

Summer Fun

Here is our summer fun issue. Some of us are on traditional calendar and some on year round. Whatever your schedule, we have some fun things for you to do with your children during their time off from school. Some activities are disability specific, and some are inclusive. One of my son's favorite places is the NC Museum of Natural Science (www.naturalsciences.org) in downtown Raleigh. They have something for everyone from dinosaurs to butterflies. We go there at least once a month, and he never tires of it — and I certainly don't because it's free! So please peruse our newsletter and schedule some fun with your children this summer!

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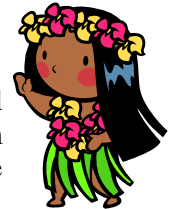


Ice Cream Social for Children with Special Needs and Their Families

Sunday, June 10, 2007

4:00—6:00 p.m.

Pullen Park, Shelter #4



Family Support Network of Wake County would like to invite children of all ages and their families to an Ice Cream Social "Luau" on June 10, 2007. This year our Ice Cream Social will also be a luau, so dust off your best grass skirt and win a prize in the Hula Contest! We will have several games including the Limbo (ouch!) for children (and children at heart).

Families will be able to cool down with some delicious ice cream, drink some ice-cold drinks, munch on snacks, watch your children play, and network with other parents. In other words, you can just relax and enjoy a summer afternoon!

The event will be held from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Pullen Park in Raleigh, Shelter #4. The event is free, and no reservations are required. For more information call (919) 662-4600, ext. 257.

New income guidelines for NC's child health insurance programs

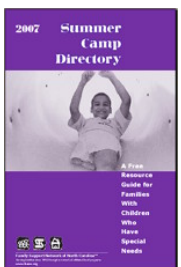
Health Check and North Carolina Health Choice

New annual eligibility income guidelines for North Carolina's free or low-cost child health insurance programs, Health Check and NC Health Choice, became effective on April 1, 2007. Under the new guidelines, families of all sizes may earn a slightly higher income and still qualify for these programs. Even children with one or two working parents earning \$41,300 a year or more may be eligible. Parents often don't apply because they think they don't qualify. A wide range of benefits include dental care, vision and hearing care, and counseling.

For more information and an application, call the NC Family Health Resource Line at 1-800-367-2229 or go to www.NCHealthyStart.org. To order free outreach materials and applications in English or Spanish, check the North Carolina Healthy Start Foundation's catalog at www.NCHealthyStart.org or call 919-828-1819.

2007 Summer Camp Directory

A resource for family members and service providers looking for day or residential summer camp experiences for children with special needs. The directory is available online at www.fsnn.org.





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P.A.L.S Camp

Play and Learn Summer Camp for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder ages 3-5 and 6-8. For more information, call Learn with the Best at (919) 303-1255 or email learnwiththebest@hotmail.com.



Summer Dance Class

The Carolina Dance Center will be offering a 45-minute dance class each week from June 18 through August 13. The class will cover a wide genre of music from hip-hop to country. Visit www.carolinadancecenter.com for more information.

Victory Junction Gang Camp

Victory Junction is a year-round camp that serves children ages 7 to 15 with a variety of health issues. During the summer, they offer week-long disease specific sessions with up to 125 kids per session. For more information, call (336) 498-9055 or visit their website at www.victoryjunction.org.

Surfers Healing

August 16—Wrightsville Beach, NC

Free surf camp for children with autism. Surfers Healing seeks to enrich the lives of children with autism and the lives of their families by exposing them to the unique experience of surfing. For more information, call (866) 647-HEAL or visit their website at www.surfershealing.org.



Camp Sunshine

A track-out camp where special children with unique needs can SHINE! A fun filled track-out camp for K-5 children with special needs.

For more information, contact Shannan Jones at (919) 557-1381 or email cmshannan@aol.com.

Raleigh Parks and Recreation

Camp Exploration

For individuals ages 17-25 with developmental disabilities. The program's focus is to provide leisure education skills that will enhance independent abilities. For more information, contact Meredith Jackson at (919) 807-5401 or email Meredith.jackson@ci.raleigh.nc.us.

Instruction Swim—Private and Group

Both private and group classes are available to serve individuals who are developmentally disabled or physically impaired. For more information, contact Stephanie Stancil at (919) 831-6640, ext. 6849.



Music Therapy

This program is inclusive in nature and is designed to meet the needs of toddlers with developmental disabilities and those of their typically-developing peers. For ages 3-5 years. For more information, contact Jennifer Tabery (919) 807-5402 or Chris Frelke (919) 831-6835.

Camp Friendly Camp Friendly Little Tikes Aquatic Adventures



Various camps are available for children with special needs from ages 4-22 years old. For more information, contact Chris Frelke at (919) 831-6835.

Inclusive Dance & Art Extravaganza

This inclusive workshop is designed for people of all abilities who have a passion for creating art.

Ages 8—Adult. For more information, contact Arts Together at (919) 828-1713 or visit their website at www.artstogether.org.

Developmental Therapy Associates

Summer program available include social skills groups, social skills camp and handwriting or fine motor groups. For more information, contact DTA at (919) 493-7002, ext. 23 or visit their website at www.developmentaltherapy.com.

Ballet & Movement Class

The class will focus on movement therapy with emphasis on gross motor development, sensory-integration, social interaction, motor planning, and basic fun with a splash of happiness! The class is led by a teacher and experienced therapists with previous experience in teaching ballet to children with special needs. For more information call T.R. Goins, MPT at (919) 781-4434 or email tgoins@pedtherapy.com.



Activities in the Triangle area:

Adventure Landing

www.adventurelanding.com

Bullwinkle's

www.bullwinkles.com

Duke Primate Center

www.duke.edu/web/primare

Exploris

www.exploris.org

The Factory Ice House

www.factoryicehouse.com

Frankie's Fun Park

www.frankiesfunpark.com



Hill Ridge Farms
www.hillridgefarms.com

Historic Trolley Tours on the Raleigh Trolley
www.raleighnc.gov/mordecai

Horseback Riding
GRACE of Raleigh—
www.graceofraleigh.org



Horse and Buddy Therapeutic Riding
www.horseandbuddy.org

The Ice House
www.icehouserinks.com

Jellybeans
www.skatejellybeans.com

Kazoom Children's Theater
www.carolinapuppets.com

Maple View Farm
www.mapleviewfarm.com



Morehead Planetarium
www.moreheadplanetarium.org

Movies
The movies theaters always have summer matinee for children. The cost is very minimal for admission and snacks. Check theaters in early/mid June for a listing.

Museum of Life and Science
www.ncmls.org

New Hope Valley Transportation Museum
www.nhvry.org



Noah's Landing
www.noahslanding2x2.com

North Carolina Botanical Garden
www.ncbg.unc.edu/

North Carolina State Farmer's Market
www.ncagr.com



North Carolina Zoological Park
www.nczoo.org

Playspace Children's Museum
www.playspacemuseum.com

Raleigh Little Theatre Youth Programs
www.raleighlittletheatre.org

Scrap Exchange
www.scrapexchange.org

Events/Support Groups/Parent Meetings

Please visit our website at www.familysupportonline.com for weekly updated calendar listings

FSNWake Yahoo Group

FSNWake is a parents-only email group for families. The listserv is a great place to commune with other parents of children with special needs in this area. To join, send an email to FSNWake-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.



Cookies and Cocoa for Children with Special Needs and their families
Saturday, December 8, 2007
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Raleigh



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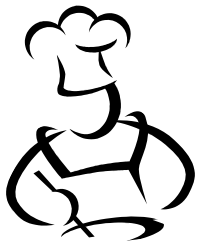
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