



***BLADEN COUNTY  
PARKS AND RECREATION***

**PROGRAM GUIDE**



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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
- 2 - Outdoor Basketball Courts

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**

#### **RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS**

Kyle Bostic  
William Corbett  
Kenneth Daniels  
Mike Dove  
Mark Gillespie  
VACANT  
Daniel Peterson  
Ritchie Priest  
Chris Tatum  
Robert Mazur  
Sara Ward  
Julie Sasser

#### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

Greg Martin - County Manager  
Maria Edwards- Administrative Assistant, Clerk to the Board



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### **PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION**

Grant Pait – Director [dgpait@bladenco.org](mailto:dgpait@bladenco.org)

#### **ATHLETICS DIVISION**

Damiano Whittington – Program Coordinator [dwhittington@bladenco.org](mailto:dwhittington@bladenco.org)

Morgan King – Program Coordinator [mmassengill@bladenco.org](mailto:mmassengill@bladenco.org)

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.
5. 18 & under - Must not turn **19** 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. BlastBall (T-ball) – April 1 of the current year.
- G. Softball – January 1 of the current year.



# **BLADEN COUNTY'S RECREATION**

## **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 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 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 boys and girls 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 BASKETBALL** – League age divisions are **6 (co-ed), 7-9 (coed), 10-12 (boys), and 10-12 (girls)**. League play begins in January and ends in March. Games are played in the King Street Gym in Elizabethtown.

**HEALTHY BLADEN KIDS SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM** – Program begins in June and ends in July. Program is open for children ages **6-14**.



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### **ADULTS**

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

### **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.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS** – Parks and Recreation assists the Bladen County 4-H Summer Program. Athletic clinics such as volleyball, t-ball, floor hockey, soccer, flag football, bicycle rodeos, etc. are given throughout the summer months.

**BLADEN COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS** – Parks and Recreation assists the Bladen County Special Olympics Committee in conducting their games in April of each year.