#### Free Countdown to Kindergarten Community Event on Friday, August 19

Discovery Place KIDS prepares local kids for their first day of Kindergarten

Discovery Place KIDS-Rockingham is helping young learners get ready for their first day of school with Countdown to Kindergarten, a free community-wide program for rising kindergarteners and their families, on Friday, August 19, from 5:00 Soon-to-be kindergartners and their families will enjoy free Museum admission

as local community partners offer skill-building activities and information that children will need in preparation for their first day of school. Guests will learn important readiness skills with stations throughout the Museum, like practicing scissor safety, learning about school bus safety, visiting a mock classroom and even meeting local kindergarten teachers from Richmond County Schools. Guests can also explore community resources and engage with hands-on activi-

ties like learning about healthy ways to pack lunches using local produce with Sandhills Farm to Table and exploring back-to-school book suggestions and a special Story Time with the Leath Memorial Library. Find out how you can start a college savings program with NC 529 Plan for your Class of 2029 student and check out new schoolyear styles with a Belk fashion show that features Richmond County

Wrap up an evening of fun with a tasty treat from Kona Ice. The snow cone truck will be outside the Museum, with a portion of the proceeds being donated to Discovery Place KIDS-Rockingham.

Discovery Place KIDS-Rockingham will close at 4:00 p.m. on the day of the event for preparations and then will open the doors again at 5:00 p.m. for free Countdown to Kindergarten activities. For more information, visit discovery-placekids.org or call 910.997.5266 x300.



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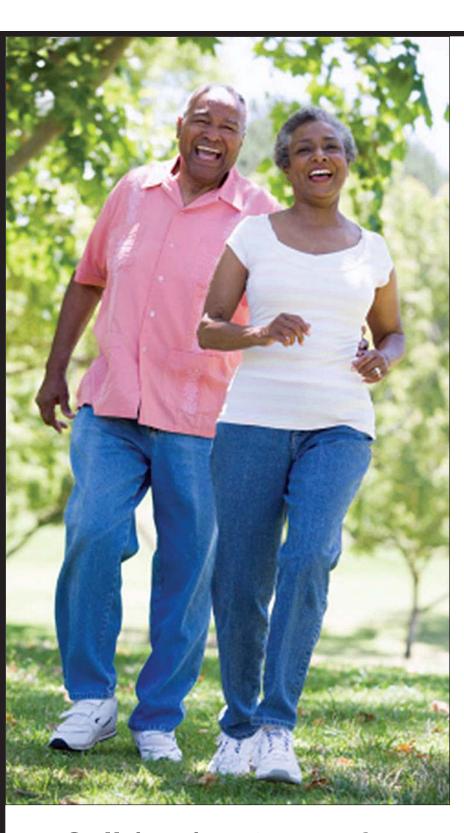


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