# 2023 SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

**Camps for June - August**

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Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resource

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# A MESSAGE FROM DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

I hope that you are as excited as I am, to see what Summer 2023 will look like in Matthews. Your Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resource Department is preparing some amazing opportunities for you to be a part of. Whether your passion is being outdoors or indoors, there are a host of fascinating programs and activities designed for you to enjoy.

**Corey King**
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resource Director
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Creative Chefs will once again show how food can be both delicious and healthy. Don’t miss the Total Slime Takeover in July and August, and summer is not the same without exploration at the Great Outdoors University. NBA Legend Muggsy Bougues also returns to lead an unbelievable experience during two weeks of basketball camp.

Please share any questions or feedback with department staff. We are honored to serve the Matthews community, and our goal is to make Summer 2023 the best yet for you. See you soon!

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# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

TOWN OF MATTHEWS

100 McDowell Street — For more information, call (704) 321-7275

WINTER 2023

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

For more info on classes & events or to register online go to WWW.MATTHEWSFUN.COM

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WINTER CLASSES, PROGRAMS, AND EVENTS

In the upcoming pages, we list out all of our programs, classes, and events coming up in January and February.
If you would like more information, please visit our website or reach out to us via phone or email!

FACILITY HOLIDAY CLOSURES

January 1: All Facilities
January 2: Parks & Recreation Offices
January 16: Parks & Recreation Offices
(Facilities will operate as normal)

HAPPY New Year

Stay up to date with what's happening in our department throughout the year with our monthly newsletter! Subscribe online to receive this via email every month. Visit www.matthewsfun.com to view the newsletter or to subscribe! Pick up a physical copy at the Matthews Community Center, Crews Recreation Center, or Town Hall.

We offer activities, programs and events for kids, teens and adults all year long!

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# About Our Camps

Summer camps are offered at the Matthews Community Center, McDowell Arts Center, Crews Road Recreation Center and Squirrel Lake Park. Camps are available for ages 4 and up.

## Matthews Community Center

100 E. McDowell Street
Matthews, NC 28105

## McDowell Arts Center

123 E. McDowell Street
Matthews, NC 28105

## Crews Road Recreation Center

1201 Crews Road
Matthews, NC 28105

## Squirrel Lake Park

1631 Pleasant Plains Road
Matthews, NC 28105

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## When to Register

Camp registration opens February 1.
Summer camp registration is on-going.

## How to Register

The best way to register is online!
You can register in person at Crews Recreation Center or Matthews Community Center, or you can call either facility and register over the phone.

Online: Register for any camp at **https://matthewsfun.recdesk.com/Community/Home**

This is a new registration system for us so you will need to create a new account.

To qualify for a resident rate, you must be a resident of the Town of Matthews and reside in zip code 28105.

## How to Pay

Payment is due in full at the time of registration.
Online: You can pay with any credit or debit card.
In Person: You can pay with cash, check, or any debit or credit card.

## Camp Cancellation Policy

If the camp is canceled by the Town of Matthews prior to the start of the camp, participants will receive 100% refund.

If the participant withdraws 15+ days prior to the beginning of camp, there will be 100% refund.

If the participant withdraws from camp between 7 and 14 days of the beginning of camp, there will be a 90% refund.

**If the participant withdraws from the camp 6 days or less before the beginning of the camp or after the camp has started, there will be no refund.**

## Financial Assistance

We offer financial assistance for any child who is on free or reduced lunch.
We offer a 30% reduced rate. You must show proof of free or reduced lunch for this rate. Contact Melissa Johnson or Charles Smith for more information.

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# SUMMER CAMP PLANNER

Save this page to plan out your Summer!


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| JUNE 12-16 | | | |
| JUNE 19-23 | | | |
| JUN 26-30 | | | |
| JULY 3-7 | | | |
| JULY 10-14 | | | |
| JULY 17-21 | | | |
| JULY 24-28 | | | |
| JULY 31-AUG 4 | | | |
| AUG 7-11 | | | |
| AUG 14-18 | | | |
| AUG 21-25 | | | |

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## CAMPS AT MATTHEWS COMMUNITY CENTER

## DO + ART CAMPS WITH MARIA TAVARES

Full day indoor camps. All materials included. Campers will need to bring a lunch, a water bottle and 2 snacks each day.

### FAIRY & GNOME HOME CAMP — AGES 6-12

Maximize your experience in creating a home for fairies or gnomes in our full day camp. Shape your creation using found objects and papier-mache, and furnish and decorate it with a variety of materials like wooden sticks, twigs, fabric, yarn, and reclaimed objects. Complement your design making a beautiful garden around it using real moss, and finally, create your own little friends to live in their new homes.

**Resident Rate: $280** **Non-Resident Rate: $295**

June 12-16 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

### HERE COMES THE CIRCUS — AGES 6-12

Join this unique camp and awaken your creativity by making various art projects inspired by circus animals and performers. Play fun games, make a circus diorama and be the ringmaster of the show.

**Resident Rate: $280** **Non-Resident Rate: $295**

July 17-21 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

### ART AROUND THE WORLD CAMP — AGES 6-12

Embark on this incredible adventure around the world to learn about the art of different peoples and cultures. Unleash your creativity by making beautiful and fun art projects inspired by traditional folk art from places like Africa, Japan, Mexico, Panama, Australia, China, India, Brazil, Greece, Egypt, Morocco and Russia.

**Resident Rate: $280** **Non-Resident Rate: $295**

July 10-14 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

### TEXTILE ART+ CAMP — AGES 6-12

Explore the exciting means to create beautiful works of art using fabric and fibers. By using natural materials, learn to design one-of-a-kind handmade textiles incorporating new ways to upcycle.

**Resident Rate: $280** **Non-Resident Rate: $295**

June 26-30 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

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### CREATIVE CHEFS — AGES 8-14

Maximize your kitchen experience in this fun, hands-on culinary program resized for maximum experience in the kitchen. Be prepared to be inspired to appreciate good food, to learn that healthy can be delicious, and to start to build lifelong cooking skills.

**Resident Rate: $175** **Non-Resident Rate: $185**

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| June 19-23 | Mon-Fri | 9am-12:30pm |
| July 24-28 | Mon-Fri | 9am-12:30pm |

### ART INSPIRATIONS & ADVENTURES — AGES 6-12

Embark on this amazing journey through the world of colors, shapes and textures to explore your creativity. Make original, nature-inspired art projects using fun media and techniques such as acrylic on canvas, pastels, drawing, collage, mosaic, paper mache, assemblage, printmaking, batik and shibori.

**Resident Rate: $145** **Non-Resident Rate: $155**

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| June 19-23 | Mon-Fri | 1:30pm-5pm |

### 2023: A SPACE ODYSSEY — AGES 6-12

Travel with us through outer space on this artistic journey to the stars. Build a space diorama with planets, stars, astronauts and spaceships using paper mache, assemblage, collage and acrylics. Create your own version of a goofy alien and play an exciting rocket race game where you will build little projectiles and blast them off outdoors.

**Resident Rate: $145** **Non-Resident Rate: $155**

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| July 24-28 | Mon-Fri | 1:30pm-5pm |

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## CAMPS AT MATTHEWS COMMUNITY CENTER

## CHALLENGE ISLAND CAMPS

Half-day indoor camps with daily outdoor recess when weather permitted. All materials included. Campers need to bring a water bottle and a snack to camp each day. Combine morning and afternoon camps for a FULL day of camp. Campers will need to bring a lunch and 2 snacks if signing up for both a morning and an afternoon camp. Receive $25 off when you register for 2 or more camps at a time.

**AGES 6-11 RESIDENT RATE: $210 NON-RESIDENT RATE: $220**

**Early Registration Deal! Save $10 when you register for any Challenge Island Camp before March 1! *Multi-camp discount does not apply in Feb***

### SLIMETOPIA 2: TOTAL SLIME TAKEOVER

NEW!

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| July 31-Aug 4 | Mon-Fri | 9am-12pm |
| Aug 21-25 | Mon-Fri | 9am-12pm |

By colossally popular demand comes this squishy, squashy, stretchy sequel to our bestselling Slimetopia camp. This time, the world is being taken over by slime! You and your STEAM Team will ooze with excitement as you visit countries across the globe making a different kind of slime at each destination. From Italian pizza slime to Antarctic penguin slime to Hawaiian lava slime to tons of other slippy, drippy, gooey, global slimes in between.

### PETS PALOOZA

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| July 31-Aug 4 | Mon-Fri | 1pm-4pm |

Wag on over to the most PAWSOME camp in town! You and your tribe will open your own pet businesses and engineer your own pet world - from pet playgrounds to grooming spas to food and treat trucks to posh pet houses to veterinarian offices. This STEAMtastic camp is a must for every pet-loving kid!

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NEW!

### MINE ISLAND & MORE

Watch out for those pesky mobs! Grab your pickaxe and dig into the most exciting summer camp on the block! We'll swap computers for creativity as our STEAM Teams teleport into action-packed Mine Island hotspots! We'll add in a bit of Super STEAMio, Island Blox and retro-inspired games like Space Aliens and Pinball Machines. It's no wonder our massively popular Mine Island & More Camp is a Challenge Island Kids Choice favorite!

August 7-11 Mon-Fri 1pm-4pm

### RACE ACROSS THE RAINFOREST

**Purchase the book for an additional $6!**

Race into an unforgettable journey through the amazing Amazon Rainforest with Challenge Island book characters Daniel, Joy, Kimani and DaVinci. You and your STEAM Team will zip through the jungle's action-packed layers, taking on challenges inspired by the rainforest's awesome animal inhabitants - from the playful monkeys to the hungry jaguars to the slithering anacondas on the dark and creepy forest floor. This magical camp is a must for all kids who love animals, books, and endless adventure!

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Half day indoor camps. All materials included. Campers need to bring a water bottle and a snack to camp each day.

## COLORING ON CANVAS CAMPS

## AGES 5-13

### KIDS SUMMER ADVENTURE ART CAMP

Each day consists of amazing artistic projects. Every day of our art camp is different! We teach your child to explore and discover the world of art in their own unique way. They will use their imagination with prompts from our artistic instructors.

We will explore an array of artistic mediums including painting, clay, jewelry design, drawing, illustration, India ink, exploration art and so much more! These are just some of the possibilities - no guarantee that each of these will be covered every week.

**Art camps run 2 sessions daily - morning session (9am-12pm) and afternoon session (1pm-4pm). Combine a morning and an afternoon session for a full day of camp!**

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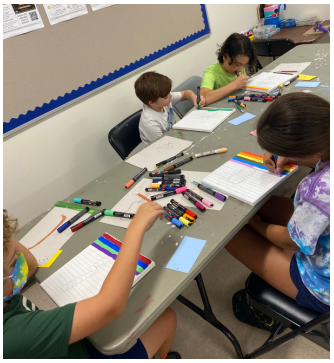
| June 12-16 | Mon-Fri | 9am-12pm AND 1pm-4pm |
| June 19-23 | Mon-Fri | 9am-12pm AND 1pm-4pm |
| June 26-30 | Mon-Fri | 9am-12pm AND 1pm-4pm |
| July 5-7 | Wed-Fri | 9am-12pm AND 1pm-4pm |
| July 10-14 | Mon-Fri | 9am-12pm AND 1pm-4pm |
| July 17-21 | Mon-Fri | 9am-12pm AND 1pm-4pm |
| July 24-28 | Mon-Fri | 9am-12pm AND 1pm-4pm |
| July 31-Aug 4 | Mon-Fri | 9am-12pm AND 1pm-4pm |
| Aug 7-11 | Mon-Fri | 9am-12pm AND 1pm-4pm |
| Aug 14-18 | Mon-Fri | 9am-12pm AND 1pm-4pm |
| Aug 21-25 | Mon-Fri | 9am-12pm AND 1pm-4pm |

**Resident Rate: $220 Non-Resident Rate: $225**



COLORING ON CANVAS

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## CAMPS AT MATTHEWS COMMUNITY CENTER

## MATH CAMMP SUMMER CAMPS

NEW!

### CAMMP: MATHEMATICS, ROBOTICS & CODING CAMP — AGES 6-12

**FULL DAY CAMP**

CAMMP is a full day camp with 1/2 day of mathematics and 1/2 day of robotics and coding. CAMMP's philosophy is to enhance children's understanding of mathematics, robotics and coding and its connections to thinking, reasoning and real-world problem-solving.

Basic robotics (Grades 1-3), CAMMPers create compound machines and learn how gears, wheels, axles and other simple machines can work together and operate.

Advanced robotics (Grades 4-6), CAMMPers will work specifically on the programmable, computer-operated robots.

**AVAILABLE DATES**

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| July 17-21 | Mon-Fri | 9am-4pm |
| July 24-28 | Mon-Fri | 9am-4pm |
| July 31-Aug 4 | Mon-Fri | 9am-4pm |
| Aug 7-11 | Mon-Fri | 9am-4pm |
| Aug 14-18 | Mon-Fri | 9am-4pm |
| Aug 21-25 | Mon-Fri | 9am-4pm |

**Resident Rate: $275** **Non-Resident Rate: $295**

## MATTHEWS BALLET CAMPS

Half-day camps with themed-weeks. Each camp offers a ballet class, followed by themed-crafts and activities each day. Feel free to dress for the theme for the week! Campers will need ballet slippers or socks for the week.

**Resident Rate: $130** **Non-Resident Rate: $135**

### PRINCESS CAMP — AGES 4-8

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| June 19-23 | Mon-Fri | 9:30am-12pm |
| July 17-21 | Mon-Fri | 9:30am-12pm |

### MERMAIDS & UNICORNS CAMP — AGES 4-8

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| July 10-14 | Mon-Fri | 9:30am-12pm |
| July 24-28 | Mon-Fri | 9:30am-12pm |

### PEPPA PIG AT THE BALLET — AGES 4-6

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| June 26-30 | Mon-Fri | 9:30am-12pm |
| July 31-Aug 4 | Mon-Fri | 9:30am-12pm |

CAMMPers will need to bring a lunch, snack, and a water bottle to camp each day.

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## CAMPS AT MCDOWELL ARTS CENTER

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## ARTS DELIVERED CAMPS

### CERAMICS/POTTERY/GLAZE CAMP — AGES 6-14

Clay campers will learn about local ceramics history and use coils, slabs, extrusions, pottery wheels, glazes and paint to create artwork. Kids will also play games and eat popsicles after daily clean up - dress for a fun mess! Campers will organize a Friday Camper Clay Project Exhibit for their families.

**Resident Rate: $190** **Non-Resident Rate: $200**

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| June 12-16 | Mon-Fri | 12:30pm-4pm |
| June 19-24 | Mon-Fri | 12:30pm-4pm |
| July 10-14 | Mon-Fri | 12:30pm-4pm |
| July 31-Aug 4 | Mon-Fri | 12:30pm-4pm |
| Aug 7-11 | Mon-Fri | 12:30pm-4pm |
| Aug 14-18 | Mon-Fri | 12:30pm-4pm |

### TWEEN/TEEN CLAY CAMP — AGES 12-18

Clay campers will explore clay pinch pots, coils, extrusions, pottery wheels and glazes! Advanced students will be self-directed and can work on their Visual Arts portfolio. Campers will organize a Friday Camper Clay Project Exhibit for their families. Dress for a fun mess!

**Resident Rate: $190** **Non-Resident Rate: $200**

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| July 17-21 | Mon-Fri | 12:30pm-4pm |

### VISUAL ARTS CAMP — AGES 6-14

Campers will play with clay, draw and paint, design original art promotional products, t-shirts and drawstring backpacks! Campers also play games and organize a Friday Camper Project Exhibit for their families.

**Resident Rate: $205** **Non-Resident Rate: $215**

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| June 26-30 | Mon-Fri | 12:30pm-4pm |
| July 24-28 | Mon-Fri | 12:30pm-4pm |

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## CAMPS AT CREWS RECREATION CENTER

## MUGGSY BOGUES BASKETBALL CAMPS

Local basketball legend Muggsy Bogues returns to Crews this summer with basketball camps for children ages 6-15. Register online at:
https://www.simpletix.com/e/muggsy-bogues-fundamentals-and-back-to-sch-tickets-121808
Campers will receive a camp t-shirt.
For the Back to School Basketball Camp, campers will also receive a backpack.

### FUNDAMENTALS BASKETBALL CAMP

Led by Muggsy, camp counselors have developed a 5-day camp curriculum focused on fundamental basketball skills: ball handling, defense, free throws, footwork and rebounding. In addition to the variety of skill devleopment drills, campers will play competitive games and the camp will conclude with a tournament. Campers will not only learn the fundamentals of basketball, but they will also learn character and leadership techniques that can be used outside of basketball.

June 19-23 Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

**Resident Rate: $290** **Non-Resident Rate: $295**
*Plus fees & sales tax*

### BACK TO SCHOOL BASKETBALL CAMP

This week-long camp will give campers a chance to learn from Muggsy's staff of experienced counselors, as well as the former NBA great and Basketball Hall of Fame nominee himself.
Campers will participate in a variety of skill development drills, games and a winner take all tournament, which will not only teach them about basketball, but will allow them to learn in a fun and positive environment.

**Resident Rate: $290** **Non-Resident Rate: $295**
*Plus fees & sales tax*

August 7-11 Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

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Half day camps. Campers need to bring a water bottle and a snack to camp each day.

## GYMSTARS MULTI-SPORT CAMP

Our Gymstars Multi-Sport Camps focus on exposing young athletes to a variety of sports and activities while bringing out the best in each individual athlete. We'll be rotating through a different selection of traditional sports and gym games each day, as well as incorporating new elements as Campers' Choice, Try-It Thursdays and Create Your Own Sport. No two weeks will be the same as campers work to earn shout-outs, team captain armbands and other awards. From soccer to flag football, dodgeball to kickball, this camp has it all! Campers of all skill levels and abilities will enjoy this high-energy, high-excitement summer camp.

**Resident Rate: $95** **Non-Resident Rate: $105** **Ages 4-6**

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| June 12-16 | Mon-Fri | 8:30am-12pm |
| June 26-30 | Mon-Fri | 8:30am-12pm |
| July 10-14 | Tues-Fri | 8:30am-12pm |

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| July 17-21 | Mon-Fri | 8:30am-12pm |
| July 31-Aug 4 | Mon-Fri | 8:30am-12pm |
| Aug 14-18 | Mon-Fri | 8:30am-12pm |

## CREWS MULTI-SPORT CAMP

Our Crews Multi-Sport Camps are designed to introduce athletes to a variety of different sports. For this program we combine 4-5 sports into one fun-filled week. Athletes will learn the rules and essentials of each sport through skill-based games, scrimmages and tournaments. By the end of the week, your child will walk away with knowledge of (4-5) new sports along with vital life lessons such as respect, self-discipline & teamwork.

**Resident Rate: $95** **Non-Resident Rate: $105** **Ages 7-12**

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| June 12-16 | Mon-Fri | 1:00pm-4:30pm |
| June 26-30 | Mon-Fri | 1:00pm-4:30pm |
| July 10-14 | Tues-Fri | 1:00pm-4:30pm |

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| July 17-21 | Mon-Fri | 1:00pm-4:30pm |
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### CHEER CAMP — AGES 5-12

In partnership with Charlotte All Star Gymnastics & Cheerleading, Crews will offer a FUNdamental cheer program designed for ages 5-12. Athletes learn the fundamentals of dance, tumbling & stunts in a non-competitive environment. Learn the basic motions for cheer. Athletes will learn a mini routine to perform for parents on Friday. Campers will receive a camp t-shirt.

FULL!

**Resident Rate: $110** **Non-Resident Rate: $120**

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| July 17-21 | Mon-Fri | 1pm-4pm |

## VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

### BEGINNER LEVEL CAMP — AGES 8-12

This Beginner Level Volleyball Camp is designed to teach the rules of the game and fundamental skills in passing, setting, hitting, and serving to athletes new to the sport. Campers will learn the proper technique for each skill through drills and practice games. Additionally, campers will learn offensive and defensive coverage as they develop their skills through drills and practice games. Drills will be adjusted according to each player's skill level.

**Resident Rate: $105** **Non-Resident Rate: $115**

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| July 24-28 | Mon-Fri | 9:00am-12:00pm |

### INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LEVEL CAMP — AGES 11-14

The Intermediate/Advanced Volleyball Camp is designed to improve fundamental skills for athletes in passing, setting, hitting, and serving. Campers will learn offensive and defensive coverage as they develop their skills through drills and practice games. Drills will be adjusted according to each player's skill level.

**Resident Rate: $105** **Non-Resident Rate: $115**

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| July 24-28 | Mon-Fri | 1:00pm-4:00pm |

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## POISE GIRLS ENTREPRENEURS CAMP

GIRLS AGES 7-10

Want to create your own product brand and line of merchandise? Join us as we discuss sales, product branding, business, finance, and marketing. By the end of camp, you will develop and execute your very own business plan, logo, company name, and more!

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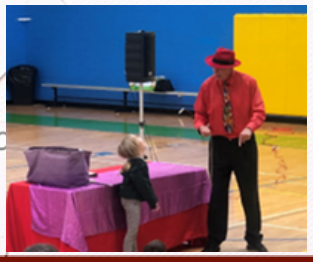
| July 10-14 | Mon-Fri | 9am-12pm |

**Resident Rate: $150** **Non-Resident Rate: $160**

## INTRODUCTION TO MAGIC CAMP

AGES 8-14

Do you believe in magic? Would you like to amaze your friends and family? Beginner magicians will learn and perform tricks each day, create their own props, and view cool demonstrations! They will also get to participate in a magic show at the end of the week! In addition to learning cool tricks camp participants will also have unique opportunities to boost confidence, build communication skills and make new friends.



**Resident Rate: $130** **Non-Resident Rate: $140**

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| July 24-28 | Mon-Fri | 9am-12pm |

## RENTAL SPACE AVAILABLE AT CREWS RECREATION CENTER

**Book your next event with us! Crews Recreation Center is a great place to host your birthday parties, baby and wedding showers, anniversary parties, family reunions and meetings. We also rent our full-size gymnasium to individuals, groups or schools for recreational purposes (i.e. basketball, volleyball, soccer, parties & etc.).**

**Contact Charles Smith at 704-708-1289 or via email at csmith@matthewsnc.gov for facility pricing and availability.**

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### ESPORTS/VIDEO GAMING CAMP

AGES 8-14

Are you a casual gamer or an aspiring Esports athlete? If so, this Esports/Video Gaming summer camp is for you. Under the supervision of experienced "Game Coaches" Esport athletes/campers will have an opportunity to learn strategies, improve their skills individually and work in teams, boosting their overall game sense and abilities as players. Teamwork is a very important component of each camp, and campers learn how to become effective teammates and leaders. Teamwork can sometimes determine a win or a loss in Esports. Some games that will be played include: NBA 2K, Madden, FIFA, Smash Bros., Mario Kart, Minecraft and Rocket League. Daily game genres will be determined based on the Esport athletes/campers' interests.

**Resident Rate: $150** **Non-Resident Rate: $160** July 24-28 Mon-Fri 9:00am-12:00pm

## BRICKS 4 KIDZ CAMPS

### GAME ON WITH LEGO CAMP

AGES 6-12

Children love video games so why not bring them to life with LEGO? In this interactive summer camp, campers will use LEGO® Bricks to create and build different characters from their favorite video games. Themes such as Fortnite, Super Mario Bros, Roblox, Beyblades, Pokémon, and Minecraft come to life through the use of our motorized LEGO builds, mosaics, and 3D art, [illegible] of LEGO® Bricks. Each day will be a new adventure as the virtual and LEGO® worlds combine!

**Resident Rate: $155** **Non-Reside[illegible]** [illegible]une 26-30 Mon-Fri 9:00am-12:00pm

FULL!

### B[illegible]NG WITH LEGO CAMP

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·Let's build a CITY! There are many differen[illegible] typ[illegible]ing jobs, and building is one of the most fun! What would a city be without the architects and engineers who come up with the ideas, plans and building skills to make it all come together? Campers will put their skills to work as they build city themed models using LEGO® Bricks and our motorized, battery-operated LEGO builds. The sky's the limit!

**Resident Rate: $155** **Non-Resident Rate: $165** July 17-21 Mon-Fri 9:00am-12:00pm

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## CAMPS AT SQUIRREL LAKE PARK

Half day camps. Campers need to bring a water bottle and a snack to camp each day. This camp is outside for the duration of camp. Campers will meet the instructors at Shelter B (shelter closest to the pond) for camp each day. Dress for outdoor play and exploration!

## GREAT OUTDOORS UNIVERSITY CAMPS

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NCWF's Great Outdoors University Camps give kids a chance to connect with nature and [illegible]ries about the natural world in ways that will encoura[illegible]ing and stewardship. Join us for a week of hiking, fi[illegible]ration & more! Kids will participate in different [illegible], and will take home a lifetime of experiences. G[illegible]s University is affiliated with the North Carolina Wildlife Feder[illegible].

FULL!

**Resident Rate: $120** **Non-Resident Rate: $130**

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| June 19-23 | Mon-Fri | 9:15am-12:15pm |
| July 31-Aug 4 | Mon-Fri | 9:15am-12:15pm |
| Aug 14-18 | Mon-Fri | 9:15am-12:15pm |

GREAT OUTDOORS UNIVERSITY
Connecting Kids with Nature
a program of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation

NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE FEDERATION 1945
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Wild Lives, Wild Places

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# CAMP FUNSHINE

Location for Camp FUNshine TBD but has historically been hosted at Matthews Elementary. Field trips and swimming each week. Complete camp info, including field trip schedule and camp location will be found this Spring at www.matthewsfun.com.

## AGES 6-11 ..... 9AM-5PM

**Resident Rate: $190 Non-Resident Rate: $200**

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| June 19-23 | Mon-Fri |
| June 26-30 | Mon-Fri |
| July 3-7 | Mon, Wed-Fri |
| July 10-14 | Mon-Fri |
| July 17-21 | Mon-Fri |
| July 24-28 | Mon-Fri |
| July 31-Aug 4 | Mon-Fri |

## PRE-CAMP: 7:30AM-9AM .... $40/WEEK .... POST-CAMP: 5PM-6PM

## X-TREME WEEK AGES 8-12

**Resident Rate: $230 Non-Resident Rate: $240**

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| Aug 7-11 | Mon-Fri |

All the fun of Camp FUNshine PLUS a fi[illegible]very day! Pre/Post Camp available for this week as well. Campers MUST b[illegible] to the first day of X-Treme Week because some field trips [illegible] be at least 8 years of age.

FULL!

Registration for Camp FUNshine is r[illegible] year. Once the registration is full, the waiting list will begin. You must regist[illegible] waiting list in order to be considered for a spot should more open up for this camp. We will contact you if a spot becomes available, so please make sure your contact information is correct on your account.

Town of Matthews North Carolina

# JOIN US FOR OUR 2023 EVENTS, CONCERTS, AND FESTIVALS!

## January

- 6 Family Fun Night (Crews)
- 13 Date Night Drop-Off (Crews)
- 14 Color of Jazz Concert (CCtr)
- 28 Matthews Comic-Con (CCtr)

## February

- 3 Family Fun Night (Crews)
- 9 Color of Jazz Concert (Comm Ctr)
- 10 Date Night Drop-Off (Crews)
- 10 Mini, Me & Tea (Comm Ctr)

## March

- 2 Color of Jazz Concert (Comm Ctr)
- 3 Crews Family Fun Night (Crews)
- 10 Date night Drop-Off (Crews)
- 17 St Patrick's Day Crawl Concert (Matt. Station St.)
- 25 Main Line Market (Charles St)
- 31 Easter Eggspedition Begins

## April

- 9 Easter Eggspedition Ends
- 14 Date Night Drop Off (Crews
- 15 Earth Day/Kids in Nature Day (Sq. Lake Park)
- 22 Shred Event
- 28 Beats 'n Bites (Rattle and Hum/U2 tribute)
- 29 Festival of India

## May

- 12-13 BeachFest Matthews
- 12 Date Night Drop-Off (Crews)
- 20 E Sports Tournament (Crews)
- 26 Beats 'n Bites (Smokey Jones & the 3 Dollar Pistols)

## June

- 9 Date Night Drop-Off
- TBD Symphony Night
- 19 Juneteenth Celebration
- 24 Main Line Market (Charles St.)
- 30 Beats 'n Bites 'n Boom - Food trucks & Cat 5 Band combined with Indep. Day Celebration Fireworks--launched from MARA fields!

## July

- 14 Date Night Drop-Off
- 28 Beats 'n Bites (20 Ride/Zac Brown tribute)

## August

- 11 Date Night Drop-Off (Crews)
- 12 Cool Vibes Indoor Concert Series (Comm Ctr)
- 25 Beats 'n Bites (Landslide/Fleetwood Mac tribute)
- 26 Cool Vibes Indoor Concert Series (Comm Ctr)

## September

- 1-4 Matthews Alive Festival
- 8 Date Night Drop-Off (Crews)
- 29 Beats 'n Bites (The Embers/beach)
- 30 Main Line Market (Charles St)

## October

- 6 Crews Family Fun Night (Crews)
- 7 Kids In Nature Day (Squirrel Lake Park)
- 13 Date Night Drop-Off (Crews)
- 21 Música Matthews

## November

- 3 Crews Family Fun Night (Crews)
- 3 Holiday tickets on sale (online)
- 4 Pawsitively Matthews
- 10 Date Night Drop-Off (Crews)
- 20 Deck the House Contest begins
- 25-26 Nutcracker (Comm Ctr)

## December

- 1 Crews Family Fun Night (Crews)
- 1 Jingle Jam Concert (224 Matt Station St)
- 2 Winter Wonderlights Tree & Park Lighting
- 2-3 Nutcracker (Comm Ctr)
- 8 Date Night Drop-Off (Crews)
- 9 Photos w/Santa & Santa Paws (Comm Ctr)
- 16 Main Line Market (Charles St.)
- 21 Holiday Drop 'n Shop
- 31 Noon Year's Eve (Comm Ctr)
- TBD Kwanzaa Celebration
- TBD Menorah Lighting

Unless otherwise noted, all events are held at Stumptown Park.

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| **STUMPTOWN PARK** | 120 S Trade St |
| **CREWS RECREATION CENTER** | 1201 Crews Rd |
| **COMMUNITY CENTER** | 100 McDowell St |
| **SQUIRREL LAKE PARK** | 1631 Pleasant Plains Rd |
| **MARA & MUMC** | 1200 & 801 South Trade St |

# TOWN OF MATTHEWS PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

## Facilities & Amenities

### MATTHEWS COMMUNITY CENTER

- The Matthews Community Center features the Fullwood Theater, a variety of classroom and studio space, large event rooms, and dance space.
- Facility Rentals: Small intimate meetings to full theater productions.

### MCDOWELL ARTS CENTER

- The McDowell Arts Center offers art programs and classes year-round and art-based summer camps during the summer months.
- A full art gallery displays different local artist groups each month upstairs.

### CREWS RECREATION CENTER

- Crews offers a full-size gymnasium and large multi-purpose room with open gym sports, activities, classes and camps offered in both spaces.
- Facility Rentals: This is a great place to host your birthday parties, baby and wedding showers, anniversary parties, family reunions and meetings. Also available for rent is the full-size gymnasium to individuals, groups or schools for recreational purposes (i.e. basketball, volleyball, soccer, parties & etc.).

### PARKS WITH PLAYGROUNDS

- Baucom Park
- Matthews-Sardis Park
- Rice Park
- Stumptown Park
- Squirrel Lake Park
- Windsor Park

### PARK SHELTER RENTALS

- Baucom Park
- Squirrel Lake Park
- Windsor Park

### POCKET PARKS

- Country Place Park
- KP Park
- Fountain Rock Park

### GREENWAY/TRAILS

- Four Mile Creek Greenway
- Matthews Heritage Trail
- Biking/Hiking Trails at Purser-Hulsey Park

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