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South Piedmont Summer Camps Open For Registration

Registration is now open for South Piedmont Community College's 2026 Summer Camps, offering young people across the region a chance to explore exciting careers, develop new skills, and have plenty of fun along the way.

This year's camp lineup features a wide variety of hands-on experiences designed to spark curiosity and creativity. Camp topics include Criminal Justice, Coding, Cooking, Nursing, Welding, Comic Books and several other engaging opportunities that allow students to try something new while learning in a supportive environment.

Designed for students ages 10 through 18, the camps combine education with adventure, giving participants a memorable summer experience while introducing them to possible future career paths.

Organizers say spots tend to fill quickly each year, so families are encouraged to register early to secure a place. Registration is available online at spcc-register.fundfive.com/camp.

Or, you can scan the QR code at right.

South Piedmont officials say they look forward to welcoming a new group of curious, creative campers this summer for a season of discovery, learning, and fun.



Clover Crawl 2026 Draws Crowd for a Cause

Community support fuels youth opportunities

Clover Crawl 2026 proved to be a lively and meaningful event, bringing the community together for a night of fun, fellowship and purpose. Organizers expressed appreciation to everyone who came out to support the annual event, noting that the strong turnout continues to make a difference for youth across Anson County.

The event, hosted by Anson County 4-H, helps create hands-on learning experiences and leadership opportunities for local youth through the support of community partnerships. Attendees once again showed their commitment to investing in the next generation while enjoying an evening designed to celebrate both community and cause.

A wide range of sponsors helped make the 2026 Clover Crawl possible. Emerald sponsors at the \$2,000 level included Anson County Stone and Pilgrim's Pride. Platinum sponsors at the \$1,500 level were Pee Dee Electric and Hedrick Industries. Gold sponsors at the \$600 level included Lisk Trucking, Effie Allen Little Foundation and Sheriff Scott Howell. Silver sponsors at the \$350 level were Lynn Thomas Grading, Inc., Ag South Farm Credit, Anson County Farm Bureau, SPCC Foundation, Wadesboro Rotary Club and H.W. Little & Co. Hardware. Bronze sponsors at the \$250 level included William Strayhorn, DDS, David & Janine Rywak, Leavitt Funeral Home, Kiker Resource Management, LLC, From Pam's Heart, Uwharrie Bank, Huntley Oil & Gas Company, Carolina Title and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Green sponsors at the \$150 level included Martin & Denise Robinson, Anson County Cattlemen's Association and Lewis & Reva Evans. Clover sponsors at the \$100 level included Martin Furniture, Vineyard at The Old Place, Donna McCormick, Morven Chapter Las Amigas and Anson Women's League.

Organizers are already looking ahead to next year's event, scheduled for Friday, March 12, 2027, and hope to see the community return for another evening of fun with a purpose.

Health Dept. Reminds Residents: Care Is Close to Home

Wide range of services available for families across Anson County

If you've been putting off a checkup, need a quick sick visit or just want to stay ahead of your health, the Anson County Health Department has a message for local residents – they're here to help, and they're ready when you are.

The health department continues to provide a wide range of clinical care services aimed at helping every resident in Anson County achieve better health and overall well-being. From routine visits to more specialized care, services are designed to meet the needs of individuals and families alike.

Among the services offered are acute care and sick visits, annual physicals and PAP smears for adults age 21 and older, reproductive health services, college and sports physicals and immunizations for both children and adults.

In addition, the department provides laboratory testing, communicable disease screening and treatment, and WIC services supporting women, infants and children – making it a one-stop location for many essential health needs.

Officials emphasize that having these services available locally makes it easier for residents to stay proactive about their health without the need to travel far from home.

The department also works with a broad range of insurance providers, including Blue Cross Blue Shield, CIGNA, United Health Care, Aetna, Medicaid plans, Medicare and several others, helping ensure access to care for as many residents as possible.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the services offered and schedule appointments as needed.

To make an appointment, call the Anson County Health Department at 704-694-5188. The Health Department is located at 110 East Ashe Street in Wadesboro.

Former Anson Basketball Coach

Jamaszio Burch Sentenced in Abuse Case

A former basketball coach has been sentenced to a lengthy prison term following a guilty plea in Anson County Criminal Superior Court, concluding a case that began with serious charges in 2024.

During the March 23, 2026, session of court, Jamaszio Burch pled guilty to statutory sexual offense with a person 15 years of age or younger. He received an active prison sentence of a minimum of 180 months and a maximum of 276 months.

The case was investigated by the Anson County Sheriff's Office. According to facts presented by the State, the offense occurred in 2022 while Burch was serving as the victim's basketball coach, during which time he sexually assaulted the victim.

Following the plea, the victim issued a statement reflecting on the outcome of the case.

"I am pleased with the resolution of this case," the victim said. "There are still some things that I am actively working through to fill my cup in place of what was taken, but I am closer to full than empty. I'm just grateful that someone trusted me enough and gave me the space to speak my truth. The consistent communication and support from the District Attorney's Office made things a lot better."

The case drew attention when charges were first filed in March 2024. At that time, Burch, then 30 and a resident of Wadesboro, was charged with one count of human trafficking of a child and two counts of indecent liberties with children. He was arrested and placed in the Anson County Jail under a \$250,000 secured bond.

The Anson County Sheriff's Office and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation conducted a joint investigation.

Burch had also coached for Union Academy Charter School and an AAU Team named the NC Jayhawks.

1st Agape Love Easter Fun Day Planned in Wadesboro

Divine Unity HORM and Women of Servitude will host the 1st Agape Love Easter Fun Day Community Celebration on Saturday, April 4, from 12:00 until 5:00 p.m. at Divine Unity House of Restoration Ministries Fellowship Hall, located at 3760 Highway 109 South in Wadesboro. The event is free and open to the public.

Families can enjoy a variety of activities throughout the afternoon, including a big family cookout, snow cones, cotton candy and popcorn. Children will also be able to enjoy a bounce house, volleyball, badminton, sack races and additional indoor and outdoor games. Organizers say the celebration will also feature raffle drawings, door prizes, giveaways and Easter baskets for the first 50 people who attend.

The event will be held rain or shine. Anyone needing transportation may contact Deaconess Yvonne Hall at 704-295-1601 or Minister Mary Neal at 704-475-0058.

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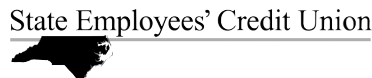
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