



THE WRECKER

Winter 2011

<http://www.co.iredell.nc.us/departments/recreation/>

Programs

For more information on any programs listed below visit our website or the contact the office.

Calls from Santa

December 5th, 6th, and 8th
from 6pm-9pm

Adult Programs

11/9 – Southeastern
Primitive Rendezvous

11/29 – Shopping at Hanes
Mall

12/7 – Tanglewood Festival
of Lights

12/13 – Wohlfahrt Dinner
Theatre

12/15 – Grove Park Inn

12/20 – Billy Graham
Library

Kim Gallyon Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday, April 14, 2012 at
the Statesville Country Club



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Contact Us

Phone: 704-878-3103

Fun at the Outdoor Education Center

We hosted a "Family Fun Day" in September, which was a huge success with over 100 visitors in 4 hours. The Fun Day provides families and individuals the opportunity to come out to tour the facility, see what kinds of programs and amenities we have to offer, and also participate in a few climbing events if they choose (small fee for climbing events). Be on the lookout for another "Family Fun Day" to come in the spring of 2012!

Also September and October provided a fabulous fall season, with opportunities to work with and provide programs for many awesome groups including elementary, high school, and corporate clients. These groups have taken advantage of the numerous learnings, adventures, and experiences that come with challenging themselves as individuals and teams.

While challenge course and climbing tower programs are our primary adventure activities, there is still time to get out of the house and utilize our beautiful overnight camping area before the end of fall. Our camping area includes 5 Adirondack shelters (4-



6 cots included in each), a campfire ring with benches, a picnic shelter with 4 tables, and 2 charcoal grills. The shelters can accommodate up to 30 people, plus there is a small area for a few extra tents if needed. Not to mention, the rates to reserve your stay are some of the best around; and your group will be the only one camping each night you are there, which provides great opportunity to experience the natural environment.

We already have some groups scheduling their spring and summer programs for 2012! We operate year-round, so if you are interested in bringing a group out this fall or winter, or next spring or summer, please contact our office to make your reservation. Dates are first-come; first-served (we are closed on holidays). Saturdays and Sundays get reserved quickly!

For more information about our programs, trainings, tours, or reservations, please contact Michelle Hepler, Assistant Director at mhepler@co.iredell.nc.us 704-878-3103. We look forward to seeing you at the Outdoor Education Center!

Start preparing your yard for Spring

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Hours of Operation

Office
8:00am-5:00pm
Monday – Friday

Outdoor Education Center
Open by Reservation Only

Stumpy Creek Park
8am- dusk
Weather Permitting

Information prepared by Micah Deane and Jordan Lail

Winter may seem to be a dull season for plants but it is the best time to prepare the plants for spring. Bulbs should be planted now following the specific directions for each flower. It is also a good time to prune your trees back if they have started to overgrow. In the winter, the sap is moving down the tree towards the roots, which makes it easier to trim the branches. When pruning, you don't want to prune more than 1/3 of the tree so it is able to keep producing the needed elements to grow. When pruning your trees make sure you have a sharp blade because breaks in branches can create an open wound that increases susceptibility to disease. Also, when pruning multiple trees make sure to clean your blade between each tree to eliminate the chance of transferring a disease to other trees. You can fertilize your trees right now as well with Triple 17, which is a slow nutrient releasing fertilizer you can purchase at any store that carries fertilizers. Make sure you do not get this fertilizer on your evergreen leaves because it will burn them. Good luck with your spring prepping!

Activity of the Month

by Sari Rose, Assistant Director of Coaching,
NCYSA

Harry Potter (U10) Compliments of Twin City Youth Soccer

Set up a 25x25 grid with a small 4x4 grid in each corner.

- Players are divided into 4 teams and each team elects a Harry Potter
- The Harry Potter must hold a small tall cone on their head and stay in their colored square (Castle) until called
- All players have a ball except the Harry Potter
- Players must dribble in the area outside of the Castles and try to pass their ball and hit other players below the knee
- Once a player is hit they are "frozen" and must take a knee and call for their Harry Potter
- Harry Potter must run out of the Castle and tag his kneeling players to "unfreeze" them
- Warning: Teams can try to hit opponents' Harry Potter while he is running. If a team's Harry Potter is hit then that entire team must go back to the Castle and sit for 30 seconds



