

There's plenty for your children to do this summer

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The school year is coming to an end, but not to worry, there are many fun, educational activities and programs available in Charles County this summer to keep your children busy. From local camps to educational activities and programs, your child will wish their summer could last forever.

The Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism offers a large variety of camps, such as aquatics, themed, special needs and sports camps. This is a great opportunity for your children to advance their skills, socialize, make new friends and stay active. Camp spots can fill quickly so check out all the camps available today. To register or learn more, visit www.CharlesCountyParks.com/recreation/summer-camps.

If you are looking for an educational experience for your child, Charles County Public Schools is sponsoring summer enrichment camps for students in kindergarten through Grade 9. Camps begin the week of June 24 and run through the week ending on Aug. 2. From coding and STEM camps to painting and band camps, your children will continue expanding their knowledge all summer long.

Visit www.ccboe.com/index.php/summer-camps-2019 for more details.

No child should go hungry during the summer. If your child or someone you know might need a lunch this summer, Charles County Public Schools, in partnership with other county agencies, is offering a free summer lunch program for Charles County children 18 and younger. Lunches are served Monday through Friday at various times and locations from June 24 to Aug. 16. For a listing of times and locations, visit www.ccboe.com/ss/summer-meals/.

Summer is a great time to relax poolside with a good book. Encourage your child to read this summer and participate in the Charles County Public Library's 2019 Summer

Reading Program, “Discovery Starts Here!” from June 8 to Sept. 9. All ages can register for this space themed program by going to ccpl.beanstack.org and get your registration prize: a Summer Reading T-shirt and a Blue Crabs ticket. Participants earn points through reading minutes, logging reviews or completing challenges. There are opportunities to win prizes along the way; you even have the chance to win one of the grand prizes, which are \$100 gift cards.

The Charles County Public Library has programs and activities all summer long for all ages. With four library branches and the Mobile Library, there are many opportunities to dive into a new book, exercise your mind and take advantage of all the library resources. Visit www.ccplonline.org/ to learn more about the endless possibilities awaiting you at your local libraries!

Whether your child is kicking a soccer ball down the field, relaxing with a good book or learning a new skill, we wish you and your family a safe, happy summer full of laughter and learning. After all, in Charles County, “Fun Happens Here!”