



COMMUNITY FEATURE

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HURRICANE GAME, HARVESTING SEEDS AND NATURE CONNECTIONS AT PARKS IN SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 8, 10:30-11 a.m. – Tiny Tots: Shapes in Nature

Work with your toddler to practice their shapes and to develop their fine motor skills through games and hands-on activities at [Crowder District Park](#). Go on a nature hunt to find plants and animals of different shapes. This program is for ages 18 months to 3 years with an accompanying adult. The program fee is \$2 per child. Registration is required. For information, call 919-662-2850. Crowder District Park is located at 4709 Ten-Ten Road, Apex.

Monday, September 8, 1-3 p.m. – Homeschool/Track-out Series: The Hurricane Game

[Lake Crabtree Park](#) has created 'Hurricane Game', a strategy board game where you and your team brainstorm together to prepare for an incoming hurricane. These programs are geared toward homeschooled and tracked-out students, but are open to anyone ages 6 to 12. The program fee is \$8 per child. Registration is required. Send registration form with payment to sign up. Meet at the Beech Shelter. For information, call 919-460-3390. Lake Crabtree is located at 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville.

Wednesday, September 10, 8:30-9:30 p.m. – Natural Explorations: Seniors' Nature Walk

Seniors are invited to join a short nature walk in [Historic Yates Mill County Park](#). Learn to identify native plants and wildlife and visit the park's two boardwalks for nature viewing. This program is for ages 55 and up and there is no program fee. Registration is required. Please wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring water. For information, call 919-856-6675. Historic Yates Mill County Park is located at 4620 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh.

Saturday, September 13, 9:30-11 a.m. – Going to Seed

Come learn about seeds and the many ways they get from place to place at [Blue Jay Point County Park](#). Harvest seeds from the Blue Jay Butterfly Garden and create seed packets to take them home for your yard. This program is for ages 5 and up. The program fee is \$3 per individual or \$5 per family. For information, call 919-870-4330. Blue Jay Point County Park is located at 3200 Pleasant Union Church Road, Raleigh.

Sunday, September 14, 4:30-6 p.m. – For the Love of Longleaf

Enjoy a relaxing wagon ride back to [Harris Lake County Park's](#) Longleaf Pine Forest to walk among unique longleaf pines. Learn about their special history to the area and the ecology of the longleaf forest ecosystem. This program is for all ages and costs \$5 per family. Registration is required. Meet at the Restroom Pavilion. To register, call 919-387-4342 or email harris.lake@wakegov.com. Harris Lake County Park is located at 2112 County Park Drive, New Hill.

Thursday, September 18, 2-3 p.m. – Trail Treks: The Web of Life-Connections in Nature

Search for nature connections along [The American Tobacco Trail](#) through a story and a game. This program is for all ages and costs \$5 per family. Registration is required. Meet at the New Hill Parking Area. To register, call 919-387-4342 or email harris.lake@wakegov.com. The American Tobacco Trail is located at 1309 New Hill-Olive Chapel Road, Apex.

Wednesday, September 24 to Tuesday, September 30 – Take A Child Outside (TACO) Week

Wake Parks participates in Take A Child Outside (TACO) Week each year by offering free outdoor programs at the different parks. Developed by the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, the goal of TACO week is to help children understand and appreciate the environment in which they live. There are no program fees, but many programs require registration. View the full list of programs at www.wakegov.com/parks/events/Pages/taco.aspx.

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