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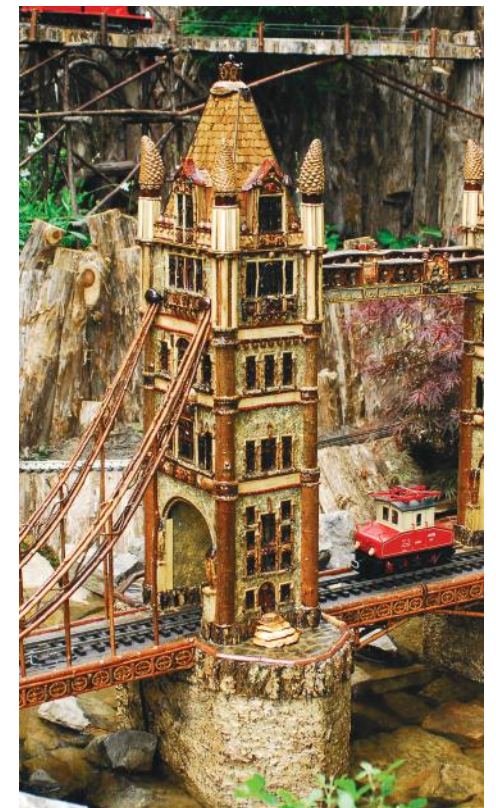
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Biltmore Gardens Railway

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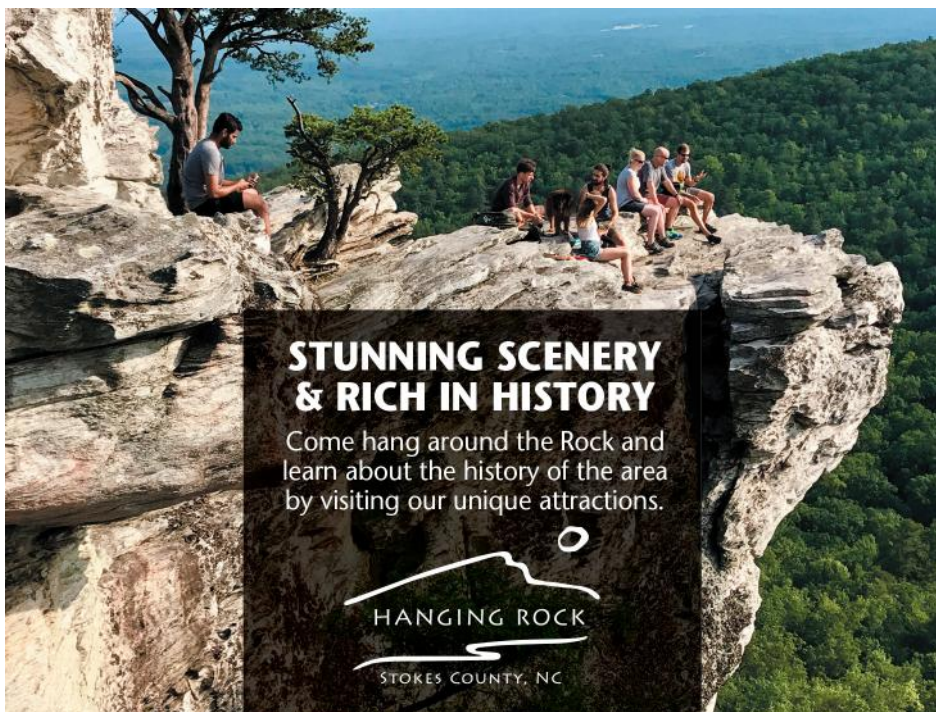
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By Jerry Blackwelder, Editor

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Western North Carolina Field Trips

By Jerry Blackwelder, Editor

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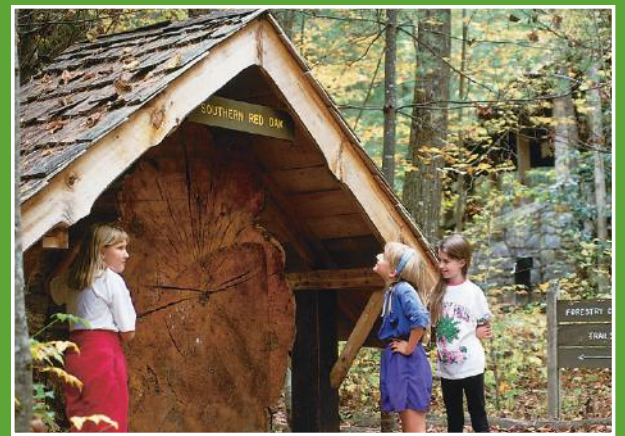


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By Jerry Blackwelder, Editor



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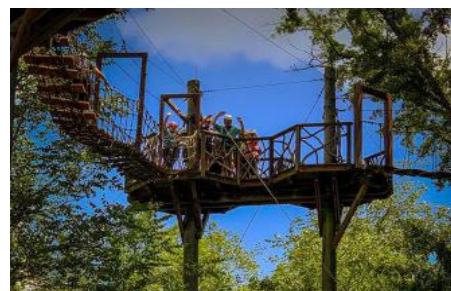
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Keep in mind the North Carolina Zoo offers a wide range of educational programming for Scouts, schools, birthdays, and a variety of different groups!

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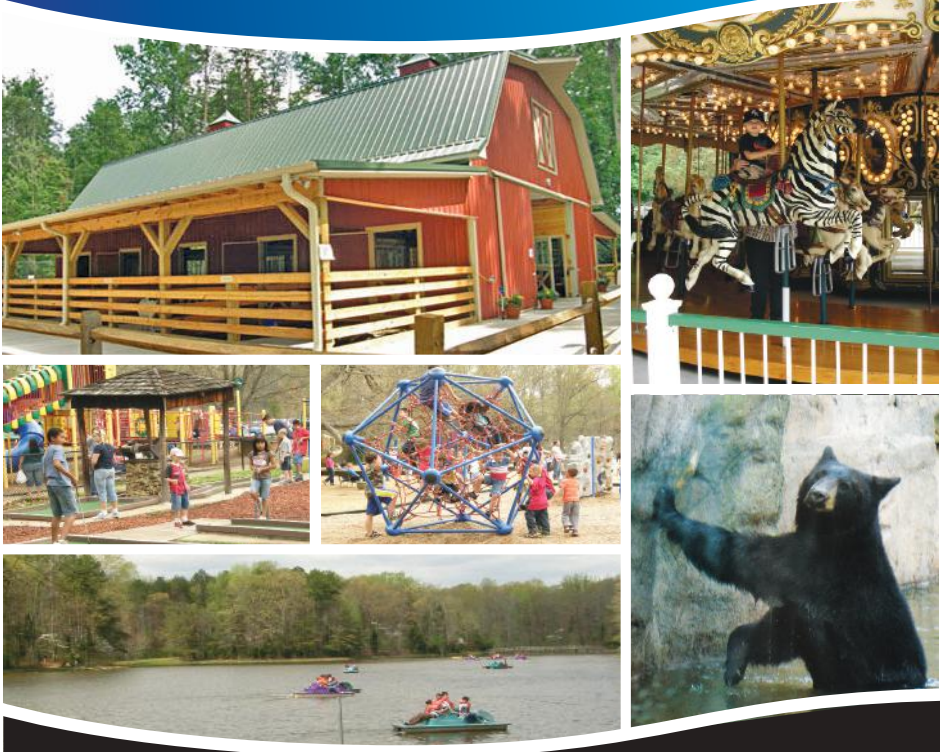
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APRIL 17-18 Tractors and Trains Festival

The N.C. Transportation Museum will celebrate the tools of the farming trade with the annual Tractors & Trains Festival Fri., April 17 for school groups and Sat., April 18 for the public. Both days of the event will include lots of modern, antique, and steam tractors, farming demonstrations, and tractor parades. More than a dozen agricultural groups will be participating from across Rowan County and North Carolina.

MAY 16 Historic Spencer Shops Train Show

The Historic Spencer Shops Train Show will feature all sorts of railroad memorabilia, model trains, and much more for sale. Held in the Back Shop, the show is under cover, moderately climate controlled, and a great event for collectors. The museum will also be offering special train rides, tours and children's activities.

JUNE 20 Fire Truck Festival

The N.C. Transportation Museum is home to the largest annual gathering of fire trucks for display in the state of North Carolina. This event brings together antique and modern trucks from fire departments and fire truck collectors from across the southeast. Enjoy a huge event that shows off fire-fighting equipment, honors firefighters for their service, and more!

JULY 25 Celebrity Car Show

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North Carolina Transportation Museum

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Historic Attractions

By Jerry Blackwelder, Editor

Historic Corolla Park

www.visitwhalehead.com

Historic Corolla is home to many unique businesses as well as historic treasures. Your students can stroll the paths and visit several vintage historic homes. You'll also find the relocated Kill Devil Hills Lifesaving Station and a restored Coast Guard Station.

Whalehead

www.visitwhalehead.com

Whalehead is an architectural treasure, a beautifully restored 1920s Art Nouveau style home open to your students for tours. Featuring walls 18 inches thick, the grand home was built by a wealthy industrialist so he and his wife could pursue waterfowl.

Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education

www.ncwildlife.org/obx

An 8,000-gallon aquarium is here as well as models of hunting and fishing boats, a duck blind and a million dollar decoy collection. Outside is the best backyard around, a boat basin with a 950-foot boardwalk stretching into the Currituck Sound.

Currituck Beach Lighthouse

www.currituckbeachlight.com

The distinctive Currituck Beach Lighthouse was the last tall brick lighthouse to be built along the North Carolina coast. It was first lit a decade after the end of the Civil War, and its lifesaving light reached 21 miles to warn sailors of shallow waters.

Discover a land of wild wonder

on the shores of the Currituck Outer Banks. You won't need your GPS to find the Currituck Beach Lighthouse. This 162-foot red-brick lighthouse offers educational exhibits, as well as panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean and Currituck Sound.

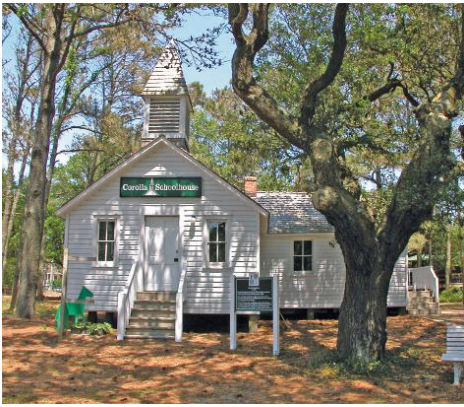


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The first-of-its-kind Alpine Coaster has opened in Sugar Mountain. An alpine coaster uses a bobsled-like sled to run down a hillside like a roller coaster. The sled runs on tubular rails and is not able to leave the track.

The bobsled track points down the mountain. Riders are pulled by gravity with a brake to control speed as they zip through the twists and turns along the 2,100 foot hillside track. Each sled can hold two riders.



Mountain roller coasters have long been popular attractions in Switzerland and Austria. Several alpine coasters can be found in Gatlinburg, but this is the first experience in the North Carolina mountains.

The Wilderness Run Alpine Coaster is located at 3229 Tynecastle Highway in Sugar Mountain. The website is www.wildernessrunalpinecoaster.com.



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By Jerry Blackwelder, Editor

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The owners of Brothers On Farms are dedicated to the principle that they are stewards of the 46-acre farm and have a commitment to live in harmony with the beautiful natural western North Carolina mountains.

DJ's Berry Farm

Apex, 910-600-4020, www.djsberrypatch.com

Schedule an early summer field trip to DJ's Berry Farm just outside Raleigh where your students can enjoy picking their own strawberries in the strawberry patch. The summer brings a wide variety of summer produce like tomatoes, sweet corn, watermelon, cantaloupe, cucumbers, peppers, squash, okra and more.

The trip is an introduction to your students of how farmers produce some of their favorite foods from the ground up and how they market their products to the public.

Contact DJ's Berry Farm to schedule your next visit..

ATTRACTION	LOCATION	PHONE	WEBSITE
AW Shucks Farm	Monroe, NC	704-709-7000	www.awshucksfarms.com
Amazing Acres Farm	Holly Springs, NC	919-349-7153	www.getoutsideandlearn.com
Blue Ridge Corn Maze	Pisgah Forest, NC	828-884-4415	www.blueridgemaze.com
Alpha & Omega Corn Maze	Hamptonville, NC	336-466-1003	www.yadkinvalleycornmaze.com
Barnyard Inc.	Newport, NC	252-223-3950	www.thebarnyardnc.com
Clayton Fear Farm	Clayton, NC	919-553-0015	www.claytonfearfarm.com
Country Days Corn Maze	Indian Trail, NC	704-753-1299	www.countrydayscornmaze.com
Ganyard Hill Farm	Durham, NC	919-596-8728	www.pumpkincountry.com
Gross Farms	Sanford, NC	919-498-6727	www.grossfarms.com
Get Lost Corn Maze	Albemarle, NC	704-791-6950	www.getlostcornmaze.com
Granville Corn Maze	Oxford, NC	919-876-JUMP (5867)	www.granvillecornmaze.com
Glenwood Farms	Mt. Olive, NC	919-658-2288	www.glenwoodfarm.net
Ken's Korny Korn Maze	Garner, NC	919-779-4765	www.kensproduce.com
Historic Johnson Farm	Hendersonville, NC	828-891-6585	www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org
Historic Rural Hill Farm Maze	Huntersville, NC	704-875-3113	www.ruralhill.net
Hubbs Corn Maze	Clinton, NC	919-564-6709	www.hubbscornmaze.com
Lazy O Farm	Smithfield, NC	919-934-1132	www.lazyfarm.com
Maple View Agricultural Education Center	Hillsborough, NC	919-942-6122	www.mapleviewagcenter.com
McLaurin Farms	Greensboro, NC	336-643-3558	www.mclaurinfarms.com
Mike's Farm	Beulaville, NC	910-324-3422	www.mikefarm.com
Patterson Farm & Market Tours	Mt. Ulla, NC	704-636-4005	www.visitpattersonfarm.com
Stepp's Farm Hillcrest & Orchard	Hendersonville, NC	828-685-9083	www.steppapples.com
Tuttle's Berry Farm	Stoneville, NC	336-589-8730	www.tuttlesfarmevents.com
Vollmer Farm	Bunn, NC	919-496-3076	www.vollmerfarm.com

WATER

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U.S. National Whitewater Center

Charlotte, 704-391-3900, www.usnwc.org

Nearly three dozen outdoor activities for all age groups and skill levels can be found at the Center. Your students can enjoy whitewater rafting, whitewater and flatwater kayaking and paddle boarding. They can also test their skills at rock climbing, zip lines, ropes courses, a canopy tour, mountain biking and hiking on the more than 40 miles of trails.

Fantasy Lake Water Park

Hope Mills, 910-424-9999, www.fantasylakewaterpark.vpweb.com



This Park features a six-acre lake surrounded by clean white sandy beaches. Students get their thrills and chills on the water slides and a jump tower. There are also pedal boats along with the Big Tarzan Swings, paddle boats and kayaks.

Carolina Harbor Water Park, Carowinds

Charlotte, 704-588-2600, www.carowinds.com

One of Carowinds newest attractions goes from mild to wild with everything from extreme water slides and massive wave pools to a large kids' area. Blackbeard's Revenge carries students six stories up and sends them twisting and sliding into the water. For a more relaxing ride students can float across the State Line on the Lazy River. Younger students will enjoy splashing around Kiddy Hawk Cove and Myrtle Turtle Beach.



Jungle Rapids

Wilmington, 910-791-0666, www.junglerapids.com

Where else can you find a million-gallon wave pool and a half-pipe waterslide? Only at Wilmington's own Jungle Rapids Water Park. Students can also enjoy go-karts, laser tag, mini-golf and an arcade. The favorite is always the Jungle Rapids Superbowl, a slide that carries riders around a giant bowl and down into a lazy river.



Wet'n Wild Emerald Pointe

Greensboro, 336-852-9721, www.emeraldpointe.com

One of North Carolina's largest water parks features 35 fun-filled rides and attractions. Brave students will want to try the Daredevil Drop and Dr. Von Dark's Tunnel of Terror. They can also relax at the Lazee River or splash in the shallow water of Leisure Lagoon. For younger students there are kiddie slides at Happy Harbor.



H2OBX Waterpark

Powells Point, 252-491-3000
www.h2obxwaterpark.com

One of the most popular attractions on the Outer Banks offers more than 30 rides, slides and attractions for your students to enjoy. Included are Dune Runner, Riptide, Wild Horse Run, Jack's Cove and others honoring the area's storied history.

Pepsi Splash Pad

Kinston, 252-939-3332, www.ci.kinston.nc.us

Younger students will love a trip to the Pepsi SplashPad at Fairfield Park in Kinston. Spend the day having fun in the sun while the students enjoy the Pad's water attractions. The Pepsi Splash Pad opens Memorial Day weekend.



Davie County Community Park

Mocksville, 336-753-8326, www.daviecounty.gov

This unique new community park features the largest Vortex Splash Pad in North Carolina along with an amphitheater, trails, and organized sports facilities. The old Davie County High School has been incorporated into the new park.



PARKS

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Myrtle Waves Water Park

Myrtle Beach, 843-913-9250
www.myrtlewaves.com

South Carolina's largest wave pool awaits your students at Myrtle Waves in Myrtle Beach. In addition Riptide Rockets takes students down a speed like through an open flume down to the catch pool below. They can also get a taste of the surfing life on the Tsunami and ride together down the high intensity Rockin'Ray slide.



Discovery Island Waterpark

Simpsonville, 864-962-2361
www.greenvillerec.com/discovery-island/

Students can slide, swim and soak up the rays at Simpsonville's Island Waterpark. A series of twisting and turning water slides, other water attractions and plenty of concessions guarantee a great field trip to Discovery Island.

Otter Creek Waterpark

Greenville, 864-834-4108
www.greenvillerec.com/parks/otter-creek-waterpark/

Your students will get buckets of fun on the awesome water slides and splash pad at Greenville's Otter Creek. Two slides carry students down a 32-foot tower and the Tube slide is over a hundred yards long. There's even a kiddy slide for younger students along with the Leisure Pool and Spray Pad.



Wild Water & Wheels

Surfside Beach, 843-238-3787

Your students will satisfy their need for speed with a ride down the Triple Dip slide. For the bravest students there's the Free Fall Cliff Dive where they reach speeds of 45 mph sliding through a tunnel and into a vertical drop. There are also tube and mat slides, go-karts and kiddy rides for a full day of fun.



Neptune Island Waterpark

Hartsville, 843-951-9400
www.neptuneisland.com

Thrills and chills are everywhere at Neptune Island. Students can catch some waves at the Castaway Bay Wave Pool or take a break with a tube ride down the Lazy River. For the most daring, there's always the Neptune's Revenge Speed Slide, Twin Sirens Slides and Trident Racers.



Splash Island Waterpark

Mount Pleasant, 843-795-4386
www.wildadventures.com

Splash Island Waterpark is in the tropical setting of Palmetto Islands Country Park in Mount Pleasant. A 200-foot body flume is just waiting for your students along with a 16-foot water slide, a cyclone swirling water ride and sprays, geysers and waterfalls.

7th Inning Splash Water Park

Piedmont, 864-299-1842
www.waterparks.greenvillerec.com/7th-inning-splash/

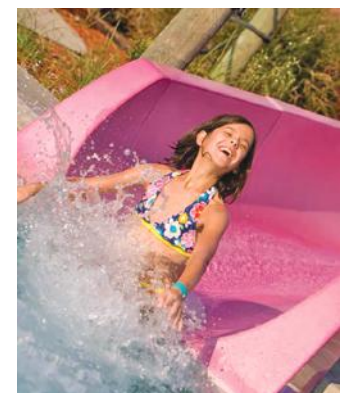
Your students go sliding round and round the big funnel slide before falling into the pool waiting below. There are chills and spills for all age groups at this Piedmont waterpark.



Whirlin' Waters Adventure Waterpark

North Charleston, 843-762-5585
www.charlestoncvb.com

Imagine a 27,000 square-foot wave pool for your students to enjoy and that's just one element of Whirlin' Waters. There's also the Tubular Twister with three 300-foot long slides proving thrills and spills for your students along with the Big Splash Tree House with 66 interactive elements including a giant bucket that dumps a thousand gallons of water.



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You can go ANYWHERE over land, sea, or air with the new Travel Adventure exhibit when it opens at Kaleideum North in Winston Salem. Using Lego® bricks, kids and adults can think creatively to plan and build vehicles that will move through all kinds of terrain: mountains, jungles, oceans, and deserts ... just to name a few!

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Get creative! Build your own vehicle at one of three tables, then test it at the terrain table by rolling it up and down the side of a volcano, across a sandy beach, or around ocean obstacles. Share your creation digitally, too!

Where Will You Go?


Suit up and hit the road! Dress up as a pilot, sailor, racer, or world explorer; take the wheel of the life-sized toy vehicle; engage in large-motor play; and imagine traveling all the way around the world over multiple terrains.

How Will You Get There?

To reach travel destinations around the world, families will need the perfect vehicle. This area of the exhibit showcases all the types of vehicles they might consider building




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New Conservation Campus Underway at **GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN**

The most ambitious project since the Mile High Swing Bridge is now underway at Grandfather Mountain with the development of the new Wilson Center for Nature Discovery. The new conservation campus will feature all new state-of-the-art museum exhibits, outdoor learning spaces, an amphitheater and a botanical garden.

The Wilson Center will nearly double the size of the existing Nature Museum and showcase 10,000 feet of new education space including three classrooms.

Meanwhile outside the center school groups will enjoy new outdoor learning spaces including an amphitheater with terraced seating and a pavilion. Larger, more modern food service facilities will better serve school groups.

“Whether it’s school children coming for a field trip or conservation experts visiting together to share new knowledge, guests will gain an even greater appreciation of nature and become even more passionate about protecting and preserving it,” said Jesse Pope, president of the Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Foundation.

The project is expected to be complete within two years, and the park will remain open during that time.

For more information visit
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Make plans now to bring your class to Halifax County, North Carolina. Spend the day touring sites that will encourage your students to, “Get Wild & Go Wild”! Don’t worry they will be very well behaved as they absorb all the interesting science and math education while having fun.

Sylvan Heights Bird Park invites you to plan a field trip and observe the largest collection of waterfowl, including rare and endangered species, from all around the world. A field trip can be as simple as a self-guided tour of the park with your students, or, for a more in-depth experience, you may choose to add an educational program or activity. Guided educational tours are also available for grades 5 and up. Their programs provide direct interaction with animals - primarily birds, but also alligators, snakes, insects, and other creatures — customized programs and prices available on request. We offer hands-on educational programs meeting Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and NC Essential Standards (NCES) guidelines, including bird biology and wetland ecology. To learn more about on-site and outreach education programs, please view their programs by grade. <http://shwpark.com/education>

Roanoke Canal Museum While in the area book your trip to The Roanoke Canal Museum & Trail. The museum utilizes traditional and interactive exhibits to explain how the original canal – with its locks, culverts, and massive aqueduct – was built and turned the Roanoke River into a superhighway of commerce during the early 19th century. The story continues by explaining how the canal was transformed from a trade route into a hydroelectric power resource just over a century ago before becoming the greenway and historic site of today.

Key Field Trip Information

Sylvan Heights Bird Park

500 Sylvan Heights Park Way
Scotland Neck, NC 27874
(252) 826-3186, www.shwpark.com

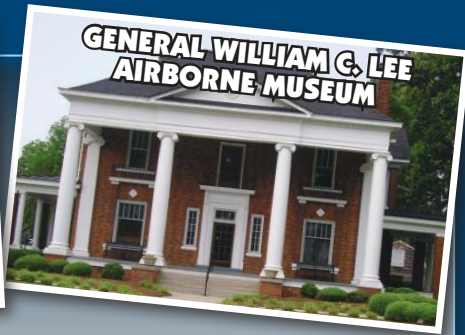
Roanoke Canal Museum

15 Jackson St Extension
Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870
252-537-2769, www.roanokecanal.com

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By Jerry Blackwelder, Editor

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The only BMW Museum in North America is located at the site of the BMW manufacturing facility in Greer, South Carolina.

Students will experience the intricate manufacturing process, including every line and every detail necessary to produce the "Ultimate Driving Machine." Tours of the manufacturing plant are also available.

The Museum spotlights the history of BMW in the production of cars for both racing and touring. The Zentrum traces BMW's legendary pioneering spirit to beautifully restored classic automobiles. They will see rare and important past models such as the famous Isetta "Bubblecar" along with current BMW's demonstrating state-of-the-art technologies.



Catawba Cultural Center Introduces Catawba Nation

www.catawbaindiancrafts.com

The Catawba Cultural Center in Rock Hill gives school field trip students an introduction into the rich culture and history of the Catawba Indian Nation. Housed in the old school house on the Catawba Indian Reservation, the Center hosts a variety of classes including basic Catawba history, storytelling, beading, basketry and other Inative crafts.

Programs also include demonstrations of drumming, dancing, pottery, beading and other crafts.

Students are also free to explore the historic Yehasuri Trail and a unique store on site features handmade items by Catawba artists and artisans.



SC Aquarium Inspires Conservation of the Natural World

www.scaquarium.org

A summertime field trip visit to the South Carolina Aquarium on Charleston's waterfront introduces your students to the marine life in the diverse habitats of South Carolina and at the same time teaches them what they can do to protect the natural world.

Hands-on activities support state standards and inspire STEM education.

More than 5,000 native animals are on display. Exhibits trace the state's wildlife from the mountains to the sea. Your students will see a bald eagle looking down on fish in a stream. A waterfall spills over a rocky gorge. River otters are playfully swimming. In the Piedmont Section visitors experience bass, crappies and suckers swimming in natural habitats. The Saltmarsh Aviary is home to a 6,000-gallon stingray tank along with herons, terrapins and puffer fish.



James Island County Park Is An Excellent Summertime Adventure

www.ccprc.com

Summer is ideal time for a field trip visit to James Island County Park and Splash Zone Waterpark in Charleston.

The 643-acre natural area encourages students to try their hand at fishing or explore trails for walking, biking and skating. They are sure to enjoy the challenge of the 50-foot tall Climbing Wall with 14 ropes to scale the 4,500 square foot service.

The Splash Zone Waterpark features two 200-foot tube slides, a 500-foot lazy river and a leisure pool. Meeting facilities are also available.



Beaufort, South Carolina WHERE HISTORY BEGINS

By Jerry Blackwelder, Editor

Reconstruction Era National Monument

404-507-5605, www.nps.gov/reer/index.htm

Within months of shots being fired at Fort Sumter, Union forces occupied Beaufort. Reconstruction was born soon after with the liberation of 10,000 slaves.

President Obama created the Reconstruction Era National Monument consisting of Brick Baptist Church and the Penn Center on St. Helena Island, Camp Saxton in Port Royal and the Old Beaufort Firehouse.

Brick Baptist Church was built in 1855 and is St. Helena's oldest church. The church was turned over to freed slaves and attracted more than a thousand members.

The Penn School was established in 1862 as one of the South's first schools for liberated slaves. The school quickly outgrew the original site and moved across from Brick Baptist Church. Today Darrah Hall is the oldest structure still standing.

Port Royal's Camp Saxton saw some of the Civil War's earliest African American soldiers as 5,000 former slaves joined the Union Army.

The hub of activity in Beaufort County following the Civil War was the town of Beaufort, and in its center stood the Old Beaufort Firehouse.

Santa Helena History Center

843-379-1550, www.santa-elena.org

Spanish explorers discovered the deep natural harbor of Port Royal Sound in 1566 and chose the area to establish the colony of Santa Elena. They built a town and defensive fort on the site which is now part of the Parris Island Marine Corps Depot. The History Center opened in 2016 in the downtown Beaufort Historic District.

Beaufort History Museum

843-379-3079, www.beauforthistorymuseum.wildapricot.org/

Your students will learn how Beaufort changed the course of American history at this Museum housed in the 1798 Beaufort Arsenal. The Museum archives and displays artifacts from the arrival of the Native Americans through the European explorations of the 1500s. Beaufort citizens participated in the American Revolution and plantations once flourished in the area. Southern Secession and Reconstruction both had roots in Beaufort. And the town played a vital role in the Spanish American War.

Parris Island Museum

843-228-2951, www.parrislandmuseum.com

The proud history of the United States Marine Corps is on display at the Parris Island Museum. Located on the Marine Corps Recruitment Depot at Parris Island. Exhibits outline Port Royal's importance from the Revolutionary War through the Civil War as well as the development of the Marine Corps installation. Since 1915 more than a million men and women have been trained for military service at Parris Island.

John Mark Verdier House Museum

843-379-6335, www.historicbeaufort.org/verdier-house/

This home was built in 1805 by Verdier, a wealthy merchant and plantation owner. It was headquarters for Union troops in the area. Exhibits spotlight Robert Smalls, a Beaufort native and the first African American to serve in Congress along with Civil War photos of Bay Street and the heroic exploits of the Beaufort Volunteer Artillery during the American Revolution.

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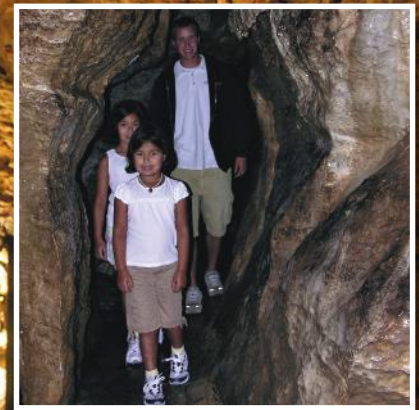


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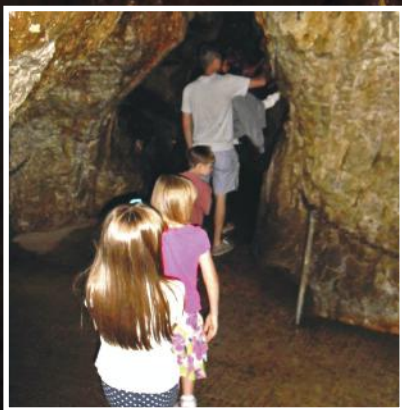
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