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Youth Football Registration Open Until August 10

Anson County Parks and Recreation is accepting registrations for its 2026 Youth Football program, giving local children an opportunity to learn the game, develop teamwork skills, and enjoy a season of competition and fun.

The program includes Flag Football divisions for ages 4-6 and 7-8, as well as Tackle Football divisions for ages 9-10 and 11-12. The registration fee is \$40 per participant.

Registration will remain open through August 10. Parents or guardians must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and a current physical at the time of registration.

County recreation officials encourage families to register early to ensure all paperwork is completed before practices and games begin.

For additional information, contact the Anson County Parks and Recreation office at 704-994-3025. Questions may also be directed to Rabon Bowers at 704-475-0715 or James Buchanon at 704-475-0718.

Registration is available at anson.recdesk.com or use the QR code.

Whether they're carrying the football, pulling a flag, or making a game-saving tackle, young athletes across Anson County are invited to lace up their cleats and get ready for another exciting football season.



Girls Flag Football Registration Open

Anson Parks and Recreation is encouraging young athletes to get involved in one of the nation's fastest-growing sports by signing up for its Girls Flag Football program.

The league is open to girls ages 7 and 8 and offers participants an opportunity to learn football fundamentals, develop teamwork skills, and enjoy friendly competition in a fun and supportive environment.

Registration is currently underway and will continue through August 10.

The registration fee is \$40 per participant.

Parks and Recreation officials say girls flag football continues to gain popularity across North Carolina and the country, providing more opportunities for young athletes to get involved in organized sports.

Parents interested in registering their child can do so online at anson.recdesk.com or you can use the QR code.

For additional information, contact the Anson County Parks and Recreation office at 704-994-3025. Questions may also be directed to Rabon Bowers at 704-475-0715 or James Buchanon at 704-475-0718.

Whether they're racing down the sideline, making a big play, or simply enjoying time with teammates, local girls are invited to join the fun and be part of the growing excitement surrounding flag football in Anson County.



Bearcats Baseball Camp Set for July 17-18 in Polkton

Young baseball players will have an opportunity to sharpen their skills and enjoy two days of instruction, competition, and fun when the Bearcats Baseball Camp returns July 17-18 at the Field of Dreams in Polkton.

The camp is open to students entering fourth through eighth grades and will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at the Field of Dreams, located at 281 South Main Street in Polkton.

Organizers say the camp will focus on improving baseball fundamentals through hands-on drills while helping participants develop teamwork, sportsmanship, confidence, and a deeper understanding of the game.

Campers will have opportunities to make new friends, work alongside other young athletes, and enjoy a supportive environment designed to help them grow both on and off the field.

Registration is \$30 per camper and includes player swag such as an autographed baseball, hat, water bottle, and drawstring bag.

Participants will also receive lunch both days, with Pizza Hut providing lunch on one of the camp days.

Safety measures will include a first aid station staffed by a nurse or athletic trainer throughout the event.

The camp is supported by community partners including Subway and Pizza Hut.

Additional information and registration details are available through the camp registration form. For more information, call 704-761-4351 or visit thecarawayfoundation.org.

Organizers encourage families to register early and give young athletes a chance to spend part of their summer learning the game, building confidence, and having fun on the baseball field.

School Bus Driver Class Scheduled July 13-16

Training offered for those interested in earning a Class B CDL

Anson County Schools will offer a school bus driver class July 13-16 for individuals interested in obtaining a Class B commercial driver's license and joining the district's transportation team.

Classes will be held daily from 7:55 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the AXIS Building, located at 118 West Ashe Street in Wadesboro.

School officials encourage those interested in serving local families and students to consider becoming a school bus driver. Participants will receive training designed to prepare them for operating school buses safely and professionally.

Those wishing to attend must reserve a seat by Wednesday, July 8.

For more information or to register, contact Eric Howell with the Anson County Schools Transportation Department at 704-694-2925.

Governor Stein Celebrates JetZero Groundbreaking to Launch Greensboro Airplane Maker's 14,500-Job Project

New aerospace facility marks largest job commitment in NC history

Governor Josh Stein joined state and local officials on Monday, June 15, to break ground on JetZero's first commercial airplane manufacturing facility at Piedmont Triad International Airport, launching what officials describe as the largest economic development project in North Carolina history based on job commitment. JetZero's manufacturing operation is expected to create more than 14,500 high-wage aerospace manufacturing jobs while bringing more than \$4.7 billion in investment to the state.

"Today a great new chapter in North Carolina's storied history of flight is taking off," Stein said. "JetZero's decision to build here is a vote of confidence in North Carolina's workforce, our universities and community colleges, and our long aerospace tradition. These 14,500 jobs and \$4.7 billion in investment will transform the Triad region for generations. North Carolina is not only First in Flight; we are also the future of flight."

North Carolina Commerce Secretary Lee Lilley said the project demonstrates how investments in workforce development and partnerships can drive economic growth.

"Today's groundbreaking marks the beginning of a project that will prove to be a leader in both aerospace and advanced materials," Lilley said. "What JetZero is building is a powerful example of how investments in people, places, and partnerships help make North Carolina First in Opportunity."

JetZero plans to construct an advanced manufacturing facility for a first-of-its-kind commercial all-wing jet, along with a state-of-the-art research and development center focused on composite structures. The aircraft's innovative design is intended to lower carbon emissions, reduce fuel consumption, and enhance the travel experience for passengers.

Tom O'Leary, CEO and co-founder of JetZero, said the project represents a new approach to aircraft manufacturing in the United States.

"Today is the start of something new — not just for JetZero, but for how aircraft are built in America," O'Leary said. "By using the best digital tools available before we break ground, we've designed a factory that can grow and change with us. That means we can deliver better aircraft, faster, for our customers and our country."

Governor Stein first announced the project last year. State officials estimate JetZero's more than \$4.7 billion investment will ultimately generate more than \$250 billion in economic impact for North Carolina.

The announcement adds to a growing aerospace sector in the state. More than 400 aerospace companies currently operate in North Carolina.

Earlier this year, PSA Airlines opened a new headquarters in Charlotte that is expected to bring 400 jobs to Mecklenburg County and support more than \$228 million in annual economic output. In March, GE Aerospace announced a \$160 million investment across four North Carolina facilities, adding jobs to its statewide workforce of more than 2,000 employees. The company also announced plans last fall to invest nearly \$53 million in West Jefferson, creating 44 new jobs in Ashe County.

State leaders say the JetZero project further strengthens North Carolina's position as one of the nation's leading destinations for aerospace manufacturing and innovation.



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