

Visitation Policy at North Carolina Prisons

Visitation by family and friends is encouraged and can make a positive difference during an offender's time in prison. Prison staff understands the importance of inmates maintaining contact with their family and friends. However, inmates cannot be assigned to specific facilities within the prison system for the convenience of visitation.

New Entrance Procedure - A new entrance procedure for all facilities began on October 16, 2017. Anyone ages 16 and older will be subjected to a "pat/frisk" search, along with a search by electronic device, by correctional officers at entering any state prison. All searches shall be conducted by the least intrusive means. The mandatory procedure is a revision of the current Prison Entrance/Exit Policy (Chapter F .3300), which did not require a mandatory "pat/frisk" search.

The ultimate safety and security measures are implemented to address, and ultimately eliminate, the introduction of contraband into state prisons. Any refusal to comply with all search procedures will result in the denial of entrance into the facility.

The "pat/frisk" process involves:

- Male officers will only be allowed to pat/frisk search male employees and visitors.
- Female officers may only pat/frisk searches on either male or female employees and visitors.
- At no time shall a staff member or visitor be asked to place his/her hands against a partition during a search.
- Visitors who make appointments will be advised that they are subject to the pat/frisk search upon arrival.

A completed visitor application must be approved by the facility staff before a visit can occur. Inmates must obtain blank application forms from the facility. A maximum of 18 applications will be allowed per inmate. Inmates must mail the blank applications to those persons from whom they wish to receive a visit while incarcerated.

An application for each adult and minor must be complete. Completed applications must be returned to the prison facility where the inmate is currently housed. Prison mailing addresses can be found on the prison facility webpages.

Applications will not be accepted from inmates. Incomplete applications will not be approved.

Each applicant age 16 and older, must choose one of the approved picture IDs and attach a copy to the application. Driver License ID and State issued ID's must be issued by any state Division of Motor Vehicles. Minors under 16 must have a copy of their birth certificate attached to the application.

It is the inmate's responsibility to notify the visitor of their application status. It is the visitor's responsibility to update their application information. (i.e. address, phone numbers, etc.) Incorrect application information could lead to an approved visitor becoming disapproved. A minor under the age of 16 must update their application upon reaching age 16 to include a copy of a photo ID.

Clergy visitors must complete a DC-949P application and be approved prior to visiting with an inmate. They will not be counted as part of the 18.

The following reasons may be grounds for disapproving a visitor application:

- Application form was copied and not an original.
- Application was not complete or did not include proper attachments.
- Application contained false information.
- The visitor has a prior criminal record. *
- The visitor was a participant in the criminal activity for which the inmate is incarcerated. *
- The visitor is an ex-offender that has not been release for a minimum of 12 months. *
- The visitor is on probation/parole or supervised release or has not been off probation or supervised release for a minimum of 6 months.

*There may be exceptions for these rules for immediate family members.

Under normal circumstances, inmates will be allowed no more than one visiting session per week not to exceed two hours. This does not include legal, law enforcement, or clergy visits. The normal maximum number of visitors per visiting session will not exceed three approved visitors. Facility superintendents have the discretion to modify the number of approved visitors during the visitation session based on operational and space considerations.

Violations of visiting privileges may result in disciplinary action against the inmate and appropriate administrative or legal actions against the visitor.

Inmates on administrative or disciplinary segregation or inmates in control status, except for protective control, will be restricted to non-contact visits by appointment. A facility superintendent has the discretion to alter the visiting times, frequency of visits, duration and number of visits based on security and/or operational considerations.

Inmates on administrative segregation may be allowed visiting privileges. Inmates on disciplinary segregation will be allowed visits from attorneys, legal assistants, and clergy. Personal visitation privileges may be limited consistent with security requirements.

Inmates validated as Security Threat Group level 2 will be allowed contact visits with approved immediate family members. Inmates validated as level 3 will be allowed non-contact visits with approved immediate family members. Inmates validated as security threat level 2 or 3 will not be allowed visits with individuals who are not immediate family members.

Regular population inmates may be restricted to non-contact visits based on behavior detrimental to the security of the institution. (i.e. drug/alcohol disciplinary convictions, refusal to submit drug/alcohol test, disciplinary convictions or misconduct during visitation).

Appropriate dress is required for visitors. The following requirements are for visitors and apply at all facilities. The dress code will be strictly enforced. It will be the inmate's responsibility to communicate these standards to his/her visitors.

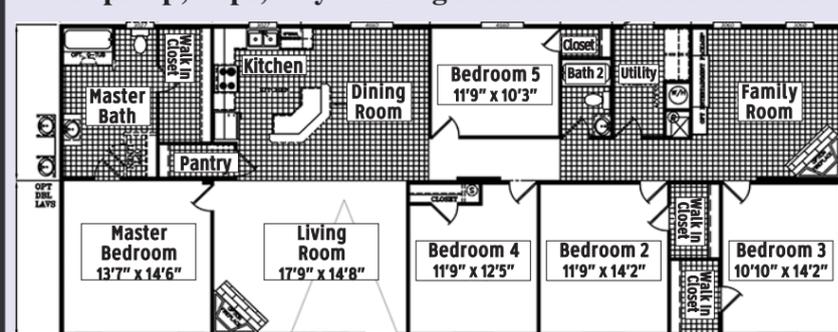
- Shirts and shoes are mandatory.
- Halter tops, bare midriffs, strapless tops, tube tops, body suits, underwear-type tee-shirts, tank tops, sleeveless shirts or dresses that are inappropriately revealing (a sleeveless shirt or dress is considered inappropriately revealing when the female breast or lingerie can be seen), fish net shirts, or any type of shirt or pants made with see-through fabric are NOT allowed to be worn by any visitor (male or female).
- Visitors may wear Bermuda-length shorts provided they are not more than three (3") inches above the kneecap.
- Females may wear dresses or skirts. Dresses or skirts may not be more than three (3") inches above the kneecap. Slits in dresses and dresses for pre-teens may be shorter than three (3") inches above the kneecap.
- Any shirt or other articles of clothing with a picture or language that may be considered profane or offensive by current public standards or Adult Correction standards, or considered STG (gang) related will not be allowed.
- Wave caps, doo rags, bandanas are not allowed.
- Slacks and pants are to be worn at or above the waist.
- Spandex clothing is prohibited.

Storytime Every Wednesday at Partnership for Children

The Anson County Partnership for Children offers Storytime in the Early Childhood Resource Center each Wednesday, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3 to 8. For more information call 704-694-4036.

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'Back to School with Pride' for Teachers

The Faith Based Center of Hope will host their 14th annual 'Back to School with Pride' event on Saturday, August 18 at Harvest Ministries Outreach Center in Wadesboro, beginning at 11 a.m. Each year Vancine Sturdivant, CEO and founder of Faith Based Center of Hope along with Apostle Tim Adams and Pastor Steve Adams host an annual 'Back to School with Pride' project to help students in purchasing school supplies and uniforms. This year the event will be for the teachers and staff of all the schools.

Sturdivant stated, "The reason for the decision to focus on the teachers is because of the economy and a situation that occurred at the school during the closing of this school year. Our teachers should not be required to purchase school supplies for students. Each teacher will be allowed to get all the supplies needed for all their students, including book bags. The students will receive the supplies on the first day or week of school."

Sturdivant continued, "Each year the needs grow greater. During our 2017 project we were able to supply school supplies and uniforms to over 400 kids and to every school in Anson County. Through the contributions of great friends, businesses, officials, pastors and churches and community leaders, I know we will be able to bless more families this year. The 'Back to School with Pride' program is open to every principal and teacher in Anson County. We invite community leaders, officials, pastors, ministers and medical advisors to please come too."

Sturdivant concluded, "I humbly ask for your support as we endeavor to do God's will and help our kids go back to school with the supplies needed. All contributions, whether monetary, school supplies or uniforms, will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will be used for supplies and given out in our county."

For more information or to contribute, please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412, Dr. Bernice Bennett at 704-848-4085, Jennifer Tarlton at 704-694-3115 or Traci Little at 704-695-2959.

Wildlife in N.C. Magazine Photo Competition Accepting Entries

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission will accept entries to its 14th annual Wildlife in North Carolina Photo Competition until 5 p.m., September 1. Entries can be submitted at www.ncwildlife.org/contest, and past winners can be viewed on the Commission's website, www.ncwildlife.org.

The competition is open to amateur and professional photographers of all ages, except for employees of the Wildlife Commission, the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences and their immediate families (children, siblings and spouses). Entrants must be either current magazine subscribers or younger than 18 years old.

Only photographs taken in North Carolina since September 15, 2014 are eligible for the competition. The categories are: Birds; Invertebrates; Mammals; Reptiles and Amphibians; Animal Behavior; Outdoor Recreation; Wild Landscapes; Wild Plants and Fungi; Youth Photographer, 13-17: Any of the above subjects, shot by photographers under 18; and Youth Photographer, 12 and under: Any of the above subjects, shot by children 12 and younger.

Photos of captive and native animals are allowed, but photos of animals that are both captive and non-native to North Carolina will not be accepted. No pets or domestic animals will be accepted, except animals participating with people in an outdoor activity, such as hunting dogs or riders on horseback.

Entries will be judged by a panel comprising staff from the Commission and the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences, as well as professional wildlife photographers. The grand prize winner will have his or her photo published on the cover of the January/February 2019 issue of Wildlife in North Carolina and will receive a check for \$200. All winning photographs will be published in the magazine and exhibited at the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh. First place in all categories pays \$100; second place, \$75; and third place, \$50.

The Commission is accepting entries online only - no slides, negatives or prints will be accepted by mail. Entrants may submit a maximum of two photos per category. Each photo must be in JPEG format and no larger than 2 megabytes each.

Wildlife in North Carolina is published bimonthly by the Commission in both print and electronic formats. Subscribers to the magazine enjoy exceptional color photography and articles on hunting, fishing, natural areas, wildlife research and the state's environment in every issue. Subscribers also receive spring and fall outdoor guide special editions, with the latest hunting, fishing and sportsman information.

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