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## Bearcat Pride 5K Returns May 2 to Support Anson Student-Athletes

Lace up those running shoes - or at least dust them off - because the Bearcat Pride 5K returns on Friday, May 2, with a fresh location and the same strong mission of supporting Anson County student-athletes.

Now in its fifth year, the Bearcat Pride 5K Run / Walk will benefit the Anson High School cross country and wrestling programs, bringing together runners, walkers and community supporters for a morning of fitness, fun and local pride.

This year's event shifts from its longtime Uptown Wadesboro setting to Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, offering participants a scenic down-and-back course along a quiet country road. The route stretches toward the Pee Dee Wildlife Refuge, providing a peaceful backdrop that may make those miles feel just a little shorter - or at least more enjoyable.

The event is open to all skill levels, from competitive runners chasing a personal best to casual walkers just looking for a good excuse to get moving. Organizers say the goal is simple: get people active while rallying behind local students.

Registration remains affordable and includes a commemorative T-shirt:

- \$15 for students ages 8-18 • \$25 for adults

Adding an extra layer of hometown pride, this year's T-shirts are being designed and produced by students in Anson High School marketing classes, giving participants a wearable reminder of both the event and the students it supports.

"This event is a great opportunity for the community to come together, stay active, and directly support our student-athletes," said organizer Peter Ascutto. "We welcome everyone to come out, burn some calories, and show their Bearcat pride."

The race is sponsored by the Bearcat Athletics Support Foundation.

For more info or to register contact Peter Ascutto at [ascutto.vint@ansonschools.org](mailto:ascutto.vint@ansonschools.org) or visit: [runsignup.com/Race/NC/Wadesboro/BearcatPride5kRunWalk](http://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Wadesboro/BearcatPride5kRunWalk).

## Anson Special Olympics Spring Games are April 28

Community is invited to come and cheer on student-athletes

Anson County Schools continues to demonstrate its commitment to every student by celebrating athletes of all abilities during its upcoming Special Olympics Spring Games. The event will take place Tuesday, April 28, at the Anson High School football field, with opening ceremonies beginning at 9:00 a.m. Spectators are encouraged to arrive ready to support and celebrate the athletes, who bring determination, joy and heart to every competition.

School officials say the day is about more than competition - it's about inclusion, encouragement and giving every child the opportunity to shine.

Community members are invited to be a "Fan in the Stands" and help create an uplifting atmosphere as the Special Olympians enter the field. Fans will be asked to remain in the bleachers, as access to the field will be limited to participants and event staff.

In the event of rain, the games will be rescheduled for Thursday, April 30.

Anson High School is located at 96 Anson High School Road in Wadesboro.

Organizers hope the community will come out in full support to celebrate these athletes and show what it truly means to stand behind every student, every day.

## SPCC to Host Spring Fling and NC SciFest on April 28

Science, fun & maybe a dunk or two highlight daylong campus celebration

South Piedmont Community College is gearing up for a lively mix of science, entertainment and good old-fashioned fun as it hosts its annual Spring Fling in partnership with NC SciFest on Monday, April 28, at the Old Charlotte Highway Campus.

The combined event promises something for just about everyone, blending hands-on science activities with games, entertainment, a dunk tank (always a crowd favorite when volunteers get a little too confident), and a lineup of food vendors ready to keep attendees fueled for the day.

Adding a bit of star power to the festivities, WBTV meteorologists Rachel Coulter and Lisa Villegas will be on hand as part of the NC SciFest programming, offering insights into the science of weather - and perhaps confirming whether the forecast includes a 100% chance of fun.

Dr. Alen Doty, director of Student Life, Engagement, and Leadership, said the event is a shining example of student initiative in action. "I'm really proud of these students because they planned and carried out this entire event themselves," Doty said. "They worked incredibly hard and showed strong leadership skills to turn their ideas into something real that benefits the entire student body."

Dr. Rebecca Berry, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, said combining the two events creates a more dynamic experience. "By joining Spring Fling with NC SciFest, we're giving attendees the opportunity to explore science and meet experts in the field, all while enjoying an exciting campus experience," she said.

The event is open to the public, and community members, students and families are encouraged to attend - whether for the science, the snacks or the chance to see someone take an unexpected plunge into the dunk tank.

For NC SciFest details & to register visit: [events.spcc.edu/event/spcc.events.1579358](http://events.spcc.edu/event/spcc.events.1579358) and for Spring Fling info visit: [events.spcc.edu/event/spcc.events.668156](http://events.spcc.edu/event/spcc.events.668156).



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## Bluegrass Acoustic Music Jam at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library will host a bluegrass acoustic music jam on Thursday, April 23, 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. in the Little Theater. Musicians, singers and spectators are welcome. Jam sessions are open to all age levels and skill levels. Children age 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

If you have any questions please contact the library at 704-694-5177.



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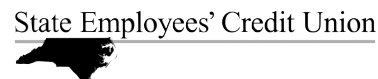
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### MEMORANDUM:

To: Firms Qualified to Perform Lead Inspections, Lead Assessments, and Lead Clearance Tests, Asbestos Testing, Asbestos Clearance Test, and Radon Testing on Single-Family Residential Structures.

From: Town of Wadesboro,  
Jacob Huber [jhuber@wadesboronc.gov](mailto:jhuber@wadesboronc.gov)

Date: 4/17/2026

Re: **RFP for Environmental Services for Town of Wadesboro**

Town of Wadesboro has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant for the rehabilitation of approximately 12 single-family housing units in Anson County. We estimate multiple properties will be pre-1978 houses requiring a lead-based paint test and clearance as well as asbestos and radon tests.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please complete the grid below and send to Jacob Huber, Finance Officer at the email given above. Please include your qualification statement, current licenses and insurance information along with your bid submission.

#### Fixed Pricing Request

Anson County	Cost Unit	Per
LBP test / LBP Clearance / Asbestos & Radon Tests		
LBP test / Asbestos & Radon Tests		
Asbestos & Radon Test		
Re-Test Clearance LBP		
Re-Test Clearance Asbestos		

Authorized Signature

Date

Town of Wadesboro shall retain the Request for Proposal (RFP) and all related terms and conditions, addenda's, exhibits and other attachments in original form in an archival copy. Any modifications in vendor's submission are grounds for immediate disqualifications. Town of Wadesboro further reserves the right to reject any and all submittals. Town of Wadesboro is an equal opportunity employer. Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) including small and minority firms and Section 3 firms are encouraged to participate in the project.

RFP Bid Sent Out: 4/17/2026

RFP Bid Due: 5/18/2026

Please use EVP to e-bid for all proposals.

For Questions and/or Comments: Contact Matthew Rea, Construction Management Specialist (Centralina) 330-885-0937 / [mrea@centralina.org](mailto:mrea@centralina.org)

• "This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Debbie Cox at [dcoc@wadesboronc.gov](mailto:dcoc@wadesboronc.gov) or at 124 E Wade St., Wadesboro, North Carolina 28170 for accommodations for this request."

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