



Three Rivers Canoe & Kayak Race is May 19

The Three Rivers Canoe and Kayak Race Series begins with a 6.8 mile race on the Uwharrie River on Saturday, May 19.

The LandTrust for Central N.C. is excited to announce that they will be hosting a three-part paddle series! Named after the three main rivers within our 10-county region, this series will feature races on the Uwharrie River, Pee Dee River, and Rocky River. The series will begin on May 19 with a 6.8 mile paddle race down the Uwharrie River. The launch point will be located at Low Water Bridge, and the race will conclude at a take out on Highway 109.

Participants will have the option to pay an entry fee of \$35 (without a t-shirt) or \$50 (with a t-shirt) and must bring their own boat. The morning of the race, participants will be expected to check in at Eldorado Outpost. Participants and their boats will then be shuttled to the Low Water Bridge boat launch. The race will begin at 8 a.m. After the race concludes, participants will be shuttled back to Eldorado Outpost.

This is an especially scenic stretch of the Uwharrie River. Participants will paddle past a state champion shortleaf pine tree, found on LandTrust owned land right on the banks of the river. Midway through the race, participants will paddle by Ledger Rock, a unique large rock formation in the river. Expect to see bald eagles, osprey, great blue heron, ducks and more on this beautiful paddle.

Future races in the series will be planned for the Pee Dee River in Anson and Richmond Counties, and the Rocky River in Stanly and Anson County.

In the event that the water is at an unsafe level or there is inclement weather, the makeup date for this race will be June 2. No refunds.

For more information contact LandTrust staff at 704-647-0302 or steely@landtrustcnc.org.

65% of Anson Children Live in Poor or Low Income Homes

The 2018 county data cards produced by the NC Child Agency contains information on the well-being of children in North Carolina, county by county. Printed below is the card for Anson County children. More information is available at ncchild.org.

ANSON COUNTY

2018 NC DATA CARD

NORTH CAROLINA	ANSON
Child population: 2,432,812	Child population: 5,270
Percent under age six: 30%	Percent under age six: 29%
Number of live births: 120,756	Number of live births: 266

A STRONG START	Women who receive early prenatal care: 64.3% 2016 62.6% 2015	Babies born at a low birthweight: 10.9% 2016 10.4% 2015	Babies born pre-term: 13.5% 2016 -- 2015
FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY	Children living in poor or low-income homes: 65.3% 2016 65.2% 2015	Children in households that are food insecure: 25.0% 2015 26.2% 2014	Median family income: \$34,656 2012-2016 \$33,228 2011-2015
NURTURING HOMES & COMMUNITIES	Children in foster care per 1,000: 5.1 2016 3.4 2015	Children assessed for abuse or neglect per 1,000: 54.1 2016 55.6 2015	Teen births per 1,000 girls ages 15-17: -- 2016 -- 2015
HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION	3rd grade students scoring proficient in reading: 46.6% 2016-2017 -- 2015	High school students graduating on time*: 79.9% 2017 82.3% 2016	Residents with bachelor's degree or higher: 9.5% 2016 9.8% 2015
HEALTH & WELLNESS	Children without health insurance: 4.3% 2016 -- 2015	Infant mortality per 1,000 live births: 7.5 2016 17.4 2015	Child deaths per 100,000: 110.3 2016 107.3 2015

NC Pathways to Grade-Level Reading whole-child Measure of Success. Learn more at: www.buildthefoundation.org/pathways. NC Child The Voice for North Carolina's Children

Artist Reception at HOLLA

The community is invited to join the Anson County Arts Council for an Artist Reception on Sunday, April 29, from 3 to 5 p.m. The event will feature the work of Shakeeka Watts, Denny Maloney, Michael Phillips, James Price and other local artists. Light refreshments will be served.

The event will take place at the HOLLA Center, located at 229 Main Street in Morven. It is sponsored by the Drake Gallery in conjunction with HOLLA.

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- CONSTRUCTED THE EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER AFTER SECURING \$949,000 IN GRANT FUNDING FROM THE NC 911 BOARD
- OPENED NEW ANIMAL SHELTER FACILITY
- PURCHASED LAND FOR THE FUTURE AGRI-CIVIC CENTER
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