For more information on volunteering for any of our programs please contact: Lori Saylor at 980-314-1045 Lori.Saylor@mecklenburgcountync.gov or Tahara Epps at 980-314-1047 Tahara.Epps@mecklenburgcountync.gov
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**Charlotte Open Streets Event**

**Location:** Davidson Street to Kings

**Date:** Sunday May 1, 2016

**Volunteer shifts:** 11 am to 4pm

**Brief Description:** Open Streets 704 is a series of four Charlotte events made possible by a grant from the Knight Foundation. Open Streets 704 will literally open a length of city streets for an afternoon just for people! Open Streets 704 aims to build a better, healthier, connected community by encouraging Charlotte and Mecklenburg area residents to walk, bicycle, and experience the city together in a way that’s just not possible in a car. The approximately three (3) mile route from North Davidson Street (NoDa area), through uptown, to Memorial Stadium near CPCC will be wide-open from 12pm – 4pm on May 1, 2016. The route is about 3.2 miles and goes from 36th and Davidson, crosses over to Caldwell and ends up at Memorial Stadium… This is a short route… it’ll get bigger and better as we grow.

Open Streets 704 is planning four (4) Featured Zones along the route. Each zone will have specific locations for coordinated or user-generated activities. Family, Arts, Fitness and Wellness and the Green Zone! We’ll need Volunteers to help with Set Up, Take Down, Evaluations, Water Stations and to help with the Activity Stations. We’ll also need folks to assist CMPD in managing traffic for the event. These volunteers will be positioned at key points along the route, and will help direct any cars to CMPD officers stationed at each intersection. Most of the Volunteer Shifts are between 11am and 4pm but a couple want to bring in Volunteers as early as 10:30am. We’d like to have Volunteers aged 16 and up since there will be some liability issues but the event itself is for All Ages!! To get a complete schedule of events, locations and Volunteer options please contact:

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**Spotlight Programs**

**TR: Challenger Soccer**

**Location:** Marion Diehl Recreation Center  
**Date:** April 14, 2016-May 19, 2016  
(Every Thursday for 5 Weeks)  
**Hours:** 6pm-7pm  
**Description:** Kids and teens with disabilities will learn soccer skills such as how to dribble the ball with either foot, will be able to play offensively and defensively, proper ball handling, shooting techniques and good sportsmanship.  
**Volunteer Job:** Volunteers will assist players in playing soccer. Volunteers will work as 1:1 buddies and are expected to be active!  
**Requirements:** Must be 18 and over. Background screening required.

**TR: Adapted Kayaking**

**Location:** Latta Plantation Kayak Launch  
**Date:** May 3, 2016  
**Hours:** 4pm-6pm  
**Description:** This is an adaptive kayaking clinic for teens and adults with physical disabilities. We will provide kayaking instruction on land and in the water.  
**Volunteer Job:** Volunteers will assist participants in their boats; volunteers will assist with any adaptations provided by staff. Volunteers will tandem kayak with participants or single kayak to assist participants as needed.  
**Requirements:** Must be 18 and over. Background screening required.
**Spotlight Programs**

**TR: Wilderness Skills**

**Location:** Marion Diehl Recreation Center  
**Date:** May 2; May 9; May 16, 2016  
(Every Monday for 3 Weeks)  
**Hours:** 5pm-6:30pm  
**Description:** This is a basic wilderness skills program where participants will learn about outdoor basics, including outdoor cooking, building a shelter, edible plants, etc.  
**Volunteer Job:** Volunteers will assist participants and staff in this program. Some participants will need more assistance than others with the different projects.  
**Requirements:** Must be 18 and over. Background screening required.

**TR: Baking Battles**

**Location:** Latta Plantation Kayak Launch  
**Date:** May 4; May 11; May 18; May 25, 2016  
(Every Wednesday for 4 Weeks)  
**Hours:** 1pm-3pm  
**Description:** This is a baking class where we will teach participants how to make different baked goods. Each participant will be following and baking their own recipe.  
**Volunteer Job:** Volunteers will assist participants in measuring ingredients, mixing ingredients, and assist them in following the recipe.  
**Requirements:** Must be 18 and over. Background screening required.
**Location:** Marion Diehl Recreation Center/ Adaptive Field  
**Date:** March 16, 2016– May 04, 2016 (Wednesdays 6pm-7pm)  
March 19, 2016-May 7, 2016 (Saturdays 10am-12pm)  
**Description:** Adaptive baseball will expose kids and teens with disabilities to the basic skills of the game in a non-competitive atmosphere. The program will also focus on promoting sportsmanship, camaraderie, and enhancing physical/cognitive abilities.  
**Volunteer Job:** Volunteers will assist players in playing baseball. Volunteers will work as 1:1 buddies and are expected to be active! Volunteers are expected to help with hitting, fielding balls, and running bases with children and teens with disabilities. Please wear athletic clothing and athletic shoes.  
**Requirements:** Must be 18 and over. Background screening required.
**Location:** Marion Diehl Recreation Center/ Adaptive Field  
**Date:** April 12, 2016– May 17, 2016  
(Every Tuesday for 6 Weeks)  
**Hours:** 6:00pm-7:00pm  
**Description:** Adaptive Lacrosse will give kids, teens, and young adults with disabilities the opportunity to learn the sport of lacrosse! The program will focus to the basic skills of the game in a non-competitive atmosphere.  
**Volunteer Job:** Volunteers will be used as 1:1 buddies for kids and teens with disabilities in adaptive lacrosse. They will assist players in scooping, shooting, cradling etc. Volunteers will follow the instructions of lacrosse coach.  
**Requirements:** Must be 18 and over. Background screening. Please wear athletic clothing and athletic shoes.
Spotlight Programs
Bark in The Park

Location: Rural Hill, Huntersville
Rural Hill is located at 4431 Neck Road Huntersville, NC 28078
Date: Saturday, April 30th, 2016
Volunteer Shifts: 9:30am – 1pm and 12:30pm – 4:30pm
GROUPS ARE WELCOME!!
Volunteer Job: Volunteers will assist in event set-up, greeting attendees and their four-legged friends, helping at dog stations, contest judges and participant surveys.
For more information on volunteering at Bark in the Park contact:
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Directions
Traveling north on I-77
Take exit 18, W.T. Harris Blvd. Turn left and proceed 1.7 miles west to Mt. Holly -Huntersville Rd. Turn left and go 1.2 miles to Beatties Ford Rd. Turn right and proceed north 3 miles to Neck Rd. Turn left on Neck Rd. and continue 2.2 miles. The entrance to Rural Hill is on your right.

Traveling south on I-77
Take exit 25, Hwy. 73/Sam Furr Rd. Turn right and proceed 1.3 miles west. Continue left onto Hwy. 73/West Catawba Ave. for another 1.9 miles to Beatties Ford Rd. Turn left and proceed 3.6 miles to Neck Rd. Turn right on Neck Rd. and continue for approximately 2.2 miles. The entrance to Rural Hill is on your right.
Location: Various
Date: Starting April 12, 2016 with Cycling and ending June 11, 2016 with the Softball Tournament
Brief Description: Charlotte—Mecklenburg Senior Games includes events from Cycling to Bowling to Softball!! Volunteers are needed to keep score, set up facilities, present awards, register participants, display artwork, and enjoy the feelings of good health and the spirit of friendship. Let your heart of gold be motivated and inspired to help make Senior Games possible. To get a complete schedule of events, locations and Volunteer hours please contact:

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**Youth Baseball & Softball Coaches - April-May**

**Location:** Various Locations  
**Hours:** Must be available to meet once or twice a week for practice and on Saturdays for games.  
**Description:** Program introduces the fundamentals of baseball & softball and provides youth with an opportunity for competition.  
**Qualifications:** 18 and over. Works great with kids, must have knowledge of the sport. Background screening required.  
**Volunteer Job:** Coach will provide leadership and guidance, physical training, and instruction in the fundamentals of baseball and softball for team players.

**Youth Track & Field Coaches - April-May**

**Location:** Various Locations  
**Hours:** Must be available to meet once or twice a week for practice and on Saturdays for games.  
**Description:** Program introduces the fundamentals of Track and Field and provides youth with an opportunity for competition.  
**Qualifications:** 18 and over. Works great with kids, must have knowledge of the sport. Background screening required.  
**Volunteer Job:** Coach will provide leadership and guidance, physical training, and instruction in the fundamentals of track and field for team players.
**COACHING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Youth Track & Field Volunteers- April-May**

**Location:** Johnson C Smith University Irwin Belk Complex, 500 Summit Ave, Charlotte, 28216

**Hours:** Must be available to meet once or twice a week for practice and on Saturdays and Sunday for games.
Saturday 8am-2pm and Sunday 12pm-6pm
Saturday April 2nd
Sunday April 10th
Saturday April 16th
Saturday April 30th
Sunday May 8th

**Description:** The Youth Track & Field program is an annual youth sports offer from Mecklenburg County, serving over 350 participants 4-18 years old in 2015, competing in developmentally appropriate disciplines to promote a love of athletics in a recreational setting.

**Qualifications:** 18 and over. Works great with kids, must have knowledge of the sport. Background screening required. Ability to volunteer half or full day

**Volunteer Job:** Coach will provide leadership and guidance, physical training, and instruction in the fundamentals of track and field for team players. Jobs are starting line, hipping tent, long-jump, softball throw, warm-up areas, clerking tent, meet administrative assistant, hospitality assistants, award area, timing/finish line runner, finish line volunteers, announcer assistant, and runners.
**Location:** Various Locations  
**Hours:** Must be available to meet once or twice a week for practice and on Saturdays for games.  
**Description:** Program introduces the fundamentals of Indoor soccer and provides youth with an opportunity for competition.  
**Qualifications:** 18 and over. Works great with kids, must have knowledge of the sport. Background screening required.  
**Volunteer Job:** Coach will provide leadership and guidance, physical training, and instruction in the fundamentals of indoor soccer for team players.
**Nature Centers**

Hours: Minimum 4-8 hours per month (depending on area)

- **Administrative** (minimum 6 hours per month) Clerical work, making copies, organizing supplies, etc.
- **Docent** (minimum 30 hours over a 6 month span) Leading public programs, animal handling, etc.
- **Grounds/Maintenance** (minimum 4 hours per month) Using non-power tools, inspecting playground, picking up litter, etc.
- **Animal care** (minimum 30 hours over a 6 month span) Ability to clean and/or feed animals
- **Visitor Services** (minimum 4 hours per month) Answering phone, greeting visitors, etc.
  - **Nature Center Appearance** (minimum 4 hours per month) Organizational skills.

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- Administrative (biological data entry, citizen science and field research project organization)
- **Grounds/Maintenance** (using non-power tools, filling bird feeders, picking up litter, collecting native seeds, invasive removal, tree plantings and removal)
- **Office Appearance** (recycling organization)
Opportunities for Groups

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PLEASE NOTE: Volunteers under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult that is at least 21 years old. Volunteers working in the Therapeutic Recreation (TR) Division must be at least 18 years old.