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Cancer Association of Anderson Schedules 7th Annual Hartwell Lake Ladies Jet Ski Ride for August 8th. Funds to Support Local Cancer Patients



ANDERSON COUNTY, SC – On Friday, August 8th, the Cancer Association of Anderson (CAA) will host the 7th Annual Hartwell Lake Ladies Jet Ski Ride! According to the Cancer Association

of Anderson's Executive Director, "This signature event was started by a group of caring women who love Lake Hartwell and love the Cancer Association of Anderson. Since its humble beginnings, the event has grown to be a major fundraiser for CAA! We are so grateful for Laura Thompson, Tonya Childs and their wonderful group of friends who took action and are making a very big impact in the lives of Anderson County cancer patients!"

The idea for the jet ski crawl began several years ago while Laura

Thompson and a couple friends were having dinner at the Galley Restaurant on Lake Hartwell. "My husband and his guy friends do an annual jet ski ride each year in remembrance of his father that passed away from cancer 13 years ago," Thompson said. "A couple of my friends and I decided we could do this too and have a ladies jet ski ride." Because the event grew each year, Thompson said she decided to turn it into a fundraiser so participants could ride for a purpose. "So many of us have had family or friends that have

been touched by cancer," she said.

Because Thompson's mother is a breast cancer survivor, she decided to raise money for The Cancer Association of Anderson.



2025 will be our 7th annual Hartwell Lake Ladies Jet Ski Crawl. With over 69 corporate sponsors and so many dedicated riders, we have raised over \$60,000 thus far this year. First Bank, where

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Hot Air Affair

ANDERSON COUNTY, SC – The Cancer Association of Anderson is proud to once again host the 2025 HOT AIR AFFAIR: RISING ABOVE CANCER on the Balloon Launch Field at the Civic Center of Anderson during this upcoming Labor Day Weekend! Once again, the skies above Anderson County will be filled with beautiful hot air balloons. Mark your calendar for Labor Day Weekend, August 29th – September 1st! This signature event benefits local cancer patients through the Cancer Association of Anderson, the only local cancer charity in Anderson County.

Come join our Hot Air Affair sponsors: Blossman Gas & Appliance,



Anderson County, The City of Anderson, AnMed, The People's Bank, Thrivent, Craig Johnson, and many others as 40+ hot air balloons Rise Above the Skies of Anderson. Features include a kids-zone, music, and local entertainment during the day when the balloons are not flying as well as food, craft, and merchandise vendors!

Complete your Labor Day Weekend with the Hot Air Affair: Rising Above Cancer festivities and don't miss Anderson County's Celebrate Anderson on Sunday evening, complete with fireworks and music!

According to Cancer Association Director Angela Stringer, "We look forward to welcoming our family of balloon pilots to

the skies over Anderson County every year! The opportunity to provide a FREE event that raises funds and



awareness for our brave patients and survivors makes it even more exciting! Please come out and join us for a family-friendly weekend with hot air balloons, kids-zone, food trucks, vendors, and much, much

more. We are also looking for community partners to help us keep this wonderful event FREE to the public. There are many ways to get involved and make an impact. Please know that your partnership will make a huge difference in the lives of Anderson County residents who are battling cancer while at the same time, helping CAA continue to grow an 8-year tradition - a family-friendly event that enriches our community."

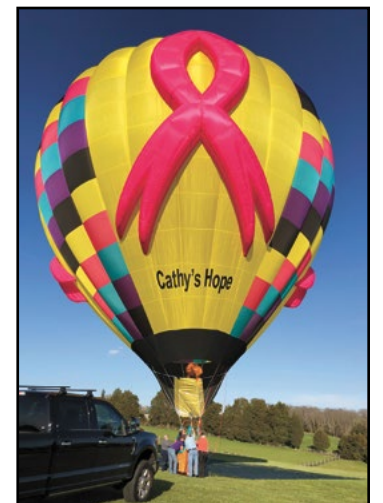
Organizers anticipate 30,000+

people during the three-day event again this year.

Tentative Schedule: (more details to come)

Friday, August 29:
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Festival Hours
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Ballooning Window for static, glows, and/or flights *

Saturday, August 30:
7:00 am – 9:30 am: Ballooning



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Laura Thompson is the Area Executive, is the Presenting Sponsor. "First Bank has supported me in my fundraising efforts from the beginning," Thompson said.

"Smart Marketing owner, Tonya Childs, is the other presenting sponsor, providing all marketing for free along with the rider bags".

ACTIVITIES: Ladies will gather at Party

Island by 12 pm to kick off the day's activities! Once riders are welcomed, guidelines explained, and announcements made, ladies will "parade" toward The Grill at Clemson Marina for live music and a tasty lunch provided by First Bank. Fox Carolina will be onsite to cover the fun! Clemson Marina will donate 10% of their proceeds to CAA.

After a sun-filled day on beautiful Lake Hartwell, grab your spouse, family, and friends and meet us at 6 pm at El Arriero at The Shores for dinner and live music. El Arriero will provide the DJ and donate 10% of their proceeds to CAA.

Riders and guests will also have the chance to purchase a 50/50 raffle ticket! Tickets will be available at lunch, through the afternoon, and again at dinner. The lucky winner will be announced at El Arriero at The Shores—don't miss your chance to win while

supporting a great cause!

ABOUT THE CANCER ASSOCIATION OF ANDERSON:

Founded in March 2003, the Cancer Association of Anderson is the only LOCAL cancer charity in Anderson County. Our mission is to help reduce the burden on Anderson County residents battling cancer, survivors and their families by providing treatment-related financial assistance, information and referral as well as emotional support. ■



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Window for static and flights *

10:00 am - 9:00 pm: Festival Hours

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Ballooning Window for static, glows, and/or flights *

Sunday, August 31:

7:00 am - 9:30 am: Ballooning Window for static and flights *

10:00 am - 9:00 pm: Festival Hours

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Ballooning Window for static, glows, and/or flights *

**Anderson County's Celebrate Anderson concert (across the street in the William A.

Floyd Amphitheater)

Monday, September 1:

7:00 am - 9:30 am: Ballooning Window for static and flights *

10:00 am - 2:00 pm: Festival Hours

*Hot Air Balloon events are weather dependent. If the weather is not conducive to statics, glows, or flights, they will be called off.



Hot Air Affair: Rising Above Cancer's Balloonmeister and weather professional decisions are final.

CAA will host a couple of training sessions for those who would like to volunteer and/or crew with the balloons. Sponsorship opportunities are still available! For more ways you can get involved, please email Angela@CAAnderson.

org or call 864.222.3500.

CANCER ASSOCIATION OF ANDERSON

For twenty-two years, the Cancer Association of Anderson has fulfilled its mission to "lessen the burden on Anderson County residents who are battling cancer" by providing financial, physical, and emotional assistance". CAA is a LOCAL charity and is not affiliated with, nor receives any funding from larger, national organizations such as the American Cancer Society or any Relay for Life events. ■

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New Online Boating Accident Avoidance Course from BoatUS Foundation: 'S.C.A.N. Improving Situational Awareness'

By BoatUS

A quick look at the annual U.S. Coast Guard recreational boating accident statistics shows "operator inattention" and "improper lookout" to be perennial placeholders in the top five primary contributing factors in boating accidents. A new online micro course, "S.C.A.N. - Improving Boater Situational Awareness," aims to address the issue head-on by helping boaters to avoid distracted boating and enhance situational awareness and boating safety skills. The free accident-

avoidance course is designed to make boating safety instruction accessible and to fit into busy schedules, typically taking less than 30 minutes to complete.

Participants will learn the importance of maintaining a proper lookout, understanding and applying the nautical rules of the road, and mastering the S.C.A.N. method (Search, Concentrate, Analyze, Navigate) to help stay focused and avoid collisions. The course also covers common distractions and practical strategies to mitigate them, ensuring a safer and

more enjoyable boating experience.

Through engaging video scenarios and interactive quizzes, learners will also practice key techniques and reinforce their knowledge. By the end of the course, students will be equipped with essential tools to navigate waterways confidently and responsibly.

"The growing list of distractions aboard a boat only made us more determined to offer a new and innovative accident-avoidance course that will sharpen anyone's skills," said BoatUS Foundation Director of Boating Safety Ted Sensenbrenner.

The new course was created in partnership with a grant from the U.S. Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety and funding from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund.

While the S.C.A.N. course does not meet any state education requirements, the Foundation separately offers the only free online boating safety course that provides required NASBLA boating safety certification in 37 states, as well as a range of other paid courses.

For more information, go to BoatUS.org/Courses. ■

Enjoy Lake Adventures Safely During the Hottest Season

There is nothing quite like the beckoning shimmer of a sunlit lake on a summer afternoon. The gentle lapping of water against the shore, laughter echoing across docks, and the cool embrace of a swim all conjure up memories of idyllic days spent outdoors. Yet while lakeside living offers a wealth of joy and relaxation, the rising summer temperatures bring with them a hidden risk, especially for your heart.

A day at the lake is truly a gift. Whether you are enjoying a day out boating, gliding across still waters in a kayak, launching cannonballs off a dock, or simply lounging with an enjoyable book in the shade, the opportunity for leisure is endless. The lake offers a natural playground for families and friends to gather, fostering connections and creating lifelong memories.

Fishing at dawn, beach volleyball at noon,

and marshmallows roasted as the sun sets are joys that are simple but deeply nourishing for the spirit. The lake's calmness can lower stress, elevate mood, and even inspire creativity. Yet, as you bask in these pleasures, it is crucial to pay attention to your body, especially your most vital organ.

When temperatures climb, your heart must work harder to keep your body cool. Heat prompts blood vessels to widen, which can lower blood pressure and force your heart to beat faster to circulate blood. For those with existing heart conditions, or even healthy individuals, excessive heat can lead to dehydration, heat exhaustion, or heatstroke, which can strain the heart and, in severe cases, become life-threatening.

Enjoying the lake does not mean ignoring the risks. With a little care and awareness, you can protect your heart and savor every summer moment.

- Stay Hydrated by drinking water consistently throughout the day, even before you feel thirsty. Avoid excessive alcohol or caffeinated drinks, as these can contribute to dehydration.
- Seek Shade by giving your body regular breaks from the sun. Retreat under umbrellas, trees, or canopies, especially during peak hours between 10am and 4pm.
- Dressing for the weather in lightweight, loose-fitting clothing in light colors helps your body breathe and reflect, rather than absorb, sunlight. Do not forget a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses.
- Pace Your Activities. Enjoy swimming, boating, or games in the cooler parts of the day. Listen to your body and take breaks when needed; overexertion can sneak up quickly in the heat.
- Watching warning signs like dizziness, rapid heartbeat, headache, confusion, or nausea can be signs of heat exhaustion or heatstroke. Move to a cool area and seek medical attention if symptoms persist.
- Check your medications. Several heart medications can affect how your body responds to heat. Consult your doctor before summer begins to ensure you understand any extra precautions you might need.

The lake is a sanctuary, a place where summer comes alive but your enjoyment hinges on good health. Make mindful choices, prioritize hydration, shade, and never underestimate the power of listening to your own body. By taking these basic precautions, you can enjoy lakeside activities safely throughout the summer. ■

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What Fishing Slam Are You Targeting in 2025?

By GADNR

Will it be the Bass Slam or the Trout Slam for you in 2025?

If a challenge helps motivate you to get outside, it's time to target the Georgia Bass Slam or the Georgia Trout Slam (or both), says the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division (GADNR WRD).

In Georgia, a "Slam" is earned by anglers who meet a specific fishing challenge within a calendar year. Which one are you up for first?

Trout Slam: To complete the Trout Slam, anglers must catch all three trout species found in Georgia (rainbow, brown, and brook) within the same year. Participants must submit photos and basic catch information for verification. Successful Slammers receive a special Trout Slam sticker and are automatically entered into the annual grand prize drawing. For more information and to access the submission form, visit GeorgiaWildlife.com/trout-slam.

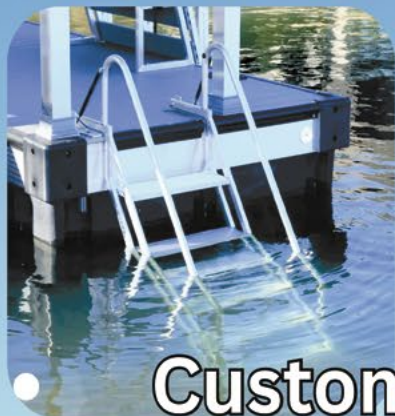
Bass Slam: To complete a Bass Slam, anglers must catch any five of the following ten black bass species found in Georgia: largemouth, smallmouth, shoal, Suwannee, spotted, redeye, Chattahoochee, Tallapoosa, Altamaha, and

Bartram's bass. Fish must be legally caught in Georgia waters where you have permission to fish or from boundary waters under a reciprocal license agreement. Length limits apply—fish must meet legal size limits or be at least eight inches long if no limit is specified. Anglers must submit clear photos, including at least one photo with the angler holding the fish and a side photo showing the fish's length. Submission details must include the angler's name, DNR Customer Number, fish length (weight is optional), county, and

water body. Send entries to Georgia.BassSlam@dnr.ga.gov. Complete rules and additional information can be found at BassSlam.com.

Successful Bass Slammers receive a personalized certificate, two passes to the Go Fish Education Center, and special stickers to display their accomplishment. Anglers are also recognized on the Bass Slam webpage and may be featured on social media. All successful submissions are entered into a drawing for an annual grand prize.

Ready to take on the challenge? Visit BassSlam.com or GeorgiaWildlife.com/trout-slam to get started. ■



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Build Connections at Public Fishing Events

By GADNR

Discover the joy of fishing and build lifelong memories with your family this summer!

If you're not sure how to get started, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) encourages you to check out the list of public fishing events happening across the state.

"Fishing with your child is a great opportunity to connect with them and create incredible memories for both of you," says Scott Robinson, WRD Chief of Fisheries. "If you aren't sure how to get started, plan to attend a public fishing event. The volunteers and staff organizing the event are focused on helping you and your family have a great experience and develop a love for fishing before you try to 'tackle' it on your own."

Public Fishing Events are held primarily in the spring and summer across Georgia on both public and private waterways, typically at locations with high catch rates to ensure a fun, successful experience for new anglers. Many events feature on-site volunteers ready to assist beginners, and some even offer extras like lunch or snacks,



prizes, and educational activities. Participants are encouraged to bring essentials such as sunscreen, hats, water bottles, and a positive attitude. For those new to fishing, many events provide basic gear and hands-on help with baiting hooks, casting lines, and untangling knots. Whether you're an experienced angler or trying it for the first time, these events are designed to make your day on the water easy, enjoyable, and memorable.

These fishing events are sponsored by multiple partners, such as counties and municipalities, conservation groups, and more. WRD co-sponsors many events by providing catfish or trout to improve fishing, educational materials for participants, and guidance for sponsors.

Check out these great resources:

- Fishing with Kids: Visit GeorgiaWildlife.com/KidsFishing to find tips on fishing with kids, recommended places to go fish with children, and a "kids' first fish certificate."
- Finding Fishing Events: Visit GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com and select "Events and Learning Opportunities" to search for events near you.

For more on fishing in Georgia, visit GeorgiaWildlife.com/fishing/angler-resources. ■

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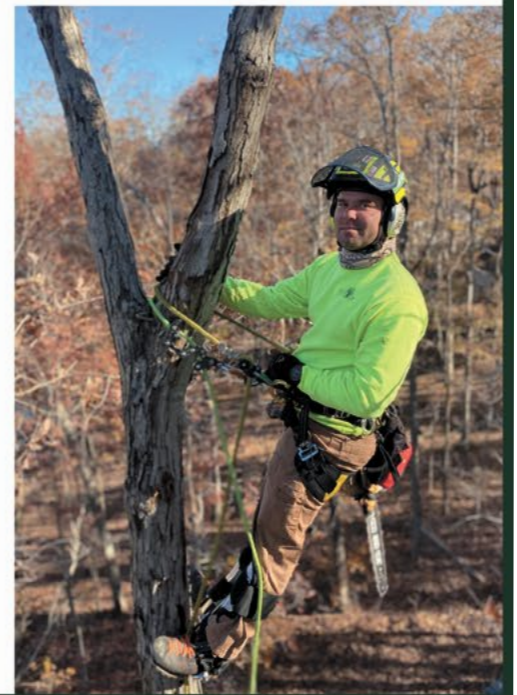
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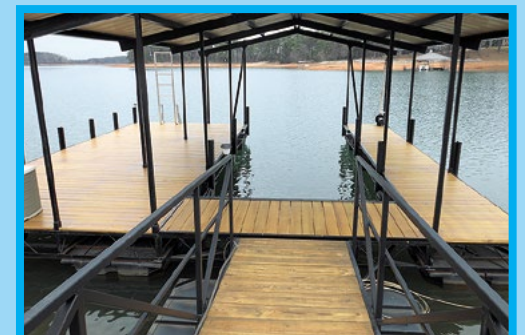


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The Waterfront Grill: Located at 1600 Asbury Park Rd, Anderson across from the double bridges & across from Green Pond Landing. Low Country boil, crab legs, grouper, apple pie, pork chops, turnip greens, burger, waffles, chicken & waffles, shrimp & grits, French toast, both indoor & outdoor setting, catering available, birthday parties. www.theshoresofasbury.com. Open 11am, 7 days a week. 864-844-9002.

Tilly's Tiki Bar & Grill: Located at Harbor Light Marina, 1476 Harbor Light Marina Rd., Lavonia, GA, 706-356-0727, Mon. - Wed., Closed, Thur. 5pm - 9pm, Fri. - Sat. 12pm - 9pm, Sun. 10am - 9pm, www.tillystikibargrill.com. Serving fresh seafood, steak, salads & sandwiches. Team Trivia weekly Sun. 6pm - 8:30pm, **Buoy T51**

J.R. Cash's Grill and Bar: Located at Big Water Marina, 320 Big Water Rd., Starr, SC, 864-309-0111, Fri. - Sat. 11am - 10pm, www.jrcashes.com. Serving fresh, scratch-made, classic American grill. Whether enjoying a legendary salad, oversized sandwiches, or a huge, fresh patty piled high with fixin's. Outdoor setting with a beautiful view of the lake. **Buoy 10**

The Grill at Clemson Marina: Located at Clemson Marina, 150 Clemson Marina Drive, Seneca, SC, 864-653-6767, Fri. & Sun. 11am - 9pm, www.clemsonmarina.com. Serving burgers to tacos & wings, po boys to chicken fingers, salads, wraps and grilled sandwiches in an open air, relaxed environment. Outdoor playground, offering top notch food under refreshing ceiling fans with stunning views of Lake Hartwell & Clemson University's Death Valley. **Buoy 89**

Pixie and Bill's: Located at 1058 Tiger Blvd, Clemson, SC, 864-654-1210, Mon. - Sat. 5pm - 9pm, Sun. closed, www.pixieandbills.com. Fine dining serving fresh seafood, natural hand-cut beef, pasta, pork, chicken, seafood, vegetarian & gluten-free. Opened since 1971, accepting reservations. **Buoy S98**

Waldrop's Restaurant: Located at 1141 Andersonville Road, Townville, SC, 864-287-3958, Breakfast 7am - 10:30am, Lunch 11am - 2pm. Scratch made biscuits, Jalapeno cheese grits, daily specials, burgers, signature sandwiches, salads & more. Across the road from **Buoy T10**

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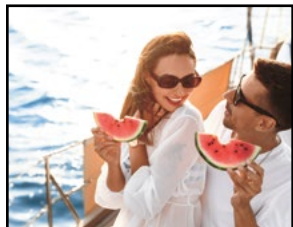
Simple and Delicious Foods to Prepare While Boating: Stay Nourished and Energized on Your Water Adventure

Heading out for a day on the water offers an exciting opportunity to unwind, explore, and soak up the beauty of nature. Whether you're sailing, fishing, or cruising, having the right food onboard can enhance your experience and keep your energy levels high. Preparing simple, delicious, and practical meals ensures you enjoy the journey without worrying about complicated cooking or messy cleanups. Here are some easy food ideas perfectly suited for boating trips.

Breakfast to Kickstart Your Day

A good breakfast can set the tone for the entire day. Since preparing food on a boat can be tricky, it's best to opt for items that require little to no cooking:

- **Overnight Oats:** Prepare jars of oats soaked in milk or a plant-based alternative the night before. Add toppings like berries, nuts, or honey for a nutritious and filling breakfast.
- **Bagels with Cream Cheese:** Pack pre-sliced bagels with a small container of cream cheese or your favorite spreads. They're easy to assemble and eat on the go.
- **Hard-Boiled Eggs:** Boil some eggs in advance and keep them in a cooler. They



provide a protein-packed option to keep you going.

Smart and Satisfying Lunch Options

- When it's time for lunch, simplicity is the key. Here are some practical options that are delicious and easy to prepare:
- **Pre-Made Wraps:** Fill tortillas with deli meats, cheese, and lettuce, or go vegetarian with hummus and roasted veggies. Wrap them tightly and store them in foil for freshness.
- **Pasta Salad:** A cold pasta salad with cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, olives, and feta cheese makes for a refreshing, no-mess meal.
- **Sliders:** Small, hand-held sandwiches such as turkey and cheese sliders are convenient and satisfying.
- **Snacks to Keep You Fueled**
- Snacking is essential on a boating trip to maintain energy levels. Choose options that are compact and easy to eat:
- **Fruit Skewers:** Thread chunks of pineapple, watermelon, and grapes onto skewers for a refreshing and hydrating snack.
- **Trail Mix:** Combine nuts, dried fruits, pretzels, and a sprinkle of chocolate chips

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Summer Events Around Hartwell Lake

July 14 -18, 9AM – 3PM, Summer Theatre Camp Market Theatre, Southwood Academy of the Arts, 1110 Southwood Street, Anderson, 864-260-5205, <https://southwood.anderson5.net>

July 15, 8AM – 1PM, Anderson County Farmers Market, 402 N. Murray Ave., Anderson

July 15, 9AM – 11AM, City Seed Kid's Summer Series: Big Kids, City Seed at the Station, 520 North Murray, Anderson

July 15, 9:15AM – 3:15PM, Preschool Storytime, Anderson County Main Library, 300 N. Murray St., Anderson

July 15, 7PM, Trivia, Growler Haus, 313 N. Main Street, Anderson

July 15, 6:30PM, 6:30 – 8PM, Northeast GA AG Update, Senator Russ Goodman & More Speakers, Hart County Agriscience Center, 1951 Bowman Hwy, Hartwell, FREE, <https://www.hartchambers.org>

July 16, 7:30PM, Long Bright River by Liz Moore, July Brews & Books, Grab a Copy at the Main Library Desk in Anderson or Ebook or Eaudiobook Available on Lobby with Your Library Card

July 16 -17, 8:30AM – 5:00PM, Tri-State Ag Expo, Wide Variety of Exhibitors, Clemson Extension & The SC Dept. of Agriculture is Hosting Learning Workshops, Admission is FREE, Parking \$5, 1101 West Queen St., Pendleton, 864-646-2717

July 17, 6:30PM, Collab - Jam, Not Karaoke or Open Mic, All Ages & Skill Levels and Genres to Come Jam Out! Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

July 17, 8AM, Thursday on Main, Sales, Store Specials, Delicious Deals at Your Favorite Local Shops & Restaurants

July 17, 10AM & 7PM, The Garfield Movie, Summer Series, \$1, The Historic Ritze Theatre, 13 E. Doyle St., Toccoa,

July 17, 18, 20, 24, 25, 27, 31, 6PM – 9PM, Live Music at Wesley's Mark Mentzer, Rat Pack – Style Melodies, Wesley's on Doyle, 51 Doyle St., Toccoa

July 18, 7PM Doors Open, 8PM Show, Chad Prather, Comedy, Laughs & Good Ol' Southern Charm, The Historic Ritz, 139 E. Doyle St., Toccoa

July 18, 6PM, Luke Duece, Live Music, Magnetic South Brewery, 516 S. Brewery, Anderson

July 18, 7PM – 10PM, Luke Riley Smith, Live Music, Smooth Melodies & Vibrant Rhythms, Wesley's on Doyle, 51 Doyle St., Toccoa

July 18, 7PM, Music, T.C. Costello, McGee's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 116 W. Orr St., Anderson

July 19, 6PM - 9PM, 27th Annual Car Show & Granite Bowl Blast Fireworks Show, Cruise-In & Classic Cars. Tommy Landrum with the Oldies, Food Trucks, Crafts Vendors & Jumpies, Elberton Square, Elberton

July 19, Gates Open, 6PM, Show, 7:30PM, Music, Upchurch & The Dixielanders: The Civil Tour, Tickets On Sale At Upchurchmerch.com, William A. Floyd Amphitheater, 3027 MLK Jr. Blvd., Anderson, (919) 555-1212, ASEC@andersoncounty.org

July 19, 29, 31, 8AM – 1PM, Anderson Farmers Market, 402 N. Murry Ave., Anderson

July 19, 7PM – 8:30PM, An Evening of Jazz, Smooth & Soulful Night, Hyperlocal Beer, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

July 19, 9AM – 11AM, Longhorn Steakhouse Pancake Breakfast, 3730 Clemson Blvd., Anderson

July 19, 11AM – 3PM, Youth Ministry Water Day, Ages 6-19, 5 & Under Welcome with a Parent, Water Activities, Outdoor Games, Music & Fellowship, Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 1145 Crestview Rd., Anderson

July 19, 7:30PM, The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience, Zoso's Celebrating their 30th Anniversary, Walhalla Performing Arts Center, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, walhallaapac@gmail.com, 864-638-5277

July 19, 10AM – 4PM, Mini Watercolors Make and Take, Indigo Custom Framing, 305 N. Main St., Anderson

July 19 & 26, 7PM – 9PM, Ida Cox Music Series, "Uncrowned Queen of Blues", Don't Forget Your Lawn Chair, Downtown Toccoa on Doyle St., Toccoa. www.idacoxmusicseries.com/

July 20, 5PM – 7PM, Songwriter Sunday, Songwriter Sunday, Local Talented Songwriters, Open Mic, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

July 20, 11AM – 12PM, Gumlog and Tugaloo History Chat, Learn the History, Tugaloo State Park, 1763 Tugaloo State Park, 1763 Tugaloo State Park Road, Lavonia, 706-356-4362

July 20, 1PM – 2PM, Crochet Craft, Learn to Crochet w/Ranger Lead Program, Tugaloo State Park, 1763 Tugaloo State Park, 1763 Tugaloo State Park Road, Lavonia, 706-356-4362

July 20 & 27, 5PM – 8PM, Mark Mentzer, Blues, Smooth Swing, Wesley's on Doyle, 51 Doyle St., Toccoa

July 21, 8AM, Thursday on Main, Sales, Store Specials, Delicious Deals at Your Favorite Local Shops & Restaurants

July 21, 6PM – 9PM, Open Mic Night, Musicians, Singer/Songwriters, Poets, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

July 24, 10AM & 12PM, 7AM – 9PM, IF, Summer Movie Series, The Historic Ritz, 139 E. Doyle St., Toccoa

July 25 – 26, 12AM, Rock The Country 2025, Anderson County Civic Center, 3027 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Anderson, <http://andersonevents.com/>, 864-260-4800

July 25 – 26, The Dixielanders, Anderson Sports & Entertainment Center, 3027 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Anderson

July 25, 6PM – 9PM, Live Music, Magnetic South Brewery, 516 N. Main St., Anderson

July 25, 7PM – 10PM, Jimmy Scott, Wesley's on Doyle, 51 Doyle St., Toccoa

July 25, Doors Open 6 PM, Showtime 7PM, Moms Unhinged Comedy, The Historic Ritz, 139 E. Doyle St., Toccoa

July 26, 7PM, Jordan Miller Music Showcase, Performing Live Jordan Miller, Jake Cox, Savannah Leigh & Josh Cook, \$10, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

July 26, 7:30 PM, Interstellar Echoes, A Tribute to Pink Floyd, Walhalla Performing Arts Center, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, walhallaapac@gmail.com, 864-638-5277

July 26, 11AM – 3PM, Christmas in July, Art, Music & Markers Market, Anderson Mall, 3131 N. Main, Anderson, www.adamanaturals@gmail.com

July 27, 5PM – 7PM, Songwriter Sunday, Songwriter Sunday, Local Talented Songwriters, Open Mic, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

July 28, 6PM – 9PM, Open Mic Night, Musicians, Singer/Songwriters, Poets, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

July 30, 7PM – 9PM, Trivia at Magnetic South Brewery, 526 N. Main St., Anderson

July 30, 7:30PM, Wine Wednesdays, Wheel & Fowl, 121 N. Main St., Anderson

July 31, Family Storytime, Anderson County Main Library, 300 N. McDuffie St., Anderson

July 31, 6PM – 8PM, Piedmont Natural Gas Block Party, Carina Wren Park, 111 E. Whitney St., Anderson

July 31, 6PM, Live Music – Luke Smith, The Bradbury Bistro, 502 N. Main St., Anderson

July 31, 10AM – 12PM & 7PM – 9PM, Dogman, Summer Movies Series, The Historic Ritz Theatre, 139 E. Doyle St., Toccoa

August 1, 6PM VIP, 6:30PM VIP Performance, 6:45PM GA Doors, 7:30PM Show Begins, Ramble Tamble, The Creedence Clearwater, Revival Experience, The Historic Ritz, 166 W. Doyle Street, Toccoa

August 1, 6PM – 9PM, American Gothic Art Exhibition, Anderson Art Center, 110 Federal Street., Anderson

August 1, 8:40 – 10PM, Movie Night in the Park, Carolina Wren Park, 111 E. Whitney St., Anderson

August 1, 8AM, Jr. Beef Round-Up, Cattle Arrival, 5:30 Sales Talk, FREE, T. Ed Garrison Livestock Arena, 1101 West Queen St., Pendleton, 706-713-6355

August 2, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 30, Anderson Farmers Market, 8AM – 1PM, 402 N. Murry Ave., Anderson

August 2, 8:00AM, Jr. Beef Round-up, Welcome, Scholarship Contest, Scholarship Essay, Jr. Cattlemen's Contest, Showmanship Contest, Award Program, FREE, T. Ed Garrison Livestock Arena, 1101 West Queen St., Pendleton, 706-713-6355

August 2 - 3, 10AM – 4PM, Home & Garden Home & Garden Show, The Civic Center of Anderson, 3027 MLK Jr Blvd., Free Admission, (919) 555-1212

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 7PM – 9PM, Ida Cox Music Series, "Uncrowned Queen of Blues", Don't Forget Your Lawn Chair, Downtown Toccoa on Doyle St., Toccoa. www.idacoxmusicseries.com/

August 2, 10AM – 2PM, 2025 AACDST Community Wellness & Resource Fair, Health & Wellness, Community Health Partner & Organizations, Voter Registration, Free Screening, Vendors, Food Trucks, Entertainment, Giveaways & More, FREE, Westside Community Center, 1100 W. Franklin St., Anderson

August 2, 10AM, Story Time with Bridget Brennan, Whimsical Tales & Live Music, Sing-Alongs & Dance, Delightful Goat & Animal Encounters, \$7 Per Person, Kids Under 3 are FREE, Fromelfarm@gmail.com, 407-353-6033, fromelfarm.com, Fromel Farm, 116 Stone Drive, Anderson

August 3, 8:30AM, Jr. Beef Round-up, Cowboy Church 10AM Breed Shows, FREE, T. Ed Garrison Livestock Arena, 1101 West Queen St., Pendleton, 706-713-6355

August 3, 17, 31, 5PM – 7PM, Songwriter Sunday, Songwriter Sunday, Local Talented Songwriters, Open Mic, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

August 4, 6PM – 9PM, Open Mic Night, Musicians, Singer/Songwriters, Poets, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

August 5, 6PM – 8PM, National Night Out, West Pelzer Main St., Anderson

August 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 30, 8AM – 1PM, Anderson Farmers Market, 402 N. Murry Ave., Anderson

August 6, 13, 20, 27, 7PM – 9PM, Trivia, Magnetic South Brewery, 516 N. Main St., Anderson

August 6, 7:30PM, Wine Wednesday, Wheel & Fowl, 121 N. Main St., Anderson

August 7, 14, 21, Piedmont Natural Gas Block Party, Carolina Wren Park, 111 E. Whitney St., Anderson

August 8, 5:30PM Doors – 7PM Show, Wilmington, NC Celebration Choir, Southern Gospel, The Historic Ritz, 139 E. Doyle St., Toccoa

August 9, 10, 15, 16, 22, 7:30PM – 9PM, HairSpray, Electric City Playhouse, 514 N. Murry Ave., Anderson

August 15, 5PM – 9PM, 2025 Hippie Fest, Live Music and Much More, 1269 E. Main St., Lavonia, 706-356-1926, dda@lavoniaga.gov

August 9, Back to School-Old School Bass Fishing Tournament, Gum Branch Mega Ramp, Anderson, Tony Gray, (803) 534-1720, Joe Carden (470) 867-7792

August 10, 5PM – 7PM, Songwriter Sunday, Songwriter Sunday, Local Talented Songwriters, Open Mic, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

August 10, 7PM, Sunset Yoga in the Park, Carolina Wren Park, 111 E. Whitney St., Anderson

August 11, 6PM – 9PM, Open Mic Night, Musicians, Singer/Songwriters, Poets, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

August 15, 7:30PM, Sweet Baby James, The #1 James Taylor Tribute, Walhalla Performing Arts Center, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, walhallapac@gmail.com, 864-638-5277

August 15, 5PM – 9PM, Music on Main Hippie Fest, Music, Second Time Around Band, 7:30 -9:30PM, Vendors, Costume Contest, Foam Cannon, VW Cruise-in, Tie-Dye Station, Bring your own shirts, 1210 E. Main St, Lavonia, 706-356-1926, dda@lavonia.gov

August 15, 7PM Doors Open – 8PM Show, Carolanne Miljavac, The Historic Ritz, 139 E. Doyle St., Toccoa

August 16, 9AM – 1PM, 2025 Northeast GA AG Expo, Hart County Charter System Agriscience Center, 1575 Bowman Hwy., Hartwell, FREE

August 16, 7:30PM, The Black Jacket Symphony Presents: The Era of Yacht Rock, Walhalla Performing Arts Center, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, walhallapac@gmail.com, 864-638-5277

August 17, 5PM – 7PM, Songwriter Sunday, Songwriter Sunday, Local Talented Songwriters, Open Mic, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

August 18, 6PM – 9PM, Open Mic Night, Musicians, Singer/Songwriters, Poets, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

August 18, 5:30PM Doors Open, 6:30PM Show, Congresswoman Sheri Biggs' Salute, Tickets \$1 to \$10000, The Civic Center of Anderson, 3027 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Anderson, 864-260-4800.

August 15 – 17, 4PM, Tiger Town Classic, Horse Show, 8 Events, Jumping, Dressage, Field Hunter, Ranch, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure, Barrels and Off The Rails, T. Ed Garrison Livestock Arena, 1001 West Queen Street, Pendleton, equineeventplanning.com, Richard Isley, 336-908-3302

August 21, 10AM – 8PM, Thursday on Main, Exploring Downtown Toccoa, Exclusive Sales, Store Special, Delicious deals, Favorite Shops & Restaurants

August 22 – 23, 7:30PM, 7 Bridges: The Ultimate Eagles Experience – Friday, Walhalla Performing Arts Center, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, walhallapac@gmail.com, 864-638-5277

August 22 – 24, 7:30 – 8:30PM, Comedy of Errors (Shakesbeer in the Park), Carolina Wren Park, 111 E. Whitney St., Anderson

August 22 – 24, All Day, Made in the Shade Horse Show, T. Ed Garrison Arena, 1101 West Queen St., Anderson

August 23, 8AM, Holler-in-Walhalla, Baby: 21 mi, Little: 51 mi, Big: 63 mi, Boss: 81 mi, For More Information Visit www.gravelroll.com

August 24, 5PM – 7PM, Songwriter Sunday, Songwriter Sunday, Local Talented Songwriters,

August 25, 6PM – 9PM, Open Mic Night, Musicians, Singer/Songwriters, Poets, Carolina Bauernhaus & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

August 29 – 30, All Day, Good Times Barrel Race, T. Ed Garrison Arena, 1101 West Queen St., Pendleton

August 29, 7:30PM, Harvest Moon – The Music of Crosby, Still, Nash & Young, Walhalla Performing Arts Center, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, walhallapac@gmail.com, 864-638-5277

August 31, 5PM – 7PM, Songwriter Sunday, Songwriter Sunday, Local Talented Songwriters, Open Mic, Carolina Bauernhaus & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

August 31, 10AM – 5PM, Celebrate Anderson Jeep Extravaganza, Benefitting Special Olympics Area 14, FREE to Attend, Show &

Shine \$29, Club Members \$24, Live Music, DJ Ducking Dale, Food Vendors, Raffles, Merchandise Vendors & More, Civic Center of Anderson Parking Lot, 3027 Martin Luther King Blvd., Anderson, 864-260-4800

August 31, Gates Open: 5PM, Show Starts: 6PM, Celebrate Anderson: Kool & the Gang, Tickets Are Free & Are Required for Entry, Lawn and Standing Room Only Tickets, Go to AndersonEvents.com, William A Floyd Amphitheater, 3027 MLK Jr Blvd, Anderson, (919) 555-1212

September 1, 8, 15, 29, 6PM – 9PM, Open Mic Night, Musicians, Singer/Songwriters, Poets, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

September 2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27, 30, 8AM – 1PM, Anderson Farmers Market, 402 N. Murry Ave., Anderson

September 3, 10, 17, 24 Trivia, Magnetic South Brewery, 516 N. Main St., Anderson

September 4, 8PM, Door Open 6PM, Jamey Johnson – The Last Honk Tonk Tour, Tickets Available, The Civic Center of Anderson, 3027 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Anderson, 864-260-4800

September 5, 7:30PM, Mainstreet – Tribute to Bob Segar, Good Old Time Rock-n-Roll, The Historic Ritz, 139 E. Doyle St., Toccoa

September 5, 8PM, Jessie Murph, Singer, Wendells – Outdoors, 5132 US-29, Anderson

September 6, Seab Dietrich – Humorist, Story – Teller, Multi-Instrumentalist, Singer & Songwriter,

September 6, 1PM – 3PM, Paint & Learn, Anderson Museum, 402 N. Murray Ave., Anderson

September 7, 5PM – 7PM, Songwriter Sunday, Songwriter Sunday, Local Talented Songwriters, Open Mic, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

September 12, 7:30PM, Dirty Logic, The #1 Steely Dan Tribute Banc, Walhalla Performing Arts Center, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, walhallapac@gmail.com, 864-638-5277

September 12 – 14, Clemson Derby Classic, Ranch Sorting National Championships, Dixie Region Team, T. Ed Garrison Live Arena, Main Arena, 1101 West Queen Street, Pendleton, Clint Price, 704-862-8175, Clint.Price@alatana.com, FREE

September 13, 5:30PM Doors Open – 7PM Show, Southern Gospel, The Historic Ritz, 139 E. Doyle St., Toccoa, FREE

September 14, 5PM – 7PM, Songwriter Sunday, Songwriter Sunday, Local Talented Songwriters, Open Mic, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

September 14, 7PM, Sunset Yoga in the Park, Carolina Wren Park, 111 E. Whitney St., Anderson

September 15, 6PM – 9PM, Open Mic Night, Musicians, Singer/Songwriters, Poets, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

September 18, 5PM – 7PM, Songwriter Sunday, Songwriter Sunday, Local Talented Songwriters, Open Mic, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

September 18, 8AM, Thursday on Main, Sales, Store Specials, Delicious Deals at Your Favorite Local Shops & Restaurants

September 19, 6PM Doors Open – 7PM Show, Season 9 Show, The Historic Ritz, 139 E. Doyle St., Toccoa

September 20, 6PM Doors Open – 7PM Show, The Glow Band, Eagles & Friends Tribute, The Historic Ritz, 139 E. Doyle St., Toccoa

September 20, 7AM – 10AM, Weekend of Hart 5K & Fun Run, Big Oak Recreation Center, 5823 Dam Road, Hartwell, \$25 Per Runner, Clover Glove and AAA Race Series, (706) 436-2169 or 706-371-0830

September 21, 5PM – 7PM, Songwriter Sunday, Songwriter Sunday, Local Talented Songwriters, Open Mic, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

September 25, 7:30PM, Sara Evans – Unbroke Tour, Walhalla

Performing Arts Center, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, walhallapac@gmail.com, 864-638-5277

September 22, 6PM – 9PM, Open Mic Night, Musicians, Singer/Songwriters, Poets, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

September 26 – 28, 5PM, Anderson County Livestock Show, Youth Showings: Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Poultry, Swine, Rabbits & Sheep. 1101 West Queen Street, Pendleton, 864-226-1518, FREE

September 26 – 28, 7PM, 2025 AKC Agility League Championship, 5 Skill Levels, Elementary, Freshman, Sophomore, Senior and PhD, www.akc.org/akc-agility-league-championship/, Joseph Carlini, 212-696-8226, FREE

September 26, 6PM Doors Open – 7PM Show, Jon Reep Ginger Bread Man, Comedy, The Historic Ritz, 139 E. Doyle St., Toccoa

September 27, 7PM Doors Open – 8PM Show, Jesse Peyton, Comedy, 18+, The Historic Ritz, 139 E. Doyle St., Toccoa

September 29, 6PM – 9PM, Open Mic Night, Musicians, Singer/Songwriters, Poets, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

October 3, 7:30PM, Stayin'Alive – One Night of the Bee Gees Returns, Walhalla Performing Arts Center, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, walhallapac@gmail.com, 864-638-5277

October 5, 5PM – 7PM, Songwriter Sunday, Songwriter Sunday, Local Talented Songwriters, Open Mic, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

October 6, 6PM – 9PM, Open Mic Night, Musicians, Singer/Songwriters, Poets, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

October 9, 6PM Doors Open – 7PM Show, Night at the Ritz, Season 9 Show, The Historic Ritz, 139 E. Doyle St., Toccoa

October 10, 6PM Doors Open – 7PM Show, The Swinging Medallions, Toccoa/Stephens Co Humane Shelter Fundraiser, The Historic Ritz, 139 E. Doyle St., Toccoa

October 10 – 11, 5PM, SC Walking Horse State Championship, 1101 West Queen Street, Pendleton, <http://scwha.org/>, Tyler Hege, 336-823-1678, FREE

October 10, 7:30PM, Jim Messina – Rock Legend of Loggin's Messina Returns, Walhalla Performing Arts Center, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, walhallapac@gmail.com, 864-638-5277

October 11, 5:30PM Doors Open – 7:00PM Show, Southern Gospel, The Historic Ritz, 139 E. Doyle St., Toccoa

October 11, 7:30PM, Tyrus Live, All New “What it is” Comedy Tour, Walhalla Performing Arts Center, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, walhallapac@gmail.com, 864-638-5277

October 12, 5PM – 7PM, Songwriter Sunday, Songwriter Sunday, Local Talented Songwriters, Open Mic, Carolina Bauernhaus Brewery & Winery, 115 Federal Street, Anderson

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October 21, 5PM, Friends of the Ritz, The Historic Ritz, 139 E. Doyle St., Toccoa, FREE

October 17, 7:30PM, The Stranger, A Tribute to Billy Joel, Walhalla Performing Arts Center, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, walhallapac@gmail.com, 864-638-5277

October 24, 7:30PM, Balsam Range: American Acoustic Bluegrass, Walhalla Performing Arts Center, 101 E. N. Broad St., Walhalla, walhallapac@gmail.com, 864-638-5277 ■

SCDNR Partners in the 2025 SC7 Expedition

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) partnered in the kickoff of the 2025 SC7 Expedition yesterday at Oconee Station State Historic Site. This month-long, world-class expedition showcases the natural beauty of South Carolina’s “Seven Summits,” encouraging outdoor recreation, environmental stewardship, and awareness of resilience.

The expedition, organized annually by the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor and Global Eco Adventures, the SC7 Expedition is a statewide journey designed to highlight South Carolina’s incredible natural resources, promote environmental education, and foster partnerships that advance resilience and conservation.

SCDNR joined Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evette, South Carolina Senate President Senator Thomas Alexander, partnering organizations, and members of the public for the annual SC7 Kick-off Ceremony at Oconee Station—a historic 1790s-era military garrison and trading post nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

“Senator Thomas Alexander’s steadfast commitment to conservation has been instrumental in elevating the SC7 Expedition,”

said SCDNR Director Tom Mullikin. “For the past five years, he’s helped launch this journey, inspiring others to connect with our state’s natural heritage. Together with Lt. Governor Pamela Evette, whose active participation has



also been a driving force, their leadership on the 30-day Mountains-to-the-Sea Trail hike reflects a shared and deeply personal investment in protecting the landscapes that define us.”

Following the ceremony, the group hiked

to Station Cove Falls, a 60-foot tiered waterfall known for its serene beauty and ecological significance. After the hike, the event continued at SCDNR’s Walhalla State Fish Hatchery, where staff conducted a live demonstration of the trout

stocking process.

Built in the 1930s by the Works Progress Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Walhalla State Fish Hatchery (WSFH) has been operated by SCDNR since 1996 and

remains the state’s only coldwater hatchery. It produces approximately 500,000 brown, brook, and rainbow trout annually for stocking in South Carolina and beyond.

“Trout stocking supports recreational fishing and brings significant economic value to our state,” said Mullikin. “With an annual investment of roughly \$700,000 and an estimated \$20 million return, this operation proves that conservation and economic growth can go hand in hand.”

Funding for hatchery operations is provided through partnerships with Duke Power, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Sport Fish Restoration Program, and revenue from fishing license sales. The hatchery is staffed by a dedicated team of SCDNR Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) professionals committed to maintaining healthy fish populations and public access to recreational angling.

Throughout July, SCDNR will continue to support the expedition’s goals and help showcase the diverse ecological assets and individuals that make South Carolina global leaders in marine and wildlife protection. ■



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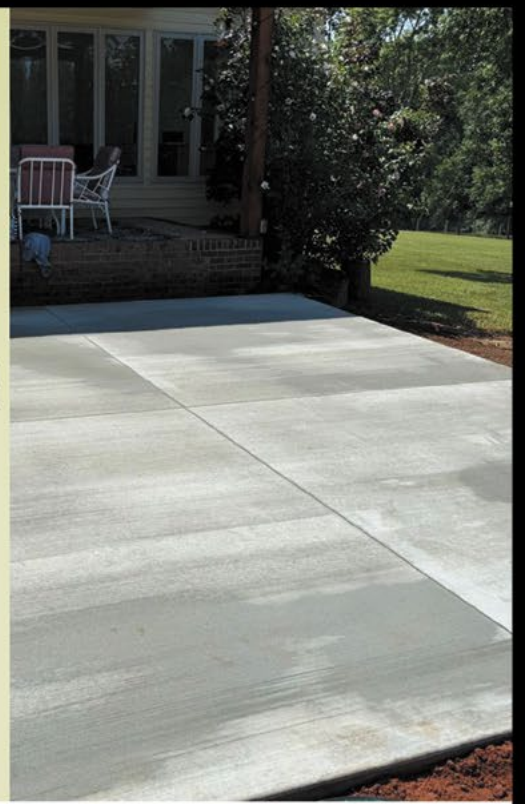


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- in resealable bags for a boost of energy.
 - Veggie Sticks: Pack cut-up carrots and celery with small containers of hummus or ranch dressing for dipping.
 - Dinner for Relaxing Evenings**
 - If you plan to stay out late, a light dinner that's easy to serve is ideal:
 - Grilled Veggie Wraps: Prepare grilled vegetables at home and wrap them in tortillas with a drizzle of balsamic glaze.
 - Couscous Salad: Toss cooked couscous with diced cucumbers, tomatoes, parsley, and a lemon vinaigrette.
 - Pre-Made Burritos: Pack burritos filled with rice, beans, and your choice of protein. Simply reheat on a portable grill or enjoy cold.
- Don't Forget Beverages**
- Hydration is essential while boating. Pack plenty of water and consider these fun additions:
 - Infused Water: Add slices of lemon, lime, or mint leaves to water for a refreshing taste.
 - Iced Tea: Brew tea ahead of time and sweeten lightly for a refreshing drink.
- With a bit of planning, your boating trip can be a culinary delight as well as an adventure. Remember to pack reusable containers, utensils, and napkins to minimize waste, and keep everything in a well-insulated cooler to stay fresh all day. Bon voyage and bon appétit! ■

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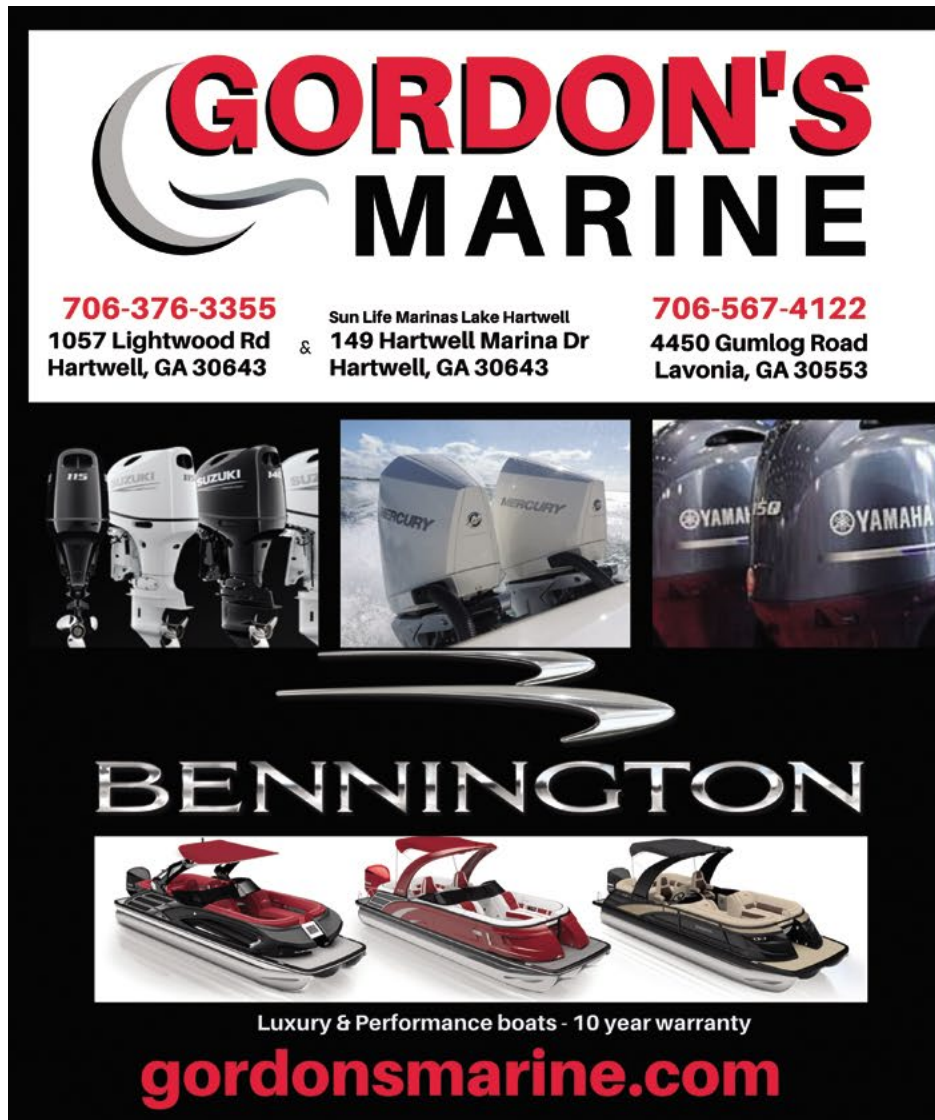
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Safety Tips for Fishing with Kids

By Takemefish.org

A family day on the water is ideal and to keep it fun, you'll need a few safety tips for fishing with kids. Here are some important safety tips to keep in mind if you are planning to go fishing and boating with the kids. Safety is important to enjoy a great day on the water. Here is a checklist to get ready for your next fishing trip!

1. Use Protective Eyewear: Fishing safety for kids begins with protective eyewear. Polarized sunglasses are ideal for reducing eye strain spotting fish. They are invaluable for protection from branches when walking into a pond or from lures being tossed by other kids. If you are night

fishing, add a pair of clear glasses from a hardware store.

2. Use Barbless Hooks: Should a child (or an adult) be snagged, barbless hooks are far easier to remove. Barbed hooks are important when bait fishing, and a serviceable option is to slightly bend them down.

3. Put on PFDs: Another must have safety item when fishing with kids: PFDs. Kids in kayaks, canoes, or boats are safer when wearing a Personal Floatation Device.

4. Take a Float and Line: Having a float and line to toss kids in the water is a good idea either when fishing from land or from a boat.

5. Clearly Define Rules: Kids want to have

fun, but running around a wet boat deck shouldn't be allowed. Teaching fishing skills (and etiquette) includes setting the rules ahead of time and having the little ones follow them throughout the trip. This is especially important when fishing with a toddler to keep him or her away from items that could cause harm.

6. Bring Drinks and Snacks: Juices or water are important to have to prevent dehydration. Pack sunscreen to prevent sunburn and bug spray to keep bugs away.

7. Use Kid-Friendly Tackle: Some rod outfits are long and heavy, and younger kids simply can't handle them very well. Pack light-weight kids fishing gear (even toddler fishing gear is available)

that makes their fishing easier.

8. Wear Appropriate Clothing: Fishing safety for kids also requires appropriate clothing. Rain or wind gear, fleece or wool, and sneakers or boat shoes keeps kids warm and dry.

9. Take a First Aid Kit: Having the normal bandages, gauze pads, cleaning and disinfecting liquids and gels, and pain medication are important when fishing with kids.

10. Carry a Whistle: Yeah, you might look like a lifeguard or a football coach, but when kids stray upwind of you, a blast or two gets them back.

With those thoughts in mind, you'll be ready to handle most situations and focus on fishing. Visit our page to learn more about Fishing safety gear. ■

Take a break and enjoy the lake!

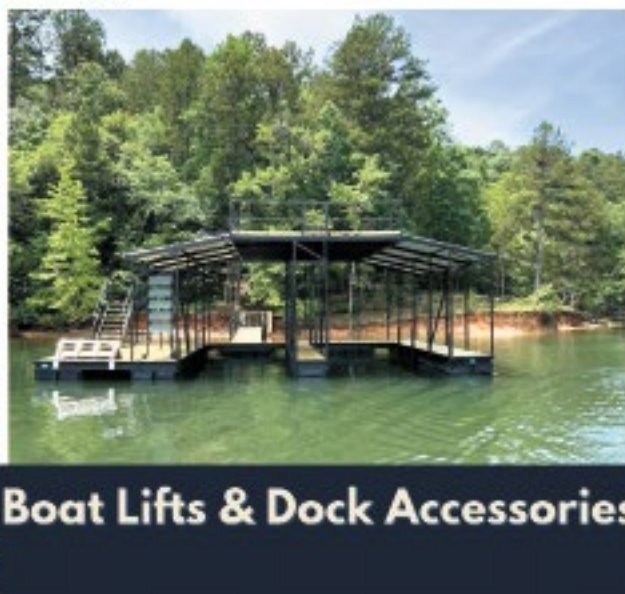
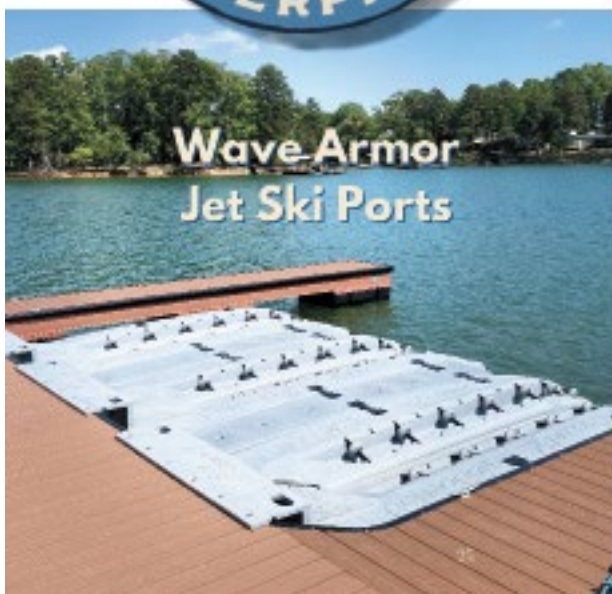


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