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WILD ABOUT WORMS, LET'S PLAY CATCH AND STORYTELLING FESTIVAL AT WAKE COUNTY PARKS IN SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 10:30-noon - Weekday Wonders: Wild about Worms

Kids ages eight to 12 are invited to visit Crowder District Park to learn more about worms. Participants will learn what worms eat, how many segments worms have and what makes worms wiggle. Kids will also discover how worms help our planet through composting and make a compost bin to take home. Be prepared to get your hands dirty! The fee is \$4 per child, and pre-registration is required. For information, call 919-662-2850. Crowder District Park is located at 4709 Ten-Ten Road, Apex.

Thursday, Sept. 20, 10-11 a.m. - Orb Weavers, Hungry Spiders

Families are invited to the American Tobacco Trail to meet the orb weaver spider, and learn about her special skills. Participants will enjoy more spider discoveries on a spider hike. Pre-registration is required two days in advance. The fee is \$5 per family or \$3 per individual. The adventure will begin at the New Hill Parking area. For information, call 919-387-2117. American Tobacco Trail is located at 1309 New Hill-Olive Chapel Road, New Hill.

Sunday, Sept. 23, 2-3:30 p.m. - Starve the Landfill!

The entire family is invited to visit Harris Lake County Park to learn, "What is a sanitary landfill?" Participants will learn how recycling works, how to sort recycling, play fun games and see some different types of decomposers in action! The fee is \$5 per family or \$3 per individual. Pre-registration is required at least two days in advance, and participants should meet on the deck of the restroom pavilion. For information, call 919-387-4342. Harris Lake County Park is located at 2112 County Park Drive, New Hill.

Monday, Sept. 24, 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. - Let's Play Catch

Bring the family out to Lake Crabtree to discover what lives in Lake Crabtree and how it fits in to our aquatic food web. Program leaders will catch fish and other aquatic wildlife using a variety of methods, and then spend time observing and identifying the critters that are caught. Participants will learn basic fish anatomy and life history. If time allows, a game will be played to demonstrate an aquatic food web. This program is FREE (in celebration of "Take a Child Outside Week"). Meet at the Floodplain. For information, call 919-460-3390. Lake Crabtree is located at 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville.

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 10:30-noon - Sly as a Fox

Visit Blue Jay Point County Park to learn about the Fox's sly reputation, and find out what foxes are up to this time of year. This Family Wildlife Series program is FREE (in honor of "Take a Child Outside Week"), but pre-registration is required. The event is for all ages, though activities and information are most appropriate for ages five and up. For information, call 919-870-4330. Blue Jay Point County Park is located at 3200 Pleasant Union Church Road, Raleigh.

Friday, Sept. 28, 8-9:30 p.m. - Up, Up and Away Astronomy: The Summer Sky

The entire family is invited to Historic Yates Mill County Park to look up and explore the starry summer sky. Participants will make their own constellation map and learn how to explore the universe using binoculars. Don't forget -- even in summer -- it gets chilly when the sun goes down, so bring a jacket! The event is free for all ages, though pre-registration is required. For information, call 919-856-6675. Historic Yates Mill County Park is located at 4620 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh.

Saturday, Sept. 29, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. - Storytelling Festival

Come on out to Historic Oak View County Park for the 30th annual Storytelling Festival. Join featured teller Donald Davis, and highlighted storytellers Donna Washington, Sandbox Band, Raleigh Little Theater, Dasie Roberts, Priscilla Best and Charlotte Hickam for an afternoon of continuous stories for the entire family! Hayride shuttles will run continuously from the parking lot into the festival, food will be available for purchase, and bring a blanket, cushion or chair, as lawn seating will be available. This event is scheduled rain or shine, but in the event of rain, all storytelling will take place indoors. This free event is sponsored annually by Wake County Public Libraries and Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space. For information, call 919-250-1013. Historic Oak View County Park is located at 4028 Carya Drive, Raleigh.

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