



PARKS & RECREATION NEWSLETTER

ROANOKE ISLAND/MAINLAND DIVISION
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 Dare County Parks & Recreation Department
(Roanoke Island / Mainland Division)

2026 SUMMER PROGRAMS



Dare County Parks & Recreation's summer program registration begins on **Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.**

and remains open until Friday, May 29, 2026 or until a program is full. Programs noted with an asterisk are co-sponsored and require a separate registration. Registration for these co-sponsored programs will not be accepted by the Dare County Parks & Recreation Department.

Early registration is highly recommended as programs will fill up fast. Otherwise, the deadline to register is noted alongside the activity. Registration forms are available at the Dare County Parks & Recreation Department office, or participants may register online at DareNC.gov/Register. There is a \$5 late fee for registering after a program's registration deadline. After paid registration is complete, you will be emailed camp-specific details and/or updates (including attire, shoes, etc.).

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

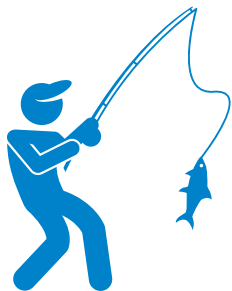
- Registration can be done online or in person. If there are issues with online registration, please call our office at 252-475-5910 for assistance.
- A program is open until it is full. Once a program is full, children will be placed on a waiting list. If space becomes available, participants on the waiting list will be notified.
- Participants must meet the age requirement and play at age.
- Programs/schedules are subject to change without notice.

LIONS CLUB CENTER AT WESTCOTT PARK

P.O. BOX 1000 | 1000 WESTCOTT PARK ROAD
MANTEO, N.C. 27954

252-475-5910 (Phone) | 252-473-2969 (Fax)
252-475-5910 x1 (Weather Hotline)

FISHING CAMP:

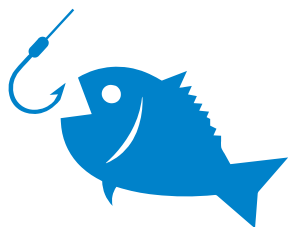


Who: Boys and girls ages 10-14
Cost: \$75
When: June 8, 2026 to June 11, 2026
Time: 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Various fishing piers

Limited to 10 participants.

Campers will learn about different types of bait, how to bait a hook—and, of course, how to tell a fishing story! Campers will meet at the Lions Club Center each day, and we will then go to a different location each day of the camp to fish. Each camper will automatically be registered for the Amanda Scarborough Fishing Tournament that will be held on June 12, 2026. Participants in the fishing tournament must be accompanied by an adult chaperone.

AMANDA SCARBOROUGH FISHING TOURNAMENT:



Who: Boys and girls ages 17 & under
Cost: \$20 residents / \$30 non-residents
When: June 12, 2026
Time: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Jennette's Pier in Nags Head

Children will participate in a tournament, and prizes will be awarded based on a point system that takes species and size into account. Participants must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. Tournament rules will be discussed prior to lines going in the water. A judge will be called to each catch to evaluate the fish and give the appropriate score. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the tournament to the top three anglers.

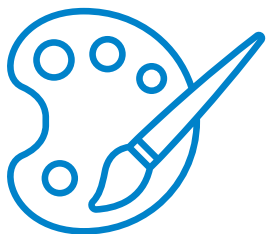
ISLAND TRAILS HIKING CAMP:



Who: Boys and girls ages 8-12
Cost: \$40 per participant
When: July 20, 2026 to July 23, 2026
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Various trails and natural areas throughout the Outer Banks

Let's go for a hike! Campers will unplug and discover the natural beauty of the Outer Banks while hiking some of the local nature trails. Campers will learn about the local fauna and flora and get some exercise at the same time. Campers will need to bring water, a packed lunch, sunscreen and bug spray every day.

FUNKY ART CLASS:



Who: Boys and girls ages 7 to 12
Cost: \$35 per participant
When: August 3, 2026 to August 6, 2026
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Dare Arts building in downtown Manteo
(300 Queen Elizabeth Avenue)

Limited to 10 participants.

Participants will have a funky time making art in creative ways. Please ensure your child wears paint-suitable clothing as the projects could be messy. Participants should dress in clothing that is painting appropriate. A special thank you to Dare Arts for making this camp possible!

LET'S GET CRAFTY CAMP:



Who: Boys and girls ages 6-8
Cost: \$20 per participant
When: June 23, 2026 to June 25, 2026
Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Lions Club Center at Westcott Park in Manteo

Limited to 8 participants.

We will create a variety of craft projects for campers to take home.

SURF CAMP:



Who: Boys and girls ages 8 to 15
Cost: \$100 per participant
When: July 13, 2026 to July 16, 2026
(Friday, July 17, 2026 will be used as makeup day.)
Time: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Time may be adjusted due to the tide.)
Where: TBD

Limited to 8 participants.

Surf camp participants must be confident ocean swimmers and in good physical shape. They will be involved in strenuous activity. Campers will learn the basics of standing up, paddling, dropping in and all of the cool surf lingo. The week also includes ocean and beach safety, along with other water-related fun activities. This camp is a four-day camp with Friday as a makeup day as needed.

ROGUE WAVE SPORTS CAMP:



Who: Boys and girls ages 8-12
Cost: \$30 per participant
When: July 27, 2026 to July 30, 2026
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Hours may vary based on sport)
Where: Class will start at the Lions Club and venture out depending on the sport of the day.

Limited to 12 participants.

This camp will focus on sports that are unique in that they are not played by people every day. This camp will focus on sports such as disc golf, putt-putt golf, gaga ball, cornhole, bowling, and much more. If your child would like to learn a non-traditional sport, then this is the camp for them.

ADVENTURE CAMP:



Limited to 5 campers per division (15 total countywide)

Who: Rising 6th to 8th graders
Cost: \$350 per camper
When: June 22, 2026 to June 26, 2026
Where: Shenandoah Valley Campground (Verona, VA)
Counselors: Dare County Parks & Recreation Department staff

Join us for the premier camping event of the summer! Campers will spend four nights in a tent while participating in activities that include paddleboarding, horseback trail riding, fishing, hiking and swimming. The cost includes meals, activities, lodging and transportation.

STAND UP PADDLEBOARD CAMP:

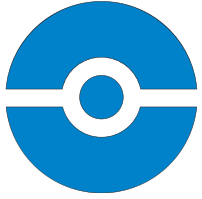


Limited to 10 participants.

Ages: Boys and girls ages 8 to 15
Cost: \$100 per participant
When: July 6, 2026 to July 9, 2026
(The weather makeup day is Friday, July 10, 2026.)
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Jockey's Ridge Soundside Access in Nags Head and other soundside access points.

Campers will learn all of the basic paddling skills and techniques to participate in one of the coolest sports on the water! No previous experience is necessary to participate. Campers must bring bottled water, lunch, sunscreen and their sense of adventure! This is a four-day camp with Friday as a weather makeup day. Don't miss out on this one!

POKEMON CAMP:



Ages: Boys and girls ages 8 to 12
Cost: \$30 per participant
When: June 29, 2026 to July 1, 2026
Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Lions Club Center at Westcott Park in Manteo

Limited to 10 participants.

Does your child love Pokémon, but they don't know how to play the game? Well, then this is the camp for them! Participants will learn how to properly play the game of Pokémon. They will learn math skills and how to use creative problem-solving skills to win over their opponents. Basic starter decks will be provided. If your child would like to bring in their own Pokémon cards, they will be shown how to build a proper battle deck. Please note that there will be no card trading allowed in this camp to ensure that your child leaves with the cards they came with.

KAYAK CAMP:



Who: Boys and girls ages 10 to 15
Cost: \$50 per participant
When: June 15, 2026 to June 18, 2026
(The weather makeup day is Friday, June 19, 2026)
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Jockey's Ridge Soundside Access in Nags Head

Limited to 10 participants.

This is an introduction to kayaking camp. Campers will learn basic kayaking skills and safety while being involved in on-the-water games and activities. No previous kayaking experience is necessary. This is a four-day camp with Friday as a weather makeup day if needed. Campers will need to bring a packed lunch, water and sunscreen daily. Join us as we kayak the beautiful Roanoke Sound!

Thank you, Friends of Jockey's Ridge State Park, for making this camp possible!



BIKING THE BANKS:



Limited to 10 participants.

- Who:** Boys and girls ages 10 to 15
Cost: \$50 per participant
When: August 4, 2026 to August 7, 2026
(Weather makeup day is Friday, August 8, 2026.)
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Various bike paths

Explore the Outer Banks on two wheels! The bike course will be determined by the weather and the schedule may change according to conditions. We will ride to select locations and play games, have lunch, swim (if possible) and enjoy a casual ride around the area. Campers must bring bottled water, a packed lunch and sunscreen every day. We will focus on bike maintenance and safety.

A special thank you to Manteo Cyclery for making this camp possible!

BEACH DAYS:



Limited to 12 participants.

- Who:** Boys and girls ages 8 to 14
Cost: \$30 per participant
When: August 17, 2026 to August 20, 2026 (The weather makeup day is Friday, August 21, 2026.)
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Various lifeguarded beach locations

Campers will enjoy a day at the beach! Each day we will go to a LIFEGUARDED beach for games, swimming and to soak up some sun! Campers must bring water, a packed lunch and sunscreen every day.

ROANOKE ISLAND SUMMER POP-UP DAY CAMPS:

Watch our Facebook page for the list of exciting Pop-Up Summer Day Camps. Camps will be offered to different age groups, including family programs. We are also including some special events for families to participate in together.

Please follow us on Facebook for more information about the list of fun and exciting day camps and special events throughout the summer.

DARE COUNTY DANCE - CREATIVE MOVEMENT



Ages:

3 to 4

When:

Wednesdays – July 8, July 15, July 22 and July 29

Cost:

\$50 for residents
\$75 for non-residents

Time:

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Instructor:

Julie Tortelli

Where:

Roanoke Island/Mainland Division Dance Room

Number of Participants:

Maximum of 14. Minimum of 5.

Details:

Let's be creative! Dancers will enjoy movement through different styles of dance, learning basic movement and having fun! Attire can be loose, comfortable clothing, leggings, biker shorts and comfortable fitted shirts. Sneakers are preferred for footwear.

DARE COUNTY DANCE - DANCE N' MOVE



Ages:

5 to 6

When:

Wednesdays – July 8, July 15, July 22 and July 29

Cost:

\$50 for residents
\$75 for non-residents

Time:

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Instructor:

Julie Tortelli

Where:

Roanoke Island/Mainland Division Dance Room

Number of Participants:

Maximum of 14. Minimum of 5.

Details:

This movement class is all about moving to the beats, teaching jazz and hip hop styles. Attire can be loose comfortable clothing, leggings, biker shorts, comfortable fitted shirts. Sneakers are preferred for footwear.



DARE COUNTY DANCE - EXPLORE DANCE



Ages:

7 to 9

When:

Wednesdays – July 8, July 15, July 22 and July 29

Cost:

\$50 for residents
\$75 for non-residents

Time:

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Where:

Roanoke Island/Mainland Division Dance Room

Instructor:

Julie Tortelli

Number of Participants:

Maximum of 14. Minimum of 5.

Details:

Dancers will be introduced to different styles of dance each week; Ballet (July 7), Tap (July 14), Jazz (July 21), Hip Hop (July 28). Attire can be loose comfortable clothing, leggings, biker shorts, comfortable fitted shirts. Sneakers preferable or dance shoes (if available) for footwear.

DARE COUNTY DANCE - OPEN HOUSE



Ages:

Everyone!

When:

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Cost:

Free

Time:

2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Instructors:

Julie Tortelli

Where:

Roanoke Island/Mainland Division Dance Room

Number of Participants:

Maximum of 14. Minimum of 5.

Details:

Everyone is welcome to meet the DCD teachers, sign up for dance, and ask questions about the DCD program. Grab or swap dance shoes. \$5 costume sale.



CO-SPONSORED CAMPS:

Payment goes directly to the co-sponsored camp.

MANTEO HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER CAMP:



Who: Boys and girls ages 7 to 14
Cost: \$40 per participant
When: June 11, 2026 to June 13, 2026
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Manteo High School
Registration: Please register at Manteo High School.

Learn essential soccer skills taught by Manteo High School coach Ralph Cleaver and Manteo High School soccer players. Please register and pay at Manteo High School.

MANTEO HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL CAMP:



Who: Rising 3rd grade to 8th grade (Boys and girls)
Cost: \$40 per participant
When: June 10, 2026 to June 11, 2026
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Manteo High School

Contact Heather at 229-256-9488 or sulkowskihe@daretolearn.org for more information.

