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**Youth Fishing Events Planned Across the State Now Through June 23**

**National Fishing and Boating Week is June 5 - 13**

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, along with Neuse Sport Shop, the U.S. Forest Service and Trout Unlimited North Carolina, will sponsor over 25 fishing events for children across the state in May and June in recognition of National Fishing and Boating Week, June 5 - 13. The fun kicks off this weekend in Caldwell and Ashe counties and will continue through June 19 in Alleghany, Haywood and Montgomery counties. Children can fish for free - no license required - and register to win prizes at each event, including a statewide grand prize drawing for a lifetime sportsman license. The license, donated by Neuse Sport Shop in Kinston, includes both fishing and hunting privileges. Also available is a freshwater lifetime fishing license donated by N.C. Council Trout Unlimited. The Wildlife Commission is also providing 100 additional fishing-related prizes, such as tackle boxes, rods, reels and more.

Drawings will be held at the end of June and published on the Commission's website, [ncwildlife.org](http://ncwildlife.org), in July. Local sponsors may also provide prizes and gifts at fishing events to registered participants.

The Commission will stock fish at many of the sites prior to the events to give anglers a better chance at reeling in a catch. "We anticipate stocking thousands of fish," stated Chet Clark, program manager of the Commission's Recruitment, Retention, Reactivation initiative. "We're excited to get these events back on the calendar. Last year we had to cancel most of them due to COVID. This year the excitement is high. Once they catch one fish, they'll be hooked."

For a full list of fishing events, visit the Commission's website, [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org).

For more information about National Fishing and Boating Week, visit the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation's website, [takemefishing.org](http://takemefishing.org).

**Thursday Webinar Focuses on Early Intervention and Resources for Hispanic/Latinx Parents of Children with Disabilities**

The Arc of Union/Cabarrus and Family Support Network of Southern Piedmont, in partnership with North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities, will host a Spanish-only webinar focused on the Hispanic/Latin parents of young children with intellectual and/or other developmental disabilities (I/DD) this Thursday, May 20 at 7 p.m.

"Your First Steps on the I/DD Journey" aims to help families as they begin the journey navigating the complicated service systems; and is open for Spanish-speaking parents/family members of children with I/DD from birth to 12 years of age.

This webinar is open to all parents and family members of children with I/DD and providers who work with them.

Registration information is available at: [nccdd.org/news-media/press-releases](http://nccdd.org/news-media/press-releases).

Participants will learn more about resources and how to advocate for their child with disabilities including:

- What is Early Intervention?
- How to Access Medicaid & SSI?
- What is the Registry of Unmet Needs?
- What Does "Medical Home" Mean?
- How to Get Ready for Kindergarten/What is an IEP?
- How to Get Ready for Middle School?

Interested individuals are requested to register for the virtual webinar at Webinar Registration - Zoom. The webinar is a collaboration with the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities, The Arc of Union/Cabarrus, and FSN of Southern Piedmont.

The webinar will be in Spanish only.

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**Church News**

**ONGOING**

**Weekly Bible Study**  
 At Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Wednesdays, 6pm will be on conference call until further notice. The conference call number is 1-701-802-5473. The code is 746875#. All are welcome

**Time for You**  
 Music, prayer & praise at 6pm at Wightman UMC

**Bible Study** Every Wed night, 7pm at Victory Temple Miracle Center

**Prayer/Bible Study**  
 Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm at House of Faith

**Bible Study**  
 Every Wednesday at noon at Expected End Ministries by Pastor Betty Tillman

**Exercise Class**  
 Each Thursday at 2pm at Hopewell UMC

**Intercessory Prayer & Bible Study** at Sandy Ridge MBC every Wednesday, 5pm

**Bible Study**  
 At West Deep Creek MBC each Wednesday at 6:30pm

**Events**

**MAY 27 Health Expo Drive-Through** at Grace Senior Center, 10am-2pm with free goody bags, healthy snacks & information about senior services. Located at 199 Hwy 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA

**JUNE 1**

**Free Groceries**  
 For families in need, Mobile Food Pantry at Forestville United Methodist Church, located at Vintage and Clark Mountain Road in Lilesville. Register 8-10am, truck arrives between 9-9:30am. Call for details 704-694-2445

**ONGOING EVENTS**

**Lions Club Welcomes New Members** The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at Papa Joes Restaurant the 2nd & 4th Thursday each month at 6:30pm For more info or to purchase a broom please call Jim Chandler 910-571-1448

**Senior Box Program** at Feed My Lambs starts the third Tuesday each month for seniors only. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820

**Food Pantry**  
 Free food every Wed, 9-11am at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Ctr. 704-826-8182

**Free Food Distributed by Anson Crisis Ministries** Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 8am-1pm. It is located at 117 North Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro. Telephone is 704-694-2445

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**"Fight the Bite" in Anson County**

The sun is shining and the weather is warm, but nothing ruins the spring and summer mood quite like mosquitoes and ticks. The Anson County Health Department encourages the county to protect themselves against insects and to "Fight the Bite."

Mosquito and tick bites are quite common this time of year. These particular insects cause major illnesses and even death in humans if the insect is infected with bacteria or a virus. Pets are also vulnerable to mosquito and tick bites because they transmit heartworms.

Preliminary data generated by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Public Health indicate that in 2020, there were 957 confirmed, probable or suspected cases of tick-borne diseases in North Carolina and 46 cases of domestically acquired and travel-associated mosquito-borne diseases. The most commonly reported mosquito-borne illnesses obtained in North Carolina are LaCrosse, West Nile, and Eastern equine encephalitis.

"Ticks and mosquitoes are common in our state and can carry bacteria and viruses that can cause serious infections," said Alexis M. Barbarin, Ph.D., State Public Health Entomologist. "While COVID-19 is still at the forefront of our minds, residents of North Carolina who experience a fever-like illness this summer should also consider recent tick exposure and the possibility of tick- or mosquito-borne illnesses. The best way to prevent illnesses associated with ticks and mosquitoes is to take protective measures, like using DEET and other insect repellents and avoiding wooded, grassy or brushy areas."

Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis (SFR), Lyme disease and ehrlichiosis - bacterial illnesses that can cause fever, headache and other flu-like symptoms - are all conditions that can be acquired by tick bites in North Carolina, with most cases reported in June through September.

More than 60% of mosquito-borne infections reported in the state in 2020 were acquired during travel outside the continental United States. The most commonly reported mosquito-borne illnesses that can be acquired in North Carolina are La Crosse, West Nile and Eastern equine encephalitis.

The increase in diseases caused by the bite of an infected mosquito or tick in the U.S. is likely due to many factors. Mosquitoes and ticks and the bacteria or viruses they spread are increasing in number and moving into new areas. As a result, more people are at risk for infection.

To protect yourself and pets from mosquitoes and ticks you can "Fight the Bite" by using the protective measures below:

- Use bug repellent (also called bug spray or insect repellent) on your skin and clothing that contains DEET. Find the right repellent for you.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and socks to cover your skin.
- Check everyone for ticks after spending time outside.
- Take a shower within 2 hours after being outside to help wash away ticks.
- Put dry clothes in the dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks.
- Install or repair screens on windows and doors, and use air conditioning if possible.
- "Tip and Toss" to reduce mosquito breeding by emptying standing water from flowerpots, gutters, buckets, pool covers, pet water dishes, discarded tires and birdbaths at least once a week.
- Check your pets for ticks.
- Use veterinarian-approved tick collars or medicines to protect your pets from ticks.
- If there is a tick attached to your body, carefully remove the tick by grasping it with fine-tipped tweezers as close as possible to your skin, then apply a steady, gentle pull until it releases.

If any symptoms develop after a bite, make an appointment with your doctor; if a mosquito or tick is removed prior to the doctor's visit, bring it in so it can be tested in a lab.

For more information about diseases transmitted by mosquitoes and ticks and recommended protective measures, call the Anson County Health Department's Communicable Disease Nurse Kristy Davis at (704) 994-3355.

**Did You Attend Movies at the Ansonia Theatre?**

Do you have memories or old photos of the Ansonia Theater? First date, what you saw, where you sat, how much you paid for a ticket? The Anson County Arts Council wants to hear from you!



Please send memories, stories, photos, etc to Beth Traywick at [etraywick1@msn.com](mailto:etraywick1@msn.com). Please include as much information as possible, such as dates, names, and details! Your story may be published, so don't be shy!

Beth said, "Thank you to those who have been sharing your stories and experiences. Please keep them coming."

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