

## 2009 F.A.I.T.H. Community Resource Listing

This is a partial listing of services, places, events and community calendars in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area. Please advise the Resource Guide Coordinator of additions or corrections throughout the year in order to keep this listing as up-to-date as possible.

### Home Schooling Organizations

#### **NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NON-PUBLIC EDUCATION – WWW.NCDNPE.ORG**

**Mailing Address:** 1309 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1309

**Phone:** 919-733-4276, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Weekdays

**Comments:** The division of the dept. of education that regulates all non-public schools including boarding, private, charter and home schools. Home schools must be registered with the state through this agency and must notify if terminating a home school. Call or log on to web site for more information and registration information.

#### **NORTH CAROLINIANS FOR HOME EDUCATION – WWW.NCHE.COM**

4336-A Bland Road  
Raleigh NC 27609

**Phone:** 919-790-1100

**Fax:** 919-790-1892

**E-mail:** nche@nche.com

**Comments:** Support group for all home schoolers throughout North Carolina. Sponsors the home schooling convention each Spring. Yearly membership \$25.00. NCHE publishes The Greenhouse Report.

#### **HOME SCHOOL LEGAL DEFENSE ASSOCIATION--WWW.HSLDA.ORG**

P.O. Box 3000  
Purcellville, VA 20134-9000

**Phone:** 540-338-5600

**Fax:** 540-338-2733

**E-mail:** info@hsllda.org

**Comments:** This organization has a membership fee of \$100.00 per year, with a \$15 discount if joining with a group. They provide their members professional legal representation at no further cost should it be necessary and assistance with any social services contact plus other benefits. Membership is 75,000 families strong throughout the U.S.

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### PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY - [WWW.PLCMC.ORG](http://WWW.PLCMC.ORG)

**Phone:** 704-416-0100 (Main Library)

**Location:** 310 N. Tryon St., Charlotte

**Hours:** 9 am-9 pm Mon.-Thurs., 9 am-6 pm Fri. and Sat, 1-6 pm Sunday.

**Free resources include:**

- Teacher's library card - Issued when you show proof that you are a private school (registered with the state). Books on this card may be checked out for 6 weeks, but are not renewable.
- Books, music CD's, audiotape books, and audio cassettes can be checked out for 3 weeks with one renewal if there are no reserves on the item.
- Computers - All branches have computers for the public's use. This includes Internet access. Hours vary - check at the individual branch. There is some training required before you may use them. Each branch purchases their own software so it will vary from branch to branch. Usually they have math, reading, etc. included in their selections.
- Software - Computer CD's may be checked out for two weeks. They have a wide variety of children's educational games.
- Videos - Videos may be checked out at all branches for 3 days and renewed for 3 days if someone hasn't placed a hold on it. They have a large selection of entertaining and educational videos.
- **Automated Renewal Line - 704-336-6237.** Call this number to renew material and check other information without having to go to the library. A computerized voice will guide you step by step. Have your library card ready when you call. You can also renew online, see below.
- Home Access to the Card Catalog (via computer) - If you have a computer and a modem, you may call the library for simple instructions for setting up access to the card catalog. The same screen used in the branches can then be accessed and you can search for books conveniently at home. This is a 24 hour service. You can place materials on hold from home, too. **You can also see a listing of everything you have checked out as well as renew books.**
- Home Access to the Library and Card Catalog (via the Internet) - Library information, some resources and the Card Catalog are available from the Internet via a WEB browser. The URL is [www.plcmc.lib.nc.us](http://www.plcmc.lib.nc.us).
- Materials Requests - Requests for specific books, videos, and other resources can be made in writing at any branch by asking to fill out a request card. If the card catalog (on computer) does not have several copies of a book you would like to see, please request it. Often these requests will be filled, especially if several patrons request the same item.

### COUNTY PASSPORT TO HISTORY

To participate, you must purchase a booklet for \$2 at one of the 10 sites included in the program. Children can earn a patch after visiting 5 sites. They must have their passport signed or stamped and answer and complete the activities for that site. The sites are: Carolinas Aviation Museum, Charlotte Museum of History and Hezekiah Alexander Home Site, Charlotte Trolley Museum, Latta Plantation, Mint Hill Doctor's Museum, Museum of the New South, James K. Polk Memorial, Reed Gold Mine, Historic Rosedale, and Schiele Museum. Contact any of these sites for more information on "Passport to History".

### NORTH CAROLINA HISTORIC SITES - [WWW.AH.DCR.STATE.NC.US/SECTIONS/HS/DEFAULT.HTM](http://WWW.AH.DCR.STATE.NC.US/SECTIONS/HS/DEFAULT.HTM)

There are 23 sites located all over the state, from the Outer Banks to the Blue Ridge Mountains. Contact NC Historic Sites at 919-733-7862 for a free brochure listing all the sites, or see the web site.

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### CAROLINA RAPTOR CENTER - WWW.CAROLINARAPTORCENTER.ORG

**Phone:** 704-875-6521 ext. 110 (Tonya Paul) Call for more info or scheduling.

**Location:** Beatties Ford Rd. to 6000 Sample Rd. (turn at Hopewell Presbyterian Church). It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> driveway on the left after entering Latta Plantation Park.

**Hours:** Monday- Saturday, 9 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 11 am – 5 pm;

**Admission:** Adults - \$8, seniors \$7, students (5 and older) \$6, children under 5 are free. Groups of 15 or more \$4.50 per person. Reservations required.

**Comments:** Self-tour nature trail provides interesting information on many kinds of birds of prey which are living there. These birds are unable to survive in the wild due to illness or injury. The Center will do group tours with educational programs if called ahead. Reservations required, recommended as far in advance as possible.

### CAROLINAS HISTORIC AVIATION COMMISSION AIR MUSEUM - CAROLINASAVIATION.ORG\*

**Phone:** 704-359-8442

**Location:** 4108 Minuteman Way (at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport) (Street renamed from Airport Dr.).

**Hours:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, Sunday 1-5 p.m.

**Admission:** \$8 for adults, \$5 for children & seniors age 60 and older. All groups of more than 5 children must be prearranged. Schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts & other group admission is \$4 per child. (Accompanying adults free)

**Comments:** Tours of museum/hangar featuring 45 aircraft in various stages of restoration. Aircraft on exhibit include a Piedmont Airlines DC-3 and a U.S. Army OV-1 Mohawk. Call ahead for special events throughout the year.

### CARRIGAN FARMS - WWW.CARRIGANFARMS.COM

**Phone:** 704-664-1450 (days)

**Location:** 1261 Oak Ridge Farm Hwy., Mooresville, NC (27 miles from Charlotte)

**Admission:** \$8 per person

**Comments:** Seasonal group tours include hayrides, greenhouse, vegetable and fruit fields where you can pick your own produce, a petting barn, picnic area and more. They also have a market with honey from their hives, seasonal produce and homemade jams and jellies for sale. October tours are open to the general public Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with no reservations needed.

### CHARLOTTE HISTORIC TROLLEY MUSEUM - WWW.CHARLOTTETROLLEY.ORG\*

**Phone:** 704-375-0850

**Location:** 2104 South Blvd.

**Hours:** Saturday 10-5 p.m., Sunday 10:30-5:30 p.m.

**Admission:** \$1.50 Adults (each way), 0.75 Seniors & Youth (each way), 5 and under free. Adult all day pass \$4

**Comments:** The museum features photographs, exhibits and trolley rides.

### CHARLOTTE MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND HEZEKIAH ALEXANDER HOME SITE\*

WWW.CHARLOTTEMUSEUM.ORG

**Phone:** 704-568-1774

**Location:** 3500 Shamrock Drive

**Hours:** Tues.-Sat. 10 am to 5 pm, Sun. 1 pm to 5 pm, Closed Mondays

**Admission:** Gen. admission: \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, \$3 for children 6-12, under 6 free. Group rates for 10 or more (groups may schedule tours at 10 am) Sundays are free. Summer hours are 10 am- 5 pm Mon-Sat and 1pm- 5pm on Sundays.

**Comments:** Special events are held throughout the year also.

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### CHILDREN'S THEATER – [WWW.CTCHARLOTTE.ORG](http://WWW.CTCHARLOTTE.ORG)

**Phone:** 704-973-2800; Box office: 704-973-2828 10 am- 5 pm, Monday – Friday

**Location:** 300 E. 7th St, inside ImaginOn

**Comments:** Professional theater for young people. Classes and productions.

### DANIEL STOWE BOTANICAL GARDEN - [HTTP://WWW.DSBG.ORG/INDEX.PHP](http://WWW.DSBG.ORG/INDEX.PHP)

**Phone:** 704-825-4490; Email [info@dsgb.org](mailto:info@dsgb.org)

**Location:** 6500 South New Hope Road, Belmont, NC 28012

**Hours:** Sunday through Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm; closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day

**Admission:** \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors (60+), \$5 for children 4-12, children under 4 and members free.

**Comments:** The Gardens are comprised of 158,000 square feet of planting beds divided into separate areas, each with a distinctive feel and theme.

### DISCOVERY PLACE/NATURE MUSEUM - [WWW.DISCOVERYPLACE.ORG](http://WWW.DISCOVERYPLACE.ORG)

**Phone:** 704-372-6261 ext. 300 or 1-800-935-0553

**Location:** 301 N. Tryon St.

**Admission:** Renovation pricing thru 11/22/09 is \$7/person regardless of age. When the full museum reopens: the \$10 adults 14-59 years old, \$8 children 2-13 and 60+ seniors. Children under 2 are free. Discounts apply during the school year for groups of 15 or more. IMAX pass additional.

**Hours:** Monday-Friday 9:30-5, Saturday 10-5 and Sunday Noon-5.

Teacher's Guide - Free booklet with detailed information on Home School and non-Home School classes available, fees, hours, directions, etc. Available at no charge at reception desks or by mail. Call to get on the mailing list.

### ENERGY EXPLORIUM

[WWW.DUKE-ENERGY.COM/VISITORS-CENTERS/ENERGYEXPLORIUM.ASP](http://WWW.DUKE-ENERGY.COM/VISITORS-CENTERS/ENERGYEXPLORIUM.ASP)

**Phone:** 704-875-5600 OR 1-800-777-0003

**Location:** 13339 Hagers Ferry Rd. in Huntersville (on Hwy 73, 30 minutes from Charlotte)

**Hours:** Monday - Friday 9 am-5 pm, Saturday 12 pm – 5 pm, closed Sunday.

**Admission:** Free (need appointment for more than 10 people)

**Comments:** Energy Explorium and Information Center for McGuire Nuclear Station. Hands-on and computerized energy exhibits and 1 mile walking trail plus a picnic area.

### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

**Phone:** 704-336-5359

**Comments:** Workshops available on home composting, worm composting, grasscycling (lawn care), toxicity reduction, soil stewardship, horticulture, and natural gardening & habitat at various locations. Each workshop is 4 hours and is \$10 per family. (Call to confirm prices) For more information or to register call Lorette Hall, 704-336-8393. Groups of 15 or more can have a special class (teacher training) at a sight near you. Also learn what's recyclable, how to do environmental friendly shopping, etc.

### FIRE STATIONS AND FIRE HOUSE—[WWW.CHARLOTTENEWCORNER.INFO/FIRE.HTM](http://WWW.CHARLOTTENEWCORNER.INFO/FIRE.HTM)

**Phone:** 704-336-3970 (Fire Education), 704-336-2150, or see the blue pages of the Charlotte phone book

**Admission:** Free

**Comments:** Visit your area fire station for a free tour or plan a group visit to downtown's Fire Station #1 to see the Firefighters slide down poles. Call ahead for group tours and for information on the Fire House tours. The Fire House simulates a fire in a home and children ages 6 and up may go through and practice proper escape methods.

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### GASTON COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART AND HISTORY-[WWW.GASTONCOUNTYMUSEUM.ORG](http://WWW.GASTONCOUNTYMUSEUM.ORG)

**Phone:** 704-922-7681

**Location:** 131 W. Main Street, Dallas, NC 28034

**Hours:** Tuesday—Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 1-5 p.m.; 1st Sundays 2-5 p.m.

**Admission:** FREE

**Comments:** **Carolinas Textile Exhibit:** Discover how cotton textile manufacturing transformed the Carolinas. Sights and sounds of the past combine with original objects, such as the world's longest running, original Edison generator (1884), the Loray Mill whistle, a ball gown and baseball uniform, to bring the history of the Carolinas to life. **Daniel Stowe Carriage House** Imagine life before automobiles. See sleighs, drays and buggies -- the largest collection of horse-drawn vehicles exhibited in North Carolina!

### HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH LIBRARY-[WWW.HGBC.ORG](http://WWW.HGBC.ORG)

**Phone:** 704-531-4000

**Location:** 6050 Hickory Grove Road, Charlotte, NC 28215

**Comments:** They have many Christian titles and videos that are not available in the public library. Check out privileges (even to non-members) on the first visit. Other churches who have lending libraries include Calvary Church on Hwy 51, Central Church of God at Fairview and Randolph, and Carmel Baptist Church on Hwy 51.

### HISTORIC BRATTONSVILLE – [WWW.CHMUSEUMS.ORG/OURMUSEUMS/HB/INDEX.HTM](http://WWW.CHMUSEUMS.ORG/OURMUSEUMS/HB/INDEX.HTM)

**Phone:** 803-684-2327

**Location:** 1444 Brattonsville Rd., McConnells, SC 29726

**Hours:** Monday - Saturday 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm (Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve (all day), Christmas, and New Year's Day). Guided tours offered at 11 am and 2 pm on Tuesday thru Saturday.

**Admission:** Adults (18-59) - \$6.00, Youth (4-17) - \$3.00, Seniors (60+) - \$5.00, under 4 -- FREE,

**Comments:** A 775-acre living history village and Revolutionary War battlefield site. Twenty-nine historic structures chronicle the development of the Carolina Piedmont from the 1770's to the 1840's. Also have the Walt Schrader Trails with a \$2.00 fee for Adults and \$1.00 fee for children and seniors to walk the extensive trails if not touring the historic site.

### INTERNATIONAL HOUSE - [WWW.IHCLT.ORG](http://WWW.IHCLT.ORG)

**Phone:** 704-333-8099

**Location:** 322 Hawthorne Lane

**Hours:** Monday thru Friday 9 am — 5 pm

**Comments:** They have a children's soccer league (PALS). They also have Spanish and German Summer Camps that are 1 to 2 weeks in duration. Weekly conversation hours in Spanish/English; times vary, call for schedule.

### JAARS (JUNGLE AVIATION AND RADIO SERVICES) - [WWW.JAARS.ORG](http://WWW.JAARS.ORG)

**Phone:** 704-843-6000 for reservations, directions or information

**Location:** A division of Wycliffe Missions organization on 7405 JAARS Road. in Waxhaw, NC.

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9 am – 4 pm (to make reservations)

**Admission:** Free tours (time required about 2 hours covers about 1 mile. Reservations recommended.). On clear days, airplane (\$15 each) and helicopter (\$18 each) rides – must make reservations to make sure planes and pilots are there for rides. Call to confirm prices.

**Comments:** First Saturday of most months is "JAARS Day". If the first Saturday is a holiday, "JAARS Day" is the second Saturday. They offer a complete tour including video, museum, offices, airplane hangers, etc.. Beneficial to 5<sup>th</sup> graders and up (the complete tour lasts all day). Weekday tours 9:30 – 11:45 am.

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### JAMES K. POLK MEMORIAL HISTORIC SITE.-[WWW.AH.DCR.STATE.NC.US/SECTIONS/HS/POLK/POLK.HTM](http://WWW.AH.DCR.STATE.NC.US/SECTIONS/HS/POLK/POLK.HTM)\*

**Phone:** 704-889-7145

**Location:** 12031 Lancaster Hwy., Old U.S. 521, Pineville

**Hours:** Guided tours Tuesday - Saturday 9 am – 5 pm every half hour, Closed Sundays and Mondays.

**Admission:** Free

**Comments:** Birthplace of James K. Polk, 11<sup>th</sup> U.S. President. Reconstructed log house with 18<sup>th</sup> century furnishings. Museum with film, exhibits, and displays representing life and times of Polk. Guided tours available. Reservations required for groups of 10 or more.

### KINGS MOUNTAIN NATIONAL MILITARY PARK - [WWW.NPS.GOV/KIMO](http://WWW.NPS.GOV/KIMO)

**Phone:** 864-936-7921

**Location:** 2625 Park Rd., Blacksburg, SC 29702. From Charlotte, NC travel on I- 85 South to NC Exit #2.

**Hours:** Weekdays 9 am – 5 pm, Weekends 9 am – 6 pm (Memorial Day through Labor Day). Closed: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Years Day

**Admission:** Free

**Comments:** Kings Mountain National Military Park commemorates a pivotal and significant victory by American Patriots over American Loyalists during the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War. Visitor Center: Features an 18-minute film, *Kings Mountain: Turning Point in the South* and museum exhibit area. Battlefield Trail: One and one-half mile self-guiding loop trail around battlefield site.

### LATTA PLANTATION/LATTA PLANTATION PARK - [WWW.LATTAPLANTATION.ORG](http://WWW.LATTAPLANTATION.ORG)\*

**Phone:** 704-875-2312; Visitor Center: 704- 875-1391

**Location:** 5225 Sample Road (off Beatties Ford Road) on Mountain Island Lake near Huntersville.

**Hours** 10 am to 5 pm Tuesday-Saturday, 1 pm to 5 pm Sunday. Closed Mondays and on Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Years.

**Admission:** \$6 adult, \$5 seniors and students Groups of 10 or more can receive discounted tours.

**Comments:** Mountain Island Lake Park features wildlife displays, nature preserve, picnic area, canoe/sailboat launching area, fishing, hiking and horseback trails; guided nature hikes by appointment. Park hours are 7 am - dark 7 days a week. Special events at the Plantation occur throughout the year such as the fall FolkLife Festival.

### LAZY 5 RANCH - [WWW.LAZYFIVERANCH.COM](http://WWW.LAZYFIVERANCH.COM)

**Phone:** 704-663-5100

**Location:** 15100 Hwy 150 East, Mooresville, NC, I-77 Exit 36

**Hours:** Monday - Saturday opens 9 am, Sunday opens 1:00 pm; closes 1 hour before sunset (no later than 7 p.m.). Must be in park by 5 pm.

**Admission:** \$8.50 Adult/\$5.50 children (ages 2-11) and seniors (60 and over) to drive your own car through. Under 2 free. Wagon rides are an additional fee of \$5 adults, \$3 children and seniors, and under 2 is free. Cash or checks only; no credit cards. Group rates for 15 or more: For your own car \$5/person. Wagon ride \$7.50/person (this includes General Admission fee). Must make reservations for groups and wagon rides. These rates apply for children 2 & older.

**Comments:** Children will experience various species of exotic animals in their natural habitat. The tour is a 3 1/2 mile drive by car or wagon. The winding trail takes you through the forest and fields where you will enjoy being only inches away from animals found on continents far away. Feed is provided on the wagon ride. Additional buckets are \$3.00 each. Please bring your own drinking water - no fountains provided. Beautiful picnic area and play ground - bring your own grill if you want. Feed exotic animals right from your car. Dress for mess. Some of the exotic animals include giraffes, rhinoceros', zebras, camels, and llamas. There are reindeer at Christmas and baby animals in the Spring. Other animals include horses, lambs, pigs, endangered species, etc..

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### LEVINE MUSEUM OF THE NEW SOUTH - WWW.MUSEUMOFTHENEWSOUTH.ORG\*

**Phone:** 704-333-1887

**Location:** 200 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St. (on the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> St. and N. College)

**Hours:** Mon.-Sat. 10 am to 5 pm, Sun. 12 pm to 5 pm

**Admission:** \$6 adults, \$5 students (6-18 and college) and seniors, under 6 and members free-Family-\$17.00

**Comments:** Visitors will move through a series of environments that explore the steps in the region's evolution--from cotton farming, to textile manufacturing, to urbanization, to Civil Rights. Each represented a "reinvention" of the previous economy and society. Each helped create present-day Charlotte, America's second largest financial center. Other changing exhibits upstairs. Parking at 7<sup>th</sup> St. Station Deck--first 90 minutes of parking is free.

### THE LIGHT FACTORY - WWW.LIGHTFACTORY.ORG

**Phone:** 704-333-9755

**Location:** 345 N. College St., Suite 211 (Spirit Square)

**Hours:** Mon.- Sat. 9 am – 6 pm, Sun. 1 pm – 6 pm.

**Admission:** Free

**Comments:** The Light Factory specializes in light generated art media (photography, video, film, the Internet) and regularly presents changing solo and group exhibitions by local, regional, national and international artists. Various classes available throughout the year-- call or check website for details.

### METROLINA RECYCLING CENTER - WWW.CHARMECK.ORG

**Phone:** Paula Hoffman at 704-598-8595

**Location:** 1007 Amble Drive, Charlotte. From I-85. Take the Graham St. exit going south (towards Charlotte). Travel about 1/4 mile and turn left onto Amble Drive (A-1 Tool is on the left). Follow Amble Drive to dead end. Take the last driveway on the right.

**Admission:** Free

**Comments:** This business has an excellent education department which provides **free** tours including a film and discussion to educate children on which products are recyclable through the NOW program in Charlotte. Children view trucks unloading and the sorting of recycling materials from a protected area indoors. Tours must be scheduled in advance.

### MINT HILL COUNTRY DOCTOR MUSEUM - WWW.MINTHILLHISTORY.COM

**Phone:** 704-573-0726

**Location:** 4311 Hillside Drive, Mint Hill

**Hours:** Administrative Offices: Tues.-Sat. 10am-2pm. Open for private tours by appointment only.

**Admission:** Adults 19-60 \$5, Seniors & Students \$1, 5 years & under free.

**Comments:** This turn-of-the-century building houses an extensive collection of medical and pharmaceutical artifacts dating from 1880 to 1930. Schedule special tours for groups at 704-573-0726.

### MINT MUSEUM – WWW.MINTMUSEUM.ORG

**Phone:** 704-337-2000

**Location:** 2730 Randolph Road- Art museum; 220 N. Tryon St.- Craft + Design museum (Call for parking instructions)

**Hours:** Wednesday - Saturday 10 am – 5 pm, Tuesday 10 am – 9 pm, Closed Sun. & Mon..

**Admission:** \$10 Adults, \$8 Seniors and College Students, \$5 Students 6-17, Children 5 and under and members are free. Free admission Tuesdays 5 – 9 pm. Discounts for groups of 10 or more available.

**Comments:** Charlotte's fine art museum. A purchased ticket is good for admission to both the Mint Museum of Art and the Mint Museum of Craft & Design on the same day (unless otherwise noted). For tours call 704-337-2043 or tours@mintmuseum.org

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### MUSEUM OF YORK COUNTY - WWW.CHMUSEUMS.ORG

**Phone:** 803-329-2121

**Location:** 4621 Mt. Gallant Rd., Rock Hill, SC

**Hours:** Monday - Saturday 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday 1- 5 pm

**Admission:** \$5.00 adults; \$4.00 seniors (60 and over); and \$3.00 for students, children under 5 free. Museum members free. Group rates available.

**Comments:** Classes, art, culture, natural history. Permanent exhibitions include the Stans African Halls, one of the nation's most comprehensive exhibitions of African animals in natural habitat dioramas, complemented by African cultural artifacts. Call for a field trip planner.

### MUSEUM OF THE WAXHAWS AND THE ANDREW JACKSON MEMORIAL.-WWW.MUSEUMOFTHEWAXHAWS.COM

**Phone:** 704-843-1832

**Location:** 8215 Waxhaw Hwy, Waxhaw, NC. (Hwy. 75 East)

**Hours:** Fri & Sat. 10 am – 5 pm, Sun. 2 pm – 5 pm. Private/group tours available during weekend by appointment.

**Admission:** Adults \$5.00, Seniors (60 and over) \$4.00, Children 6-12 \$2.00, 5 and under FREE

**Comments:** A regional history museum dedicated to the history of the Waxhaws region and the memory of our nation's 7<sup>th</sup> President, a native of the Waxhaws. The museum has numerous artifacts, a film detailing the area's history, a gift shop & small picnic area. Special events occur throughout the year.

### NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM (SPENCER SHOPS) - WWW.NCTTRANS.ORG

**Phone:** 704-636-2889 or 1-877-NCTMFUN (1-877-628-6386)

**Location:** 411 S. Salisbury Ave., Spencer, NC (approx. 1 hour from Charlotte on I-85N) Exit 79 just beyond Salisbury.

**Hours:** Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 1pm-5pm, closed on Mondays from November 1 to April 30.

**Admission:** Museum - Free; Steam or diesel train rides Adults \$6, Children 3-12 & Seniors (60 and older) \$5, 2 and under free. (may receive AAA discount with your AAA card – \$.50 off). Discounted rate for groups of 15 or more - reservations required 2 week in advance. Limited parking is available.

**Comments:** The site of what was once Southern Railway Company's largest steam locomotive servicing facility. It now houses examples of a variety of forms of transportation, including an antique automobile exhibit, and a 120,000 square foot locomotive roundhouse that has recently undergone a major restoration.

### REED GOLD MINE – WWW.REEDMINE.COM\*

**Phone:** 704-721-GOLD (4653)

**Location:** 9621 Reed Mine Road, Midland, NC. From Charlotte, follow Albemarle Road (approx. 40 minutes) to Reed Mine Road. Turn left on Reed Mine Road, go approximately three miles, and the site will be on the right.

**Hours:** Tues-Sat. 9am-5pm

Must call ahead to schedule group tours. Guided tours of underground tunnels every hour. Stamp Mill tours available several times each day.

**Admission:** Free. Panning for gold is \$2.00 per pan (group rate \$1.50 for 10 or more, must be prescheduled) – You may pan for gold Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> through Oct 31<sup>st</sup>

**Comments:** Historic site of America's first documented discover of gold. Visitors tour museum, watch film and tour restored section of an underground shaft for free. You can try your hand at panning for a charge. Picnic area, trails, monuments, and more.

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### REEDY CREEK NATURE CENTER — WWW.PARKANDREC.COM

**Phone:** 704-598-8857

**Location:** 2900 Rocky River Road

**Hours:** Park Hours: Sun-up to sun-down. Nature Center Hours – 9 am to 5 pm Mon.– Sat., 1-5 pm on Sundays.

**Admission:** Free

**Comments:** This center has a fitness trail, soccer and basketball field, picnic shelters, lakes and a fishing pier. It also has hands-on exhibits and environmental programs.

### ROSEDALE PLANTATION — WWW.HISTORICROSEDALE.ORG\*

**Phone:** 704-335-0325

**Location:** Historic Rosedale Plantation is located three miles from the center of uptown Charlotte, North Carolina at 3427 N. Tryon Street between 36th Street and Sugar Creek Road.

**Hours:** Trained docents conduct tours for drop-in visitors Thurs.-Sun. at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Groups of 15 or more should call to make reservations 2 weeks in advance.

**Admission:** Adults \$5, 4-12 years & seniors \$4, 3yrs and under free. Groups of 15 or more \$4/person.

**Comments:** Originally part of a 911 acre plantation, **Rosedale** was built in 1815 by Archibald Frew, a merchant, postmaster and tax collector. The house was occupied in the 1830s by D. T. Caldwell and his family. Dr. Caldwell, in addition to his medical practice, ran the plantation with the support of approximately 20 slaves.

### SCHIELE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND LYNN PLANETARIUM - WWW.SCHIELEMUSEUM.ORG\*

**Phone:** 704-866-6900- recorded message, Receptionist 704-866-6908

**Location:** 1500 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia

**Hours:** Museum hours are Monday - Saturday 9 am - 5 pm, Sunday 1 - 5 pm

Planetarium shows at 1, 2, & 3 pm Saturdays – 2 & 3 pm Sundays. Shows also at 2 pm Tues.- Fri. (June thru mid-August), and 3:30 pm on Tues-Fri, 11, 1, 2 & 3:30 pm on Sat., 2 & 3:30 pm on Sun (Sept 1-May).

**Admission:** Museum - Adults - \$7, Students and Seniors - \$6, children 3 and under - free. Open free to all visitors 4-8 pm the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Planetarium - Adults - \$10; Students and Seniors - \$9; children 3 and under - free

**Comments:** Planetarium, special hands-on exhibits, collections, and programs interpreting North American habitats and wildlife, American Indian culture, and over 400 years of Piedmont history. Also a living nature trail that takes visitors to a reconstructed Catawba Indian village and an 18<sup>th</sup> century Backcountry farm.

**School Programs:** For information about programs offered for school groups, e-mail paulet-tel@cityofgastonia.com and ask for a copy of the Schiele Museum Education Guide (Education at the Schiele Museum: A Guide for Teachers 2003-2004).

### TIGER WORLD—WWW.TIGERWORLD.US

**Phone:** 704-279-6363

**Location:** 4400 Cook Rd., Rockwell, NC. I-85 North to Exit 68, make a right, go 4 miles and make another right (see zoo signs).

**Hours:** Scheduled weekday tours by appointment only. Saturday & Sunday self guided tours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. No appointment necessary.

**Admission:** Adults \$12, Children (ages 2-12) \$10, Ages 2 and under free, Group Rate \$8 .Group and educational tours available. Call for rates.

**Comments:** The zoo features a variety of exotic animals including large cats, primates, bears, reptiles and more. There is also a large petting zoo area and picnic facilities are available.

\*Denotes a "Passport To History" Site

## 2009 F.A.I.T.H. Community Resource Listing, Places

### WING HAVEN BIRD SANCTUARY - WWW.WINGHAVENGARDENS.COM

**Phone:** 704-331-0664

**Location:** 248 Ridgewood Ave., Charlotte (off Selwyn Ave. in Myer's Park)

**Hours:** Tuesday 3 pm – 5 pm, Wednesday 10 am - 12 noon, Saturday 10 am – 5 pm

**Admission:** Suggested donation of \$5 per adult non-member. Call ahead for guided tours for groups.

**Comments:** Garden and bird sanctuary offering tours of the gardens with emphasis on planting for bird attraction, cover, nesting sites and food. Great children's programs available. Cardinals (ages 6,7,8) and Chickadees (ages 4-5) get together for an hour of seasonal crafts, walk through the garden, and snacks. Family holiday celebrations and more.

## 2009 F.A.I.T.H. Community Resource Listing, Events

### CHARLOTTE PARKS AND RECREATION - WWW.PARKANDREC.COM

**Phone:** 704-598-8857 for more information at Reedy Creek or for general information for any park programs call 704-336-3854.

**Comments:** Many parks have excellent programs and staff who work well with children. Home School programs available. Check web site for more info. A quarterly flyer is published listing all the activities and classes. (This publication comes out in the *Neighbor* section of the Charlotte Observer periodically.)

### INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL—IFEST.UNCC.EDU

**Phone:** 704-687-7781 UNCC's Center for International Programs

**When:** Held the last Saturday in September at SAC's Student Activity Center on the UNCC campus from 10 am - 6 pm.

**Admission:** Free

**Comments:** International displays, crafts, costumes, music and cultural items, dance, food, & more. Call for more information.

### LOLLIPOPS CONCERTS – WWW.CHARLOTTESYMPHONY.ORG/LOLLIPOPS.ASP

**Phone:** 704-972-2000 Ticket Office

**What time:** Pre-Concert festivities begin at 10:00 am; Plays begin at 11:00 am.

**When:** Check Website.

**Admission:** Single ticket prices range from \$12-25. Group rates for 10 or more; price \$10-20 for tickets.

**Comments:** Four Saturday morning concerts held throughout the year by the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra especially for children ages 4-9, their parents and their grandparents. Call for details and costs. Will send brochure upon request.

### MORAVIAN PUTZ—WWW.LITTLECHURCHONTHELANE.COM

**Phone:** 704-334-1381

**Location:** Held at Christmas time at 522 Moravian Ln. at the Little Church on the Lane in Charlotte

**Admission:** Free

**Comments:** The telling of the Christmas story while parts of a detailed and complete crèche are lit up one by one. Contact the Little Church on the Lane for details. Call ahead— this is not done every year at the church.

### NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

**Phone:** 704-336-2310

**Location:** Held in the First Union Atrium in downtown Charlotte in May

**Admission:** Free

**Comments:** Displays of vehicles, guns, drug samples, dogs and more. Lots of officers available for questions. This event is usually in the "City Letter" in the utility bill.

## 2009 F.A.I.T.H. Community Resource, Events

### POPS IN THE PARK

**Phone:** 704-972-2003 office; 704-972-2000 Ticket Office - Symphony Charge

**Location:** Southpark Mall

**Admission:** Free

**Comments:** Charlotte Symphony Orchestra's performances on the four Sundays in June. The concerts are informal and great for curious children who couldn't yet sit in an indoor concert. Check the Charlotte Observer for more information or call.

### YIASOU GREEK FESTIVAL—WWW.YIASOUFESTIVAL.ORG

**Phone:** 704-334-4771

**When:** First Thurs. after Labor Day & lasts through the following Sun. (Sept 10-13, 2009)

**Location:** Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 600 East Blvd.

**Admission:** Adults \$2, 12 and under are free

**Comments:** Music, art, dancing and food of the Greek culture. Check Charlotte Observer for special section regarding Yiasou for times and more information.

### BELL SOUTH YELLOW PAGES

In the front of the Yellow Pages portion of the phone book, there is an extensive Community Information Section. It contains a month by month Calendar of Events that is 6 pages long as well as many other useful reference sections.

## 2009 F.A.I.T.H. Community Resource Listing, Community Calendars

### CHARLOTTE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU WEB PAGE

[HTTP://WWW.VISITCHARLOTTE.ORG/](http://www.visitcharlotte.org/)

**Phone:** (704) 334-2282. Click on "Events Calendar" or call 704-331-2700 during normal business hours for updated information on upcoming events.

### CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

Wednesday and Friday's paper have an entertainment section which lists lots of events in the surrounding area. Also listed are local museums. The *Leader* and *Mecklenburg Neighbors* sections also have information on activities.

### CHARLOTTE PARENT (FORMERLY OUR KIDS AND TEENS MAGAZINE)

A free publication found in hundreds of Charlotte businesses (especially those which cater to children's needs). Available in Public Libraries, too. Check the "Museums, Galleries and Parks" section for a huge listing (with lots of details) on places to visit. Most local museums and parks are listed on these pages!

### CITY LETTER

Located inside the Charlotte Mecklenburg utility bill. Lists some community activities.

### GO CAROLINAS WEBSITE – WWW.GOCAROLINAS.COM

Click on "Events– Community Calendar".

## 2009 F.A.I.T.H. Community Resource, Free Times

- *Mint Museum on Randolph Rd.:* Free every Tuesday night 5-9 p.m.
- *Mint Museum of Craft and Design:* Free every Tuesday 10-2 p.m., and 3rd Thursday night 5-8 p.m.
- *Schiele Museum of Natural History:* Free each month on 2nd Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. and the 4th Friday from 1-5 p.m., everything free, even the planetarium show and special exhibits.
- *Gaston County Museum in Dallas, NC:* Free all the time. Cute museum with old carriages, history of textiles, old hotel.
- *Imaginon:* Free parking first 90 min. Kids love to play with the computers, dress up clothes, sit on the trolley.
- *McColl Center for Visual Art (the old burned out church):* Has a free reception when the new artists arrive. Interesting to meet young artists in person but some of the art is very strange.
- *The Green Park, Uptown on Tryon:* Free lunchtime music concerts on Wednesdays in the summer. Let the kids take their bathing suits and play in the fish sprinklers. The parking is expensive. If you park at Discovery Place, buy a token for \$5 and don't worry about how long you stay uptown
- *First Presbyterian Church Downtown Charlotte:* Free concert (The Chamber Music) the first Tuesday of each month at noon, starting in September.
- *McGill Rose Garden on Davidson St:* Free admission to this beautiful garden, open Tue-Sat 10-4 p.m.,
- *Wing Haven:* Free admission but only open Tue 3-5 p.m., Wed 10 am- noon, and Sat 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or other times by appointment.
- *Rural Hill Farm:* They have a free program on Jan 1st every year called First Footin that is really fun. All they ask is that you bring something to add to their stone soup. You can look at their website for other activities.
- *Levine Museum of the New South:* Free on Sundays. Every year on Martin Luther King Day it's free. The permanent exhibit there is very hands-on, the kids love it.

## 2009 F.A.I.T.H. Community Resource Listing

STORE	HOME SCHOOL INFORMATION	DATE & TIMES	BOOKS	ART	HOBBIES	SCIENCE
<b>Barnes and Noble</b> 4720 Sharon Rd. 704-364-0626	20% off Educational Supplies w/Home School Card	Sun.-Thurs. 9-9 Fri-Sat. 9-11	X			
<b>Bedford Falls</b> 4217 Park Rd. Park Rd. Shopping Center 704-527-1921	10% off reg. priced Educational Supplies w/Home School card	Mon.-Fri. 9-7 Sat. 9-6 Sun. 12-5	X	X	X	X
<b>Black Forest Books</b> 115 Cherokee Road 704-332-4838 Blackforestbooksand-toys.com	10% off reg. priced Educational Supplies w/Home School card	Mon.-Fri. 9:30-6 Sat. 10-5	X	X	selected	limited
<b>Books A Million</b> Concord Mills Mall 704-979-8600 Cotswold Mall 704-364-4035 Steel Creek Rd 704-583-1280	20% Discount on educational materials w/Home School card	Hours vary by store. Contact store for specific hours.	X		X	X
<b>Borders Books &amp; Music</b> 3900 Colony Road Morrowcroft Shopping Ctr. 704-365-6261	20% off Educational Supplies w/Borders Education card (must have Home school card to qualify)	Mon.-Thurs. 9am - 10pm Fri.-Sat. 9-11 Sun. 10-10	X		X	limited
<b>Discovery Place</b> 301 N. Tryon 704-372-6261	CMS school rate w/Homeschool card Meet CMS requirements	Mon.-Fri. 9:30-5 Sat. 10-5 Sun. 12- 5	X			
<b>Family Bookstore</b> Galleria Center 1848 Galleria Dr Suite B 704-814-0101	Free shipping on curriculum orders sent to store 10% off w/homeschool card on Ed. Materials	Mon.-Sat. 10-9 Sun: 12-5	X			
<b>Growing Scholars Educational Books and Supplies</b> 8906 Bellhaven Blvd. 704-394-9441 2709 Old Monroe Rd. 704-821-5575 Www.growingscholars.com	Owned and operated by homeschoolers for homeschoolers. Over 7,000 items. Preview and purchase. No obligation ordering. Free shipping to store. Used curriculum also available.	Mon.- Fri. 11-6 Sat. 11-3	X	X	X	X

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STORE	HOME SCHOOL INFORMATION	DATE & TIMES	BOOKS	ART	HOBBIES	SCIENCE
<b>The Homeschool Room</b> 2920 Old Monroe Rd Suite B Matthews, NC 28104 704-821-2662 Thehomeschoolroom.net	More than 18,000 gently used books, games, toys & curricula at budget-friendly prices, including foreign language, art, music, electronic gaming cartridges and much more.	Tues. –Sat. 10-5	X	X		
<b>The Map Shop</b> 1500 E. Morehead St. 704-332-5557 or 1-800-532-6675 Fax: 704-332-5551 Mapshop.com	10% discount w/Homeschool card.	Mon.-Fri. 9-6 Sat. 10-4				
<b>Michael's</b> Arboretum Hwy 51 704-543-4119 or University 8716 J.W. Clay Blvd 704-510-0922 or 10510 N.E. Parkway, Matthews, off 51 at Independence (Sycamore Commons) 704-708-8455		Mon.-Sat. 9-9 Sun. 10-7	X	X	X	limited
<b>Nature Museum</b> 1658 Sterling Road 704-372-0471	Homeschool Days Call for info	Mon.-Fri. 9-5 Sat. 9-6 Sun. 1-6	X			X