there were plans to increase the number of shelters next year and also to make the walking trail permanent with pavement.

Sloane Park, in Mt. Ulla, already has five shelters. There is a disc golf course there, too, as well as a historic tree trail.

“We have got a playground that we hope, in this year’s budget, will be replaced,” Bringle said. “That is our request.”

The Farm Life Museum at that park also offers visitors a glimpse into Rowan County’s rich agricultural history.

Dunns Mountain Park lets guests ascend to the second-highest peak in Rowan County.

It has a varied operating schedule: Thursday - Sunday.

“We have a walking trail that people can go up,” Bringle said. “On weekends, we provide a shuttle service up and down to the area, and there are picnic tables for people to have lunch.”

For those interested in vegetation, Dunns Mountain also has certain tree and plant varieties that you likely won’t find elsewhere.

If you want to get a little close to the water’s edge, Eagle Point Nature Preserve might be your speed.

It is open on weekends and holidays.

There are views of the lake, canoe portages, and a parking area, in addition to three different loops of walking trails where people can ride bikes.

The last stop on the park tour is Dan Nicholas Park.

“We offer train and carousel rides, Rowan Wild NC native animals, a reptile center and active programming, as well as gemology,” Bringle said.

There are also two 18-hole miniature golf courses at the park that play host annually to a competition for the legally blind. Those courses are open to the public when not in use for a specific event and can be accessed for less than $5. Those courses were just recarpeted as well.

Later this summer, the department is expected to replace a playground area on site with new ADA-accessible equipment and rubber matting.

A gem mine curating Rowan County’s gemological past is on site. There are 67 campsites and a 10-acre pond where NC-licensed fishers can partake in their favorite activity.

Bringle said that his department will be announcing two nature camps for children through Rowan Wild that will take place later this year.

To learn more about what Rowan County has to offer, visit rowancountync.gov/1816/Parks-Recreation.

Putt putt golf is just one of the attractions at Dan Nicholas Park in Rowan County.
Looking for fun this summer?
Visit your local parks

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GEM MINE
Take a turn at the sluices and see what treasures you can unearth in our gem mine.

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Rowan Wild’s Stanback Barnyard is filled with farm animals and historic farming equipment.

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TRAIN STATION
Stop by Hurley Station to purchase tickets, snacks, and gifts.

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How to find the right fit for summer camp

Many adults fondly recall their days at summer camp. The increase in households with two working parents has made it more important than ever to find a camp to accommodate youngsters who need to remain engaged and entertained throughout summer vacation. That reality has led to more summer camp options, but it’s not always so easy finding one that’s the right fit for a child.

No two children are the same and kids change quite a bit as they grow up. So a camp that worked for an older child or even one that accommodated a younger camper may not make the perfect fit this summer. With that in mind, parents can consider these tips to find the right summer camp for their children.

• Pursue a package deal. Though package deals might not result in lower rates, approaching a camp with the parents of your child’s friend or friends may work in your favor. Kids undoubtedly will be more excited about camp if their friends will be there as well. Camp officials may see these quasi-package deals as beneficial and a quick and easy way to fill spots.

• Ask around. Even if no two campers are the same, it can benefit parents to ask around when shopping for a summer camp. Summer camp spots are limited and it’s not uncommon for competition for available spaces to develop, which can make it more difficult to gather information. However, ask neighbors whose children have outgrown summer camp if there’s one they might recommend (or would not recommend).

• Ask kids how they want to spend summer. Specialized camps run the gamut from sports camps focusing on a particular sport to general outdoor recreation camps to camps that cater to young musicians. More general camps offer a wide range of activities throughout the summer, and that might appeal to children less interested in specialized camps. Ask youngsters for their input before making a final decision. Involve kids in the search by showing
Summer is a time for kids to activate their sense of adventure and expand the limits of their imagination. At Y Day Camp, every day is an opportunity for campers to make new friends and explore endless possibilities for fun.

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Summer Adventures Begin at Rowan Public Library

SALISBURY, NC - Summer Adventures Begin at Rowan Public Library

At Rowan Public Library, Summer Reading is for everyone! This year’s theme is “Adventure Begins at Your Library,” and RPL’s adventure includes prizes to registered readers who reach reading goals and a fun lineup of programming.

Summer Reading is an annual initiative that aims to combat the “summer slide,” a term used to describe the loss of academic gains students experience when they are away from school for an extended period of time, such as during summer vacation. Participating in Summer Reading gives learners of all ages opportunities to

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them websites of prospective camps and asking them what they think of each one. If attending an in-person consultation, bring kids along so they can form their own impression.

- Identify what you can afford. Camp costs vary significantly, so parents should identify how much they can afford before they begin their search. Doing so may eliminate various camps right off the bat, saving parents precious time as they try to find a camp for their children before spots fill up. Many towns offer local camps at schools, and these may be an affordable option. Parents also should know that many camps allow them to pick certain weeks or days of the week a child will attend rather than insisting kids attend camp for the duration of the summer.

Summer camp season is right around the corner. Parents and children can work together to identify a camp that will ensure this summer is filled with fun.
Rowan-Cabarrus Community College is excited to offer summer enrichment opportunities for school-aged children, ages 8 to 18 for summer of 2024. Camp topics include quilting, welding, crocheting, sewing, drone technology, knitting, and creativity. Camp sizes are limited so register today!

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JUNE 24-28
We Are Dinosaurs!
Instructor: Debbie Hoffman
JULY 8-12
From Infinity and Beyond! Super Hero
Pop Art
Instructor: Debbie Hoffman

AGES 6-8
Mornings 9am-12pm / Afternoons 1-4pm
JUNE 17-21 Morning
Animal Extravaganza
Instructor: Brenda Gariepy
JUNE 17-21 Afternoon
2D / 3D Draw. Paint. Sculpt.
Instructor: Shirl Hull
JUNE 24-28 Morning
Clay: Dream It. Build It.
Instructor: Brenda Gariepy
JUNE 24-28 Afternoon
Fiber Art Animal Menagerie
Instructor: Shirl Hull
JULY 8-12 Morning
Hand & Wheel Pinch, Twist and Roll I
Instructor: Brent Smith

JULY 15-19
Little Pet Shop
Instructor: Debbie Hoffman
JULY 8-12 Afternoon
Introduction to the Photo Lab
Instructor: Traci Arnie
JULY 15-19 Morning
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May 30 (RPL Headquarters)

Summer Reading for Children (Ages 10 and under) is coordinated by RPL Youth Services Supervisor Wendy Campbell. Contact Campbell at 704-216-8258 or Wendy.Campbell@rowancountync.gov to learn more.

Ages 10 and under log reading hours from May 23 through July 27. Children who have not yet learned to read can still participate with caregivers’ help. Reading incentives are offered at 5, 10, 15, and 20 hours of reading. Children who earn 20 hours’ worth of reading and/or activity time will receive a special certificate, one coupon for South Main Book Company, and one entry in the Super Reader Prize raffle. For every additional 20 hours read, children receive another special reader’s certificate and an additional Super Reader Prize raffle entry. Reading tier prizes may be picked up at any RPL branch. Super Reader Raffle Winners will be announced on the prerecorded Summer Reading Finale Video on Friday, Aug. 2.

Weekly Children’s Programs run June 3 – July 11. A responsible caregiver (age 16+) must accompany children ages 8 and under.

Enjoy Virtual Author Talks with bestselling authors from the comfort of home, thanks to Friends of RPL and the Library Speakers Consortium! This summer, four Children’s & Young Adult authors will be featured in a special July series of virtual talks. To see a full list of author talks, register to participate in an upcoming talk, or access recordings of previous ones, visit bit.ly/RPLVirtualAuthorTalks. Library card numbers, app downloads, and login credentials are not required to access the talks.

Summer Reading for Teens (Ages 11 to 17) is coordinated by RPL Young Adult Librarian Amanda Brill. For more information, contact Brill at 704-216-8268 or Amanda.Brill@rowancountync.gov.

Ages 11 to 17 log reading hours from May 23 through July 20. Recorded reading hours are then converted to raffle tickets to win prizes — the more hours recorded, the more raffle tickets teens can “buy.” To qualify for prizes, teens must submit their hours by Saturday, July 20, although they may continue to log hours until July 27. Prize winners will be announced at the National Teen Lock-In & Teen Summer Reading Finale held at RPL Headquarters from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, July 26; winners need not be present to win. Teens will also receive incentives for every 10 hours read and each teen program attended. Teen programs run June 3 – July 27.

No programs will be held on Thursday, July 4, and all RPL branches will be closed.

All prize winners must contact or visit their RPL branch of choice by August 30 to claim reading incentives or larger prizes.

To learn more, visit rowanpubliclibrary.org, call 980-432-8670, or visit any RPL branch.
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For More Information rccc.edu/summerprograms.
Contact Tabitha Harrison tabitha.harrison@rccc.edu, 704-216-3545

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AGES 9-11
Mornings
9am-12pm /
Afternoons 1-4pm

JULY 15-19 Afternoon
Hand & Wheel Pinch
Twist and Roll II
Instructor: Brent Smith

JULY 17-20 Afternoon
Claymation / Pair with Fascinating Wonders Under the Sea / Pair with
Claymation and SAD!
Instructor: Shirl Hull

JUNE 17-21 Morning
Fascinating Wonders Under the Sea / Pair w/ Claymation and SAD!
Instructor: Brenda Gariepy

JUNE 24-28 Afternoon
Claymation / Pair with Fascinating Wonders Under the Sea and SAD!
Instructor: Brenda Gariepy

JUNE 24-28 afternoons
Hand & Wheel (Week 2) / Pair with the Poetry of Material Things and SAD!
Instructor: Brent Smith

JUNE 17-21 Afternoon
Hand & Wheel (Week 3) / Pair with Painting Drawing and Self Expression and SAD!
Instructor: Brent Smith

JULY 15-19 Morning
Hand & Wheel (Week 4) / Pair with Cool Pool Paintings and SAD!
Instructor: Brent Clay

JULY 15-19 Afternoon
Cool Pool Paintings / Pair with Hand & Wheel and SAD!
Instructor: Denise Paugh

AGES 12-18
JUNE 12-16 / 10am-4pm
Visiting Artist Residency
Drawing with Thread. Painting with Fabric. Textile artist Susan Lentz uses a free motion sewing machine as one of her drawing tools. Thread painting is a form of embroidery using stitches to create images on fabric and can be done with a sewing machine or sewn by hand. She has observed most young creatives have been exposed to a variety of supplies and materials but have not had the opportunity to incorporate stitching into their personal toolbox. Lentz will guide a diverse group of young artists, each with their unique interests, talents and stories, on an educational journey. Using old photos, pages from discarded books and magazines as source materials, artists will design symbols and motifs aligned with the theme of the residency. Students will learn basic stitches, sewing techniques and draw with a free-motion embroidery machine to create, individual projects and a group composition.

JUNE 24-28 Afternoon Mixed Media Sculpture & Jewelry
Instructor: Brenda Gariepy

JULY 8-12 Afternoon Street “Zines” and Neighborhood Scenes:
Photo Walk
Instructor: Nichole Pequeño

JULY 15-19 Afternoon Photography Darkroom I
Instructor: Traci Arni
Girl Scout Summer Camp is for All Girls! Register today!

HICKORY, NC - Have you made your summer plans yet? Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont (GSCP2P) is excited for a summer of adventure at their overnight camp properties and sessions are filling up now. It’s the perfect time to register for your favorite program!

Camp Ginger Cascades in Lenoir, NC and Keyauwee Program Center in Sophia, NC are offering full week, overnight camp programs, along with mini sessions for girls who might not be ready to spend a whole week away. Along with themed weeks and activities, girls will participate in traditional camp activities like swimming, boating, archery and more, all while building their confidence in themselves and growing a love for the outdoors. Camp Pisgah in Brevard is also hosting summer camp options. You can find all the 2024 session details and registration information at girlscoutsp2p.org.

GSCP2P summer camp programs are open to all girls in rising grades 1-12, whether they are a Girl Scout or not. Financial assistance is also available for families.

Want to get a sneak peek at what camp is like before sending your girl? Join us for our Open House and Family Fun Days:

- Camp Pisgah, Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Camp Ginger Cascades, Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Keyauwee Program Center, Saturday, May 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The whole family is invited to come explore camp and see what all the fun is about! Registration information can be found on the online calendar at www.girlscoutsp2p.org.

Questions about specific summer camp programs, scholarship information and registration can be directed to info@girlscoutsp2p.org or by calling 800-672-2148.

Camp fee: $80 per participant/per camp. Ages: 6-12

City of Salisbury Parks & Recreation

Summer Camp Weeks:
Week 1: JUNE 3-7
Music Week
Week 2: JUNE 10-14
Adventure Week
Week 3: JUNE 17-21
Science Week
Week 4: JUNE 24-28
DIY Week
Week 5: JULY 8-12
Sports Week
Week 6: JULY 15-19
Cooking Week
Week 7: JULY 22-26
Tech Week
Week 8: JULY 29-AUGUST 2
Art Week

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Contact: Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org
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**LESTER J. BROWN ANTIQUE TRUCK SHOW**

May 18 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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**NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM FIRE TRUCK FESTIVAL**

June 22 | 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Join us for the hottest event of the summer! Meet firefighters from across the state, see the equipment they use, vote for your favorite fire truck, and have a fun family day at the museum.

At the end of the festival, watch the parade at 3:15 p.m.

Event admission is required.

**HISTORIC SPENCER SHOPS TRAIN SHOW**

May 18 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

May 19 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This event features vendors with railroad memorabilia of all types: model train dealers, model train layouts, collectors, and more. Take a train ride around our 60-acre historic site, ride on restored railroad maintenance motor cars, and enjoy more fun for all ages.

Museum exhibits are open and included in event admission.

**CELEBRITY CAR & TRUCK SHOW**

July 27 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Replicas of your favorite cars that were stars in movies and film will be displayed during an event that offers great photo opportunities and a chance to talk with the owners of these awesome replicas.

**FIREWORKS Over Historic Spencer Shops**

June 29 | 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Enjoy a night of family fun! Activities begin at 5:30 p.m. and wrap up with a free fireworks show! There will be a DJ, games, food vendors, and more.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy the show.

This is a free event.