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# 2017 SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE

A Resource for Kids & Families

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## Dear Parents,

Do your kids sit around the house complaining they have nothing to do in the summer? Do you struggle to find affordable and fun summer activities for your children? Do you run out of ways to keep your kids entertained in the summer? Then this guide will make your summer better!

There are many FREE or low-cost children's activities throughout our community and the Summer Resource Guide has all the details! In this guide, you will discover summer activities from a variety of local organizations – and there are enough activities to keep your children busy, engaged and having fun all summer long.

The best part about your children being involved in community summer activities is that they not only keep kids from being bored, but they also help them to build stronger family relationships, to learn social skills, to establish positive connections to their community, and to build relationships with other caring adults outside of the family. These relationships and skills gained through community activities help children to be healthier, happier and more successful as they grow.

We hope you will find this Summer Resource Guide to be useful as you make plans for summer! For more community information and resources, check out our website at: [www.pathwnc.org](http://www.pathwnc.org). And remember...the Yancey Transportation Authority (682-6144) or Mitchell Transportation Authority (688-4715) are **happy to help with transportation needs during the summer months.**

Best wishes for an amazing summer,

Your Friends At PATH

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## Community Events

### Free Pool Days!

Yancey County Government and Healthy Yancey are once again sponsoring FREE pool days at Yancey Co. public pools!

- June:**      Tuesday the 13th – Burnsville Pool at Ray-Cort Park  
                  Thursday the 29th – South Toe Pool at Patience Park
- July:**        Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> – Burnsville Pool at Ray-Cort Park  
                  Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> – South Toe Pool at Patience Park
- August:**    Thursday the 3rd – Burnsville Pool at Ray-Cort Park  
                  Tuesday the 8th – South Toe Pool at Patience Park

## Sizzlin' Summer Series

All of these activities take place on Saturday on the Burnsville Town Square at 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, unless otherwise indicated. All Sizzlin' Summer events are FREE. Updates and additions will be posted at [pathwnc.org](http://pathwnc.org), and on the Facebook page for Partners Aligned Toward Health



**June 10<sup>th</sup>** – “Dance Lessons and Fun” Ballroom dance instructor will teach 30-minute lessons with four simple and active dances like quarter time hustle, meringue, east coast swing and waltz.

**June 17<sup>th</sup>** – “Biking/Wheels” Come ride your bike, scooter, roller blades, trike (anything with wheels) around the Square, which will be closed to vehicular traffic. Pedal your own, delicious “fender-blender” smoothie! Helmet fitting with free helmet giveaways.

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** – “Reading is Alive” Family-friendly performance of "Frog and Toad: The Musical." Families will enjoy a short musical, have a chance to sign up for the summer reading program, and receive a free book/per child. Craft and summer reading sign up.

**July 1<sup>st</sup>** – “Scavenger Hunt” Get a map on the Square and explore around town, searching for clues and testing out your sleuthing skills. Answer key will be available back at the Square when you complete the hunt.

**July 8<sup>th</sup>** – “Storytelling & Hula-Hoops” Join us to hear our professional storyteller swirl together a magical stew to delight all ages. Swirling continues as we play with hula-hoops! Do you think you are too old or too out of practice to hoop? We will provide supplies for you to make your own hula-hoop, and you just might be surprised!

**July 15<sup>th</sup>** – “Fit Kids” Zumba-Style Exercises for Kids. Bring your funk and your wiggles and giggles. Adults are welcome to join too, as long as you are willing to channel your inner kid and grooviest moves.

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>** – “Inflatable Obstacle Course” Run, slide, tunnel and play!

**July 29<sup>nd</sup>** – “Community Yoga and Public Art Project” Bring a yoga mat for brief, guided stretches and moves that increase your overall health. We will have extra mats for those that do not have one. Also, join us as we create art together – we will provide the supplies.

**August 5<sup>th</sup>** – “Soccer Fun” Join us for pick-up games and fun at **Burnsville Elementary School**

**August 12<sup>th</sup>** – “Backyard Zipline” We will turn the Square into adventure park! Helmets required and provided.

**August 19<sup>th</sup>** – “Inflatable Slip & Slide” We bring back the crowd favorite. Run, slide, cool off, and enjoy the bubbles! We will also have a separate wading pool for the younger kids who want to splash and play.

**August 26<sup>th</sup>** – “Cooking Demo” Join us to learn about locally grown veggies that are currently available at the Farmers Market. Come to learn cooking techniques, taste the dish, share your own cooking tips, and learn a new way to prepare food grown in our county.

## AMY Public Library Summer Reading Club & Math Games Club

The Summer Reading Club is a 6-week program for school age children with weekly crafts and reading. All of these FREE events begin at 11:00am and are recommended for Kindergarten graduates to age 12.

**June 14<sup>th</sup>** - “Didgeridoo Down Under” at the Yancey County Library. Summer kickoff event! Come early to beat the crowd!

**June 19<sup>th</sup>** - “Kindness Fortune Cookies” at the Yancey County Library. Join us for this fun craft making activity!

**June 20<sup>th</sup>** - “Kindness Fortune Cookies” at the Bakersville Library. Join us for this fun craft making activity!

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** - “Kindness Fortune Cookies” at the Spruce Pine Library. Join us for this fun craft making activity!

**June 26<sup>th</sup>** - “Cat Toy Making” at the Yancey County Library. Kids will make cat toys for local animal shelter.

**June 27<sup>th</sup>** - “Cat Toy Making” at the Bakersville Library. Kids will make cat toys for local animal shelter.

**June 29<sup>th</sup>** - “Cat Toy Making” at the Spruce Pine Library. Kids will make cat toys for local animal shelter.

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>** - “The Lego Movie” at the Yancey County Library. Bring your own blanket, popcorn and drink to enjoy the Lego Movie!

**July 6<sup>th</sup>** - “The Lego Movie” at the Spruce Pine Library. Bring your own blanket, popcorn and drink to enjoy the Lego Movie!

**July 10<sup>th</sup>** - “Frog and Toad” at the Yancey County Library. Join us for the Parkway Playhouse’s special musical production.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>** – “Frog and Toad” at the Bakersville Library. Join us for the Parkway Playhouse’s special musical production.

**July 13<sup>th</sup>** – “Frog and Toad” at the Spruce Pine Library. Join us for the Parkway Playhouse’s special musical production.

**July 17<sup>th</sup>** – “Yoga and Smoothies” at the Yancey County Library. Come learn yoga and enjoy delicious smoothies!

**July 20<sup>th</sup>** – “Yoga & Smoothies” at the Spruce Pine Library Come learn yoga and enjoy delicious smoothies!

**Jul 27<sup>th</sup>** – “Thank You Cards” at the Yancey County Library. Join us in this card making craft!

**July 28<sup>th</sup>** – “Thank You Cards” at the Bakersville Library. Join us in this card making craft!

**July 30<sup>th</sup>** – “Thank You Cards” at the Spruce Pine Library. Join us in this card making craft!

Math Games for children who have finished Kindergarten through 5th grade will once again be offered on four Saturdays in July. Michele Williams, Ph.D., and her team of volunteers, will host fun and games related to math.

**July 8<sup>th</sup>** - “Math Games” at the Yancey County Library, 11 am-12 noon

**July 15<sup>th</sup>** – “Math Games” at the Yancey County Library, 11 am-12 noon

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>** – “Math Games” at the Yancey County Library, 11 am-12 noon

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** – “Math Games” at the Yancey County Library, 11 am-12 noon.

### Yancey Grown Cooking Demos

Yancey Grown Cooking Demos feature a local cook sharing their way of preparing vegetables grown locally. Produce is provided by farmers at the market and prepared on site. Come to taste the dish, share your own cooking tips, and learn a new way to prepare food grown in our county. This program is a partnership between Dig In!, the Yancey County Farmer's Market, Yancey County Extension and Yancey WIC program. For more information, contact Kathleen Wood at [kathleen@diginyancey.org](mailto:kathleen@diginyancey.org) 828-536-0414.

**Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00AM - 11:00AM at the Yancey County Farmer’s Market on the Burnsville Town Square

**Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00AM - 11:00AM at the Yancey County Farmer’s Market on the Burnsville Town Square

**Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00AM - 11:00AM at the Yancey County Farmer’s Market on the Burnsville Town Square

### Spruce Pine Main Street Events

For more information about any of these events, contact SPMS 765-3008

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** – First Friday Concert, Central Park

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** - Summer Musical, Central Park, 10:00am

**June 2-4<sup>th</sup>** - TRAC Studio Tour, Mitchell & Yancey Counties

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** - Concert, Fireworks, Parade, Downtown Spruce Pine

**July 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** - BBQ & Bluegrass Festival, Riverside Park

**July 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** - Sidewalk Sale, Downtown Spruce Pine

**Aug 3-6<sup>th</sup>** - Mineral & Gem Festival, Grassy Creek

**August 4<sup>th</sup>** - First Friday Concert, Central Park

### Music On The Porch

Bring a blanket or chair and join us for “Music On the Porch” at the Yancey County Public Library on Tuesday evenings in June and July. From 6-8 pm we will host an open mic family friendly time for music players and listeners on our west end lawn. Put your name on the list on the porch—first come, first play—with a three song limit. You may even bring your picnic if you like. This is a non-smoking event.

## "Reading Is ALIVE"

Parkway Playhouse will tour the family friendly musical, "A Year with Frog and Toad" throughout Mitchell and Yancey counties, bringing the cultural experience of theatre to folks of all ages for FREE. Penland School of Crafts will lead a FREE craft time following each production and all children present will receive a FREE book. The dates and locations of each performance are as follows:

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** - The Orchard at Altapass, Spruce Pine, 11:30am

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** - Downtown Park, Spruce Pine, 10am

**June 17<sup>th</sup>** - Bakersville Creek Walk, Rhododendron Festival, 11am

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** - Burnsville Town Square, 10am

**July 10<sup>th</sup>** – Yancey County Library, 11am

**July 12<sup>th</sup>** – Avery County Library, 11am

**July 13<sup>th</sup>** – Mitchell County Library, 11am

## Troutacular

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** – From dawn - noon at Riverside Park, Spruce Pine & Bakersville Creekwalk. Ages 14 and under free. No license required during event. Free kids' event hosted by the Lions Club. For more information, contact Adam Burleson, 385-2341.

## Carolina Hemlocks Fish For Fun Event

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9am–1pm.** For ages 12 and under. Register on site day of event starting at 8am. Event will be held rain or shine. Carolina Hemlocks Campground on South Toe River. Contact Brandon Jones at [brandonjones@fs.fed.us](mailto:brandonjones@fs.fed.us) or (828) 689-9694 for more information.

## 71<sup>st</sup> Annual NC Rhododendron Festival

**June 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>** - Bakersville, NC (car show, craft fair, ducky derby, street dance and 10K run and pageant). For more information: [nrhododendronfestival.org](http://nrhododendronfestival.org) For more information contact: Crystal 828-688-2113

## Orchard at Altapass: Super Saturday's

All Super Saturday events are FREE! Go to [www.altapassorchard.org](http://www.altapassorchard.org) for more information.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** - BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina is hosting a free yoga hike lead by Thrifty Adventures at the Historic Orchard at Altapass on May 13, 2017 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. The activities will include a 2-mile hike through the orchard, stopping halfway through for breath work and intention setting, and ending with stimulating hatha yoga with a certified instructor in the pavilion. To sign up and for more details visit <http://gohikenc.com>.

**May 17<sup>th</sup>** - The Orchard Book Club will resume meeting on Wednesday, May 17, at the Orchard at Altapass on the Blue Ridge Parkway, mile marker 328.3. Book selection for May is *The Art of Breathing* by local author, Janie DeVos. We cordially invite new members to join this group for the fifth season of reading and discussing regional fiction and nonfiction. Reading the book is not required for attendance. Contact Elaine Percival for more information (765-1175).

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** - Come hike the Orchard trails with environmental scientist Lauren Street! Kids will learn identification of local flora and fauna, stream ecology, and more! Free for all to attend. Saturday, May 20 from 11:00-1:00.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Come join us at the Orchard for "Reading is Alive!" - a free interactive play that encourages children to read for pleasure, maintains and improves reading skills, encourages children to be lifelong readers and library users, establishes reading as a foundation for academic success, and provides the cultural experiences of live theater. Saturday, June 3 from 11:30-12:15.

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** - Come hike the Orchard trails with environmental scientist Lauren Street! Kids will learn identification of local flora and fauna, stream ecology, and more! Free for all to attend. Saturday June 10 from 11:00-1:00.

**June 17<sup>th</sup>** - BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina is hosting a free yoga hike lead by Thrifty Adventures at the Historic Orchard at Altapass on June 17, 2017 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. The activities will include a 2-mile hike through the orchard, stopping halfway through for breath work and intention setting, and ending with stimulating hatha yoga with a certified instructor in the pavilion. To sign up and for more details visit <http://gohikenc.com>

**June 21<sup>st</sup>** - Book selection for June is *I Am One of You Forever* by Fred Chappell. Reading the book is not required for attendance. Contact Elaine Percival for more information (765-1175).

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** - Come listen as Orchard owner Bill Carson reads his book, *When It Rains on the Mountain!* Children will get a free copy of the book and a chance to meet Bill and get an autograph. A free scoop of ice cream will be given to each child after the reading is over. Saturday, June 24 at 12:00.

**July 19<sup>th</sup>** - Book selection for July is *Cataloochee* by Wayne Caldwell. Reading the book is not required for attendance. Contact Elaine Percival for more information (765-1175).

### Hard Times, High Hopes, and Helping Hands Benefit Concert

**June 20<sup>th</sup>** – This annual event will be held on Tuesday evening, June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Parkway Playhouse. The concert will host about 30 musicians, who are coming together to raise funds for those in difficult circumstances, especially during the winter. Tickets are \$10 each and will be available at Altapass Orchard the start of the season until June.

### The Moosic Lady at Galaxy Arts

**May 25<sup>th</sup>–June 29<sup>th</sup>** – Sonia Brooks, known throughout WNC as The Moozic Lady, will be offering music for young children on Thursday afternoons at Galaxy Arts from 3:00-3:45pm. The cost is \$14 per child, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Sonia plays folk guitar while guiding movement for a fun all-inclusive musical experience! Rhythm sticks and shakers are provided for all. Please check out her program at: [www.tapnshake.com](http://www.tapnshake.com).

## Day Camps

### Parkway Playhouse-Peter Pan, Jr. - Summer Production Camp

**July 17<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** - 9:00am-12:00pm (ages 4-10); 9:00am-3:00pm (ages 10-18). Performance Dates: July 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Tuition: \$175 (ages 4-10)/ \$225 (ages 10-18) Discounts for multiple and sibling enrollments. Need-based scholarships are available. Register for camp and apply for scholarship online at: [www.parkwayplayhouse.com](http://www.parkwayplayhouse.com) Contact [chayer@parkwayplayhouse.com](mailto:chayer@parkwayplayhouse.com) or 828-682-4285. Spaces are limited!

### Penland School of Crafts Summer Kids Camp

Kids Camp encourages young people to develop their artistic skills and engage their ingenuity by involving them in highly imaginative, hands-on processes in a variety of craft and art media. The catalog is available online at [penland.org](http://penland.org) or call 765-2359 to have one mailed to you. Financial need-based scholarships are available.

**June 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>** – “Flora and Fauna” 9:00am-noon, ages 9-13. Fee: \$100

**June 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>** – “Around the World in Five Days” 1:30-4:30pm, ages 5-9. Fee: \$100

**June 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>** – “Appalachian Folk Art” 9:00am-noon, ages 6-10. Fee: \$100

**June 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>** – “Clay: Circus World Menagerie” 1:30-4:30pm, ages 8-12. Fee: \$100 plus material fee \$10

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** – “Let’s Make Furniture” 9:00am-4:00pm, ages 9-12. Fee: \$200 plus material fee \$50

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** – “Out of this World” 9:00am-noon, ages 3-6. Fee \$100 plus material fee \$5

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** – “Wild Wander Camp” 1:30-4:30pm, ages 14-18. Fee: \$100 plus material fee \$5

**July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>** – “Story! Story! Fun! Fun!” 9:00am-noon, ages 8-11. Fee: \$100

**July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>** – “Cookie Creations” 1:30-4:30pm, ages 6-9. Fee: \$100

**July 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** – “Where the Wild Things Are” 9:00am-noon, ages 6-9. Fee: \$100

**July 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** – “Screen-printing Basics” 1:30pm-4:30pm, ages 9-12. Fee: \$100 plus material fee \$15

**July 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** – “Nature Camp” 9:00am-noon, ages 6-9. Fee: \$100

**July 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** – “Brighten Your Day with Colorful Clay Candlesticks” 1:30pm-4:30pm, ages 10-14. Fee \$100, plus \$5 material fee

**July 31<sup>st</sup>-Aug 4<sup>th</sup>** – “Let’s Play Music” 9:00am-noon, ages 3-8. Fee: \$100

**July 31<sup>st</sup>-Aug 4<sup>th</sup>** – “Stop Motion Animation” 1:30-4:30pm, ages 11-14. Fee: \$100

### Dance & Karate Express, Burnsville & Spruce Pine

For further information, contact Cindy at 828-682-1493 [madisonclogs@gmail.com](mailto:madisonclogs@gmail.com).

**July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>** – “Ninja Turtle Camp” 9am-noon, ages 3-8. Snacks, games, treasure hunts, arts and crafts. Fee: \$90.



**June 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>** – “Fairy Princess Camp” 9:00-12:00, ages 3-8. Snacks, games, dance instruction, fashion show, arts and crafts. Fee: \$90.

**July 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** – “Dance Camp: Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Clogging, and Acapella” Ages 9-14. Fee: \$135.

### Appalachian Dance Theatre, Spruce Pine

For information about summer dance camps and schedules call 765-0448 or visit [www.adtdance.com](http://www.adtdance.com).

### Mitchell High School Performing Arts - “The Lion King Experience”

During this camp, students will have the opportunity to work on many different elements of theatre. They will learn music from this beloved Disney film, work on choreography to bring it to life and will help with the creation of the set and prop pieces. Many students will have spoken parts to master. Register at [www.mhsmusical.net](http://www.mhsmusical.net)

**July 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** –9:00am-2:00pm, Ages: rising kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Fee: Advance registration (through June 10<sup>th</sup>) \$75. After June 10<sup>th</sup> \$100. Students will need to pack a lunch for the day.

### Mitchell County 4-H “Summer Fun” Day Camp

4-H Summer Fun is a special 8-week program sponsored by Mitchell County 4-H through the NC Cooperative Extension. Early Registration for current 4-H members will be on Thursday, June 1st from 8am-6pm. Early Registration for the public will be open on Friday, June 2nd from 8am-6pm. Workshops are limited to the first 15 registrants. Registration will be accepted at the Mitchell County Cooperative Extension Center located at 10 South Mitchell Ave., Bakersville. Payment is expected at the time of registration. No registration for Summer Fun will be accepted over the telephone. For more information, call (828)-688-4811.

**June 12<sup>th</sup>** – “Gone Fishing” 9am-3pm, Ages 9-18, Cost \$10

**June 14<sup>th</sup>** – “Keep Calm and Be Empowered” Self-Esteem Workshop, 9am-3pm, Ages 12-15, Cost \$10

**June 19<sup>th</sup>** – “Money Fun for Cloverbuds” 9am-12pm Ages 5-8, Cost: \$10

**June 21<sup>st</sup>** – “Sumo Bots” 9am-3pm, Ages 9-13, Cost: \$10

**June 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>** - “Kids in the Kitchen” 9am-4pm, Ages 8-14, Cost \$25

**July 7<sup>th</sup>** – “Etiquette 101” 9am-2pm, Ages 9-18, Cost \$10

**July 10<sup>th</sup>** – “Cloverbud Field Day” 9am-5pm, Ages 5-8, Cost \$20

**July 14<sup>th</sup>** – “Junior Farmer For A Day” 9am-3pm, Ages 5-9, Cost \$10

**July 17<sup>th</sup>** – “Cloverbud Summertime Craft Fun” 9am-12pm, Ages 5-8, Cost \$10

**July 18<sup>th</sup>** – “Junior Field Day” 9am-5pm, Ages 9-12, Cost \$20

**July 20<sup>th</sup>** – “Junior Simple Snacks” 9am-12pm, Ages 8-12, Cost \$10

**July 21<sup>st</sup>** – “Senior Farmer For A Day” 9am-3pm, Ages 10-18, Cost \$10

**July 25<sup>th</sup>** – “Teen Field Day” 9am-5pm, Ages 13-18, Cost \$25

**July 27<sup>th</sup>** – “Teen College Day” 9am-4pm, Ages 13-18, Cost \$15

**August 4<sup>th</sup>** – “Summer Fun Jubilee” 6pm-9pm, All AGES and families who participated in the Summer Fun, Cost FREE!

### Yancey County 4-H Junior Master Gardener Day Camp

Applicants should be youth ages 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade who are interested in learning about gardening and pursuing the Junior Master Gardener (JMG) certification. Pre-registration required. Please note that each week covers different content. Campers may attend both camps, and do not have to attend Week One in order to attend Week Two. Eager learners may wish to attend both weeks! Some scholarship assistance may be available. Camp begins each morning at the backyard gardens of St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 372 Reservoir Rd near CVS in downtown Burnsville. Contact the Extension Office at 828-682-6186 or [jemagner@ncsu.edu](mailto:jemagner@ncsu.edu) for more information.

**June 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> and July 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** – 9am-3pm, Monday-Friday. For 3-6<sup>th</sup> graders. Tuition: \$75 (includes the program and the official student handbook, t-shirt, gardening, and craft supplies, lunch and snacks). Limit 15 per week.

### Yancey County 4-H “Summer Adventures”

Camps will be held at the NC Cooperative Extension offices (30 East U.S. Hwy 19E Bypass, Burnsville). For more information or to obtain an enrollment form, call 828-682-6186. Pre-Enrollment Required.

**June 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>** - “4-H Cooking Camp” Ages 8 – 12, 9am - 2pm, Cost: \$25, Limit 10.

From farm to table, join us for a week exploring the art and science of home food preservation. At this hands-on camp, youth will learn food safety, different food preservation methods and more. Youth will also learn about local foods on a farm tour. So roll up your sleeves and let's start cookin'!

**June 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & July 1<sup>st</sup>** – “4-H Career Camp” Ages 9 – 13, 9am – 1 pm, Cost: \$25, Limit 10.

In this fast-paced world, finding your niche in the job market is not an easy task. At this hands-on camp, youth will learn the soft skills necessary to succeed in the workplace! Youth will create three basic sellable items and then spend the day at the Farmers Market to demonstrate what they have learned and sell their products.

## Kids Camps at the Yancey Learning Center

Camps take place at the Mayland Community College, Yancey Campus (107 Wheeler Hills Rd., Burnsville) unless otherwise noted. For more information, call (828)682-7315.

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** – “CSI Camp for Kids” Ages 8-12, 12:00-2:00pm, Fee is \$25.

Interested in all things CSI? Then this is exciting camp is for you. Practice fingerprinting, casting and molding shoe impressions, developing and lifting fingerprints, collecting and documenting evidence, and maintaining the chain of custody of evidence. Campers will learn to use Fuji Digital cameras for crime scene photography during mock exercises. Students will also search and analyze a crime scene.

**June 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>** – “Design & Build Solar Powered Model Car” Ages 9+, 9am–3pm, Fee is \$70 + \$25 for materials.

In this exciting hands-on camp, you will use 3d design software and 3d printing to design and build your own solar powered model car. Topics will also include physics of pulley's and gears, basic electricity, and more. Bring a bagged lunch and snacks each day.

**June 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>/July 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>** – “Summer Pottery Camps” Ages 7-12, 9:30am-12:00pm, \$50+\$25 material fee/week.

Emphasis will be on hand building, including pinch pots, coils, slabs and extrusions. The wheel may be introduced on a one on one basis, depending on skill and attitude! In addition to working with clay, students will be able to paint their work with underglazes and washes. A studio glaze of the students' choice will be applied after all kiln firings. There are 2 different sessions with an emphasis on different topics in each session. Take one or take them all. Class will be held at High Country Ceramic Arts.

**July 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>** – “Spanish Camp for Kids” Ages 7-12, 9am-12pm, Fee is \$50.

Learn the basic of the Spanish language through playing games, singing songs, writing and more in this fun interactive class.

## Cub Scouts Toe River District Day Camp

Be a Critter Catcher! Boys must be registered as cub scouts (elementary school age boys) to attend day camp. For more information, contact Becca Dion at [becca.newbold.dion@gmail.com](mailto:becca.newbold.dion@gmail.com) or 828-689-2653 or Alpo Portelli at [colalpo@gmail.com](mailto:colalpo@gmail.com) or 828-442-1196. Visit <https://www.danielboonecouncil.org/files/13408/Toe-River-Day-Camp>.

**June 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>** – 8:30am – 4:00pm each day except Friday (8:30am to 2:00pm). Brad Ragan Park, Spruce Pine, NC

## Camp Invention at Deyton Elementary School

Create your own personal spy gadget alarm box by taking apart and upcycling everyday machines. Explore a distant new exoplanet and design inventions to create the next earth. Launch water rockets, build bubble blasters, and engineer giant castles. Design duct tape projects and pitch them to mock investors. Camp takes place at Deyton Elementary School (308 Harris St, Spruce Pine). Must call 800-968-4332 to register. Contact Dana Hollifield at [dhollifield@mcsnc.org](mailto:dhollifield@mcsnc.org) or (828) 766-3358 for more information.

**July 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** – 9:00am-3:30pm, For ages upcoming kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> grade Fee: \$125 (Mitchell county residents)/\$225 (non-residents)

## Camp Funshine at Patience Park

Camp is FREE and open to developmentally disabled persons of all ages. Theme this year is Celebrating Elvis! Campers swim, tube, play games, make crafts and more. On June 22, there will be a special closing ceremony with a BBQ dinner, a live band and campfire s'mores. Please call Lucy Wilson at 828-385-0211 for more information, application, or to volunteer.

**June 19-21** from 9am-3pm and on **June 22** 3pm-10pm.

### Toe River Racquetees - Free Tennis Camp

Racquets will be provided to children who do not have one. Please plan to arrive at the courts 15 minutes prior to the scheduled camp time and bring water, sunscreen already applied, tennis shoes or other appropriate close-toed shoes, and a hat if needed. Register online at <http://pathwnc.org/programs/healthy-lifestyles/tennis-camp/>, or by contacting Terri Leiser at (828) 682-7899 or [terri@pathwnc.org](mailto:terri@pathwnc.org).

**June 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>** – Camp will be held at the Mountain Heritage High School tennis courts. 9-10am (Ages 5-9), 10:15-11:45am (Ages 10+)

**June 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>** – Camp will be held at Brad Ragan Park in Spruce Pine. 9-10am (Ages 5-9), 10:15-11:45am (Ages 10+)

### Cougar Boys Basketball Camp

Contact Hank Newson at 828-682-6103, ext:130 or [hanknewson@yanceync.net](mailto:hanknewson@yanceync.net) for more information.

**June 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>** – Mountain Heritage High School, 8:00am-12:00pm, Boys - Ages 2nd-8th grade, Cost \$50

### Little Lady Cougar Basketball Camp

Contact Susie Shelton at 828-682-6103, ext:130 or [shshelton@yanceync.net](mailto:shshelton@yanceync.net) for more information.

**June 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>** – Mountain Heritage High School, 8:30am-12:00pm, Girls - Ages 1st-8th grade, Cost \$50

### Football Camp

Contact Joey Robinson at 828-682-6103, ext:130 for more information.

**July 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>** Mountain Heritage High School, 4:00pm-8:00pm, Ages: upcoming 2nd - 8th graders, Cost: Free

### Cheer Camp

Bring a sack lunch and have fun at Cheer Camp at Mountain Heritage High School. Contact: Ashley Shuford at 828-682-6103 or [ashleyautrey@yanceync.net](mailto:ashleyautrey@yanceync.net) for more information.

**August 12<sup>th</sup>** – 8:30am-2:00pm, Ages upcoming Kindergarten - 8th grade Cost: \$25.00 (Early bird rate is \$20.00)

### Soccer Camp

Free soccer camp for all ages (structured training sessions). For further information and to confirm dates and times, visit our Facebook page or visit our website at [www.toevalleysoccer.org](http://www.toevalleysoccer.org)

**Aug 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>** – 6 – 7:30pm at Cane River Park. FREE

### Day Camps at Helping Hands Farm

Camps will include “Creative Writing for Girls” and “Greek Theatre Camp.” Contact Heather at [heather.helpinghandsfarm@gmail.com](mailto:heather.helpinghandsfarm@gmail.com) or 828-675-0562 or more information.

### Greenlee Primary Kindergarten Academy

Greenlee Primary will be hosting a Kindergarten Academy for upcoming Kindergarteners who will be attending Greenlee in the fall. Parents are encouraged to bring their upcoming students to attend this week long event that will introduce students to school. We will be providing lunch, practice with school routines, activities in the classroom, and outside play. More information can be obtained from the school office.

**August 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>** – For upcoming Kindergarteners who will be attending Greenlee in the fall.

### Gouge Elementary Kindergarten Academy

Gouge Elementary will be hosting a Kindergarten Academy for incoming Kindergarten students who will be attending Gouge Elementary in the fall. Call 828-766-2260 for more information.

**June 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** – 9am-11am at Gouge Elementary School (134 Laurel St., Bakersville)

## Other Summer Resources

### Mitchell/Yancey Child Care Resource & Lending Library

**Mon-Fri 8am-5pm** at 392 E. Main Street, Burnsville. Free early childhood resources for checkout: books, games, puzzles, learning materials, crafts and art ideas. For more information, call 682-0717.

## Yancey County Schools Summer Family Literacy Programs

School media centers will be open for student and family to check out books and other resources at the following sites: This program allows students and families to have access to quality books over the summer months to help avoid any academic regression.

**Bee Log Elementary** - Thursday's 3:00pm-5:00pm Starting June 15<sup>th</sup> –End of July

**Burnsville Elementary** - Wednesday's 8:00am-3:00pm Starting June 14-July 5th

**Clearmont Elementary** - Tuesday's 3:00pm-5:00pm Starting June 13th

**East Yancey Middle School** - Call for times and dates 828-682-2281

**Cane River Middle School** - Call for times and dates 828-682-2202

## Yancey Theatre

Yancey Theatre, your hometown movie theatre, on West Main in Burnsville. Call the information line for shows and times at 678-3322 or [www.yancey-theatre.com](http://www.yancey-theatre.com). All seats \$5.

## Dig In! Harvest Tables

Harvest Tables come from the age old tradition of Yancey County neighbors sharing produce with each other. The set-up looks like a farmer's market, with food displayed and people free to choose what they and their families wish to eat when budgets are tight. At Harvest Tables we have conversations about growing food, share cooking tips and recipes, and talk about what our families like (and don't like!) to eat. Harvest Tables do not take the place of vegetable stands and farmer's markets. We encourage everyone to invest in the hard work of those who grow food for their living whenever possible. Kathleen Wood (828) 536-0414 or [kathleen@diginyancey.org](mailto:kathleen@diginyancey.org)

**Every other Wednesday at Reconciliation House from 10AM - 1pm starting June 21 - September 27, and every other Wednesday at the Health Department & Senior Center starting June 24 - October 4.** Check the calendar on our website for more days and locations. <https://diginyancey.org/about/share/harvest-tables/>

## Bakersville Town-Wide Garage Sale

**July 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>** Annual Yard Sale. For more information, contact Crystal at 828-688-2113.

## Overnight Camps

### Camp Celo

Camps for ages 7-10 and 11-12, with multiple sessions offered for each age group. Visit the website (<http://www.campcelo.com/information.htm>) for application forms and more information or contact 828-675-4323.

### Camp Spring Creek

For dyslexic and ADHD children – 744 Spring Creek Road, Bakersville. To discuss enrollment, call 766-5032.

## Sports/Recreation

### Camping

#### **Black Mountain Campground (Burnsville)**

Overnight camping (\$22 single site), hiking, fishing, biking. 675-5616

#### **Carolina Hemlocks (Burnsville)**

Overnight camping (\$22 single site fee), hiking and fishing. 675-5509.

#### **Mt. Mitchell Campground (Burnsville)**

Open May 1 – October 31; tent camping only. 675-4611.

#### **Toe River Campground & Patience Park (Burnsville)**

Tube rental, swimming pool, game room, playground (ages up to 8-10), fishing and camping. Alcohol free. 675-5104.

#### **Bear Den Campground (Spruce Pine)**

Campsites and cabin rentals. 765-2888

#### **Saylor Lake RV Park (Bakersville)**

688-4411

**Living Waters Campground (Bakersville)**  
688-2000

**Soccer**

For further information and to confirm dates and times, visit the Toe Valley Soccer Association Facebook page or website: [www.toevalleysoccer.org](http://www.toevalleysoccer.org).

**Saturdays, 10-11:30am** at Burnsville Elementary School, Unstructured pick up soccer game. Coaches onsite only to support player safety. Players lead games

**Tuesdays, 5:30-7:00pm** at East Yancey Middle School. Structured training sessions for competitive players born 2003-2006

**Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30pm** at Burnsville Elementary School. Structured training sessions for any players born 2007-2009

**Tennis Classes**

Private, low cost tennis lessons at Mountain Heritage High School tennis courts. Call Mike Baldwin at 828-208-4428 for details and costs.

**Saturdays, beginning May 13<sup>th</sup>** – 9:00 – 10:00am (Kids Ages 9 and under), 10:15 -11:30am (Tweens and Teens)

**Dance & Karate Express (Burnsville & Spruce Pine)**

Please sign up for classes/space is limited

**“Terminators”** (Mon & Wed 4:30) **“Dragons”** (Tue & Th 4:30 white belts under 10yrs) **“Cobras”** (Mon 7:00pm, Th 5:30pm & 12:45 Sat white belts 10+ yrs) **“White Tigers”** (Mon 5:30 & Sat 12:00 orange belts) **“Warriors”** **“Red Dragons”** (Tue 5:30 & Th 7:00) **“Ninjas”** (Mon 6:15 & Sat 12:00 yellow belts) **“Avengers”** (Tue 7:00 & Th 6:15 purple and green belts) **“Open class”** (Wed 5:30 & Sat 11:00 under 10 yrs) **“Open class”** Wed 6:15 over 10 yrs) **“Family class”** (Tue 6:15) **“Sparring”** (10 yrs +) **“Golden Scorpions”** (Wed 7:00 women’s self-defense class)

**Speed and Agility Class**

For information call Blue Ridge Fitness and Rehab Center at 678-3488.

**Beginning mid-June** – Tuesday –Thursday, 10:00am boys, 11:00am girls, Ages 6-13yrs. Fee: \$5 per session

**Hiking**

For departure time and location as well as updated information, go to [www.nchighpeaks.com](http://www.nchighpeaks.com)

**Grassy Creek Golf Course (Spruce Pine)**

765-7436

**Blue Ridge Horse Adventures**

Horseback riding lessons for all ages, trail rides, pony rides, summer day camps. Contact Becky at 460-2165

**Riverside Roller Rink (Burnsville)**

Saturday Evenings 7-10PM; for more information or to schedule a party, call Joyce at 682-2651

**Springmaid Mountain Horse Stables**

2171 Henredon Plant Rd., Spruce Pine. Trail rides 9am, 11 am, 1pm, 2:30 pm. Ages 8 and up. For further information, contact Joe Glenn at 765-2353.

**Yancey County Recreation Department**

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Burnsville Swimming Pool on Mitchell Branch opens...closing around Mid-August.

**June 19<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Swimming Lessons

**June 5<sup>th</sup> - Oct 10<sup>th</sup>** – Summer Softball League

**Monday-Friday** – Old Burnsville Gym open for Basketball Indoor Volleyball. Hours: 8:30 to 5pm

**April 19<sup>th</sup> --June 1<sup>st</sup>** – Youth Baseball and Softball

## Parks & Playgrounds

### **Old Burnsville Gym**

School Circle, Burnsville

### **Ray—Cort Recreation Park and Pool**

314 Mitchell Branch Road, Burnsville

### **Kid Mountain Playground**

School Circle, Burnsville

### **Patience Park and South Toe Pool**

225 Patience Park Road, Burnsville

### **Cane River Park/Sports Complex**

Whittington Road, Burnsville

### **Lincoln Park Field**

Lincoln Park Road, Burnsville

### **Cane River Field**

Cane River School Road, Burnsville

### **Brad Ragan Park**

Laurel Creek Ct, Spruce Pine

### **Riverside Park, Spruce Pine, NC**

503 E Tappan St, Spruce Pine

### **Wade Tipton Memorial Ball Park**

646 Cane Creek Rd. Bakersville

## Vacation Bible Schools

Other Vacation Bible Schools may be available. Check with your local church for dates and times.

### **First Baptist Spruce Pine, Spruce Pine**

**June 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>** - Kickoff on Sunday, and continuing June 6-8, 5-8pm. Call (828) 765-9411 for more information.

### **First Baptist Church, Burnsville**

**July 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>** - Call (828) 682-2288 for more information.

### **Liberty Hill Baptist Church, Spruce Pine**

**June 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>** - Call (828) 765-7258 for more information.

### **Shoal Creek Baptist Church, Burnsville**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** - Each day from 6:00pm - 8:15pm, Ages pre-k through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Crafts, music, games, and mission times along with bible study. Call (828) 682-4828 for more information.

### **Brown's Creek Baptist Church, Burnsville**

**June 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>** – Each day from 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Ages: Pre-school- 8th grade. “Rome Holy Land Adventure”, “Paul and the Underground Church” Contact: Akbuchanan@frontier.com or (828) 675-9591. More information at [www.brownscreekbaptistchurch.com](http://www.brownscreekbaptistchurch.com) or on Facebook.

### **West Burnsville Baptist Church**

**June 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>** – Each evening from 6-8pm. Call (828) 682-3990 for more information.

## Volunteer/Service Opportunities

### **Dig-In Community Garden**

Dig In! Work Together Days are times when individuals and families can show up to work and play in the garden at 744 Blankenship Rd. (off Prices Creek Rd.). There are garden activities for all ages and skill sets, from kids to older adults. Groups of 5 – 20 people must schedule private volunteer times. Contact us: [kathleen@diginyancey.org](mailto:kathleen@diginyancey.org).

**April 27<sup>th</sup> - October 12<sup>th</sup>** - Thursdays, 9am -1pm and Saturdays, 10am-1pm.