

TASTE AND SEE - Summer Mini-group promotion

Why - continue the momentum built in first semester of 2023 of connecting people with family groups

How - offer one day group gatherings for people to “Taste and See” the benefits of gathering with others in the body and build connections and community resulting in spiritual growth

What - one day outings

Who - recruit one person to be the day’s ‘group facilitator’ who will lead the gathering

When - June, July, and August

Where - local area attractions

Families:

Lazy 5 Ranch

Saturday June 17th Time: TBD

Facilitator:

Address: 15100 Mooresville Rd Mooresville NC 28115 Phone: Phone: (704) 663-5100

Cash or NC check, No Debit or Credit Cards, Call for Reservations, Price includes admission and wagon ride. Adult Admission and Wagon Ride: \$21.00 Child Admission and Wagon Ride: \$15.00

Senior Admission and Wagon Ride: \$15.00 Group Rate (15 or more, ages 2 and up) \$15.00

To book your field trip please call 704-663-5100.

Zoo with domestic & exotic animals from 6 continents, with wagon rides & petting areas. Picnic area.

Greensboro Science Center

Saturday August 19th Time: TBD

Facilitator:

Address: 4301 Lawndale Dr, Greensboro, NC 27455

Phone: (336) 288-3769

Adults (ages 14 - 64): \$19.50 Seniors (ages 65+): \$18.50

Children (ages 3 - 13): \$17.50 Children 2 and Under: Free

Groups & field trips consist of 10+ paying individuals. Group/field trip rate is \$16.50 (plus tax) per person.*"The Greensboro Science Center is a premier family destination in North Carolina offering multiple attractions in one destination: a science museum with exhibits focused on dinosaurs, fossils, reptiles, amphibians and extreme weather; a zoo, home to animals such as red pandas, gibbons, meerkats, lemurs, pygmy hippos and maned wolves; an aquarium, featuring sharks, penguins, stingrays, otters, an anaconda, a variety of fishes and more; a state-of-the-art OmniSphere Theater, featuring 3D, laser and full-dome shows; and SKYWILD, a treetop adventure park where participants can literally act like an animal above our zoo! Visit our website for information about admission policies, tickets, events, classes, rentals, field trips, and more!"

Youth:

U.S. National Whitewater Center

Saturday August 5th Time: TBD

Facilitator:

Address: 5000 Whitewater Center Pkwy, Charlotte, NC 28214

Phone: (704) 391-3900

Prices vary according to activity

Recreation grounds with whitewater rafting, canoeing, kayaking, rappelling, rock climbing & more.

Carrigan Farm Swim Party

Saturday July 22nd Time: TBD

Facilitator:

1213 Oak Ridge Farm Hwy, Mooresville NC 28115.

<https://www.carriganfarms.com/open-swim/>

\$25 with \$5 non-refundable deposit. Reservations via website.

Swimming in a deep, refreshing natural quarry is the perfect way to cool off in the summer. Located about thirty minutes north of Charlotte, The Quarry at Carrigan Farms is an oasis. Whether you're seeking relaxation, adventure, or a bit of both, our quarry and beach are the ultimate destination for a day of outdoor fun.

Open swim admission also includes catch-and-release fishing at our two farm ponds which are stocked with bass, bream, and crappie, making for a great day out for anglers of all skill levels. Be sure to bring your own fishing gear.

Men:

Clay Shooting at Hunting Creek Preserves

Saturday June 17th Time: TBD

Facilitator:

Address: 300 N Meadow Rd, Harmony, NC 28634

Phone: (704) 546-5400

Cost: \$25-\$45

13 station sporting clay course that offers more than a mile of trails. Skeet is also available.

Reddies River Trout Fishing - Self guided

Saturday July 22nd Time: TBD

Facilitator:

<https://www.north-wilkesboro.com/303/Trout-Fishing-on-the-Reddies-River>

<https://www.yadkinrivergreenway.com/contact>

Phone: 336-651-8967

Couples:

Bike on the Virginia Creeper Trail

Saturday August 5th Time: TBD

Facilitators:

Whitetop to Damascus Downhill ride

331 Douglas Drive, Damascus, VA 24236

Toll Free (888) 595-2453

<http://www.adventuredamascus.com/>

Dinner al fresco and a Show

Sails Original Music Series - Charlie Hunter

Friday June 9th 6pm - 9pm

Facilitator:

Union Square Hickory

Guitar legend Charlie Hunter is widely considered one of the top jazz bandleaders in the United States. Concert at 7pm. Get there early and find a table for everyone. Order dinner from a local restaurant and enjoy food, music, and fellowship.

Women:

Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden

Opening Doors to Spring Garden Exhibition

Saturday June 17th 10am –4pm

Facilitator:

Address: 6500 S New Hope Rd, Belmont, NC 28012

Phone: (704) 825-4490

Cost: Adult: \$14.95 Senior: (60+): \$12.95 Discounts for groups of 15+

Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden is “Opening Doors to Spring”, an exhibit that illustrates Spring and the Garden by art students from Gastonia’s Highland School of Technology.

Under the direction of fine arts instructor, Marty Hutchins, the students were asked to complete works inspired by Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden and Springtime. Not traditional works on canvas, but on doors that could greet the members and guests of Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden as they stroll the garden paths. The doors done in bold, bright colors and large designs are sure to catch the eye of all that come to the Garden. Varying in size and design from shutter doors to a glass-paned door, the students learned different techniques to paint on these surfaces to bring a cohesive picture to life. Incorporating the many things seen in a garden setting, big blooms, pollinators, wildlife, the students captured the idea of Spring in the Garden.

Graveyard Fields Hike and Waterfalls

Saturday June 17th Time: TBD

Facilitator: Lurbin Castillo (828) 334 - 0803

Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 418.8 south of Asheville

Features 2 waterfalls in a mile-high valley filled with wildflowers and surrounded by the 6,000ft. peaks of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Restrooms available.

Swimming available at lower falls or nearby Skinny Dip Falls

Crawdads game and NewSong Christian concert

Saturday June 29th

First pitch 5pm followed by concert

Facilitator:

Tickets \$16 or group rate of 20 or more at \$13. Wear your favorite IChurch shirt and enjoy some "peanuts and cracker jacks" with your church family.