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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE MANY FOR YOUTH

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One of the most valuable lessons parents try to impart to their children is the importance of giving back. It can be taught in a myriad of ways but one of the easiest is through volunteering.

In the Golden Isles, there are a number of opportunities to volunteer with organizations that do a lot of good in the community. One of the many is FaithWorks. The Christian-based nonprofit serves in a variety of ways to help those in need. Among many programs, the group operates a homeless day shelter called The Well in downtown Brunswick and Sparrow's Nest, a food pantry.

The pantry, especially, allows many opportunities for youngsters to do something positive. Nancy Krabill, volunteer coordinator for FaithWorks, says many young people have found ways to connect and give back through the group.

"We've had high school students volunteer with us on a long term basis in the summertime. Tyler Huang did this last summer and was one of our keynote speakers at our fundraiser in September," Krabill said.

Another option, and one that can be done by all ages, is organizing a food drive for the pantry.

"All they need to do is contact us with the date they want to do the drive. We will make the arrangements with the grocery store — Beth Lane is our point person there," she said.

"Then, on the day of the drive we will have volunteers meet them, help them put up banners, and provide little slips of paper that list what is needed at The Well. The list gives shoppers some focus and inspiration regarding what's needed. After they drive

(and usually lunch) they come to the Sparrow's Nest and deliver the food — so they can see the whole process."

Krabill said connecting with the group is easy. "If folks want to volunteer they can contact me directly or fill out a form (at www.faithworksministry.org/what_you_can_do/volunteer-application," she said.

Like FaithWorks, the Humane Society of South Coastal Georgia also welcomes those who want to help. The nonprofit organization has some stipulations about volunteering on site for youngsters. To work with animals as a volunteer, teenagers have to be at least 17 years of age. However, those who are between the ages of 14 and 17 are allowed to volunteer with a parent.

"That is just for the safety of the kids and the animals," explains Virginia Schlegel, executive director of the no-kill shelter.

But that doesn't mean the little ones can't contribute. In fact, Schlegel said there are a number of ways they can give back as well.

The first is by coming into the facility's educational center. There, they can learn about responsible pet ownership while also taking care of some simple tasks.

"They can go into our education room and fill Kongs (dog toys) with peanut butter for the dogs," she said.

There are other ways they can get involved as well. Namely, Schlegel said, that is putting together food drives and fundraisers.

"They can do things outside of the Humane Society like taking donations for our Sherry's Food Drive, that is always helpful," she said.



The Brunswick News/File

Risley Middle students collected nearly 1,300 cans of food for the Sparrow's Nest for their annual service-learning project in February.

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Students in a previous Kids in College summer camps hosted by College of Coastal Georgia stretch out nets to fish in the surf on the beach on St. Simons Island.



Kids in College

OFFERS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

By **LAUREN MCDONALD**
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College of Coastal Georgia will host its annual Kids in College program this summer.

The camp is geared toward elementary and middle school students.

A longstanding tradition at CCGA, Kids in College was originally a summer enrichment program for elementary students. The program is now a traditional day camp designed to educate students in an engaging way.

CCGA will be offering STEM, fine arts, leadership and sports camps this year during June and July at the Brunswick campus.

The STEM camp will explore the sci-

ence, technology, engineering and math fields, and the fine arts camp will offer students lessons in photography, theater, dance and music.

The leadership camp is meant to enhance each camper's ability to lead and work in a group environment. Activities will include tours of local government offices and facilities, guest speakers, athletics and a low ropes course. Campers will have to submit a current physical when they register.

The sport camp will include football, soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball and physical fitness. A current physical is also required when registering.

A STEM and culinary camp will also be held at the Camden campus June 12 to June 16 and June 19 to June 23. The

campus combines STEM experiences with culinary education.

The STEM, fine arts and sports camps will be open to students ages 8 to 10 and 11 to 13. There will be 30 spaces open per session, and 15 spaces are allotted for each age group.

The leadership camp will be open to 20 campers age 10 to 13.

The camps run from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration can be completed online at ccga.edu.

The early registration fee is \$155 per camper and per week, and registration must be submitted by May 5. Standard registration, completed after May 5, costs \$170 per camper and per week.

MORE INFORMATION

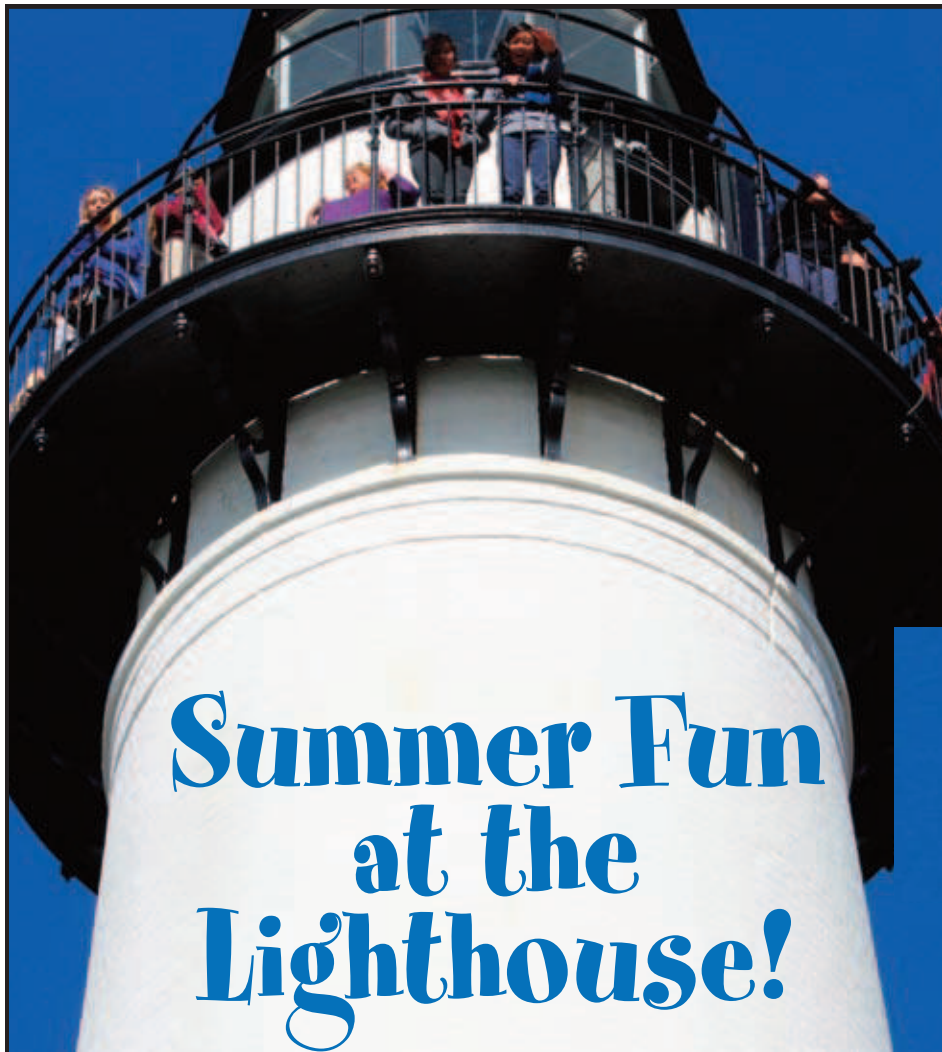
Session One

STEM 1 — June 5-9
Fine Arts 1 — June 12-16
Leadership — June 19-23
Sports — June 26-30

Session Two

STEM 2 — July 10-14
Fine Arts 2 — July 17-21

Questions can be directed to Ginger Chaffinch, the director of recreation and wellness at CCGA. She can be contacted by phone at 912-279-5813 or by email at gchaffinch@ccga.edu or kidsincollege@ccga.edu.



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The Summer job search

By TAYLOR COOPER
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The Golden Isles certainly offers a lot of fun opportunities for youth, but some youngsters may have money on their minds. For 14- and 15-year-olds, a little cash in the pocket can be earned by getting a youth work permit from the Georgia Department of Labor.

Many kids across the state decide to enter the work force during school holidays, said Genia Burnsed, child labor law supervisor at the labor department.

"During the summer, it goes up. I wouldn't say it doubles but it goes up 20 or 30 percent," Burnsed said. "It goes up for the winter holidays too, but not that much."

Burnsed said adolescents wanting to work should read up on all the pertinent information with their parents, which can be found at dol.georgia.gov/get-information-about-child-labor.

She also said that, when it comes

to balancing responsibilities at home and at school, a conversation between parent and child should occur well before the a young teenager takes a job.

Online applications for work permits can be found on the department's website at dol.georgia.gov/get-youth-work-permit-online. There are also resources available for minors, employers and permit issuing officers. Once minors' applications have been filled out and submitted, employers must do some paperwork as well to hire them.

One important step is getting the Minor Security Key. A child is given one as part of their application approval process, and the employer will need to include it in their application. Once the employer's information is submitted

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Permits

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and approved, a permit can be picked up from an issuing officer at the Glynn County Board of Education's offices, 1313 Egmont St., as long as the offices are open.

When it comes to what kind of jobs children can work, each age group has different restrictions. Those who are 14 and 15 years old can only work three hours on a school day and eight hours on a non-school day, and are capped at 18 hours per school week and 40 hours per non-school week. They also may not work during normal school hours or before 7 a.m. or after 7 p.m., but evening hours are extended to 9 p.m. between June 1 and Labor Day, according to child labor laws.

While 16- and 17-year-olds don't need a work permit to get a job, they are subject to the same restrictions pertaining in what industries they can work. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, among those occupations are excavation, manufacturing explosives, mining, and operating many types of power-driven equipment. There are jobs that teens in that age range can do on job sites, but they're very limited. The full list of prohibited jobs can be found at youthrules.gov/know-the-limits/hazards.

One industry that's opening up to underage workers recently is the moviemaking industry.

"We're looking at our 'minors in entertainment' rules right now, because we have a large influx of movies coming into Georgia, so we're looking at those on a repetitive basis," Burnsed said.

Currently, work permits for minors wanting to work on sets or in production are approved on a case-by-case basis, Burnsed said. This is because each film is different, and what's demanded of workers on one movie may be different from another. Because of this, the labor department asks for a lot more information and assurances from movie producers.

"More and more movie production is being done in Georgia, and you've got more in that Savannah area, and you've got kids that want to work in that and are willing to go that far," Burnsed said.

They hope to have an online system for movie work permits, like they do for most other jobs, in the near future.

To make sure that workplaces are adhering to the law, auditors are sent out on a random basis. They make sure everything is above board when it comes to minors.

"Auditors that we send out monitor employment sites for minors, and when they come they're going to look for work permits on files, check the hours being worked, make sure they're being paid at least minimum wage, make sure they don't have any hazardous duties," Burnsed said.

Auditors will also be sent out when there is a tip or someone reports a company for violating the rules. Punishment for violations generally includes up to \$10,000 in civil penalties, as well as what a judge deems fit.

"We're not trying to go out and get anybody, we're trying to make sure the minors are safe and that they're within the hours they're supposed to work and not doing hazardous work," Burnsed said.

Ultimately, Burnsed said all they really care about at the labor department is the safety of the children, which she would hope is what everyone would prioritize.

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SUMMER PROGRAM

By TYLER H. JONES
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The upcoming summer programs at The Gathering Place in Brunswick may offer area students more than fun activities and leadership development.

The faith-based nonprofit is offering rising high school juniors and seniors the chance to participate in the Doulos Internship program, which pays a \$1,000 stipend to participants. The name comes from a Greek word meaning "servant."

"The Gathering Place connects interns with local businesses, where students work part time while participating in mentoring, leadership development and faith-based activities," said Lucas Ramirez, The Gathering Place's executive director.

Students must apply to the program by April 16, and the stipend will help cover a leadership retreat to Tennessee.

For the younger crowd, The Gathering Place is offering its Junior Leadership program, which is open to all high school students.

"The weekly schedule includes fun group activities, dynamic speakers and community service," Ramirez said. "And college students may provide mentoring other days of the week."

The Junior Leadership open registration period is open now through

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In an undated photo provided by The Gathering Place, students attend a 2016 summer program at Strickland Auditorium at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island. The faith-based nonprofit is holding a variety of programs this summer, and registration is currently open.

Program

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May 22, when the program begins. For eight weeks, activities will be held Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays in Brunswick and on St. Simons Island. A \$325 fee is required to participate, and need-based sliding-scale scholarships are available.

And launching June 4, The Gathering Place will host The Main Event every Sunday through July 30 at Strickland Auditorium at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island. The weekly inspirational presentations are free and open to middle and high school students. Pre-event activities begin at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. and a program starting at 8 p.m.

“Each week, there is a powerful speaker that delivers a presentation on a variety of subjects, including faith, community, service, adolescence and life,” Ramirez said. “Our summer interns help to organize each presentation, and local students often perform hilarious skits and songs for the audience.”

With an action-packed summer on deck, there are plenty of programs for middle and high school aged students to stay busy in between school years. Ramirez hopes The Gathering Place’s programs will be a big hit.

“The Gathering Place’s summer programming is designed to be fun, inspirational and meaningful for every student who participates,” he said. “We are excited about this summer and hope our community’s students are, too.”

The Gathering Place is a community-based student leadership development organization that has served area youth since

MORE INFORMATION

The Gathering Place is offering a variety of summer programs, including:

Junior Leadership: Christian leadership program for rising 9th grade to graduating students. Registration is open now and will continue until the program begins May 22. Activities will be held Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays through July 30 in Brunswick and on St. Simons Island. \$325 registration fee.

Doulos Internship: A paid work-study Christian leadership program for rising high school juniors and seniors. Applications will be accepted through April 16. Students will be paid a \$1,000 stipend, and the program will be held Sunday through Friday.

The Main Event: Inspirational presentations held every Sunday from June 4 to July 30 at Strickland Auditorium at Epworth by the Sea, 100 Arthur J. Moore Drive, St. Simons Island. Pre-activities begin at 7 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the program begins at 8 p.m. Free and open to middle and high school students.

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1981. The group’s goal is “to raise up strong Christian leaders who will have an impact on their communities and the world,” according to its website.

For more information about The Gathering Place’s summer line-up, or to apply to its programs, visit www.thegp.org. Details: 264-3474.

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By **BUDDY HUGHES**
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Summer is often a chance for young athletes to hone their skills and make improvements to their games before schools begins.

In the Golden Isles, there are a plethora of options for kids of all levels to not only improve between the lines, but help get them out and about and meeting new people during the summer.

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Above the Rim

Location: Frederica Academy
 Dates: June 12-15 from 9 a.m. to noon each day
 Cost: \$100
 Ages: Rising first-graders through rising eighth-graders
 More information: www.fredericaacademy.org/SummerPrograms
 Description: Above the Rim is for players looking to improve their skills and learn more about basketball. Instruction will focus on fundamentals including dribbling, shooting, passing and defensive technique. Tennis shoes are required and participants are asked to bring a water bottle.

Let's Play Ball

Location: Frederica Academy
 Dates: June 19-22; from 9 a.m. to noon each day
 Cost: \$100
 Ages: Rising first-graders through rising eighth-graders
 Description: A program for athletes looking to get more involved with baseball and will cover all aspects including pitching, hitting and running the bases. Participants are asked to wear cleats and bring a glove and water bottle.

Cheer Camp

Location: Frederica Academy
 Dates: June 5-8, from 9 a.m. to noon each day
 Cost: \$100
 Ages: Rising first-graders to rising eighth-graders
 More information: www.fredericaacademy.org/SummerPrograms
 Description: Participants will learn how to do cheers/chants, jumps, stunts and dance. Safety will be a top priority while learning the fundamentals of each skill. The last day of camp will feature a showcase for family and friends.

Equestrian Experience

Dates: June 5-8, June 12-15, June 19-June 22, July 10-13, July 17-20 and July 24-27 from 1-4 p.m. each day
 Cost: \$265
 Ages: Rising third-graders through eighth-graders
 More information: www.fredericaacademy.org/SummerPrograms

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Location: Frederica Academy
 Dates: July 10-13, from 9 a.m. to noon each day
 Cost: \$100
 Ages: Rising pre-k to rising fifth-graders
 More information: www.fredericaacademy.org/SummerPrograms
 Description: A safe and fun program that focuses on developing a lifetime love of physical activity. Topics like sportsmanship, team building and living a healthy lifestyle will be covered.

Frederica Football

Location: Frederica Academy
 Dates: June 5-8, from 9 a.m. to noon each day
 Cost: \$100
 Ages: Rising first-graders to rising eighth-graders
 More information: www.fredericaacademy.org/SummerPrograms
 Description: Players will get a chance to develop their passing, tackling and punting skills and be recognized at halftime of a varsity football game.

Frederica Golf Camp

Location: Frederica Academy
 Dates: June 19-22, from 1 to 4 p.m. each day
 Cost: TBD
 Ages: Rising fifth-graders to rising ninth-graders
 More information: www.fredericaacademy.org/SummerPrograms
 Description: Camp will provide basic and advanced training in golf in a fun atmosphere. Campers will spend two days on the range and two days playing courses. Golf attire and golf clubs are required.

Frederica Running Camp

Location: Frederica Academy
 Dates: July 10-13, from 9 a.m. to noon each day
 Cost: \$100
 Ages: Rising sixth-graders to rising 12th-graders
 More information: www.fredericaacademy.org/SummerPrograms
 Description: A camp that will help all types of athletes. Athletes will work to become faster, stronger and healthier. How to develop speed, stretching, strengthening

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and agility will be among the focuses.

Frederica Soccer Camp

Location: Frederica Academy
 Dates: June 26-29, from 9 a.m. to noon each day
 Cost: \$100
 Ages: Rising first-graders to rising eighth-graders
 More information: www.fredericaacademy.org/SummerPrograms

Summer Sailing

Location: Frederica Academy
 Dates: July 10-13, from 9 a.m. to noon each day
 Cost: \$225
 Ages: Rising first-graders to rising sixth-graders
 More information: www.fredericaacademy.org/SummerPrograms

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 Location: Jekyll Island
 Dates: July 10-14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day
 Cost: \$296.80

Ages: Older beginners and intermediate level players, ages 11 to 14 years old
 More information: www.jekyllisland.com/activities-category/summer-camps/

Robert Sapp Baseball Camp

Location: Brunswick High and Frederica Academy
 Dates: June 26-30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day
 Cost: \$135 with team rates available if five or more sign up
 Ages: Players ages 7 to 14 years old
 Description: For 37 years, former University of Georgia coach Robert Sapp has been teaching the fundamentals of the game in camps across the state. The camp focuses on teaching the fundamentals of the game in a fun way with games being played in the afternoon.
 More information: www.robertsappbaseballcamp.com

Glynn Academy Football Camp

Location: Glynn Academy
 Dates: May 30 — June 2, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day
 Cost: \$100
 Ages: 5 to 14 years old

British Soccer Camp

Location: Frederica Park, St. Simons Island
 Dates: July 17-21
 Cost: \$138 to \$188
 More information: Contact Anthony Riley at 678-540-1589. Register at challengersports.com/british-soccer.

Around the World Soccer Camp

Dates: June 12-16
 Cost: \$75 to \$175
 Deadline: Sign up before May 1 for an early bird discount
 Location: North Glynn Recreational Complex, 622 Harry Driggers Blvd.
 Ages: 3-6 and 6-16 years old
 More information: Register at gps-georgia.com/summer.

Brunswick High Softball Camp

Dates: July 24-27, 9 a.m.-noon each day
 Ages: 6-14 years old
 Cost: \$60
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 Dates: July 10-14, for ages 8-14; July 17-21, for ages 6-7
 Ages: 6-14 years old



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Boys and Girls Club

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Members of the Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Georgia slide out of a bounce house during a spring event in 2016.

By **LINDSEY ADKISON**
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Summertime brings carefree freedom for youngsters. Of course, it can also bring bouts of boredom. It's certainly something that parents can attest to, which is why they are always looking for ways to mitigate that.

Brooke Eldridge, director of development for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Georgia, said the organization is offering an option that could be useful. The Clubs of Southeast Georgia Summer Camp, Eldridge says, will run from May 30 to Aug. 9.

"Our Summer Camp provides kids with an abundance of opportunities to stay active, maintain academic success and explore addi-

tional activities in sports, the arts and the outdoors. The Clubs give youth a positive place to go in the summer and provide activities that enrich lives," Elderidge said.

The Boys & Girls Club is offering summer camp at nine separate locations throughout Glynn County.

"We have programs for students from 5 to 18 years old. Our clubs are open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday starting May 30," she said.

"We will be offering fun and educational activities throughout the day at each club as well as daily off site field trips. Each week of the summer will have a different theme so each day will be a new adventure for our kids."

The Camps are open to boys and girls ages 5 and up. They run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday. Eldridge said registration is very simple.

"Register in person at the club you plan to attend. Field trips will be offered daily at an additional price," Elderidge said. "For more sign up information, please go to www.apositiveplace.net."

Camps are also taking place at the Ritz in downtown Brunswick. Hosted by the Golden Isles Arts and Humanities Association (GIAHA), there are a variety of programs that appeal to different interests and ages.

Starting at 6 years old, students will be offered the chance to explore their artistic sides. Heather Heath, executive director of GIAHA, said these camps offer the opportunity to learn new things while staying entertained.

"It's fun ... and there are so many different

types of theatre and ways to explore it, be it improvisation, scripted material or story theatre," Heath said.

"Participating in performing arts is an excellent way to develop stronger communication skills and self confidence, learn teamwork and, of course, explore and challenge their creativity."

Topics include theater and musical theater, as well as improvisational comedy and filmmaking. Student age groups for each camp varies but spans from 6 to 18. There is also a tuition fee with each program. They range from \$175 to \$200. Camps last four days and typically run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

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KIDS CONNECTION

Camden summer camps offer plenty of activities

By **GORDON JACKSON**
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Regardless of the interest, there are plenty of ways for Camden County youth to occupy their time during summer vacation.

Summer camps provide the opportunity to learn to swim, be a cheerleader, act in a play, identify local wildlife, or become a better athlete.

The county summer camp starts May 22, the day after school ends, and runs until Aug. 2, the day before the new school year begins.

Valerie Swanson, programs coordinator at the Camden County Recreation Center, said the camp is electronics free, meaning participants are required to keep cell phones, tablets and other electronic devices in their bags.

She said there will be plenty of activities and field trips to occupy youth.

Summer programs offered in Camden County include:

Camden County Recreation Center

- **Summer Camp**, for ages 5 to 15 runs from May 22 to Aug. 2. Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, except on Memorial Day and July 4th. Cost is \$20 a day or \$80 a week, plus a \$10 registration fee.

Activities include games, crafts, swimming, outdoor fun, field trips, basketball, movies, and more. The camp is electronics free.

Children will need to bring lunch daily, unless otherwise posted. A morning and afternoon snack is provided every day.

The rec center is at 1050 Wildcat Dr. and can be reached at 729-5600.

- **Swimming lessons** are offered at the recreation center and the public swimming pool in St. Marys, 301 Herb Bauer Dr.

Cost is \$40 for eight lessons. Classes run Monday through Thursday and are tailored for different age and skill levels.

Crooked River State Park

- **Junior Ranger Camp**: All sessions run from 8 a.m. to noon, June 13-15 and June 27-29. For children 6 to 10 years old.

They will participate in activities that focus on the outdoors and work toward earning a Junior Ranger Badge. Activities include outdoor skills, trail walks, birding and more.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Cost is \$40 per child. All vehicles must purchase a Park Pass when on park property.

- **Adventure Camp**: Sessions run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 7-9. For youths 10 to 13



Provided photo

Campers at the Crooked River Jr. Ranger camp checkout a live alligator.

years old.

Activities include kayaking, fishing, hiking, outdoor skills, environmental education and more. Cost is \$95 per student. All vehicles must have a Park Pass when on park property.

Contact the park at 882-5256.

St. Marys Children's Theatre Camp

- **Reach for the Stars skill camp** for vocal performers. Runs noon to 1:30 p.m. July 17-21. For ages 8 through adult.

The camp helps aspiring performers learn techniques for a successful audition and how to get the desired reaction without under or over performing. On the last day of the camp, participants will go into a mock audition. Cost is \$150 per person.

- **Guitar Camps**: A camp for beginner and another for intermediate guitar player are scheduled. The beginner camp runs 9 a.m. to noon on June 12-15. Students new to the guitar will learn tuning, notes, melodies, timing, developing finger strength and practice routines. Cost is \$125.

The intermediate camp runs 9 a.m. to noon on June 19-22. Students with guitar experience will learn chords, strumming and timing, song structure, dexterity, introduction to music theory, fret board mapping and practice routines. Cost is \$125.

- **Reach for the Stars Audition Skill Camp** teaches techniques to a successful audition. The 5-day camp will be held noon to 1:30 p.m. on July 17-21 for ages 8 to adult. On the last day of the camp, participants will go into mock auditions. Cost is \$150.

- **Show Choir Performance Camp** July 24-28 for ages 8-17. Fanfare classes run 9 to 10:30 a.m. Harmonics classes are from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Auditions for Fanfare and Harmonics shows are held the last day of class. Cost is \$150.

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KIDS CONNECTION

Glynn County offers variety of camps and activities

By TAYLOR COOPER
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Glynn County will be offering a number of activities for children during the summer break, from summer camp to instructional lessons and sports classes.

Some of the details on these camps, lessons and activities have yet to be determined, but when they are, information can be found on the Glynn County Recreation and Parks Department's website, glynncounty.org/recreation, or Facebook page, [facebook.com/glynnrec](https://www.facebook.com/glynnrec). The parks department can be reached at 912-554-7780.

Summer Movie Series

- Movies will be decided closer to the showing, so recent releases can be screened. Dates for the showings are on Wednesdays, June 7 and 21 and August 2 and 9. Movies cost \$1 and another dollar for popcorn, water and candy.

Movies are shown at the St. Simons Island Casino building, 530 Beachview Dr.



The Brunswick News/File

Gabby Schots, grandson Tristan Ramirez, left, and his friend, Aiden Miller, watched "Finding Nemo" during a previous summer movie series.

GlynnKids Running Club

- Meeting locations will vary throughout Glynn County. Registration is open through April 9 for children 6 to 13 years old. There is a fee of \$30 per runner, which includes

t-shirt and awards. Practice will last for an hour one day a week for six months through spring and summer. For more information, check the recreation department's website, or call 912-554-7780.

American Red Cross Swimming Lessons

- Lessons will be held at Selden Park, Neptune Park and Howard Coffin Park. They consist of four two week sessions, children can sign up for one or all of them. Howard Coffin and Selden lessons will cost \$30, while Neptune will cost \$45. The particulars have not been set, but these lessons usually start the week of June 5. Private lessons at Neptune can be arranged for \$30 per 30 minutes.

Tennis Lessons

- Times and dates have not been set yet, but keep an eye out for registration information on the recreation department's website. The lessons usually are on Tuesday and Thursdays, and children can be put into one or both.

Glynn Coastal Wrestling

- Practices are every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the old Ballard School Gym for children in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Registration is open until April 30. The fee is \$45 for one child and \$60 for two children. A family rate is available but you must sign up in office, 323 Old Jesup Rd. For more information call 554-7780.

Mauney Self Defense

- Practice is every Tuesday and Thursday, 7 p.m. Two classes are offered, one for children 6 and older and one for 5 and 6-year-olds. Registration is ongoing. The cost is \$50 per month. Those who are interested can sit in on a class before signing up. Classes meet in the Ballard Community Building at Ballard Park, 30 Nimitz Dr. For more information, contact Jerry Mauney at 912-506-5759.

Summer Camp at Howard Coffin Park

- An annual summer camp will be offered, but no details have been released. Those interested should call 912-267-5566.



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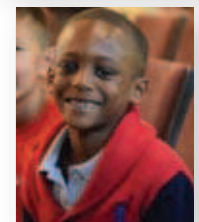
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Keeping **KIDS** READING



The Brunswick News/File

Children practice talking like a pirate as Sean Driscoll of Savannah opens his program "The Great Pirate Race" during a summer program in 2016 at the Brunswick-Glynn County library.

By **LAUREN MCDONALD**
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The Marshes of Glynn Libraries will be hosting events and programs throughout the summer to keep students engaged and reading during their time out of school.

"It's been proven time and time again, the more a child reads in the summer, the less of that summer slide they have to deal with when they go back to school," said Karen Larrick, program coordinator for the library.

The library will host two camps for teenagers, an Amazing Authors Club camp and a Robotics Camp.

The Amazing Authors Club meetings will be scattered throughout the month of June, Larrick said.

The Amazing Authors Club, part of the library's annual summer reading program, offers students the opportunity to come together and write a book.

"Our overall theme for the summer is building, and so the kids are going to do a book about historic buildings," she said. "They make the decisions, so I'm not sure if they're going to concentrate on downtown Brunswick or reach out and include buildings from all over the country."

This year, Larrick said the students will also illustrate the book themselves by drawing pictures of the local historic buildings they choose to write about.

The robotics camp will also take place in June, she said.

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Summer adventures for kids 6-14 years old
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Library

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Students wishing to sign up for either camp can contact Larrick at 279-3738.

Other teen events will include an art workshop with illustrator Michael White at 10:30 a.m. on June 20 in Brunswick, a juggling workshop at 1 p.m. on June 27 in Brunswick and a "Building Catapults and Castles" event at 10:30 a.m. on June 20 on St. Simons Island.

The library will begin its summer reading program on May 30. This year, students will log the books they read using the online program, Beanstack.

The summer programs and camps at the library are meant to offer students a way to keep their minds active throughout the summer months.

"It keeps the kids active and engaged in reading. Both of those teen camps are very STEAM-generated programs. And with the younger kids, it gets them in the library so that it becomes a place they want to come ... That's going to open up the world of books to them."

OTHER PROGRAMS

June 1
Porkchop Productions: "Goldilocks," 10:30 a.m., St. Simons Island

June 6
Curious Moon Puppet Show, 10:30 a.m., Brunswick

June 7
Lego Day, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Brunswick

June 8
Music with Annie Akins, 10:30 a.m., St. Simons Island

June 13
Wildlife Animal Show, 10:30 a.m., Brunswick

June 14
Baby playdate, 10:30 a.m., St. Simons Island

June 15
Yoga for kids and their grownups 10:30 a.m., St. Simons Island

A STEM storytime sponsored by the Girl Scouts of America, Boys and Girls are welcome, 6 p.m., Brunswick

June 17
Movie day, 1 p.m., Brunswick

June 20
Art workshop with Michael White, 10:30 a.m., Brunswick

June 21

Storytime with Ronald McDonald, 10:30 a.m., Brunswick

June 22
Professor DoDad "Under Construction," 10:30 a.m., St. Simons Island

June 27,
Ron Anglin's Juggling Show, 10:30 a.m., Brunswick

June 28
Baby playdate, 10:30 a.m., Brunswick

Evening Storytime, 6 p.m., St. Simons Island

June 29
Curious Moon Puppet Show, 10:30 a.m., St. Simons Island

July 5
Make It and Take It Art in the Casino Atrium, 1:30–3 p.m., St. Simons Island

July 6
Lego Day, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. St. Simons Island

July 8
Science Station Day, 1:30–3 p.m., Brunswick

July 11
Music with Annie Akins, 10:30 a.m., Brunswick

July 12
Baby playdate, 10:30 a.m., St. Simons Island

July 12
Storytime, 3 p.m., Brunswick

July 13
Wildlife Animal Show, 10:30 a.m., St. Simons Island

July 18
Professor DoDad "Under Construction," 10:30 a.m., Brunswick

July 19
Yoga for Kids and their grownups, 10:30 a.m., Brunswick

July 20
Castle and Catapult Building (7 and older), 10:30 a.m., St. Simons Island

Storytime (6 and under), 10:30 a.m., St. Simons Island

July 25
Porkchop Productions: "The 3 Little Pigs," 10:30 a.m., Brunswick

July 26
Baby playdate, 10:30 a.m., Brunswick

July 27
Storytime with Ronald McDonald, 10:30 a.m., St. Simons Island

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KIDS CONNECTION

GETTING
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By **MARY STARR**
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Water makes up more than a quarter of Glynn County's 585 square miles. That alone is a good reason to become a strong swimmer, but coupled with the vast array of water-related sports and hot weather, there is really no excuse to not be a water-savvy resident.

Swim lessons are offered for all ages at area pools, but as with other skills, the younger people learn how to swim, the better off they are.

At the YMCA, at 144 Scranton Connector, a plethora of lessons is offered, according to swim instructor Nicole Fairfield.

"The No. 1 way to be safe around the water is to learn to swim," she said.

Children as young as 6 months old can take classes, which are \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members. Infant classes meet twice a week for a total of eight sessions.

Preschool and youth (children older than 6) classes meet on Saturdays for six weeks, and cost \$26.50 for members and \$37.50 for non-members.

For folks who prefer to not learn in a class environment, private lessons are also available at the YMCA. They are \$20 per half hour for members and \$30 for non-members. Private lessons are also available in a series of six, which cost \$100 for members and \$160 for

non-members.

The YMCA phone number is 265-4100.

At The Club, 2929 Demere Road, St. Simons Island, a variety of swim lessons are offered as well.

Students learn in lessons of eight sessions, which cost \$60 for members and \$75 for non-members. Numerous levels, from water babies to learn-to-swim, are offered. Water babies classes are for children 6 months through 3 year olds.

Angela Dineen, of The Club, said Paige Anderson will be teaching group lessons this year.

"We have several instructors available for private," she said.

Private lessons, which are held in 30-minute sessions are \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. Groups of four half-hour sessions are \$120 for members and \$160 for non-members.

Pre-registration is required, and information may be found by calling 638-5600, or visiting the website at www.theclubssi.com.

Glynn County Recreation & Parks also offers swim lessons at its three pools, Selden Park and Howard Coffin, both in Brunswick, and Neptune Park on St. Simons Island. As with the others, swim lessons are available for children as young as 6 months old. Times and costs vary at the county facilities. Information is available by calling 279-2800 for Selden Park; 279-3720 for Neptune Park and 279-3815 for Howard Coffin Park.



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June 19-23

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Ocean Life
Week 5

June 26-30

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Pirates
Week 6

July 3-7

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Pirates
Week 7

July 10-14

Neptune Park Water Fun Zone, Movies at Glynn Place: DESPICABLE ME, Can Food Drive

Mermaids & Monsters
Week 8

July 17-21

Jumping Jacks Family Fun Center, Waterslide

Mermaids & Monsters
Week 9

July 24-28

Broomelli Brother's Pizza Party, Neptune Park Water Fun Zone

Under the Sea
Week 10

July 31- August 4

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Under the Sea
Week 11

August 7-9

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Please note that activities are subject to change. More detailed calendars will be available on May 19th.

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KIDS CONNECTION



By DEBORAH BAYLESS | dbayless@goldenises.news

With some vacation Bible schools starting in May in Glynn County, parents throughout the Golden Isles, as usual, can choose from a wide range of themed activities from St. William's "The Mighty Fortress," to First Baptist Church, Brunswick's, "Galatic Starveyors." Vacation Bible schools offered in Glynn County this summer break include:

Golden Isles Church of God
Brunswick July 10-13, call for time
265-0937

Glyndale Baptist Church
Brunswick June 25-29, Call for time
265-5539

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
St. Simons Island June 5-9, 5:30-8 p.m.
638-4673

Blythe Island Baptist Church
Brunswick July 24-28, 6-8:30 p.m.
265-4741

Northside Baptist Church
Brunswick June 25-29, 6-8:30 p.m.
265-3063

Christian Renewal Church
Brunswick June 12-16, 9 a.m to noon
264-0028

Norwich Baptist Church
Brunswick June 4-9, 6-8:30 p.m.
265-0494

The Chapel
Brunswick

First through sixth grade, July 18-21, 6-8:30 p.m.
Ages 4 through kindergarten, July 25-27, 9-11:00 a.m.
262-1331

Pine Ridge Baptist Church
Brunswick July 10-14, 6-8 p.m.
265-2228

College Place United Methodist Church
Brunswick July 23-27, 6-8 p.m.
265-4883

St. Simons Presbyterian Church
St. Simons Island June 13-15
638-2220 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Family Life Church
Brunswick July 9-12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
554-0045

St. Francis Xavier Church
Brunswick June 12-16, 8 a.m. to noon
912-264-6805 Ext. 12

First Baptist Church Brunswick
Brunswick June 19-23, 9 a.m to noon
275-7388 "Galatic Starveyor"

St. Simons United Methodist Church
St. Simons Island May 30-June 2
638-3317 9 a.m. to noon

First Baptist Church St. Simons Island
St. Simons Island July 17-21, 9 a.m. to noon
638-3337 "Hero Central"

St. William Catholic Church
St. Simons Island May 30-June 2
638-2651 (Kindergarten-fifth Grade)
9 a.m. to noon "The Mighty Fortress"

First United Methodist Church
Brunswick June 26-29, 9 a.m. to noon
265-4313

Wesley United Methodist Church
St. Simons Island June 9-13
634-1412 9 a.m. to noon

KIDS CONNECTION

GEAR UP FOR
SUMMER CAMP

By TYLER H. JONES
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No kid wants to show up to summer camp without the right gear. Whether heading to an overnight adventure or a day excursion, packing the proper odds and ends can make all the difference.

At Epworth by the Sea, a United Methodist conference and retreat center on St. Simons Island, there is always at least one youngster who shows up for week-long sleep away camp without the suitable stuff, said Kelly Maloy, the center's reservations director.

"It's pretty common for kids to forget their toothbrush," she said. "And they stay in our cabins, so they're supposed to bring their own linens. They will bring their own sleeping bags,

but they sometimes forget their towels or a pillow."

Epworth by the Sea is equipped to rent out linens and other basics to absent-minded youngsters, but Maloy said that can be avoided by carefully checking the packing lists camps issue parents.

"Toiletries is another main thing kids forget," she said. "You want to make sure you remember to pack things like deodorant, beach towels — even pajamas."

Thinking about the camp environment can also help parents make sure they send their child to camp with everything he or she will need. Flip flops for the community showers, swimsuits and sunscreen are all things kids will need at overnight camp. Bringing bug spray can't hurt, either. Packing separate towels for the beach and the bathroom can help keep sand

from ruining a morning shower, too.

A little bit of pocket money can allow kids to buy snacks at the canteen, as well as souvenirs if there is a gift shop. Maloy said most kids bring about \$50 for a five-day overnight camp at Epworth by the Sea. On average, about \$10 per day should be enough to keep a little walking-around money in the pockets of campers.

Of course, not all camps are overnight escapes. There are plenty of day camps in and around the Golden Isles, and kids may need different items.

At the Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Georgia, all nine clubs in Glynn County will stay open through the summer. That's a lot of day camps, said Brooke Eldridge, the club's development and marketing director.

She said the items kids will need to bring

varies on the activity.

"It depends, because if they are going on a field trip, that may require different things," she said.

Generally speaking, the Boys & Girls Club — along with most other Golden Isles area day camps — are all-inclusive.

"Most kids just literally come wearing their play clothes and tennis shoes or flip flops," Eldridge said.

Like overnight camp, there may be vending machines available to kids, so money can be good to send with young campers. But Eldridge said little else may be needed.

"Most of the time, they don't need to worry about bringing very much," she said.

Still, if a parent is unsure of what to send — or not send — with a child to summer camp, it's never a bad idea to ask.



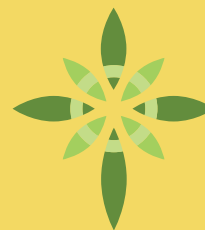
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June 12-16, Monday - Friday

9:00 - 11:45 am

Age 3 to Grade 5

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