

## Special Needs Summer Camp – “If I can surf, I can do anything.”

Surf camps offered at little or no charge to participants



“If I can surf, I can do anything,” is the axiom of IndoJax Surf Charities, entering its eleventh year of teaching disadvantaged, medically fragile, and special needs children how to surf.

“It’s an incredible journey to witness how surfing and the ocean can change the lives of others for the better,” said Jack Viorel, founder and director of IndoJax Surf Charities. “We often remind

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c a m p e r s,  
“If I c a n  
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Having seen so many success stories of children with special needs, we believe that phrase has more power than ever.”

Over the past decade, IndoJax has empowered with higher self-esteem and confidence over 5,000 children facing a variety of hard-life challenges, including visual and hearing impairment, cancer, autism, loss of parents, and other special needs.

“The biggest thing we see is a growth in confidence,” said Viorel in an interview with North Carolina Press Release. “Children generally start our camp with a sense of reluctance, even fear. Probably the most powerful thing we do is help children get out of their comfort zone, face a little bit of fear, and succeed. This gives them valuable tools for everything else in their lives. Surfing is the vehicle we use to walk each student through the process of building real self-esteem.”

Viorel’s organization will offer eleven camps over the next twelve months, all based in Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, except one camp each in India, California, and Nicaragua.

“Wrightsville Beach is a beautiful beach and has fantastic conditions,” said Viorel. “The surfing community and businesses such as Blockade Runner Beach Resort are so supportive of our charity work. The surfers and residents seem to be motivated to help the less fortunate. I think Wrightsville Beach is a very special place.”

IndoJax Surf Charities offers the camps at little or no charge to participants. Blockade Runner is hosting and contributing a highlights and awards show in August to help cover surf camp costs. Other key supporters include the Jordan Spieth Family Foundation, United Healthcare, and Live Oak Bank. Donations can be made to specific camps at [www.crowdrise.com/indojaxsurfcharities](http://www.crowdrise.com/indojaxsurfcharities).

“There are lots of success stories,” said Viorel. “One that stands out is a kid from our Visually Impaired Surf Camp. He started the first year we held the camp and returned for several years. He became so accomplished at surfing he was an instructor for a year before heading off to college. Imagine that, a blind surf instructor.”

Parents are heavily impacted by the surf camp experience. “Some parents are overly protective of their special needs child and don’t let them try new things. Our program teaches them that their child can do a lot of things if just given the opportunity,” said Viorel.

Lots of information can be found at their website, [indojaxsurfcharities.org](http://indojaxsurfcharities.org).

### 2018 Surf Camp Schedule

- June 26-28: Children of Belarus – Wrightsville Beach
- July 17-19: Visually Impaired – Wrightsville Beach
- July 24-26: Special Needs Children – Cayucos, CA
- July 31-Aug 2: Access of Wilmington – Wrightsville Beach
- \*Aug 20: Surfers Healing – Wrightsville Beach \*Program assistance
- Aug 14-16: Childhood Cancer – Wrightsville Beach
- August: Mauli Ola Foundation for Cystic Fibrosis – Wrightsville Beach

### BCSWCD Board Meeting is June 26

The Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District monthly board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 26 at 10:00 a.m. at the BCSWCD office located at 1758 Morven Road in Wadesboro. For more information call 704-694-3516.

### Farmers Market Now Open On Wednesdays and Saturdays

It is time again to purchase locally grown vegetables and other items at the Anson County Farmers Market. The market is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays through October 28. The hours are 7:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Farmers Market is located 1736 Highway 52 South in Wadesboro, just past Wadesboro Primary School. For more information contact Francis Campbell at 704-690-0638.

### Uptown Wadesboro Farmers Market Open Every Thursday

The Uptown Wadesboro Farmers Market is open every Thursday at 4 p.m. on the Town Square through the end of September. All vegetable, fruit, baked goods as well as arts and crafts vendors who wish to participate should contact Uptown Wadesboro at (704) 695-1644. For further information call Uptown Wadesboro or email [uptownwadesboro@windstream.net](mailto:uptownwadesboro@windstream.net).

### Bingo at Grace Senior Center

Bingo games are held every third Tuesday of the month at Grace Senior Center at 1 p.m. All seniors are invited to attend for fun and fellowship. There is no cost, but you must be 55 or older to play. For more information or to register to play call the center at 704-694-6616.

Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA.

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