



The Fessenden Center

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SUMMER 2024 ACTIVITIES



Registration for summer programs
at the Fessenden Center opens on

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

and will remain open until a program is full.
Register in person at the Fessenden Center or
online using our registration platform:

[DareNC.gov/Register](https://www.darenc.com/Registration)

All children must be the age listed for the camp as
of the first day of the month that the camp is
being held. Children participating in preschool
programs must be potty-trained.
No pull-ups are allowed.

Camps that do not meet the minimum number of
children required will be cancelled the Thursday
before the camp's start date. If registration for a
camp is full, please add your child to the waitlist.



IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN REGISTERING:

- Registration can be completed online or in person. If there are issues with online registration, please call our office for assistance at 252-475-5650.
- A program is open until it is full. Once a program is full, children will be placed on a wait list. If space becomes available, participants on the wait list will be notified.
- Participants must meet the age requirement and play at age.
- Participants will not be allowed to play "up" or "down."
- Participants must be Dare County residents or property owners.
- Programs and schedules are subject to change without notice.

FUNDAMENTALS OF SWIMMING SAFETY



Ages:

5-11 (Co-ed)

Cost:

\$50 per child

Number of Participants:

Minimum of 30. Maximum of 60.

Details:

Participants will learn the basic rules of water safety and the fundamentals of swimming. Any special needs children will need to have a parent/helper with them in the pool at all times. Classes will be held in the morning hours between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. for 45 minutes per class. Vacasa Realty has advised that there is no pool heat available this year. Student class times will be assigned at a later date.

When:

Monday to Thursday, June 10-13, 2024

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Monday to Thursday, June 17-20, 2024

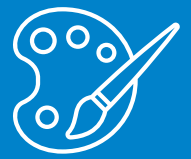
Where:

Vacasa Realty pool in Avon

The registration deadline is May 31, 2024 at 5 p.m. or once registration is full.



PLEIN AIR ART CAMP



Ages:
10-12 (Co-ed)

Cost:
\$40 per child

Number of Participants:
Minimum of 4. Maximum of 10.

Details:

Let's hit the best painting spots on the island and paint in the fresh summer air. We will travel to a different on island location each day and learn different "plein air" methods and art fundamentals. Boatyards, sound side, dunes and lighthouses are wonderful landmarks to paint. We will use different mediums like watercolors, acrylics, pastels and more.

When:
Monday, June 10, 2024 to Thursday, June 13, 2024

Time:
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Where:
Fessenden Center, traveling on island

COASTAL MARITIME CAMP SESSION 1



Ages:
6-12 (Co-ed)

Cost:
\$40 per child

Number of Participants:
10 participants per age group

Details:

Coastal Maritime Camp activities are designed to inspire a sense of appreciation and respect for the natural beauty of Hatteras Island. Experience fun activities such as kayaking and cast netting. This camp will be taught by Tracy Shisler.

When:
Monday, June 17, 2024 to Thursday, June 20, 2024

Time:
Ages 6-9: 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Ages 10-12: 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Where:
Pamlico Sound behind the high school (campers will be dropped off and picked up in the bus parking lot)



SALTY DOG SOCCER CAMP

Ages:
5 and up (Co-ed)

Cost:
\$80 per child

Number of Participants:
Unlimited

When:
Thursday, June 18, 2024 to Friday, June 21, 2024

Time:
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Where:
Fessenden Center Soccer Field



Details:

Salty Dog Soccer Camp is back! Hosted by Christopher Newport University's current and former coaching staff and players, this camp will be a week of learning fun soccer skills! Campers will learn the fundamentals of soccer with individual and group instruction. Campers will be split into age appropriate groups. Please note that the Fessenden Center is not accepting the registrations or payments for this camp. To register, please contact Cape Hatteras Secondary School varsity soccer coach Ian O'Neal at 252-564-4434 or onealco@daretolearn.org, or contact Jerry Rosell at 252-216-6870 or jdrosell@hotmail.com.

All campers will need to bring their own cleats and a labeled water bottle. If it rains, we will try to move to a gym at the Cape Hatteras Secondary School.

LADY CANE VOLLEYBALL CAMP



Ages:
Session 1: Rising 4th grade to rising 6th grade girls
Session 2: Rising 7th grade to rising 9th grade girls

Cost:
\$40 per child

Number of Participants:
Minimum of 10. Maximum of 25. (per session)

When:
Monday to Wednesday, June 24-26

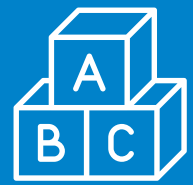
Time:
Session 1: 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Session 2: 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Where:
Cape Hatteras Secondary School Gym

Details:

Session 1 will be offered for younger players. This age group will be introduced to the game of volleyball and fundamental skills. Players will learn passing, setting, attacking, teamwork and terminology in a fun and exciting volleyball atmosphere. Session 2 will be for older girls to strengthen fundamental skills. The players will also work on footwork, attacking, rotation and game play. These camps will be taught by coaches, players and staff from the Cape Hatteras Secondary School volleyball program. Our goal is to teach kids about volleyball in a fun and safe environment! Campers will need to bring shoes, knee pads and a water bottle. All funds from these camps will go to the Cape Hatteras Secondary School volleyball program.

CAMP CHAMPS



Ages:

3-5 (Co-ed)

When:

Monday, June 24, 2024 to Thursday, June 27, 2024

Cost:

\$35 per child

Time:

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Number of Participants:

Minimum of 6. Maximum of 10.

Where:

Fessenden Center

Details:

Come out and have fun doing arts and crafts, playing games and meeting new friends. A snack will also be provided. Please advise of any food allergies. All children must be potty trained in order to attend.

SLAM DUNK BASKETBALL CAMP



Ages:

6-12 (Co-ed)

When:

Monday, July 8, 2024 to Thursday, July 11, 2024

Cost:

\$40 per child

Time:

Ages 6-9: 12 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Ages 10-12: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Number of Participants:

Ages 6 to 9: Minimum of 8. Maximum of 20.

Ages 10 to 12: Minimum of 8. Maximum of 25.

Where:

Fessenden Center

Details:

Campers will be introduced to the fundamentals of basketball and develop their skills in shooting, passing, dribbling and defense. There will be both individual and group instruction. Campers need to wear proper shoes to run in and should bring a labeled water bottle. The camp will be taught by Caroline Gray. Campers need to register in the age group they will play in this winter for basketball season. Age is determined by what age the child will be as of January 1, 2025.



LITTLE KICKERS SOCCER CAMP



Ages:
6-8 (Co-ed)

Cost:
\$30 per child

Number of Participants:
Minimum of 6. Maximum of 20.

When:
Monday, July 8, 2024 to Thursday, July 11, 2024

Time:
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Where:
Fessenden Center Soccer Field

Details:

This camp will cover the basic skills and drills so kids will learn how fun soccer can be! The camp will be taught by Yuliana Martinez.

BIG KICKERS SOCCER CAMP



Ages:
9-11 (Co-ed)

Cost:
\$30 per child

Number of Participants:
Minimum of 6. Maximum of 20.

When:
Monday, July 8, 2024 to Thursday, July 11, 2024

Time:
10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Where:
Fessenden Center soccer field

Details:

This camp will build on basic skills to strengthen players for organized soccer. Campers will work on footwork, defense strategies, passing and ball handling skills. This camp will be taught by Yuliana Martinez.



ADVENTURE CAMP



- Ages:**
Rising 6th to 8th graders
(no older than age 14)
- Cost:**
\$350 per camper
- Number of Participants:**
Limited to 15, county-wide.
- When:**
Monday, July 8, 2024 to Friday, July 12, 2024
- Counselors:**
Dare County Parks and Recreation staff
- Where:**
Shenandoah Valley Campground (Verona, Virginia)

Details:
Join us for the premier camping event of the summer! Campers will spend four nights in a tent while getting to bond over daily activities that include whitewater rafting, horseback trail riding, hiking and swimming. The cost includes meals, activities, lodging and transportation.

START SMART SOCCER



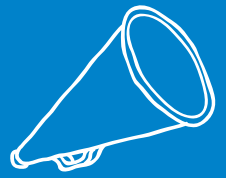
- Ages:**
3-5 (Co-ed) with a parent/guardian
- Cost:**
\$40 per child
- Number of Participants:**
Minimum of 4. Maximum of 12.
- When:**
Monday, July 15, 2024 to Thursday, July 18, 2024
- Time:**
5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
- Where:**
Fessenden Center

Details:
Start Smart Soccer prepares children for organized soccer. Children will learn the skills of kicking, dribbling, trapping and running. All participants will receive a kit that includes two soccer balls, four cones and shin guards.

The registration deadline is 5 p.m. on July 1, 2024.



SUMMER CHEER CAMP



Ages:
Ages 6-12 (Co-ed)

Cost:
\$40 per child

Number of Participants:
Minimum of 10. Maximum of 25.

Details:

Calling all future cheer rock stars! Come join us for a fun-filled camp learning cheers, jumps and low-level stunts. This camp will be taught by Mabel Whitaker.

When:
Monday, July 22, 2024 to Thursday, July 25, 2024

Time:
10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Where:
Fessenden Center Gym

CHRISTMAS IN JULY ART CAMP



Ages:
3-5 (Co-ed)

Cost:
\$40 per child

Number of Participants:
Minimum of 4. Maximum of 10.

Details:

This art camp will be Christmas-themed, making art projects and presents. Our little artists will be introduced to the art of weaving, paper folding and batik as we celebrate this holiday in July.

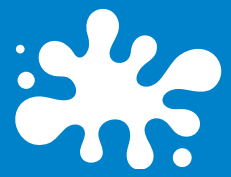
When:
Monday, July 22, 2024 to Thursday, July 25, 2024

Time:
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Where:
Fessenden Center



MESS MASTERS



Ages:
5-8 (Co-ed)

Cost:
\$35 per child

Number of Participants:
Maximum of 16.

Details:

This camp will be full of all kinds of fun and messy activities! Each day will have a variety of games, arts and crafts, and other activities with a common theme of getting messy. This camp will take place outside, and kids will need to wear clothes that can get messy and/or wet.

When:
Monday, July 29, 2024 to Thursday, August 1, 2024

Time:
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Where:
Fessenden Center

MURAL MAKER ART CAMP



Ages:
10-12 (Co-ed)

Cost:
\$40 per child

Number of Participants:
Minimum of 4. Maximum of 10.

Details:

Come join in the fun as we plan and create a mural for a local restaurant. The campers will learn how to create on a large scale using a grid method and teamwork to complete a mural. The group will also visit some local mural landmarks as well.

When:
Monday, August 5, 2024 to Thursday, August 8, 2024

Time:
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Where:
Fessenden Center & traveling on the island



COASTAL MARITIME CAMP SESSION 2



Ages:
6-9 (Co-ed)

Cost:
\$40 per child

Number of Participants:
Maximum of 10 (per time slot)

Details:

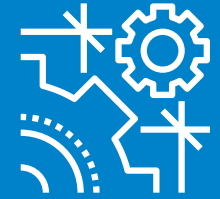
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When:
Monday, August 5, 2024 to Thursday, August 8, 2024

Time:
8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. -OR- 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Where:
Pamlico Sound behind the high school (campers will be dropped off and picked up in the bus parking lot.)

STEM CAMP



Ages:
8-11 (Co-ed)

Cost:
\$40 per child

Number of Participants:
Minimum of 6. Maximum of 10.

Details:

Over four days, the campers will test their skills in science, technology and engineering while engaging in fun activities.

When:
Monday, August 12, 2024 to Thursday, August 15, 2024

Time:
10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Where:
Fessenden Center



FESSENDEN CENTER FISHING CAMP



Ages:
10-14

When:
Monday, August 19, 2024 to Thursday, August 22, 2024

Cost:
\$40 per child

Time:
8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (end times may vary)

Number of Participants:
Minimum of 5. Maximum of 10.

Where:
Various locations around Hatteras Island

Details:
Campers will learn the basics of casting, baiting hooks and tying different types of rigs. We will travel to different fishing locations around the island each day. We will provide the bait and tackle. Participants will be required to provide their own rods. If they have their own tackle they would like to use, they are welcome to bring it.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL NIGHTS



Ages:
Rising 6-8 grade (Co-ed)

When:
Every Thursday night from June 13 to August 22
(no camp on July 4)

Cost:
\$20 per child

Time:
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Number of Participants:
Minimum of 6. Maximum of 20.

Where:
Fessenden Center Gym

Details:
Calling all rising 6th grade through 8th grade ballers! Come once a week through the summer and work on your basketball skills. The camp will include 45 minutes of skills and drills, as well as 45 minutes of scrimmaging. Girls and boys will participate together. This camp will be led by Heath Fountain.



DARE COUNTY DANCE DEPARTMENT MOVIE & DANCE CAMPS



Ages:
Ages 3-12 (Co-ed)

Cost:
\$30 per day

When:
Weeks of June 24-27 and July 8-11
(one age group per day)

Where:
Fessenden Center activity room

Details:
Enjoy watching a movie that involves dance and then learn a dance routine that is influenced by the movie. Participants should bring their own water and a snack. See the list of movies and age groups below.

MOVIE: “ANGELINA BALLERINA”

Ages:
Ages 3 to 4

When:
Monday, June 24, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Number of Participants:
Minimum of 4. Maximum of 10.

Suggested Attire:
Loose-fitting clothing, socks or ballet shoes.

MOVIE: “FROZEN”

Ages:
Ages 3 to 4

When:
Monday, July 8, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Number of Participants:
Minimum of 4. Maximum of 10.

Suggested Attire:
Loose-fitting clothing, socks or ballet shoes.

MOVIE: “MARY POPPINS”

Ages:
Ages 5 to 6

When:
Tuesday, June 25, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Number of Participants:
Minimum of 4. Maximum of 12.

Suggested Attire:
Loose-fitting clothing, sneakers or jazz shoes.

MOVIE: “LEAP”

Ages:
Ages 5 to 6

When:
Tuesday, July 9, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Number of Participants:
Minimum of 4. Maximum of 12.

Suggested Attire:
Loose-fitting clothing, socks or ballet shoes.

MOVIE: “HAPPY FEET”

Ages:
Ages 7 to 9

When:
Monday, June 24, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Number of Participants:
Minimum of 4. Maximum of 12.

Suggested Attire:
Loose-fitting clothing, sneakers or tap shoes.

MOVIE: “HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL”

Ages:
Ages 7 to 9

When:
Wednesday, July 10, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Number of Participants:
Minimum of 4. Maximum of 12.

Suggested Attire:
Loose-fitting clothing, sneakers or jazz shoes.

MOVIE: “THE GREATEST SHOWMAN”

Ages:
Ages 10 to 13

When:
Thursday, June 27, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Number of Participants:
Minimum of 4. Maximum of 15.

Suggested Attire:
Loose-fitting clothing, sneakers or jazz shoes.

MOVIE: “FEEL THE BEAT”

Ages:
Ages 10 to 13

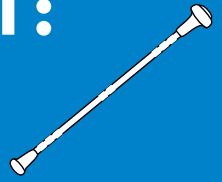
When:
Thursday, July 11, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Number of Participants:
Minimum of 4. Maximum of 15.

Suggested Attire:
Loose-fitting clothing, socks or ballet shoes.



DARE COUNTY DANCE DEPARTMENT: LEARN BATON



Ages:

7-13

When:

June 25, June 26 and July 9

Cost:

\$40 per child

Time:

3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Number of Participants:

Minimum of 4. Maximum of 10.

Where:

Fessenden Center

Details:

Learn the basics of baton twirling. Batons are supplied. Suggested attire is loose-fitting clothing and sneakers. This is an outdoor activity. Please bring a water bottle. Indoor space will be pending gym availability. During the June week we will have special guest Marissa Pierce, who is the 2023 National Collegiate Champion twirler. Join Miss Julie and see how fun baton can be!

DARE COUNTY DANCE OPEN HOUSE: LET'S DANCE!



Ages:

3 and up (with a parent/guardian)

When:

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Cost:

Free

Time:

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Where:

Fessenden Center Activity Room

Details:

Dare County Dance welcomes you to learn about the dance program and meet the dance staff! We will have a dance shoe/attire swap from our donated shoes and dancewear. You can bring any shoes or attire to donate as well. Come by anytime between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. and meet Miss Julie and learn about Dare County Dance!



TEEN WATERSPORTS CAMP

**Ages:**

Rising 8-12 graders (Co-ed)

When:

Monday, June 10, 2024 to Thursday, June 13, 2024

Cost:

\$45 per child

Time:

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Number of Participants:

Minimum of 4. Maximum of 8.

Where:

Hatteras Sailing Center, 48762 N.C. Highway 12
in Buxton

Details:

Get stoked on watersports. Join Hatteras Sailing's sailing team and coaches as they introduce sailing and board-based watersports, such as wakeboarding, paddle boarding and windsurfing. Weather permitting, we will sail each day on a different type of sailboat, such as the Hobie Cat, Melges 24 Keelboat or 420 Dinghy, and also play in the water windsurfing, paddle boarding and wakeboarding. Parents will be asked to sign a liability waiver, and kids will be required to complete a water comfort check on the first day of camp. All campers should bring sunscreen and water shoes, as well as a snack, reusable water bottle and towel. Campers should also wear a rash guard and board shorts they can swim in.

CAPE EXPLORER CAMP

**Ages:**

8-12 (Co-ed)

When:

Monday, June 10, 2024 to Thursday, June 13, 2024

Cost:

\$45 per child

Time:

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Number of Participants:

Minimum of 4. Maximum of 8.

Where:

Hatteras Sailing Center, 48762 N.C. Highway 12
in Buxton

Details:

Explore Cape Hatteras from the water. Join Hatteras Sailing's sailing team and coaches as we experience our gorgeous local environment on Hatteras Sailing's fleet of sailboats. Weather permitting, we will sail each day on a different type of sailboat in the Pamlico Sound: 42' Sabre Cruising boat, Stiletto 27' Catamaran, Melges 24 Keelboat and Optimist Dingy. All campers need to bring sunscreen, water shoes, a snack and a reusable water bottle.

