

Science Camps at the Rotary Planetarium

The Wadesboro Rotary Planetarium and Science Center Summer Camps were again a huge success with campers brimming with excitement each day which brought a new adventure.

The first week of camp was Ocean Week. Students began the week with a starfish dissection, and anemone and sea urchin dissections. It was exciting to find the teeth on the spiny little sea urchins. The second day revealed what was inside the dogfish shark. Many campers had pregnant sharks and could see the babies inside the momma shark as well as the contents of the shark's stomach. It was awesome to see what the shark had eaten and had not digested yet. On the third day of camp there was a field trip to the Greensboro Science Center where there was a variety of activities outside and inside. They have a beautiful sci-quarium that is always expanding with new creatures. The final day of camp concluded with a comparison of a skate and a stingray. Larger groups were given a sample of each and were allowed to examine and dissect each and discuss the similarities of each. There was also a squid dissection where students could locate the ink sac of the squid and write on paper with the cartilaginous pen that they removed from the squid. They were amazed at how much ink was removed from the sac. Camp concluded with a pizza party.

The second week of camp was STEM week. The week began with a presentation from Jackson Pulnott, a Wadesboro native and student at UNC-Charlotte. He works with a project called Helping Hands which makes 3D printed hands for children whose families are not able to afford them. The 3D printed hands are very unique in that they can be remade to suit the age of the child. As the patient gets older, a larger hand is made to accommodate the growth of the patient. Jackson is perfecting the hand by making fingernails that female patients have requested so they can have painted nails like other girls.

This was an invention week where students made XYLO launchers from 3D Printed materials, pvc pipes and rubber bands. The students made the rings from cardstock and tape and used their creativity to develop various shapes to make and launch across the room. The second day began with instructions on what a hovercraft was and how they worked. Using leaf blowers, students constructed 3 hovercrafts to ride around the planetarium and outside. It was a trial and error project to see what would work best to make the hovercraft a rideable vehicle. The third day of camp was a field trip to the Museum of Life and Science in Durham to see the new Aerospace exhibit as well as the many interactive STEM activities within the museum. The final day of camp involved constructing a solar car rover and having races with them. We were very thankful for a sunny day to have a successful race.

The Rotary Planetarium and Science Center offered a special Flight and Space Camp for selected 6th grade students in June. This camp was limited to 20 students.

The first day of camp involved a trip to the Wadesboro Airport and a ride was planned in a small plane to tour the aerial view of Anson County. The pilot, Wesley Horne, President of Hornwood, Inc., who is a licensed pilot, gave very descriptive details of the plane, what parts help to get it in the air and the process involved in flying a plane.

Day 2 involved building a tetrahedron kite from straws, tissue paper, and string. The kite building continued on Day 4. Day 3 of camp was a field trip to the Carolina Aviation Museum located at Charlotte Douglas Airport, which houses the Miracle on the Hudson plane.

The Science Summer camps at the planetarium are made possible by the Effie Little Foundation, the Wadesboro Rotary Club, Anson County Schools and generous donors that provide



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ACS Honor Graduates 2019

2018-2019 School Year Ends on a High Note

On June 8, 2019, the Anson County Board of Education had the pleasure of awarding 246 students in the Anson County Schools (ACS) Class of 2019 diplomas. Additionally, many students who earned Associate Degrees and special credentials from South Piedmont Community College were recognized for this awesome level of achievement.

Among the highlights was the privilege of honoring students for high academic accomplishments. These pictures represent the Valedictorians and Salutatorians from Anson High School and Anson County Early College High School, all Anson County Schools Honor Graduates and Junior Marshals.



2019 Valedictorians & Salutatorians

Pictured above are the Valedictorians and Salutatorians for 2019. They are, from left, Jordan Elizabeth Sikes (AHS Salutatorian), Kara Grace Morgan (AHS Valedictorian), Vontarya Ronquesha McBride (ACEC Valedictorian) and Mili Nguyen (ACEC Salutatorian).

“We Are Anson.” Our pride continues to shine as we send another graduating class prepared to be productive citizens who will make a difference as they pursue higher education, additional employment credentials, the workforce, or service in the military. Congratulations students, parents, families, and community members – we are all represented among our students.



ACS Junior Marshals 2019

While it is with excitement that we send this class out into the world; it is with equal excitement that we welcome our new class of 218 seniors with plans of graduating on May 23, 2020. The Junior Marshals who represented us at the 2019 graduation will now serve as role models for the Class of 2020!