



take a child outside

Take A Child Outside Week

September 24 - 30

Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space is participating in Take A Child Outside (TACO) Week by offering outdoor programs at different Wake County Parks during the week of September 24-30. In honor of this important week, program fees have been waived - note the TACO logo by programs throughout this issue of Wide aWAKE!

TACO is a program developed by the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences to get children outdoors to discover the natural world around them. The goal of TACO week is to get children to understand and appreciate the environment in which they live and to have fun exploring nature! Pledge to take a child outside by visiting the following website: www.takeachildoutside.org.

To help get you started taking your child(ren) outside, register for one or more of the following FREE programs:

BLUE JAY POINT COUNTY PARK

Nature Stories - Creepy Crawlies

Saturday, September 24; 10-11 am

Creep and crawl with us as we learn about insects and other invertebrates. Make a "buggy" craft to take home. Theme related stories and activities for parent and child aged 3-5 years.

For full program details or registration information, see page 4.

BLUE JAY POINT COUNTY PARK

Family Wildlife Series - A World of Webs

Saturday, September 24; 2-3:30 pm

Spider webs are one of nature's most beautiful designs, while food webs help explain what plants and animals need to grow and how they are dependent. Family Wildlife Series programs are open to all ages, but are most appropriate for ages 5 and up.

For full program details or registration information, see page 5.

HISTORIC OAK VIEW COUNTY PARK

Storytelling Festival

Saturday, September 24; 11 am-4 pm

Enjoy a day outside while listening to professional storytellers weave interesting and fun stories!

For event details, please see page 8.

LAKE CRABTREE COUNTY PARK

Nature Discovery

Sunday, September 25; 1-5 pm

Stop by the Dogwood Shelter while scavenger hunts, birdwatching equipment, fishing gear, and more will be available for you to borrow. No pre-registration required. Participants age 16 and older must have a valid fishing license to borrow fishing gear.

For full program details or registration information, see page 12.

HISTORIC YATES MILL COUNTY PARK

Time in a Bottle Archaeology Program

Monday, September 26; 2-3 pm

Learn about the principals of archaeology in this family program. Participants will create their own excavation site using a plastic bottle and become an archaeologist by digging for clues.

For full program details or registration information, see page 11.

CROWDER DISTRICT PARK

Wonderful Wetlands

Tuesday, September 27; 3:30-4:30 pm

Explore our wonderful wetlands at Crowder, learn why they are so important and play a game of "wetland metaphors."

For full program details or registration information, see page 6.

LAKE CRABTREE COUNTY PARK

Learn to Fish

Wednesday, September 28; 6-8 pm

Come to Lake Crabtree for an informal fishing experience for the whole family. All fishing equipment, bait and basic instruction are provided. A North Carolina Fishing License is required for those participants 16 years or older. Program is subject to weather conditions. Lake Crabtree is a catch and release lake.

For full program details or registration information, see page 12.

HARRIS LAKE COUNTY PARK

Family Disc Golf

Wednesday, September 28; 6-7 pm

Enjoy being outdoors with park staff as we play a round of disc golf on Harris Lake's 18-hole disc golf course! We'll get you started with loaner discs and instruction on how to play.

For full program details or registration information, see page 8.

AMERICAN TOBACCO TRAIL

The Lowly Worm

Thursday, September 29; 10-11 am

Most folks don't pay worms much attention but *WE* will in this program dedicated to the lowly, but fascinating worm! This program is geared for preschool age children up to age 8.

For full program details or registration information, see page 3.

AMERICAN TOBACCO TRAIL

Evening Splendor

Friday, September 30; 7:30-8:30 pm

Join park staff on a leisurely stroll in the woods during the evening hours as we look and listen for the animal life that comes alive as darkness falls.

For full program details or registration information, see page 3.

LAKE CRABTREE COUNTY PARK

Night Hike

Friday, September 30; 8-10 pm

Discover nature at night! Learn about night vision and test your senses with fun activities for the whole family. Bring your flashlight and sense of adventure!

For full program details or registration information, see page 12.



For more ideas about outdoor activities and to find other participating organizations in our area, visit the **TAKE A CHILD OUTSIDE** website at www.takeachildoutside.org