

Apply For NC Pre-Kindergarten Today

Anson County Partnership for Children is accepting applications for NC Pre-K, a Kindergarten readiness initiative that is proven to help four-year-olds gain basic skills needed for success in elementary school. Children who are four years of age before August 31, 2023, are eligible to apply for this high-quality program, which is free to qualifying families.

"Pre-K is a place where children learn skills that are vital to child development. NC Pre-K children learn how to socialize, make their own decisions, and interact with others. These are all important skills for child development. To make the transition to kindergarten easier, children learn eye contact, gain self-confidence, develop work efficiency, create a stronger attention span, and work on temper control," said Karen Gerald, Child Care Services Coordinator, Anson County Partnership for Children.

Not only are children who attended Pre-K more successful in school, they usually have higher grade point averages and are more likely to graduate high school and college.

NC Pre-K classes operate on a regular school calendar and are designed to address emotional and social development, physical health, language development, and cognitive functioning. Through the incorporation of indoor and outdoor learning environments, students participate in active learning experiences to foster a lifetime love of learning.

A high priority is placed on serving children who meet the following criteria: child's family is at or below 75% of the state median income level, a disability has been identified, limited English proficiency, developmental differences, chronic health conditions, or a parent who is active military service personnel.

There are currently four centers operating NC Pre-K classes in Anson County: Anson Children's Center, Central Center for Children and Families, C's & T's Childcare, Morven Elementary School, and Open Doors Center for Children.

Parents or guardians interested in learning more about the NC Pre-K program should contact Karen Gerald at 704-694-4036 (Ext. 105) or karen.gerald@ansonchildren.org. Applications are available in the Partnership's Early Childhood Resource Center located at 115 East Morgan Street or online at www.ansonchildren.org.

Funny, Random & Weird Holidays

- October 5 Thursday - Chic Spy Day
- October 6 Friday - World Smile Day & Mad Hatter Day
- October 7 Saturday - Card Making Day & Frappé Day
- October 8 Sunday - Pierogi Day
- October 9 Monday - Curious Events Day
- October 10 Tuesday - Handbag Day & Ada Lovelace Day
- October 11 Wednesday - It's My Party Day



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Church

OCTOBER 1 - 4

Annual Revival

At Johnson Chapel Holiness Church. Sun-11:45am Pastor Pearl Taylor, Mon-Elder Justin Murphy, Tue & Wed-Pastor Betty Tillman, all at 7pm nightly. All are invited.

OCTOBER 6

Fish Fry Cancelled

At Rocky Mount AME Zion Church in Ansonville. Fish fry has been cancelled.

OCTOBER 8

41st Anniversary of Pastor & Wife,

Apostle Leonard L. Williams at Greater St. Mark Church of Deliverance, located at 1003 N. Main St. in Wadesboro, at 11:30am. All are invited to attend.

Gospel Singing

At Bethany Freewill Baptist Church, 6pm featuring the Cameronian Quartet.

OCTOBER 14

Yard Sale

2nd \$5 & below Yard Sale by Harris Chapel AME Zion Church Missionary Dept, 10am-12 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

OCTOBER 15

Friends of Shiloh

Day at Shiloh Christian Community Church, 11am with special guest Pastor Chris Jackson & Family leading in worship & singing. Pot Luck dinner after service, with food, fellowship & fun! All are welcome. Located at 1752 Shiloh Church Rd, Morven.

OCTOBER 20

Youth Slumber Party

Hosted by Lamb of God Outreach Ministries, 6:30-8:30pm. Movie night! Asking youth to wear pajamas, bring small pillow & blanket. Venue address: 8390 Hwy 9, Chesterfield SC. Anson youth are invited. Info 843-622-3777.

OCTOBER 21

Youth Gospel Fest At Lockhart-Taylor Center. Doors open 4pm with vendors, food, music CDs. \$10 donation required by tickets or at the door. For info contact Vancine Sturdivant, Patricia Robinson, Sarah Crawford or Peggy Melton.

OCTOBER 23

16th Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor Gregory Everett & Leading Lady Donna Everett at First Baptist Church, Sikes Ave, Wadesboro, 11am with Pastor Keith Bradley of Heirs Christian Center Church of Charlotte. You are invited.

Events

OCTOBER 8

Taylor Family Reunion

Descendants & family connections of Ben Taylor will meet at Hopewell Methodist Church in Peachland at 1pm. Bring auction item for auction after dinner.

OCTOBER 17

Board of Commissioners Meet 6pm in Board Room, Suite 209, in Government Center, 101 S Greene St in uptown Wadesboro. Now there are two regular monthly meetings. Meetings are available online at youtube.com, search for Anson Commissioners. To appear, sign up prior to meeting. Info 704-994-3201.

ONGOING EVENTS

Popcorn & a Movie 4th Thursday each month, 1-3pm at Grace Senior Center, 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

Compassionate

Friends Meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm, at the Training Room at First Baptist Church, Lee Avenue in Wadesboro. Bereaved parents, family and friends who have lost a child of any age are invited. Info 704-694-2425

Food Lion Feeds and North Carolina Partnership Nourishes Neighbors

Student-led hunger challenge addresses food insecurity; a total of \$25,000 will be awarded

Marking its fifth year, a transformative program tackling food insecurity on college campuses is underway in North Carolina. A collaboration between Food Lion Feeds and North Carolina Campus Engagement empowers students at 14 North Carolina colleges and universities to create awareness about hunger and compete against one another to collect the most food for neighbors experiencing hunger through the Food Lion Feeds Collegiate Hunger Challenge. Food Lion Feeds is Food Lion's hunger-relief platform, and North Carolina Campus Engagement is a collaborative network of colleges and universities committed to educating students on civic and social responsibility.

During the competition, Food Lion Feeds and North Carolina Campus Engagement will award a total of \$25,000 to winning colleges for their efforts to fight hunger on and around their campuses. New this year, the partnership will award one \$10,000 overall prize and a \$5,000 prize from each sector - community college, four-year public college and four-year private institution. Since 2019, the Collegiate Hunger Challenge has awarded more than \$135,000, equivalent to more than 1.3 million meals.

Throughout the challenge, which runs from Sept. 11, 2023, through Dec. 22, 2023, the participating colleges and universities accumulate points through various activities centered around addressing food insecurity and raising awareness about the issue. Since the statewide Collegiate Hunger Challenge began in 2018, 30 North Carolina colleges and universities have participated. Each school selects one or two MVP Student Hunger ambassadors responsible for leading the effort as part of the challenge.

"Identifying solutions for hunger on college campuses and surrounding communities is one of our greatest goals, and we're excited to join forces with the next generation of leaders," said Kevin Durkee, Manager, Food Lion Feeds. "In addition to addressing food insecurity in our communities, the Collegiate Hunger Challenge supports our educational partners."

The Collegiate Hunger Challenge also kicks off in September to align with Hunger Action Month, a time when Food Lion Feeds deepens its extensive existing relationship with Feeding America®. The partnership highlights the impact food can have on a person's life and inspires action to end hunger within their communities.

"With the increase in food prices and greater demand for on-campus food pantries generally, this partnership is more important than ever," said Leslie Garvin, Executive Director of North Carolina Campus Engagement. "It not only allows our campuses to raise awareness about student food insecurity, but it also increases the visibility of the resources available to students. We continue to salute Food Lion for their commitment to addressing food insecurity on campuses and beyond."

The Collegiate Hunger Challenge is one of many efforts Food Lion Feeds leads during Hunger Action Month. In addition to this challenge, Food Lion Feeds will remodel and stock the shelves of nearly 30 food pantries across its 10-state operating area through its annual event, The Great Pantry Makeover. During this 30-day effort, Food Lion associates will volunteer for activities such as painting and cleaning pantries to installing shelving, freezers, coolers and other equipment to expand the capacity for fresh fruits, vegetables and other products. Additionally, Food Lion Feeds kicked off its fifth season of Sack to Give Back, teaming up with more than 30 colleges and universities to help nourish neighbors experiencing hunger. Through this collaborative and proactive approach to tackle food insecurity, Food Lion Feeds will provide 1,000 meals (up to 30,000 meals per school) for every quarterback sack made by the participating institution to each school's local Feeding America® partner food bank. In partnership with customers, Food Lion will help provide meals to neighbors experiencing hunger through its annual Food Lion Feeds Apple Bag campaign from Sept. 13 - Oct. 3. The Apple Bag campaign benefits Feeding America and local partner member food banks.

Through Food Lion Feeds, Food Lion has helped to provide more than 1 billion meals to individuals and families since 2014 and has committed to donate 1.5 billion meals by 2025. For more information on Food Lion Feeds' commitment to ending hunger, visit foodlion.com/feeds.

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