



# 2026 Summer Resource Guide



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**Your guide to family-friendly summertime fun in Mitchell and Yancey Counties**

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## Dear Families,

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!

Our community has many FREE or low-cost family-friendly activities throughout the summer 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 also help them build stronger family relationships, learn social skills, establish positive connections to their community, and 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: [pathwnc.org](http://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

### 2026 PATH'S SIZZLIN' SUMMER SERIES



All Sizzlin' Summer Series events are **FREE!** Activities will take place on Saturdays in the Burnsville Town Square from 10am to 12pm unless otherwise noted. Full event descriptions, updates and additions will be posted at [pathwnc.org](http://pathwnc.org) and [facebook.com/pathwnc](https://facebook.com/pathwnc).

#### JUNE 6 – BRAIN GAMES & YARD GAMES: SUMMER FUN FOR EVERY GENERATION

Hosted by Dementia Caregivers and Friends, Appalachian Youth2Youth and PATH

#### JUNE 13 – LIL' SPROUTS CHILDREN'S FARMERS MARKET

Hosted by the Blue Ridge Partnership for Children

#### JUNE 20 – GROW, PLAY, CELEBRATE RESILIENCE!

Hosted by The Beacon Network in partnership with Yancey County Long Term Recovery Group

#### JUNE 27 – FEEL GOOD, MOVE MORE!

Hosted by RHA and PATH in partnership with Communities in Motion

#### JULY 4 – MUSIC & FIREWORKS ON THE TOWN SQUARE \*7:00 PM\*

The Town will host entertainment and fireworks on the square starting at 7pm.

#### JULY 11 – READING IS ALIVE: "NO SIGNAL ON THE MOUNTAIN"

Hosted by Parkway Playhouse and Penland School of Craft

#### JULY 18 – PALLET PALOOZA

Hosted by Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry (ABCCM) and Faith 360

#### JULY 18 – MCHP'S MOVIE ON THE SQUARE \*MOVIE STARTS AT 8:15 PM, ARRIVE BY 7:45PM\*

Hosted by Mountain Community Health Partnership

#### JULY 25 – BIKES AND WHEELS \*9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM\*

Hosted by Partners Aligned Toward Health

After Bikes and Wheels, from 11am – 1pm, AMY Wellness Foundation is hosting an open house at 127 W. Main Street downtown at The Lamp Post Lofts – Powered By AmeriHealth Caritas NC, open to the public. Drop

by to take a tour of the building and learn more about the upcoming renovations to create new retail spaces and workforce housing units.

### AUGUST 1 – ROBOT RACES AND CARNIVAL CRAZES

Hosted by the Yancey County Health Department and Full Steam Ahead

### AUGUST 8 – MOUNT MITCHELL CRAFTS FAIR \*9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM\*

Hosted by the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce

### AUGUST 15 – BACK TO SCHOOL BASH \*10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM\*

Hosted by the Yancey County Sheriff’s Office and Yancey County Schools

### FREE POOL DAYS!

Yancey County Government and Healthy Yancey are once again sponsoring FREE pool days at the Burnsville Pool at Ray-Cort Park! Yancey County will waive the entrance fees on the following days:

\* **June 22**

\* **July 16**

\* **August 7**

### TOE RIVER ARTS SPRING STUDIO TOUR

Since 1992, the Toe River Arts Studio Tour has showcased the talent and studios of North Carolina’s Yancey and Mitchell County artists. These world-renowned, well-traveled, and skilled artists bring beauty to the world by sharing their craft. This driving tour through Mitchell and Yancey counties will take visitors along the meandering Toe River, across its many bridges, around barns, acres of fields, and miles of forests all while visiting the talented studio artists and galleries participating. Please have a look at the tour website to begin planning your visit.

\* **Date:** June 5-7, 10am-5pm

\* **Cost:** FREE

\* **For more info:** Visit [toeriverarts.org/the-journey/the-events/studio-tour](http://toeriverarts.org/the-journey/the-events/studio-tour)

### SPRUCE PINE ALIEN FESTIVAL

Join alien and UFO enthusiasts at the Spruce Pine Alien Festival, also known previously as the SPACE Festival in Downtown Spruce Pine on Oak Avenue. Last year’s Alien Festival was enjoyed by over 50,000 avid Alien and UFO lovers trekking through Spruce Pine looking for Alien life forms and is the largest UFO/Alien Festival in North Carolina! Streets will be lined with over 200 unique UFO vendors selling and displaying alien and space related art, crafts and commercial goods. Vendors’ merchandise will be featuring unique handmade merchandise and gifts celebrating our

Galaxy including the Sun, Moon, stars, UFOs, aliens, paranormal, Bigfoot & more!

- \* **Date:** June 13, 9am-7pm
- \* **Cost:** Outdoor general admission is FREE, indoor speaker panels require admission and children's rides require tickets.
- \* **Suitable for:** All ages
- \* **For more info:** Visit [sprucepinealienfestival.com/](http://sprucepinealienfestival.com/) email [SprucePineAlienFestival@gmail.com](mailto:SprucePineAlienFestival@gmail.com) or call (828) 688-1148

## GRASSY CREEK MINERAL & GEM SHOW

### PARKWAY FIRE AND RESCUE

The Grassy Creek Mineral & Gem Show offers a treasure trove of precious and semiprecious stones, crystals, fossils, and jewelry, alongside demonstrations and concessions from a range of vendors. Discover the Spruce Pine area's mineral wealth and heritage in this week-long show.

- \* **Date:** July 26-August 2, 10am-6pm
- \* **Cost:** FREE
- \* **For more info:** Visit [grassycreekgemshow.org](http://grassycreekgemshow.org)

## NC MINERAL & GEM FESTIVAL

The NC Mineral & Gem Show is among the oldest gem shows in the country and draws visitors from around the world to purchase jewelry, precious stones, and crystals from an impressive array of dealers. Choose from four days of shopping and exhibits, or register to tour a local mine and dig for treasure. Located at 97 Pinebridge Ave. Spruce Pine, NC.

- \* **Date:** July 30-August 2, Thursday-Saturday: 10am-6pm, Sunday: 12:30-5pm
- \* **Cost:** \$5 for Adults, Children 10 & under are free, some admission discounts available.
- \* **For more info:** Visit [ncgemfest.com](http://ncgemfest.com) or call (828) 765-9033

## 79TH ANNUAL NC RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL IN BAKERSVILLE

The NC Rhododendron Festival draws hundreds of visitors from all over the region and features the Rhododendron Festival Pageant, the Craft Fair with food vendors, children's activities, and live music throughout the day, as well as a classic car show, a 10K run, and two nights of street dancing. Come discover our Small-Town Mountain Paradise! For more info on the various activities, schedules, tickets and other details, visit [ncrhododendronfestival.org](http://ncrhododendronfestival.org).

- \* **Date:** June 19-20, times vary by event
- \* **Cost:** Admission fees vary by event, Craft Fair admission is free

- \* **Suitable for:** All ages
- \* **For more info:** Visit [ncrhododendronfestival.org](http://ncrhododendronfestival.org)

## THE STARS, STRIPES, & STRINGS FESTIVAL TOWN OF SPRUCE PINE/DOWNTOWN SPRUCE PINE

Mark your calendars to celebrate our 250th Independence Day on July 3, 2026! The Stars, Stripes, & Strings Festival will feature: live music & festivities throughout the day, family-friendly activities & games, local food trucks, vendors, & downtown dining, community gathering spaces & patriotic displays, a parade, and fireworks!

- \* **Date:** July 3
- \* **Cost:** FREE
- \* **Suitable for:** All Ages
- \* **For more info:** Visit [mitchellcountychamber.org/events/](http://mitchellcountychamber.org/events/), call (828) 765-9033 or email [info@mitchellcountychamber.org](mailto:info@mitchellcountychamber.org).

## MT. MITCHELL CRAFTS FAIR ON THE TOWN SQUARE BURNSVILLE-YANCEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

This two-day event draws artists, craftspeople, musicians and food vendors from North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and beyond. Many beautiful items for sale as well as craft demonstrations, singing, dancing, and many other events. Sponsored by the Yancey County/ Burnsville Chamber of Commerce.

- \* **Date:** August 7-8, 9am-5pm
- \* **Suitable for:** All ages
- \* **For more info:** Call (828) 682-7413 or visit [yanceychamber.com](http://yanceychamber.com)

## DIG IN YANCEY COMMUNITY GARDEN EVENTS

For more info contact Kavita Hardy at (828) 536-0414, email [farmer@diginyancey.org](mailto:farmer@diginyancey.org), or visit [diginyancey.org](http://diginyancey.org).

- \* **Suitable for:** All ages unless otherwise noted

## WORK TOGETHER DAYS

We invite folks of all ages to join us in tending an acre of vegetables, herbs and flowers at 744 Blankenship Creek Road in Prices Creek. Everything we grow, we share with our community for free. Please sign up here: [signup.com/go/baaOLdJ](http://signup.com/go/baaOLdJ)

- \* **Date:** Fridays 9:30am-12pm, April-October

## GROWING FRUIT & NUT TREES WORKSHOP

Join us for a tour of Healthy Planet Homestead's fruit orchard led by farmer Rachel Haimowitz. We'll discuss successful strategies for growing fruit and nut trees, including site selection, planting, maintenance, and more. Located at Healthy Planet Homestead at 128 Academy St. To register visit: [signup.com/go/ocUMKWR](https://signup.com/go/ocUMKWR).

\* **Date:** Saturday, May 23, 4-6 pm

## GARLIC HARVEST PARTY

Join us at Dig In! Community Garden on Saturday June 27 to harvest our garlic crop and celebrate summer. We will harvest garlic, clean it up a bit, hang it in the barn to dry, and then have a potluck lunch. Come to help, learn about growing garlic, or just visit! Please sign up at [signup.com/go/ocUMKWR](https://signup.com/go/ocUMKWR)

\* **Date:** Saturday June 27, 10am-2pm

## 4-H & DIG IN KIDS GARDEN CLUB

The Dig In/4-H Garden Club will meet from 3-5 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, April 22 through the end of October at Dig In's Blankenship Garden. (744 Blankenship Creek Rd.) We will facilitate the children tending the garden, harvesting, making snacks, and simply enjoying the space. We may also use 4-H curriculum to engage in some more dedicated explorations around bugs, plant parts, or wherever the kids' curiosity takes us! Register Here: [diginyancey.org/join-us/](https://diginyancey.org/join-us/)

Registering for 4-H is encouraged but not required. Parents are required to stay if their child is not enrolled in 4H. To register fo 4-H visit: [v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-up](https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-up)

\* **Date:** 2nd and 4th Saturdays, April 22-October

\* **Suitable for:** All ages

## PIPES ON THE PARKWAY

### THE ORCHARD AT ALTAPASS

Join us for the 4th Annual Pipes on the Parkway, where the rich Scots-Irish heritage of our region comes alive through the soulful sounds of traditional music. Set amidst a stunning heirloom apple orchard perched along the Blue Ridge Parkway, this event offers a unique blend of history and harmony, with breathtaking views of the Blue Ridge Mountains as a backdrop. Celebrate the enduring legacy of the Scots-Irish settlers who shaped these hills, as pipers and musicians fill the air with timeless melodies that echo their stories of resilience and culture. Whether you're tapping your feet to the tunes or soaking in the scenic beauty of this

historic orchard, Pipes on the Parkway promises an afternoon of connection to the past and enjoyment of the present—perfect for families, history buffs, and music lovers alike.

- \* **Date:** June 6, 12-4pm
- \* **Cost:** FREE
- \* **Suitable for:** All ages
- \* **For more info:** Visit [altapassorchard.org](http://altapassorchard.org) or call (828) 765-9531

## HELLBENDER FESTIVAL

### MITCHELL COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A free, one-day event held each Labor Day weekend in Downtown Spruce Pine, celebrating clean rivers, outdoor recreation, and life in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Named for the Eastern hellbender salamander, the festival brings together live music, local food, artisan vendors, and hands-on experiences focused on conservation and river health. Visitors can explore interactive exhibits, educational workshops, and art activities that highlight the importance of protecting our waterways. Drawing attendees from across Western North Carolina and beyond, the festival blends science, art, and community to create a high-energy, meaningful experience that supports local businesses and promotes stewardship of our region's natural resources.

- \* **Date:** September 5, 9am
- \* **Cost:** FREE
- \* **Suitable for:** All ages
- \* **For more info:** Visit [facebook.com/HellbenderFestival](https://facebook.com/HellbenderFestival)

## BOOK SIGNING WITH BOB PLOTT

### PLOTT HOUND BOOKS

Join us for a celebration of Bob Plott's new book, "Southern Appalachian Folkways: Preserving Traditional Arts & Crafts"! Joining Bob is William Ritter – musician, sometimes bookseller, and a featured voice in the book – who will kick things off with live tunes to set the mood for a truly Appalachian evening. There will be live music and snacks.

- \* **Date:** Thursday June 4th, 5pm
- \* **Date:** FREE
- \* **Suitable for:** All Ages
- \* **For more info:** For details visit [plotthoundbooks.com](http://plotthoundbooks.com), email [plotthoundbookstore@gmail.com](mailto:plotthoundbookstore@gmail.com), or contact Mary Haidri at (513) 200-9377. Check Facebook for additional events: [facebook.com/p/Plott-Hound-Books-61556629235213/](https://facebook.com/p/Plott-Hound-Books-61556629235213/).

## ACTIVITIES

### TOE RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY – MITCHELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

For more info visit [www.trvrl.org](http://www.trvrl.org) call Brittany Tipton at (828) 460-9971 or email [brittany@trvrl.org](mailto:brittany@trvrl.org).

\* **Cost:** FREE

\* **Suitable for:** All ages, unless otherwise noted

### ANIMAL OLYMPICS

Asheville Nature Center presenting: Animal Olympics, an educational event with animal ambassadors.

\* **Date:** June 10, 10:00am

### PLAYFUL PRINT MAKING

Join Ms. Natasha for a fun print making workshop for children.

\* **Date:** June 11, 11:00am

\* **Suitable for:** Preschool and up

### B-RAD KIDS MAGICIAN

B-Rad the Kids Magician presents his mysterious magic show a unique "kid-friendly" blend of amazing magic and sidesplitting comedy at the Mitchell County Public Library.

\* **Date:** June 15, 2:00pm

### LEAVE AN IMPRESSION

Leave an impression: dinosaur fossil creating with Mr. Wayne at the Mitchell County Public Library.

\* **Date:** June 18, 11:00am

### NC SYMPHONY MUSIC DISCOVERY PROGRAM

NC Symphony Music Discovery Program that includes music, stories, and an instrument petting zoo at the Mitchell County Public Library.

\* **Date:** June 22, 10:00am

### TEAM ECCO AQUARIUM

Team ECCO Aquarium will bring animal ambassadors and provide an educational presentation about ocean conservation at Mitchell County Public Library.

\* **Date:** June 24, 11:00am

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Family Movie Night at the Mitchell County Public Library will be showing the movie "We're Back" (1993) with free popcorn.

\* **Date:** June 26, 4:00pm

### DINOSAUR ED

Dinosaur Ed will bring his dinosaur menagerie to the Mitchell County Public Library.

\* **Date:** July 6, 2:00pm

### DINO SUNCATCHERS

Make dinosaur suncatchers with Mr. Wayne at the Mitchell County Public Library.

\* **Date:** July 8, 11:00am

### NO SIGNAL ON THE MOUNTAIN

Parkway Playhouse presents "No Signal on the Mountain" a theater performance with free books and a craft from Penland School of Crafts at the Mitchell County Public Library.

\* **Date:** July 16, 9:30 AM

### KERNERSVILLE REPTILE ZOO

Kernersville Reptile Zoo will bring reptile ambassadors including a baby alligator to the Mitchell County Public Library.

\* **Date:** July 22, 1:00pm

### DINOSAUR ACADEMY

Bright Star Theater Company presents Dinosaur Academy: a dinosaur adventure with lifelike puppets at Mitchell County Public Library.

\* **Date:** July 27, 4:00pm

### INVENTORS WORKSHOP

Inventors Workshop: make a recyclosaurus dinosaur with various recycled materials with Ms. Natasha at the Mitchell County Public Library.

\* **Date:** July 30, 11:00am

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Family Movie Night at Mitchell County Public Library will show the movie Dinosaur (2000) with free popcorn.

\* **Date:** July 31, 4:00pm

### END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION

Storytime, NC Museum of Art sponsored visiting artist facilitating a family fun project, and the Blue Bear Ice Cream Truck at Mitchell County Public Library.

\* August 4th, 2026 at 10:00 AM

## PETE THE CAT VISITS STORYTIME

Join Ms. Natasha for Storytime with special visitor Pete the Cat at Mitchell County Public Library!

- \* **Date:** June 2, 10:00am
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 0-7

## STORYTIME

Storytime with Ms. Natasha is an interactive, theme-based early literacy program, often geared toward children, though designed to be engaging for families. These sessions focus on bringing stories to life through a blend of high-energy movement, musical, and puppet-led activities, generally finishing with a thematic hands-on craft. This event will take place at Mitchell County Public Library.

- \* **Date:** June 23, July 14, and July 28, 10:00am
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 0-7

## TOE RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY – SPRUCE PINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

For more info visit [www.trvrl.org](http://www.trvrl.org) call Brittany Tipton at (828) 460-9971 or email [brittany@trvrl.org](mailto:brittany@trvrl.org).

- \* **Cost:** FREE
- \* **Suitable for:** All ages, unless otherwise noted

## BE A GOOD WILD NEIGHBOR

Asheville Nature Center presenting: Be A Good Wild Neighbor, an educational event with animal ambassadors.

- \* **Date:** June 9, 10:00am

## LEAVE AN IMPRESSION

Leave an Impression: dinosaur fossil creating with Mr. Wayne at the Spruce Pine Public Library.

- \* **Date:** June 11, 11:00am

## B-RAD KIDS MAGICIAN

B-Rad the Kids Magician presents his mysterious magic show a unique "kid-friendly" blend of amazing magic and sidesplitting comedy at the Spruce Pine Public Library.

- \* **Date:** June 16, 11:00am

## TEAM ECCO AQUARIUM

Resource Team ECCO Aquarium will bring animal ambassadors and provide an educational presentation about ocean conservation at the Spruce Pine Public Library.

- \* **Date:** June 23, 2:00pm

## PLAYFUL PRINT MAKING

Join Ms. Natasha for a playful print making workshop for children at the Spruce Pine Public Library.

\* **Date:** June 25, 11:00am

## DANCING DRUM INTERACTIVE DRUM PROGRAM

Dancing Drum's high energy interactive performances engage library patrons of through body percussion, vocal chants, and hands on drumming, creating an uplifting, community building musical experience for the whole neighborhood at the Spruce Pine Public Library.

\* **Date:** June 27, 11:00am

## DINOSAUR ED

Dinosaur Ed will bring his dinosaur menagerie to the Spruce Pine Public Library.

\* **Date:** July 7, 11:00am

## INVENTORS WORKSHOP

Inventors Workshop: make a recyclosaurus from various recycled materials with Ms. Natasha at the Spruce Pine Public Library.

\* **Date:** July 8, 11:00am

## NO SIGNAL ON THE MOUNTAIN

Parkway Playhouse presents "No Signal on the Mountain" a theater performance with free books and a craft from Penland School of Crafts at Spruce Pine Public Library

\* **Date:** July 9, 12:30pm

## MODERN POP ART EXPERIENCE

Visiting artist Michael Albert will host a collage making workshop titled "Modern Pop Art Experience" at the Spruce Pine Public Library.

\* **Date:** July 21, 1:00pm

## KERNERSVILLE REPTILE ZOO

Kernersville Reptile Zoo will bring reptile ambassadors including a baby alligator at the Spruce Pine Public Library.

\* **Date:** July 23, 10:00am

## DINOSAUR ACADEMY

Bright Star Theater Company presents Dinosaur Academy: a dinosaur adventure with lifelike puppets at Spruce Pine Public Library.

\* **Date:** July 27, 1:00pm

## DINO SUNCATCHERS

Join Mr. Wayne and make dinosaur suncatchers at the Spruce Pine Public Library.

- \* August 6th, 2026 at 11:00am

## END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION

Storytime, NC Museum of Art sponsored visiting artist facilitating a family fun project, and the Blue Bear Ice Cream Truck at Spruce Pine Public Library.

- \* August 3rd, 2026 at 10:00am

## PETE THE CAT VISITS STORYTIME

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- \* **Date:** June 1, 10:00am
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 0-7

## STORYTIME

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- \* **Date:** June 8, July 13, and July 20, 10:00am
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 0-7

## YANCEY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

For more info visit [yanceycountync.gov/library](http://yanceycountync.gov/library) or contact the Yancey County Public Library at (828) 682-2600 or [library@yanceycountync.gov](mailto:library@yanceycountync.gov).

- \* **Cost:** FREE

## LEGOS AND LITERACY

Lego Building with kids ages 4-14 and literacy

- \* **Date:** Every Monday at 11:00am
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 4-14, open to all

## UNEARTH A STORY- WEEKLY MAKE N' TAKE CRAFT

Come make a craft with the kiddos or take it with and work on it at your own convenience!

- \* **Date:** All day on Tuesdays - this will happen weekly for the summer!
- \* **Suitable for:** All ages

## UNEARTH A STORY- KIDS MOVIE SERIES AT THE LIBRARY

Call the library or check Facebook for the movie that week.

- \* **Date:** 1:00pm showtime every Wednesday in the summer
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 0-18

## CLASSIC STORYTIME WITH BOOKS, SONGS AND A CRAFT

Classic Storytime with books, songs and a craft opening to older kids for summer too

- \* **Date:** 11:00am weekly every Thursday for the summer
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 0-8

## VIRTUAL BOOK N' COLD POPSICLES

Enjoy a story virtually then a cold popsicle on the porch with good friends!

- \* **Date:** 11:00 am every Friday throughout the summer
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 2-12

## PETE THE CAT

Pete the Cat in person

- \* **Date:** June 4, 11:00am and 3:00pm
- \* **Suitable for:** All ages

## MAGICIAN B-RAD

Magic show

- \* **Date:** June 15, 11:00am
- \* **Suitable for:** All ages

## AQUARIUM ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE

Aquarium & Shark Lab by Team E.C.C.O. will do an aquarium encounter experience.

- \* **Date:** June 23, 11:00am
- \* **Suitable for:** All ages, open to the public

## DRUM CIRCLE

Dancing Drum will be doing an interactive drum circle for all ages! Parents and adults included

- \* **Date:** June 27, 2:00pm
- \* **Suitable for:** All ages

## REPTILE PROGRAM

Come touch and learn about your favorite reptiles!

- \* **Date:** July 22, 11:00am
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 0-15

## CAT IN THE HAT AND CAT IN THE HAT MOVIE

Enjoy the Cat in the Hat in the movie and there will be a special guest appearance by the Cat in the Hat himself!

- \* **Date:** July 29, 1:00pm
- \* **Date:** Ages 0-16

## CENTER FOR PIONEER LIFE

For more info visit [pioneerlife.org](http://pioneerlife.org), call (828) 536-0337, or email [programs@pioneerlife.org](mailto:programs@pioneerlife.org). Events are free unless otherwise noted.

## WONDERFUL WASPS HISTORY HAPPY HOUR WITH LINDA GOODMAN

- \* **Date:** June 2, 6:30pm

## CLOGGING IN THE CABIN WITH LINDA BLOCK

- \* **Date:** June 20, 10:00am-12:00pm
- \* **Cost:** Visit website

## BLUE RIDGE STORYTELLING SUMMIT AND BOOK FAIR

- \* **Date:** June 27, 10:00am-3:00pm
- \* **Cost:** \$5 to \$10

## PIONEER SUMMER CAMPS

Skills include Pioneer Farming, Animals, Corn Shuck Dolls, Quilting, Butter Making, Blacksmithing

- \* **Date:** July 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 9:00am-1:00pm
- \* **Cost:** Visit website
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 7 to 12

## FREE HISTORY HAPPY HOUR: JULIE DIXON WITH HER FILM ON THE MELUNGEON PEOPLE

- \* **Date:** August 4, 6:30pm

## NATURAL DYEING WORKSHOP WITH LINDSEY WARF

- \* **Date:** August 15, 1:00-3:00pm
- \* **Cost:** \$30

## BLUE RIDGE PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN

### PLAY & LEARN GROUPS

Play & Learn is a Playgroup for children 0-5 and their caregivers. It offers play stations for learning, storytime, songs, and support for caregivers.

- \* **Date:** Mondays at 10:00am at the Yancey County Public Library, Tuesdays at 9:30am at the Spruce Pine Public Library, and Fridays at 9:30am at the Mitchell County Public Library.
- \* **Cost:** FREE

- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 0-5
- \* **For more info:** Visit [BlueRidgeChildren.org](http://BlueRidgeChildren.org) or email [Play@BRpartnershipforchildren.org](mailto:Play@BRpartnershipforchildren.org)

## VICS'S PLACE

### MINI GOLF

18-hole mini golf course! Fun for all ages.

- \* **Date:** Opening Memorial Day weekend, Friday-Saturday 1:00-8:00pm, Sunday 1:00-6:00pm
- \* **Cost:** \$4 kids ages 3-12, \$8 adults
- \* **Suitable for:** 3 and up
- \* **For more info:** Contact Logan Oberhammer (828) 467-0831, email [vicsminigolf@gmail.com](mailto:vicsminigolf@gmail.com) or visit [vicsminigolf.com](http://vicsminigolf.com)

## TOE RIVER FLOATS

### LOAFERS GLORY RAFTING AND TUBING

Family float trips on the North Toe River.

- \* **Date:** June - August
- \* **Cost:** Varying
- \* **Suitable For:** Ages 4+
- \* **For more info:** Visit [loafersgloryrafting.com](http://loafersgloryrafting.com) or contact Anthony W. at (828) 688-9290 or email [Funtimes@loafersgloryrafting.com](mailto:Funtimes@loafersgloryrafting.com).

## SUMMER CLASS SERIES AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROJECTS

### THRIVE APPALACHIA

THRIVE Appalachia provides classes from March through November, including our summer class series. This summer we are offering the following classes: Video Game Design, Cake Decorating, Jewelry/Fine Metalwork, Hair Cutting, Culinary Skills, Dance/Gymnastics, Theater, Appalachian Music Ensemble, Money Matters, Carpentry, Sewing, Toymaking, Forest Preschool (for kids interested in Early Childhood Education) CPR, First Aid, Ice Cream Making, Swimming, and Kids Cafe. Our teens run the following entrepreneurship projects: ice cream making, Kids Cafe, and a wool fashion line including wool jackets, vests, and caps.

- \* **Date:** Mondays 2:00-6:00pm, Tuesdays 2:00-7:00pm, Wednesdays 3:30-7pm, Thursday 3:00-6:00pm
- \* **Cost:** FREE
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 12-18
- \* **For more info:** Visit [thriveappalachia.org](http://thriveappalachia.org) or contact Pana Columbus at (828) 559-5840 or email [pana@thriveappalachia.org](mailto:pana@thriveappalachia.org).

## DAY CAMPS

### HERITAGE ROLLER RINK SKATE CAMP

#### HERITAGE ROLLER RINK DAY CAMP

Heritage Roller Rink Summer Skate Campers will participate in daily skate time, skate-oriented games, arts and crafts, theme days (80's Day, Tie Dye Day, Crazy Sock Day), Special Snack Days (Pizza Day, Ice Cream Day, Cotton Candy Day), and more! We are ready to make summer skating AMAZING!

- \* **Date:** June 15-19, and June 22-26
- \* **Cost:** \$300 per week (full day) or \$250 per week (half day)
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 4-14
- \* **For more info:** Visit [www.heritagerollerrink.com](http://www.heritagerollerrink.com) or contact Celia Hopson at (828) 208-4142 or [Celiabrown89@gmail.com](mailto:Celiabrown89@gmail.com).

### CAMP CELO CAMPS

#### CAMP CELO

For over seventy years, our family has welcomed campers to join us for the summer on the Camp Celso farm. The farm setting provides the basis for much of the camp activity with the children caring for animals and harvesting in the garden. There is hiking and camping in the surrounding forests and mountains, and swimming and tubing on the South Toe River. Activities include arts & crafts, skits, wood shop, nature appreciation and big group games. Camp Celso is an overnight co-ed camp where campers stay in platform tents at the base of the black mountains in the South Toe River valley.

- \* **Date:** 1-4 week session options between June and mid August.
- \* **Cost:** Scholarship applications: early deadline March 1. Otherwise application fees and tuition listed on website [www.campcelso.com](http://www.campcelso.com).
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 7-10 and 13-14
- \* **For more info:** Visit [www.campcelso.com](http://www.campcelso.com) or contact Drew Perrin at (828) 675-4323 or [campcelso@gmail.com](mailto:campcelso@gmail.com).

### SUMMER OUTDOOR ART CAMPS FOR KIDS!

All camps take place at the Celso Community Center Pavillion from 10:00am-2:00pm. Email Anna Early to register.

- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 6-10
- \* **For more info:** Contact Anna at [annaearlyart@gmail.com](mailto:annaearlyart@gmail.com).

## CLAY CAMP: HANDMADE POTTERY FOR THE HOME

Create your own place setting with personalized cups, plates, and bowls! Work will be fired and picked up at a later date. Enjoy using for years to come!

\* **Date:** June 15-19

## CRITTERS CAMP: FUN WITH CLAY AND PAPER

Celebrate your favorite critters as you create clay masks and miniatures, plus drawings and pop-up pictures. Clay work will be fired and picked up at a later date.

\* **Date:** June 29-July 3

## PRINTMAKING AND PAINTING CAMP

Explore printmaking with monotypes and stamping, and learn new ways to paint with watercolor and acrylic! Colorful, exploratory, and fun for all.

\* **Date:** July 20-July 24

## PARKWAY PLAYHOUSE SUMMER CAMPS

For more info visit [parkwayplayhouse.com/junior/](http://parkwayplayhouse.com/junior/) or contact Parkway Playhouse at (828) 682-4285.

## LIGHTS UP ON LITERACY CAMP SESSION 1

This camp, taught by Carla Keener, focuses on creating a lifelong love of reading! Children will bring stories to life through acting, costumes, props, and play.

\* **Date:** June 22-June 26, 9:00am-12:00pm

\* **Cost:** \$200

\* **Suitable for:** Rising 3rd-5th graders

## E-I-E-I OOPS! PRODUCTION CAMP

This camp, directed by Roberta Whiteside, will show students the ins and outs of staging a production.

\* **Date:** June 29-July 3, 9:00am-12:00pm

\* **Cost:** \$200

\* **Suitable for:** Ages 5-9

## STAGECRAFT FOR KIDS CAMP

This camp, taught by Christine Henry, will teach students the behind-the-scenes of theatre.

\* **Date:** July 20-24, 9:00am-12:00pm

\* **Cost:** \$200

\* **Suitable for:** Ages 7-12

## LIGHTS UP ON LITERACY CAMP SESSION 2

This camp, taught by Julie Thomas, focuses on creating a lifelong love of reading! Children will bring stories to life through acting, costumes, props, and play.

- \* **Date:** July 27-31, 9:00am-12:00pm
- \* **Cost:** \$200
- \* **Suitable for:** Rising Kindergarten-2nd graders

## PENLAND SCHOOL OF CRAFT SUMMER CAMPS

Enrich your child's summer with creative expression! The full list of camps and registration can be found online at [penland-school-of-craft.jumbula.com](http://penland-school-of-craft.jumbula.com). Scholarships are available. For more info contact Penland School of Craft at (828) 765-2359 or email [info@penland.org](mailto:info@penland.org).

- \* **Cost:** Penland offers several pricing options to make camps more accessible including full tuition, partial tuition, or full scholarship on a first come first serve basis.

## HANDBUILDING POTTERY AND CANDLEMAKING

In this class, we will make pottery using pinch, coil, and slab methods. Students will learn to make various forms such as mugs, bowls, vases, candleholders, and more. We will experiment with texture by using tools and pressing flowers and leaves into clay slabs. On the last day of class, while our pieces are firing, we will hand-dip beeswax candles to go along with our ceramic candleholders!

- \* **Date:** June 1-5, 9:00am-12:00pm
- \* **Cost:** Partial tuition \$245, Full tuition \$330
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 9-12

## FAN ART

Do you love a particular book, movie, game, comic book, or cartoon? If so, join me in recreating your favorite characters in our Fan Art Camp. Together, we will trace and free-hand draw these characters in new scenarios with daily prompts. We will make comic book pages, tiny books, buttons, magnets and design our own posters. Learn simple drawing techniques with pencil, pens and colored pencils as well as painting techniques with watercolor and POSCA markers. Learn how to create art through what you already love. Let's make art together by being fans!

- \* **Date:** June 8-12, 9:00am-12:00pm
- \* **Cost:** Partial Tuition \$215, Full Tuition \$300
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 7-10

## OUT OF THIS WORLD: SPACE CAMP

Embark on a voyage of your imagination and into outer space! We'll create our own planets, astronaut or robot costumes, and a miniature lunar or planetary playscape with aliens. We'll also make a rocket ship or space shuttle for our diorama and launch a few rockets into the air. Books and music will help us learn about our solar system and the cosmos. Let your imagination carry you on a stellar journey and beyond!

- \* **Date:** June 15-19, 9:00am-12:00pm
- \* **Cost:** Partial tuition \$205, Full tuition \$290
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 4-7

## ANCIENT ARTS

Do you like learning about ancient Roman or Egyptian history? Are you a fan of the Percy Jackson series? If so, this camp is for you! Throughout the course of the week, students in this workshop will step back in time to explore different ancient art forms like mosaic, fresco painting, carving, and more using inspiration from Mediterranean artifacts and mythology. Discover how ancient artists decorated their world, and create your own museum-worthy pieces to take home!

- \* **Date:** June 15-19, 1:30-4:30pm
- \* **Cost:** Partial tuition \$215, Full tuition \$300
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 8-11

## CREATE YOUR OWN WONDERLAND: FUN WITH FELT AND CLAY

Journey to the wonderlands of the imagination and create a fantasy land with felted rivers and forests, creatures made from clay, and structures from found objects. We will explore a variety of materials, stretch our imaginations, and explore stories to inspire us as we go along.

- \* **Date:** June 22-26, 9:00am-12:00pm
- \* **Cost:** Partial tuition \$215, Full tuition \$300
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 6-10

## WILLOW LANTERNS: SCULPTURES THAT GLOW!

In this hands-on workshop, you'll design and build your own glowing lantern sculpture. Using reeds, wooden dowels, and natural materials, we'll craft simple 3D frames, then cover them with paper or cloth and decorate them with paint, collage, and color. Finally, we'll add lights inside—so your creation shines bright in the dark! Choose any form that inspires you—an animal, a plant, a fantastical creature, or something entirely your own. When you're done, you can take your lantern with you to light up the night wherever you celebrate!

- \* **Date:** June 29-July 3, 1:30-4:30pm
- \* **Cost:** Partial tuition \$215, Full tuition \$300
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 10-13

## GARDENING CAMP

Get ready to dig, discover, and create! Gardening Camp invites young artists and explorers to step into the magical world of flowers and vegetable gardens. Campers will enjoy hands-on adventures with all the fun parts of a garden—dirt, seeds, flowers, vegetables, bugs, and more! Through classic children’s books, campers will learn about how gardens grow and all the creatures that help them thrive. Each day includes creative projects such as painting, seed art, and real planting activities that will let children watch their own little seedlings come to life. This camp is perfect for curious kids who love nature, storytelling, and getting their hands a little dirty while making art. Come grow with us!

- \* **Date:** July 6-10, 9:00am-12:00pm
- \* **Cost:** Partial tuition \$215, Full tuition \$300
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 4-7

## CRAZY CLEVER CARDBOARD CREATIONS

Bring your clever ideas and come build and decorate a cardboard creation of your imagination. Be prepared to saw, cut, and shape your cardboard design(s) which may be big or small. We'll provide cardboard, paint, and other decorative elements as well as a cardboard cutting and fastening tool kit which you'll get to keep at the end of camp. Come be creative and clever and stretch the limits of cardboard and your inventiveness!

- \* **Date:** July 6-10, 1:30-4:30pm
- \* **Cost:** Partial tuition \$230, Full tuition \$315
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 7-10

## COLORFUL ART CHARMS AND JEWELRY

As a starting place for ideas in this camp, we will spend time observing the natural world. Using jeweler’s tools like saws and hammers, students will learn to create delicate shapes. Torch enameling will add color for richness in juxtaposition with copper and brass elements. It will be an exciting week to bring forth small treasures of your own! Students will start by making keychain charms and ornaments and will also create wearable artistic jewelry like earrings and pendants.

- \* **Date:** July 13-17, 9:00am-12:00pm
- \* **Cost:** Partial tuition \$245, Full tuition \$330
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 11-14

## LEARN TO TURN

Students will learn about wood turning and how it is used in our lives. Starting with making personalized mallets to fit our grip, students will learn the variations between beads, coves, and flats—giving them the basics which they can use in many combinations to create their individual style in their work. Students will create their own stool and learn to make wedged, mortise and tenon joints for attaching the legs, creating a one-of-a-kind piece of furniture. Students will have the opportunity to discuss and make their own small projects. Painting, stenciling, masking and layering, and distressed sanding will be covered.

- \* **Date:** July 27-31, 9:00am-12:00pm
- \* **Cost:** Partial tuition \$260, Full tuition \$345
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 7-10

## LEARN TO TURN II

Students will learn about wood turning and how it is used in our lives. Starting with making personalized mallets to fit our grip, students will learn the variations between beads, coves, and flats—giving them the basics which they can use in many combinations to create their individual style in their work. Students will create their own stool and learn to make wedged, mortise and tenon joints for attaching the legs, creating a one-of-a-kind piece of furniture. Students will have the opportunity to discuss and make their own small projects. Painting, stenciling, masking and layering, and distressed sanding will be covered.

- \* **Date:** July 27-31, 1:30-4:30pm
- \* **Cost:** Partial tuition \$260, Full tuition \$345
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 11-13

## FIBER ART & FASHION EXPLORATIONS

Have you ever wanted your own custom clothes? Transform a garment and give it a new life through embroidery and block printing in this exciting workshop! First, you will learn embroidery, hand-stitching, and how to block print on fabric by creating a bandana and small sample projects. Then, design and create your own upcycled fashion project that uses embroidery and block printing with inspiration from contemporary and historical textile artists. This workshop emphasizes creative expression, sustainability, and creating art you can wear!

- \* **Date:** June 12-14, 10:00am-4:00pm
- \* **Cost:** Partial tuition \$210, Full tuition \$295
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 14-17

## SEEING DIFFERENTLY: EXPERIMENTAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography is more than just taking pictures – it’s a way of seeing. Students will explore alternative photographic processes that blend light, chemistry, and imagination. We’ll build a UV LED exposure box and experiment with cyanotypes, photograms, and mixed-media collages, using light and found materials. Students will explore combining prints with collage, drawing, or embroidery to create unique works. Each will build a personal collection of images reflecting their vision of the world while learning about the rich history of photographic experimentation. Expect to get your hands wet, your ideas stretched, and your creativity sparked!

- \* **Date:** June 26-28, 10:00am-4:00pm
- \* **Cost:** Partial tuition \$215, Full tuition \$300
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 14-17

## LEARN TO THROW: POTTERY DOES NOT BOUNCE-IT FLIES!

This dynamic 5-day workshop introduces students to throwing, hand-building, and printmaking on clay. Challenge yourself to throw pots that are tiny, tall, wide and square. The camp combines skill-building, creativity, and experimentation, offering students a memorable and educational clay experience! Students’ work will be fired and taken home at the end of the camp week.

- \* **Date:** July 20-24, 9:00am-4:00pm
- \* **Cost:** Partial tuition \$325, Full tuition \$445
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 13-17

## BLUE RIDGE HORSE ADVENTURES AND WELLNESS

For more information visit [blueridgehorseadventuresandwellness.org](http://blueridgehorseadventuresandwellness.org) or call Becky Grant at (828) 460-2165. No previous experience required. Volunteer opportunities for ages 14 and up for any of the below sessions.

- \* **Cost:** Weekly sessions \$475/week. Financial aid may be available.
- \* **Dates:** All dates TBD. Check website for updates.

## PONY PALS

Daily riding lessons on kid-friendly horses and ponies. Includes horse care and safety lessons both on and off the horse. Also includes movement games plus arts and crafts.

- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 5-8

## JR. HORSEMANSHIP

Daily riding lessons on kid-friendly horses and ponies. Includes more in-depth horse care and safety lessons plus communication and reading

horse language. Also includes hiking, movement games, plus arts and crafts.

- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 8-12

## TEENS

Daily riding lessons available along with horse care, safety, handling and communication lessons. At this age, we're continuing to build confidence, self-esteem, leadership skills, focus, and emotional intelligence. Hiking, movement games, and arts and crafts are also included.

- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 12-14

## DANCE AND KARATE EXPRESS

### NINJA TURTLE, FAIRY PRINCESS, SPIDERMAN CAMPS

Ninja Training, Fairy Princess parties, Legos, Treasure Hunts, Arts & Crafts, Snacks, Dance and Karate Classes, Face painting, Games.

- \* **Date:** Mondays thru Fridays, 9:00am-12:00pm. Week #1: June 22nd-June 26th. Week #2: July 13-17. Week #3: July 27-July 31.
- \* **Cost:** \$105 per week
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 3-12
- \* **For more info:** Visit [danceandkarateexpress.com](http://danceandkarateexpress.com). Contact Cindy Gayle at (828) 808-2845 or (828) 682-1493 or email [cgaylehutch@gmail.com](mailto:cgaylehutch@gmail.com).

## WREN AND WRAE'S CLUBHOUSE

Offering 3-day themed summer educational immersion camps for children. Camps run from 8:00am-12:00pm, with check in at 7:30am and pick up no later than 12:30pm. Every camp week will have a guest speaker, art lesson, STEM project, bounce house play time, and more based on each educational theme. **Spots are limited!**

- \* **Cost:** \$125 per week, full summer packages available - please inquire through email
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 4-8
- \* **For more info:** Visit [wrenandwraesclubhouse.com](http://wrenandwraesclubhouse.com). Contact Wren and Wrae's Clubhouse at (828)-520-1330 or email [boonewd@gmail.com](mailto:boonewd@gmail.com).

## BUILD IT!

Children will go on a building adventure with legos, rocks, Lincoln logs, and more. Kids will construct and have hands on STEM building projects.

- \* **Date:** June 14-16

## NATURE

Children will engage in hands on learning about nature. All of this will include and is not limited to plants, bugs, trees, and gardening. Children

will go on scavenger hunts and have a chance this week to spend time at our local park.

\* **Date:** June 21-23

## ANIMALS

Children will dive into the world of animals. They will study, classify, and observe all kinds of animals. This week will also include dinosaurs!

\* **Date:** June 28-30

## ALL ABOUT ME!

This week kids will learn all about themselves. From what they want to be when they grow up to studying the human body. Kids will learn about the bones, muscles, and how the body works. This week will include a kids exercise class and basic nutrition facts.

\* **Date:** July 12-14

## SPORTS

Kids will enjoy a week full of sports. They will learn techniques, skills, and new sports. Guest speaker this week will be former Harlem Globetrotter, John Williams.

\* **Date:** July 19-21

## EARTH AND GEMS

This week will be full of gemstone identification and learning about our historical mineral rich area. Kids will also learn more about the Earth and volcanos.

\* **Date:** July 26-28

## LITTLE PICASSO ART WEEK

Children will have a week full of art from drawing, painting, sculpting, and more.

\* **Date:** August 2-4

## APPALACHAIN THERAPUTIC RIDING CENTER (ATRC)

ATRC hosts summer camps for many different groups. Horseback riding, crafts, music and more. Registration opens April 1, 2026.

\* **Cost:** \$300 for the 3-hour camps and \$150 for the 1&1/2-hour camps. Scholarship help is available.

\* **For more info:** Contact [atrcriding@gmail.com](mailto:atrcriding@gmail.com) or 828-675-5630 (text not available) for more info.

## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

\* **Date:** June 15-19 , M-F 9:00am-12:00pm

\* **Suitable for:** ages 6-9

## ESL

- \* **Date:** June 22-27, M-F 9:00am-12:00pm
- \* **Suitable for:** 2nd-5th grade

## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

- \* **Date:** July 6-10, M-F 9:00am-12:00pm
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 10-12

## LITERACY

- \* **Date:** July 13-17, M-F 9:00am-12:00pm
- \* **Suitable for:** Elementary school age

## PHYSICAL THERAPY

- \* **Date:** July 27-31, M-F 9-10:30am or 11:00am-12:30pm, early August TBD
- \* **Suitable for:** Preschool ages 3-5

## SNAKEROOT ECOTOURS

### HIKING DAY CAMP

Red Eft is a forest immersion camp, relatively unstructured, but with ample opportunities for kids to: get lots of exercise, including significant physical challenge; cool off in pristine mountain creeks; socialize with their peers; learn to safely and respectfully interact with the mountain landscape; get to know some of the many characters that compose the ecological masterpiece of the Southern Appalachian forest that we are privileged to call home.

- \* **Date:** June 1-4 or June 8-11, 9:00am-3:00pm, Monday-Thursday
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 8-11
- \* **For more info:** Contact Tal Galton at (828) 675-8218 or email [info@snakerootecotours.com](mailto:info@snakerootecotours.com).

## MAYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUMMER CAMPS | MITCHELL CAMPUS

For more info or to register, call the Mitchell Learning Center at (828) 766-1291 or visit [mayland.edu/summer-camps/](http://mayland.edu/summer-camps/).

## BECOME A HEALTH CARE HERO (2 HOURS)

Join Mr. Josh Cooke, and Ms. Elizabeth Payne as they introduce students to the adventures of being a Paramedic and the world of Nursing. Students will get an up-close look at the day-to-day operations of an EMT/Paramedic by looking at our ambulance and spending time in the back of our brand-new ambulance classroom simulator. There, you will work your way through a simulated EMS call. Also, Nursing Simulation

Coordinator Elizabeth Payne will introduce you to the world of Nursing. You will spend time in the nursing simulation lab working with the faculty and simulators to learn a few basic nursing skills and will apply your new knowledge to practice providing nursing care. If your dream is to be a Paramedic or a Nurse, then you don't want to miss this class! (Register early as space is limited to 10 students).

- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 6-10

## MAYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUMMER CAMPS | YANCEY CAMPUS

For more info or to register, call the Yancey Learning Center at (828) 682-7315 or visit [mayland.edu/summer-camps/](http://mayland.edu/summer-camps/).

### BE A HERO, BECOME A FIREFIGHTER FOR A DAY

Learn what it takes to be a firefighter. Students will learn about protective fire gear, safety tips, and get to check out a fire truck. Come prepared to have FUN!!!

- \* **Date:** June 16, 1:00-5:00pm
- \* **Cost:** \$30
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 6-11

### SPACE RANGER CAMP

Junior Space Rangers will craft upcycled rocket filled jet packs and design their own rocket ship to explore the solar system in the Arthur Planetarium and Earth to Sky Park classroom. Jr. Space Rangers will watch kid friendly STEAM programming in the Planetarium and learn about space travel, the moon, planets, and the cosmos. We will learn all about 'How Light Works' and travels through the universe and how galaxies form! Campers need to wear closed toe shoes and bring a water bottle. A mid-morning snack will be provided. Ages 6-11. Space limited to 10 Rangers. Class is held at Earth to Sky Park.

- \* **Date:** July 13-July 16, MTWTh, 9:00am-12:00pm
- \* **Cost:** \$175
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 6-11

## PATH SUMMER HANGOUTS

### PARTNERS ALIGNED TOWARD HEALTH

Fun & FREE Summer Events for middle and high schoolers in Yancey and Mitchell Counties! To register, visit [bit.ly/hangouts2026](http://bit.ly/hangouts2026)

- \* **Date:** Wednesday, 5/20: Blue Ghost Firefly Guided Hike w/ Snakeroot Ecotours \*\*Limited to 10 participants-- pre-registration

required\*\* 8:00-10:00pm, Location (South Toe area) and details will be sent to the first 10 registrants.

- \* **Date:** Tuesday, 6/02: Pool Party at Brad Ragan Pool from 12:00-3:00pm, 293 Laurel Creek Ct, Spruce Pine.
- \* **Date:** Monday, 6/22: Pool Party at The Burnsville Pool from 12:00-3:00pm, Ray Cort Park, 25 Mitchell Branch Rd, Burnsville.
- \* **Date:** Saturday, 6/27: Sizzlin' Summer Series, Fitness Dance Party @ Burnsville Town Square from 10:00am-12:00pm, 1 Town Square, Burnsville, NC.
- \* **Date:** Thursday, 7/16: Arts, Crafts, and Bubble Tea from 3:00-5:00pm, Burnsville Library (upstairs conference room), 321 School Cir, Burnsville.
- \* **Date:** Thursday, 7/23: Karaoke and Open Mic Event! + Board Games from 3:00-5:00pm, AMY Healthy Living Center, 275 Oak Avenue, Spruce Pine.
- \* **Cost:** FREE
- \* **Suitable for:** Rising 6th-12th graders in Mitchell and Yancey Counties
- \* **For more info:** Contact Tara Brozanski at (615) 887-0659 or email [tara@pathwnc.org](mailto:tara@pathwnc.org)

## 2026 CTE CAREER EXPLORATION CAMPS

### MOUNTAIN HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL

Come join us to explore careers and learn about career opportunities in various industries! Whether you choose to attend one camp or multiple camps, it is a great opportunity to start setting goals for your future. Each camp will be hands-on and engaging for students and many include field trips and tours. Lunch will be provided and all camps are free. Visit the CTE website to learn more and to register for the camps: [yanceync.net/page/cte-summer-camps](http://yanceync.net/page/cte-summer-camps).

**Note:** Students who are NOT enrolled in a NC public school may participate in camps but will need to provide their own transportation for any field trips taken as part of the camp.

- \* **Suitable for:** Rising 7th-10th graders
- \* **For more info:** Visit [yanceync.net/page/cte-summer-camps](http://yanceync.net/page/cte-summer-camps) or contact Cynthia Deyton at [cbdeyton@yanceync.net](mailto:cbdeyton@yanceync.net).

## APPALACHIAN PERFORMING ARTS CAMPS

Please wear comfortable athletic clothing or dance clothing, bring a snack, and a water bottle. For more information, visit

[appalachianperformingarts.com](http://appalachianperformingarts.com), TEXT (828) 367-9548 or email [appalachianperformingarts.staff@gmail.com](mailto:appalachianperformingarts.staff@gmail.com).

## FAIRY FOREST DANCE QUEST

Step into the most magical dance experience of the summer. For three enchanted days, Appalachian Performing Arts' studio will be transformed into a magical woodland adventure! In this imaginative day camp, young dancers step into a story guided by playful forest fairies and Appalachian woodland creatures as they explore a world of movement, creativity, and fun. Each day includes two dance classes exploring ballet, tap, jazz, clogging, and acrobatics - as well as a time for crafts, games, and special surprises that bring the "forest" to life right inside the studio. Designed for ages 5–6, this camp blends dance class instruction with creative play, giving children an experience that feels magical and adventurous while taking place in a safe and fun classroom environment.

- \* **Date:** June 8-10
- \* **Cost:** \$85
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 5-6

## TEDDY BEAR BOOGIE

Get ready to move and groove together at Teddy Bear Boogie! This dance experience is designed for our youngest age group to participate alongside their designated parent or grown-up. In this special 30 minute class, our dancers-in-training are invited to bring along a teddy bear (or any plushie friend!) as their dance partner for the day. Together, we'll explore movement, music, games, and beginner dance instruction. This is a joyful and fun first step into the dance community!

- \* **Date:** June 11, 10:00-10:30am
- \* **Cost:** \$15
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 2 Year Old + Parent/Grown-Up

## LITTLE DANCERS FOREST FROLIC

Join us for an enchanting dance experience! This escapade is filled with fairies and Appalachian woodland creatures, as the studio is transformed into a whimsical forest! Each child is invited to bring their favorite teddy bear or plush animal friend to join them as their very own dance partner in an interactive 30-minute dance class. Together, we'll learn and explore through dance instruction, creative movement, and games followed by special time for a craft and surprises!

- \* **Date:** June 11, 11:00am-12:00pm
- \* **Cost:** \$30
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 3-4

## ART IN MOTION DANCE EXPERIENCE

We invite YOU to join us at the studio for a special three-hour creative camp. Dance and visual arts collide in this fun and inspiring experience! Our young artists will explore famous dancers and visual artists from history throughout short sessions, where they will be given the opportunity to connect and respond with their own creativity. All sessions, games, and activities are designed to spark imagination, build confidence, and inspire creativity.

\* **Date:** June 29, 9:00am-12:00pm

\* **Cost:** \$40

\* **Suitable for:** Ages 7-12, Teens

## DREAMHOUSE DANCE CAMP

Step into a world of pink dreams and sparkly fun at Dreamhouse Dance Camp! Let's dance, create, and have fun. This dazzling day includes two structured, high-energy dance classes, iconic crafts, and fabulous games with a themed twist. This experience encourages confidence, movement, and creativity with a whole lot of glam.

\* **Date:** June 30, 9:00am-12:00pm

\* **Cost:** \$32

\* **Suitable for:** Ages 5-6

## DREAMHOUSE DANCE PARTY

Step into a world of pink dreams and sparkling fun at Dreamhouse Dance Party! Little Dancers will enjoy a high-energy dance class, create a fabulous themed craft, and play dazzling games during this event- with a few surprises along the way. This experience is designed for moving, creating, and shining from start to finish.

\* **Date:** June 30, 1:00-2:00pm

\* **Cost:** \$30

\* **Suitable for:** Ages 3-4

## DREAMHOUSE DANCE PARTY - FIRST STEPS

Calling all 2-year-olds- This special party is just for you! Let's learn through dance instruction, creative movement, and fun games during a sparkling, fabulous, and pink dance party. This program is designed for our youngest age group to enjoy alongside a designated grown-up and encourages confidence, learning, and creativity with a whole lot of glam.

\* **Date:** June 30, 2:30pm-3:00pm

\* **Cost:** \$15

\* **Suitable for:** Ages 2 years old + designated grown-up

## ULTIMATE PLAYLIST DANCE CAMP

Join us at Ultimate Playlist Dance Camp—a week-long day camp experience for ages 7–12 and teens. We'll move through a mix of styles – including (but not limited to) ballet, tap, jazz, clogging, modern/contemporary, and musical theatre. Move to trending music while exploring versatility, musicality, and performance quality in a fast-paced, creative environment! Throughout the week, dancers will also participate in creative projects - including choreography, visual art, and creating dance video content! It's a space to level up your training, try new styles, and create work that feels current, expressive, and worth sharing with the world. Whether you're beginning or continuing your dance journey, we have a spot waiting for you!

- \* **Date:** July 13-17, 1:00pm-4:00pm
- \* **Cost:** \$185
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 7-12 and teens

## LET'S GLOW DANCE PARTY

Let's GLOW! This glow-in-the-dark themed dance camp is designed for young movers who are ready to learn and create! This day includes two upbeat dance class sessions, along with creative crafts, games, and exciting surprises throughout the day. The energy builds as the day leads up to an unforgettable glow-in-the-dark dance party finale! It's a high-energy and immersive experience filled with music, movement, and illuminating excitement!

- \* **Date:** July 16, 9:00am-12:00pm
- \* **Cost:** \$32
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 5-6

## LITTLE DANCERS FROZEN FAIRYTALE

Little Dancers, you're invited! Throughout this magical hour, Little Dancers will enjoy a snowy dance session, engaging activities, a creative winter craft, and a blizzard of fun surprises - all inspired by a wintery storybook world. From sparkling snowflakes to silly snowmen, this will be filled with learning and fun. Come dance, play, and bring the magic to life with us in the studio!

- \* **Date:** July 17, 9:00am-10:00am
- \* **Cost:** \$30
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 3-4

## FIRST STEPS FROZEN FAIRYTALE

Step into the storybook during this wintery magic dance session. This class is designed for our youngest age group to participate in class alongside a designated grown-up. Together, we'll explore dance, creative games, and imaginative activities that bring our frosty storybook adventure to life. From sparkling snowflakes to silly snowmen, this experience is sure to be filled with fun!

- \* **Date:** July 17, 11:00am-11:30am
- \* **Cost:** \$15
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 2 years old + designated grown-up

## ROYAL DANCE ADVENTURE

You are invited to Royal Dance Adventure - a magical royal training experience in preparation for an enchanted ball. Dancers will train in ballet, tap, jazz, clogging, and acro while exploring the noble qualities we admire in our favorite princesses. Each session will encourage learning, creativity, and movement. This week is fun-filled with artistic crafts, engaging activities, and delightful surprises. We can't wait to see you there!

- \* **Date:** July 27-31, 9:00am-12:00pm
- \* **Cost:** \$140
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 5-6

## LITTLE DANCERS PRINCESS PARTY

Princesses and Princes, we invite you to join us for an enchanting dance party! This event is inspired by our favorite fairytale friends. Let's move, learn, and create together through a special dance class session, imaginative games, craft time, and magical surprises—all celebrating a royal-inspired theme filled with fun and imagination.

- \* **Date:** July 28, 1:00pm-2:00pm
- \* **Cost:** \$30
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 3-4

## FIRST STEPS PRINCESS PARTY

Young princesses and princes, we invite you to join us for an enchanting Princess Dance Party! This whimsical event is designed for toddlers and their grown-ups to attend together. Let's move and learn side by side through a magical dance session, imaginative games, and fun surprises!

- \* **Date:** July 28, 2:00pm-2:30pm
- \* **Cost:** \$15
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 2 years old + designated grown-up

## OPEN HOUSE!

Welcome to our Open House! Step inside the studio, enjoy coffee and refreshments, and take a tour of our space. Live entertainment and dance demonstrations will take place throughout the day. Learn more about our upcoming season! Registration fees are waived when you enroll in 2026–2027 classes in person during the event!

- \* **Date:** August 11, 4:00-7:00pm

## YANCEY COUNTY 4-H SUMMER CAMPS

### YANCEY COUNTY 4-H

Yancey County 4-H is excited to offer a wide variety of summer learning opportunities! Space is limited for each camp and youth must be enrolled in 4-H online. You may register for summer events in-person at the Yancey County Cooperative Extension Office Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm. Registration is first-come, first-serve, and will not be accepted via phone or online. For more info contact Jazlyn Swain at (828) 682-6186 or email [jazlyn\\_swain@ncsu.edu](mailto:jazlyn_swain@ncsu.edu)

- \* Follow Yancey County 4-H on Facebook or sign up for the 4-H newsletter through the website for more opportunities!

## YMCA SUMMER CAMP

### YMCA OF THE HIGH COUNTRY

Our YMCA Summer Camp will be held in Spruce Pine NC. This is a free day camp for students in Mitchell County that are rising 1st-6th grade. This will be an academically focused camp. We will incorporate Math, English Language Arts and STEM. We will have daily activity time including swimming. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

- \* **Date:** Monday-Thursday starting June 15th-July 23rd. Students can be dropped off beginning at 7:30am and must be picked up by 5:30pm.
- \* **Cost:** Free
- \* **Suitable for:** Rising Kindergarten through rising 6th
- \* **For more info:** Contact Burton Blankenship at (828) 520-9101, email [burtonb@ymcaavery.org](mailto:burtonb@ymcaavery.org) or visit [ymcaavery.com/locations/a-m-y-wellness-foundation-ymca-of-mitchell-county/](http://ymcaavery.com/locations/a-m-y-wellness-foundation-ymca-of-mitchell-county/).

## TOE RIVER ARTS

### ART CLUB SUMMER SERIES

Join us in our downtown Spruce Pine classroom with local teaching artist for a flexible, creative day camp experience that fits your summer schedule. Pre-registration required. Limited to 10 spots per week. All

supplies included. Bring a packed lunch to enjoy at the downtown pocket park.

- \* **Date:** Every Tuesday & Thursday through June & July
- \* **Cost:** \$275 Month Pass, \$75 Week Pass\$, 40 Trial Drop In
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 8-12 from 10:00am-1:00pm, ages 13-16 from 2:00-5:00pm
- \* **For more info:** Visit [toeriverarts.org](http://toeriverarts.org) or contact Bethany Chenoweth at [bethany@toeriverarts.org](mailto:bethany@toeriverarts.org)

## SPORTS CAMPS & FITNESS CLASSES

### REFIT®

#### MITCHELL COUNTY RECREATION CENTER

REFIT® is a cardio-based movement-to-music experience that feels more like a dance party than a workout. Each class ends with "heartwork," a time for encouragement, self-reflection, and building community. Please contact me in advance if you plan to attend. Class will automatically be cancelled for the week if no one RSVPs. I also offer classes in Burnsville and Spruce Pine, but age minimums apply.

- \* **Date:** Sundays from 4:30-5:30pm
- \* **Cost:** FREE (donations welcome)
- \* **Suitable for:** All ages
- \* **Formore information:** To contact Morgan Flanagan email [of.the.sea@msn.com](mailto:of.the.sea@msn.com) or call (757) 472-1657. For more info visit [refitrev.com/instructors/morgan-flanagan](http://refitrev.com/instructors/morgan-flanagan) for the full class schedule. Join the "[REFIT® with Morgan & Angela](#)" [Facebook group](#) or follow [@refit with morgan and angela](#) on Instagram for class reminders and updates.

### PARTNERS ALIGNED TOWARD HEALTH (PATH)

Encouraging lifelong physical activity is a priority for PATH. Tennis and pickleball are the perfect sports to begin young and play for a lifetime. Toe River Racquetees Summer Camps are our FREE Tennis and Pickleball Camps that are held every summer in Yancey County. Our "need a racquet, get a racquet" program assures every player can have a racquet to take home and pickleball paddle to use durring camp. Our tennis and pickleball camps are coached by USPTA Master Professional and Founder of Tennis Insights, Michael Baldwin, Sr., who brings serious learning and big fun to the camps! We are in need of camp volunteers, regardless of skill level. To volunteer during one or both camps register here: [bit.ly/TRR2026volunteers](http://bit.ly/TRR2026volunteers).

- \* **Cost:** FREE
- \* **Suitable for:** Rising K-10th
- \* **For more info:** Visit [pathwnc.org](http://pathwnc.org) or contact Tara Brozanski at (828) 682-7899 or email [Tara@pathwnc.org](mailto:Tara@pathwnc.org)

## TOE RIVER RACQUETEERS TENNIS CAMP

The 2026 Toe River Racqueteers Tennis Camp will be held on the tennis courts at Mountain Heritage High School. numbers. Register online at [bit.ly/TRRtennis2026](http://bit.ly/TRRtennis2026).

- \* **Date:** May 26-May 29, Tuesday-Friday, rising K-2nd at 9:00-10:00am, rising 3rd-5th at 10:15-11:15am, rising 6th-10th at 11:30am-12:30pm

## TOE RIVER RACQUETEERS TENNIS PICKLEBALL CAMP

Join us on the tennis courts at Mountain Heritage High for an Introduction to Pickleball! Paddles will be provided to children who do not have one. Register online at [bit.ly/TRRpickleball2026](http://bit.ly/TRRpickleball2026).

- \* **Date:** June 8-11, Monday-Thursday, Rising K-2nd at 9:00-10:00am, rising 3rd-5th at 10:15-11:15am, rising 6th graders & up at 11:30am-12:30pm

## MHHS SOFTBALL COUGAR CAMP

### LADY COUGAR SOFTBALL

Get ready for a fun and exciting summer at Lady Cougar Softball Camp! Open to girls in kindergarten through 8th grade, this camp is designed to teach the fundamentals and basics of softball in a positive and encouraging environment. Players will develop essential skills such as throwing, catching, hitting, and fielding while also learning proper technique, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Whether you're just starting out or looking to improve your game, this camp is a great opportunity to grow your skills and love for softball!

- \* **Date:** Tentatively June 23-24, times will be announced later
- \* **Cost:** \$45 (Pay at check-in)
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 5-23
- \* **For more info:** For more info contact Kelli Lyda-Buchanan at (828) 284-0840 or email [Kelli.lyda@bcsemail.org](mailto:Kelli.lyda@bcsemail.org)

## COUGAR BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

### MOUNTAIN HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL

Cougar basketball camp will teach basketball fundamentals and how to play as a team in a fun atmosphere. Games include hot shot, free throw along with 3 on 3 and 5 on 5. Registration is 8:00 on Monday June 15.

- \* **Date:** June 15-17, 8:30am-12:00pm
- \* **Cost:** \$50
- \* **Suitable for:** Rising 1st-8th grade boys
- \* **For more info:** Contact Barry Johnson at (828) 284-1151 or email [barry.johnson@yanceync.net](mailto:barry.johnson@yanceync.net)

## LADY COUGAR GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

### MOUNTAIN HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL

Campers will work on basketball fundamentals and skill work each day. Campers need to wear comfortable clothing and athletic shoes.

- \* **Date:** June 8-10, 8:30am-12:00pm
- \* **Cost:** \$50
- \* **Suitable for:** Rising 1st-8th grade girls
- \* **For more info:** Contact Susie Shelton at email [shshelton@yanceync.net](mailto:shshelton@yanceync.net)

## REBEL VOLLEYBALL CAMP

### CANE RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Rebel Camp will begin for rising 3rd through 6th graders. It is a 3-day camp and students will learn basic to advanced skills. Students will learn the game rules of volleyball, skills include how to pass, set and hit in a fun atmosphere. We plan fun daily scrimmage games to practice skills. Camp will be held at Blue Ridge Elementary school gym. We hope to see you there!

- \* **Date:** July 20-22, 9:00am-12:30pm
- \* **Cost:** \$40, accepting cash only
- \* **Suitable for:** Rising 3rd-8th graders
- \* **For more info:** Contact Rosemarie Cummings at (828) 536-0634 or email [rosemariecummings@yanceync.net](mailto:rosemariecummings@yanceync.net)

## COMMUNITY HOOP JAM FOR THE SUMMER SERIES

### HOOPDANCEYOGA WITH LORI

What is a community hoop jam? It's a free, all ages event centered around hula hooping and flow arts. There will be music, basic instruction, hoops and other flow toys to try. Hoop jams are a space where all ages, all backgrounds, can come together, to be playful, learn something new and have fun moving your body! The location for the summer hoop jam will be at the Carriage House, side yard. Park on the square and come play!

- \* **Date:** Thursday evenings starting June 25-July 30, 5:00-6:30 pm.
- \* **Cost:** Free
- \* **Suitable for:** All Ages
- \* **For more info:** Visit [hoopdanceyoga.com](http://hoopdanceyoga.com) or contact Lori at [hoopdanceyoga@proton.me](mailto:hoopdanceyoga@proton.me)

## DONATION BASED YOGA CLASSES

### MORIAH CHILDERS YOGA

Yoga for EveryBody: Connect with your breath through movement, as a tool to align and focus your body, mind and spirit. This will offer a lot of insights to personalize and improve your practice and well being. All ages, skill levels, and stages of life are welcome.

Gentle Yoga: This class will be a more specific container holding space for gentle and supported approach to practice. We will spend more time setting up and describing alignment, and minimizing options to the most inclusive and subtle, but fundamental and profound actions. Classes are located upstairs at the Celo Community, Center 36 Sweet Cider Ln.

- \* **Date:** Tuesdays: 4:45pm Gentle Class, 6:00pm EveryBody Class, Thursdays: 4:45pm Gentle Class.
- \* **Cost:** Donation Based
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 14+
- \* **For more info:** Visit [moriahchildersyoga.wordpress.com](http://moriahchildersyoga.wordpress.com) or contact Moriah Childers at [moriahchildersyoga@gmail.com](mailto:moriahchildersyoga@gmail.com)

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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#### MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be a meal each night. Games, crafts, songs, and learning about Jesus!

- \* **Date:** July 13-17, 6:00-8:30pm
- \* **Cost:** FREE
- \* **Suitable for:** All Ages
- \* **For more info:** Contact Kara Woody at (828) 385-3558 or email [karawoody923@gmail.com](mailto:karawoody923@gmail.com)

### ILLUMINATION STATION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

#### WEST BURNSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

We begin each evening with a meal at 5:30pm and continue with worship, crafts, Bible, missions & recreation. We can't wait to see you & Shine the Light on Jesus! We also have TeamKID every Wednesday night beginning with a meal at 5:45pm. We have classes for preschool - 5th grade as well as youth & adults. All are welcome! Call 6823990 with questions.

- \* **Date:** June 7-12, 5:30-8:30pm
- \* **Cost:** Free
- \* **Suitable for:** All ages-babies, preschool, elementary, teens, adults
- \* **For more info:** Contact Shannon Raines (828) 682-3390 [wbbckids1@gmail.com](mailto:wbbckids1@gmail.com), visit [westbbchurch.org](http://westbbchurch.org). To register visit: [kideventpro.lifeway.com/myEvent/?id=73055](http://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myEvent/?id=73055)

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

#### BAILEY BRETHERN CHURCH

Vacation Bible School. All ages are welcome. Supper provided every evening.

- \* **Date:** June 2-5, 6:30-8:30pm
- \* **Cost:** Free
- \* **Suitable for:** All Ages

## RECREATION

### CAMPGROUNDS

#### CAROLINA HEMLOCKS RECREATION AREA

8516 Highway 80 South

Burnsville, NC 28714

[recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/233954](http://recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/233954) or (828) 675-5509

#### MOUNTAIN RIVER FAMILY CAMPGROUND

8555 S US Highway 19E

Newland, NC, 28657

[mtnriverwnc.com](http://mtnriverwnc.com) or (828) 765-4810

#### SPACIOUS SKIES BEAR DEN

600 Bear Den Mountain Road

Spruce Pine, NC 28777

[spaciousskiescampgrounds.com](http://spaciousskiescampgrounds.com) or (828) 765-2888

#### SPRINGMAID MOUNTAIN

2171 Henredon Rd

Spruce Pine, NC 28777

[springmaidmountain.com](http://springmaidmountain.com) or (828) 765-2353

### GEM MINING

#### EMERALD VILLAGE

331 McKinney Mine Road

Spruce Pine, NC 28777

[emeraldvillage.com](http://emeraldvillage.com) or (828) 765-6463

#### GEM MOUNTAIN

13780 Highway 226 South

Spruce Pine, NC 28777

[gemmountain.com](http://gemmountain.com) or (888) 765-6130

#### RIO DOCE

14622 Hwy 226 S

Spruce Pine, NC 28777

[riodoce.com](http://riodoce.com) or (828) 765-2099

## GOLF

### GRASSY CREEK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

2360 Swiss Pine Lake Drive  
Spruce Pine, NC 28777  
[grassycreek.com](http://grassycreek.com) or (828) 765-7436

### MOUNTAIN AIR COUNTRY CLUB

65 Mountain Air Dr.  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
[mountainairnc.com/amenities/golf](http://mountainairnc.com/amenities/golf) or (828) 682-5600

### VIC'S PLACE MINI-GOLF

67 Meadow View Rd.  
Spruce Pine, NC 28777  
[vicsminigolf.com](http://vicsminigolf.com) or [vicsminigolf@gmail.com](mailto:vicsminigolf@gmail.com)

## GUIDED FISHING

### SOUTHERN DRIFTERS OUTFITTERS

101 Town Square  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
[southerndriftersoutfitters.com](http://southerndriftersoutfitters.com) or (828) 678-1511

## HORSEBACK RIDING

### BLUE RIDGE HORSE ADVENTURES

Offers individual riding lessons, horse care lessons, trail riding and more.  
(828) 460-2165 or visit [blueridgehorseadventures.com](http://blueridgehorseadventures.com)

### SPRINGMAID MOUNTAIN

2171 Henredon Rd  
Spruce Pine, NC 28777  
[springmaidmountain.com](http://springmaidmountain.com) or (828) 765-2353

## PARKS & POOLS

### MITCHELL COUNTY

#### **Brad Ragan Park & Pool**

293 Laurel Creek Ct., Spruce Pine

#### **A.M.Y. Wellnes Foundation YMCA Aquatics Center**

97 Pinebridge Ave, Spruce Pine

[ymcaavery.com/locations/a-m-y-wellness-foundation-ymca-of-mitchell-county](http://ymcaavery.com/locations/a-m-y-wellness-foundation-ymca-of-mitchell-county) or (828) 520-9101

### YANCEY COUNTY

#### **Old Burnsville Gym**

School Circle, Burnsville

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

314 Mitchell Branch Road, Burnsville

#### **Kid Mountain Playground**

School Circle, Burnsville

#### **Lincoln Park Field**

Lincoln Park Road, Burnsville

## RAFTING/TUBING

### LOAFERS GLORY RAFTING & TUBING

2637 Highway 226 North

Bakersville, NC 28705

[loafersgloryrafting.com](http://loafersgloryrafting.com) or (828) 688-9290

Please note: tubing is dependent on river conditions

### NC OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

1173 Whitson Branch Road

Bakersville NC 28705

[ncoutdooradventures.org](http://ncoutdooradventures.org) or (828) 260-4505

## OTHER RECREATION

### NC HIGH PEAKS HIKES

Hike information available at [facebook.com/ncHighPeaks](https://facebook.com/ncHighPeaks)  
[nchighpeaks.org](https://nchighpeaks.org) or call (828) 284-6878.

### SNAKEROOT ECOTOURS

We are based in Celo, NC in the shadow of the Black Mountains, the tallest range in eastern North America. Here in the heart of the Southern Appalachians, our forests are among the most diverse temperate forests in the world. The hills are carpeted with over 1500 native flowering plant species. The pristine mountain creeks and leaf litter are home to more species of salamanders than any location on Earth. Join us for a five-star guided tour of life in the Appalachian woods.

[snakerootecotours.com](https://snakerootecotours.com) or (828) 675-8218

### NC OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Based out of the Blue Ridge mountains in Western North Carolina, NC Outdoor Adventures offers over 21 different trips including; tubing, rafting, climbing, rappelling, waterfall rappelling, hiking, camping, youth programs, and wild edible plant walkabouts. Offering a 10% discount to local residents.

1173 Whitson Branch Rd

Bakersville, NC 28705

[ncoutdooradventures.org](https://ncoutdooradventures.org) or (828) 260-4505

## ATTRACTIONS

### **BARE DARK SKY OBSERVATORY & EARTH TO SKY PARK**

66 Energy Exchange Drive

Burnsville, NC 28714

(828) 470-7584

[mayland.edu/foundation/foundation-projects/earth-to-sky-park/](http://mayland.edu/foundation/foundation-projects/earth-to-sky-park/)

[mayland.edu/foundation/foundation-events/earth-to-sky-observatory/](http://mayland.edu/foundation/foundation-events/earth-to-sky-observatory/)

### **CENTER FOR PIONEER LIFE**

134 Joe Young Road

Burnsville, NC 28714

(828) 536-0337

[pioneerlife.org](http://pioneerlife.org)

### **WILLIS OBSERVATORY**

1456 Bear Creek Rd.

Bakersville, NC 28705

(704) 604-0556

[willisobservatory.com](http://willisobservatory.com)

### **HERITIGE ROLLER RINK**

44 Rink Rd.

Burnsville, NC 28714

(828) 208-4142

[facebook.com/p/Heritage-Roller-Rink-61566432270741/](https://facebook.com/p/Heritage-Roller-Rink-61566432270741/)

### **YANCEY COUNTY FARMERS MARKET**

Home to over 40 local vendors, offering the best of the Blue Ridge—seasonal produce, fresh-baked goods, local meats and eggs, nursery plants, handmade crafts, and more. The Yancey County Farmers Market now accepts EBT payments. Open Saturdays 8:30-12:30pm, April 11th through November, rain or shine!

322 West Main Street, Burnsville, NC 28714

[yanceymarket.org](http://yanceymarket.org) or [facebook.com/yanceymarket](https://facebook.com/yanceymarket)

### **THE THICKETS MOUNTAIN BIKE PUMP TRACK AT BRAD RAGAN PARK**

A pump track is an endless loop of rollers and berms where bicycle riders propel themselves through the track by shifting their body weight or “pumping” in conjunction with the track contours, rather than having to pedal. It is used for recreational and skills development in addition to

being a great community gathering place for off-road bicycle riders to play.

Brad Ragan Park  
293 Laurel Creek Ct.  
Spruce Pine, NC 28777

### THE ORCHARD AT ALTAPASS

1025 Orchard Road,  
Spruce Pine, NC 28777  
[altapassorchard.org](http://altapassorchard.org) or (828) 765-9531

### FUN FROLIC FARM

Looking for something to do on your visit to the NC Mountains? Come see our goats, gardens and get to know a little more about Homesteading and Appalachian life ways! We offer a variety of learning experiences, you can see any available Workshops on our Classes page; topics covering Hide Tanning, Cheese Making and Animal Husbandry. Farm Tours are available by appointment and will take you on detailed a walking tour of our grounds, the gardens, wild, edible and medicinal plants, soap studio, goat barn, chickens and pigs if they're here. Check out currently available dates at [funfrolicfarm.com](http://funfrolicfarm.com). If you don't see a date that works, feel free to contact us to request a date! (770) 893-1616 or [funfrolicfarm.com](http://funfrolicfarm.com).

### BURNSVILLE GHOST TOUR CO.

Step into the shadows of burnsville, a quaint rural town with a history as rich as its legends. The Ghost Tour will guide you through eerie streets and ghostly tales that have lingered for generations. From the apparitions that roam the streets to the chilling spirits that haunt the historic homes, you'll uncover the spectral secrets that lie just beneath the surface. As night falls, your expert guide will share tales of tragic events, restless spirits, and unexplained phenomena that have given Burnsville its haunted reputation. Whether you're a skeptic or a believer, prepare for an evening filled with suspense, intrigue, and spine-tingling encounters. **For more info:** visit [burnsvilleghosttourco.com](http://burnsvilleghosttourco.com) or contact Carew Henry at (828)-707-0196 or [burnsvilleghosttours@gmail.com](mailto:burnsvilleghosttours@gmail.com).

### MUSEUM OF NORTH CAROLINA MINERALS

The mountains near Spruce Pine, North Carolina are among the richest in minerals and gems in the United States. More than 300 varieties are showcased in the Museum of North Carolina Minerals, located on the Blue Ridge Parkway. The Museum of North Carolina Minerals features

interactive displays about the minerals and gems found in the region as well as the historical importance of the mining industry to the local economy. A gift shop featuring souvenirs and books on Western North Carolina is located in the museum.

214 Parkway Maintenance Rd

Spruce Pine, NC 28777

(828) 765-2761

[nps.gov/blri/planyourvisit/museum-of-north-carolina-minerals-mp-331.htm](https://nps.gov/blri/planyourvisit/museum-of-north-carolina-minerals-mp-331.htm)

## ROAN MOUNTAIN

This high ridge along the North Carolina-Tennessee state line, in Pisgah National Forest, stands 6,285 feet at the highest point. Roan Mountain is most famous for being the largest naturally growing gardens of Catawba rhododendrons in the world. Beyond the gardens are spruce-fir forests and treeless grassy balds. The area is perfect for picnicking, hiking and nature study. The Appalachian Trail travels through the ridgeline of the mountain and hikers enjoy hiking to the bluff in the rhododendron gardens for an incredible mountain view.

NC Highway 261

Bakersville, NC 28705

## YANCEY HISTORY MUSEUM

The Yancey History Association opens a new exhibit at the Lloyd Bailey Building (part of the Rush Wray Museum complex) at 3 Academy Street in downtown Burnsville on Wednesday, March 4, 2026. The exhibit, "Appalachian Patriots and the Revolutionary War" focuses on the frontier fortifications prior to the Revolutionary War, British and Patriot leaders, the Overmountain Men Trail and their contribution to the Battle of Kings Mountain, local Revolutionary War Veterans, North Carolina Ladies of Liberty, and even includes area Loyalist biographies.

Admission is FREE; however, donations are accepted. Museum hours from 10 am-4 pm, Wednesday-Saturday. Tours of the historic McElroy House on select days, visit our website at [yanceyhistoryassociation.org](https://yanceyhistoryassociation.org).

For more info, please contact the YHA office at 828-678-9587.

## RESOURCES

### TOE RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE

The Toe River Valley Bookmobile is a traveling branch of the regional system serving a diverse population of preschoolers, childcare providers, afterschool programs, senior centers and homes. It carries fiction and non-fiction for every age group and reading level. The Bookmobile is funded by local county funds as well as by community support. New patrons from Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey counties are welcome, but patrons must live five miles or more from a library. You can get a new library card on your first visit on the Bookmobile! Go to [amyregionallibrary.org](http://amyregionallibrary.org) to view the bookmobile schedule.

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS MITCHELL COUNTY

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. For more info email [mitchell@sonc.net](mailto:mitchell@sonc.net), contact Michelle Lord at (828) 385-2028, or visit [facebook.com/specialolympicsmitchellcounty/](https://facebook.com/specialolympicsmitchellcounty/).

### THE CENTER FOR RURAL HEALTH INNOVATION

- \* **Cost:** All insurance accepted, sliding fee scale for uninsured.
- \* **Suitable for:** Ages 3 and up
- \* **For more info:** Call (828) 385-4303 or email [appts@crhi.org](mailto:appts@crhi.org) for questions or to schedule a visit. Visit [crhi.org/health-e-neighbors](http://crhi.org/health-e-neighbors) For more info.

### BULADEAN COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC

Walk-in healthcare for minor illness or injury and sports physicals. New patients welcome, as well as visitors to the area. It's in the Buladean Community Foundation building, 12190 NC-226, Bakersville, NC. Located next door to Dollar General, in the old school.

Visit [facebook.com/buladeancommunityclinic/](https://facebook.com/buladeancommunityclinic/) For more info.

### TIPTON HILL COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC

Located at 4326 NC 197, Green Mountain, NC 28740. For more info contact CHRI (828) 385-4303, email [appts@chri.org](mailto:appts@chri.org) or visit [facebook.com/Tiptonhillclinic](https://facebook.com/Tiptonhillclinic).

**HOME REMEDIES:  
COMMUNITY OPTIONS ADDRESSING PAIN AND STRESS  
PARTNERS ALIGNED TOWARD HEALTH**

Are you or a loved one experiencing chronic pain or stress? The Home Remedies program presents local resources for evidence-based practices that can support your wellness and resilience. Visit [path-homeremedies.org](http://path-homeremedies.org) to enroll in the online course, find details about free in-person movement classes, learning series, and learn more about how you can receive \$400 worth of vouchers for local treatment sessions or movement classes from Home Remedies Providers!

[homeremedes@pathwnc.org](mailto:homeremedes@pathwnc.org) or (828) 214-7885

**MITCHELL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION**

Public Transportation for all ages and incomes. Transportation to day camps, human service agencies, group outings in county or out. Call (828) 688-4715 for rates or to schedule a ride. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 7:30am to 4:30pm.

**YANCEY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION**

Public Transportation for all ages and incomes. Transportation to day camps, human service agencies, group outings in county or out. Some passengers may qualify to ride at a reduced rate through a governmental agency. For more info, call (828) 682-6144. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 7:30am to 4:30pm.

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Free medication lockboxes are available thanks to the  
Mitchell Yancey Prevention and Recovery Coalition.

Request your free lockbox by contacting [info@pathwnc.org](mailto:info@pathwnc.org).

## ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS!



# Our Family Caring for Yours

**Our mission is to serve everyone and offer care for all ages and stages of life.**

### OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Primary Care
- Pediatric Care
- Behavioral Health (Adult & Children)
- Maternity Care
- Dental
- Care Management
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Hepatitis C Treatment
- Peer Support
- Medication Discount Program
- Osteopathic Manipulation Treatment
- Interpretation Services
- Community Health Workers
- Nutrition
- Physical Therapy
- Mitchell and Yancey County School Based Services

**We offer a sliding fee scale!**

Our sliding fee scale program ensures every patient is seen, regardless of ability to pay. Our program is based on household income and provides support for people who are uninsured or under insured.

## Locations

**Bakersville Health Center**  
86 N Mitchell Ave,  
Bakersville, NC 28705  
828-688-2104

**Celo Health Center**  
116 Seven Mile Ridge Rd  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
828-675-4116

**Spruce Pine Health Center**  
11728 South 226 Hwy,  
Spruce Pine, NC 28777  
828-766-7778

**Burnsville Health Center**  
71 Blue Ridge Lane  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
828-682-8588

**Dental Center**  
89 N Mitchell Ave,  
Bakersville, NC 28705  
828-537-5991



Scan the QR code or visit [mchp.care](http://mchp.care) for more information.