



***BLADEN COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION***

**PROGRAM GUIDE
2024-25**



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HOW TO REACH US

The Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Office is located at 803 King Street, Elizabethtown, N.C. 28337. Office hours are 8:30 am. to 5:00 pm., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Administrative Office(910)862-6770
King Street Gymnasium(910)862-6770
Director Desk.....(910)862-6771

County Park.....(910)862-4490
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ACCESS STATEMENT

The Bladen County Parks and Recreation Department encourages everyone in the community, including those with disabilities, to participate in all the programs included in this program guide. The Department will provide support services to assist in meeting the individual accessibility needs of persons wishing to participate in Department Programs. Our access statement complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. (ADA)

VOLUNTEERS

The Department recruits over 500 volunteers each year to assist with its programs. Volunteers assist the Department in many ways including youth basketball and baseball, specialized workshops, Special Olympics, Senior Games and more. Please call us if you are interested in volunteering with the Bladen County Recreation Department.

RETURN CHECK POLICY

A service charge of \$25.00 will be assessed for each check returned INSUFFICIENT FUNDS. Payment for returned checks will be accepted in cash only.



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FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT RENTALS

GENERAL INFORMATION:

When not in use for department-sponsored activities and programs, department facilities may be rented by the public.

To ensure proper processing, facility rental applications and fees should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the desired date of rental.

Please come by the Parks and Recreation Department for further information.

Facilities available for rent:

- 1 - Gymnasium
- 4 - Baseball / Softball Fields
- 4 - Tennis Courts
- 2 - Picnic Shelters
- 1 - Soccer Field
- 1 - Football Field
- 1 - Outdoor Basketball Court

All equipment will be reserved on a "first come, first served" basis at the gymnasium. A refundable deposit is required for overnight use or from Friday until Monday.

ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM

We encourage groups and individual citizens to participate in the beautification of our County Park and Recreation facilities. Projects can include the design and development of flower beds and/or gardens, or trail enhancement. Groups and individuals interested in sharing their skills and ideas should contact Grant Pait at 862-6770.



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RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATION

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Kyle Bostic
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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

Grant Pait – Director dgpait@bladenco.org

ATHLETICS DIVISION

Clint Allen – Program Coordinator clintallen@bladenco.org

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Willie Lewis – Gym Supervisor

AGES / CUT-OFF DATES

A. Participants shall be qualified by age according to the following:

1. 10 & under - Must not turn **11** prior to cut off date.
2. 12 & under - Must not turn **13** prior to cut off date.
3. 14 & under - Must not turn **15** prior to cut off date.
4. 16 & under - Must not turn **17** prior to cut off date.

B. Cut-Off Dates

- A. Basketball – January 1 of Tournament year.
- B. Baseball – April 30 of the Tournament year.
- C. Soccer – August 1 of the Tournament year.
- D. Football – August 1 of the current year.
- E. Cheerleading – August 1 of the current year.
- F. Volleyball – October 1 of the current year.
- G. BlastBall (T-ball) – April 1 of the current year.
- H. Softball – January 1 of the current year.



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YOUTH

DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL – League play begins in May and ends in July for boys ages **13-14**. All games are played at the County Park.

BLASTBALL (T-BALL) – League play begins in late March or early April and ends the end of April. League is for boys and girls ages **3-5**. Games are played at County Park.

FASTPITCH GIRLS SOFTBALL - League is for girls – ages **8-10, 11-12, and 13-15**. League play begins in April/May and ends in June for all ages. Games are played at the County Park. **All Leagues** are Fast-Pitch.

COACH-PITCH GIRLS SOFTBALL – League is for girls – ages 5-7. League play begins in April and ends in June. Games are played at the County Park.

YOUTH SOCCER – For children ages **5-14**. Fall League begins in September and ends in October. All games are played at the County Park. League age divisions are **5-7, 8-10, 11-14**.

TOT SOCCER – For children ages **3-4**. Fall League begins in September and ends in October. All games are played at the County Park.

YOUTH FOOTBALL – League play begins in mid-October and ends in November. League age divisions are **7-9, 10-12**. Games are played at the County Park.

FLAG FOOTBALL – League play begins in mid-October and ends in November. League is for children ages **5-7**. Games will be played at the County Park.

YOUTH CHEERLEADING – League play begins in mid-October and ends in late November. Ages groups are **(7-9), (10-12)**. Cheering will be for our Youth Football League. All games are played at the County Park.

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL – League play begins in mid-November and ends in late mid-December. Age groups are **(8-9), (10-11), (12-14)** with a league for girls and a league for boys. All games are played at the King Street Gym.

YOUTH BASKETBALL – For children ages **6-12**. League age divisions are **6, 7-9, and 10-12**. League play begins in January and ends in March. Games are played in the King Street Gym in Elizabethtown.

**Please note - These dates are subject to change if deemed necessary by Bladen County Parks and Recreation Administration.*



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ADULTS

GYM RENTAL – Gym is available for rent after office hours and on weekends for basketball and volleyball.

ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL – League play begins in March and ends in April. All games are played at King Street Gym. **Adults 18+**

COMMUNITY

CRAF GRANT (COMMUNITY RECREATION ASSISTANCE FUND) – The CRAF has been established to aid communities within Bladen County in setting up and conducting active sports programming in their communities for children ages 17 and under. Contact the Recreation Department (910) 862-6770 for more information.