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# Lake Views and News

THE JUNALUSKANS

July 2026



## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TO DO!

- **Junaluskans Social\*** at the Harrell Center (Jul 1 at 10a). Bring a treat to share!
- **Floating Lanterns** on the Lake (Jul 1 at 9:15p)
- **Balsam Range Concert** with Upstream Rebellion in Stuart Auditorium (Jul 2 at 7p). Preconcert Cookout from 6-8p in Lakeside White Tent.
- Decorated **Kayak/Canoe Flotilla** Contest at the Colonnade (Jul 3 at 9:30a)
- **Corn Hole Tournament** next to Harrell Center, under the trees (Jul 3, 3-4:30p)
- **Red White & Smoked BBQ Dinner** in Lakeside White Tent (Jul 3 from 6-8p)
- **Blue Ridge Big Band** in the Lakeside White Tent at (Jul 3 at 7p) followed by **Fireworks** from the Lake Junaluska Dam at (9:15p).
- **Parade** followed by **Family Fun on the Fourth Cookout** Buffet Picnic, Whitewater Bluegrass, Family Square Dance & More at the Nanci Weldon Memorial Gym (Jul 4 at 11a)
- **The Singing Soldiers Concert** in Stuart Auditorium (Jul 4 at 7p)

*Celebrating Freedom*  
4TH OF JULY

\*This is in place of the regular monthly meeting held at the Harrell Center.

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# BBQ & WESTERN NIGHT



What a rootin' tootin' good time we had at our Junalusks BBQ & Western Trivia Night! From delicious BBQ and amazing sides to lots of laughter and friendly competition, it was a wonderful evening of food, fellowship, and fun. It was great seeing so many folks embrace the western theme, and the trivia kept everyone on their toes! A big thank you to everyone who helped organize the evening, brought delicious dishes to share, and joined in the fun. Events like these are what make the Junalusks such a special community. We're already looking forward to the next gathering!



# The Gift of Generations

One of the most important aspirations in Lake Junaluska's Strategic Vision is to create and nurture multigenerational experiences ([lakejunaluska.com/vision](http://lakejunaluska.com/vision)). This priority did not emerge in isolation. Rather, it grew from the voices of countless people who love and care deeply about Lake Junaluska. Through listening sessions, surveys and conversations, a common theme emerged: Lake Junaluska is a place where generations come together to create lasting memories, strengthen relationships and grow in faith.

When I reflect on the importance of multigenerational experiences, I often think back to my first visit to Lake Junaluska in 1987. I attended an event here alongside two of the most influential people in my life – my mother, Betty Howle, and my grandmother, Ruth Spicer. Looking back, I realize that the event itself was only part of what made that experience so meaningful. What I cherish most is the opportunity to spend time with these remarkable women who shaped my life through their love, care and unwavering Christian example.

My mother and grandmother taught me lessons about faith, service, kindness and perseverance that continue to guide me today. Being together at Lake Junaluska provided a setting where those relationships could deepen and where memories were formed that I still treasure nearly four decades later. The beauty of the lake, the spirit of Christian hospitality and the opportunity to share experiences across generations created something far greater than a simple visit – it created a lasting legacy of connection.

That is why creating opportunities for families, friends and loved ones to gather remains central to our work today. Whether it is a grandparent introducing a grandchild to a favorite walking trail, families worshiping together by the lakeshore, friends reconnecting over a meal, or multiple generations sharing a summer vacation, these moments are part of what makes Lake Junaluska so special. Every day, our community, staff and volunteers strive to create an environment where these experiences can flourish and where meaningful relationships can be strengthened.

As we celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary this July, I am reminded that our greatest blessings are often found not in places or events themselves, but in the people with whom we share them. My hope and prayer is that your celebrations this summer will be filled with meaningful experiences alongside family, friends and loved ones here on the grounds of Lake Junaluska. Together, we continue to live into our mission of being a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind and body.

*Yours in Christ,  
Ken Howle*

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## TRAVEL GROUP

Winery, Museum & Lunch in Old Fort – Jul 24

Join us for a delightful day exploring some of Western North Carolina's hidden gems!

Our first stop will be the Mountain Gateway Museum, where you'll discover fascinating exhibits on the region's early settlers, the arrival of the railroad, and the rich history that shaped our mountain communities. Next, we'll visit the Old Fort Monument, which marks the historic boundary between the Cherokee and Catawba Nations—a significant landmark in North Carolina's past. We'll then enjoy a delicious lunch at Headwaters Kitchen, known for its hearty, home-cooked mountain favorites.

Before heading home, we'll relax at the Euda Winery tasting room, where you can sample local wines while taking in the beautiful surroundings. Those who prefer may also browse Arrowhead Gallery & Studios, a nonprofit gallery showcasing the work of more than 50 talented local artists and craftspeople.

We'll meet at the Bethea Visitors Center at 10:00a. A head count is needed for the winery - please RSVP to Sondra or George Shepherd at [gsshepherd620@gmail.com](mailto:gsshepherd620@gmail.com) or 405-596-2632 if you'd like to join us.

We hope you'll come along for a fun day of history, local flavors, art, and great company!



## HIKING GROUP

Seven Junalusks enjoyed the Mountains-to-Sea Trail from Woodfin Cascade Overlook on the Parkway in late June. There were still blooms on some rhododendrons, wild hydrangeas and a few flame azaleas. A number of "regulars" hiked as did some first-timers.

If you enjoy hiking, watch for the Junalusks emails about future hikes or contact Hike Leader George Shepherd via email at [gsshepherd620@gmail.com](mailto:gsshepherd620@gmail.com).



## Join Us For a Dam Tour!

Ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at our dam? Now is your chance to find out! We are excited to offer guided dam tours to the community, led by Junior Woody, on the following dates:

- Wed, Jul 15, at 10a.
- Sat, Jul 25, at 1p.



### Event Details:

- No Registration Required: Just show up and join the fun!
- Parking: Please park in the parking lot below the spillway off County Road and the adjoining field.
- What to Wear: These tours include a walk down to the base of the dam. The path covers uneven terrain and can be muddy, so please wear sturdy shoes that you don't mind getting a little dirty!
- Preservation of the Lake and Dam: As part of the tour, we will share information about charitable giving opportunities that support the preservation and long-term stewardship of the lake and dam.

We look forward to seeing you there!

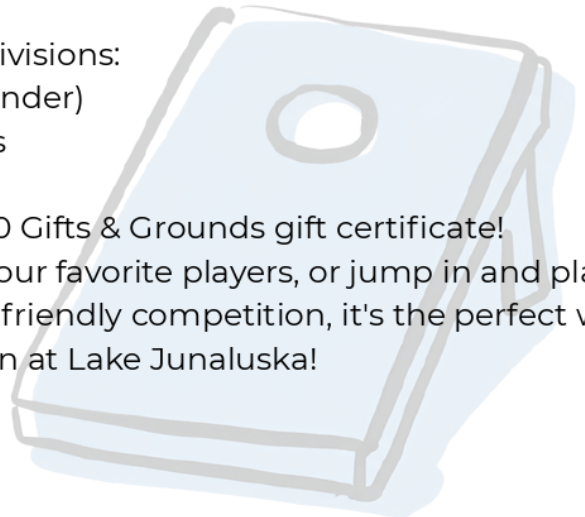
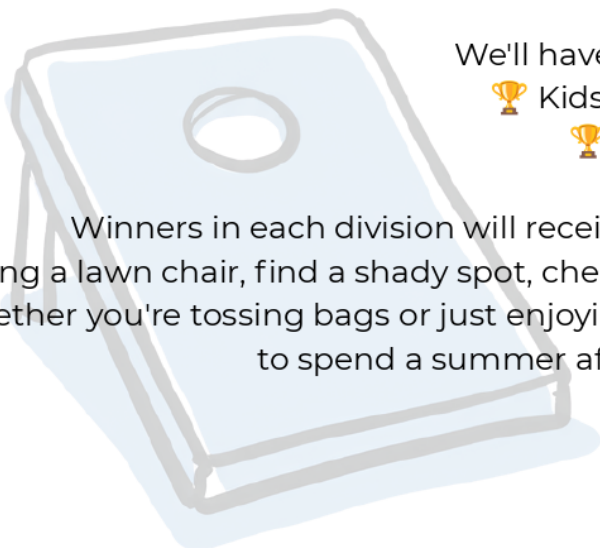
## Cornhole, Competition & Summer Fun!

Grab your family and join the Junaluskans for a fun-filled Cornhole Tournament on Fri, Jul 3, at 3p on the lawn between Stuart Auditorium and the Harrell Center!

We'll have two divisions:

- 🏆 Kids (12 & under)
- 🏆 Adults

Winners in each division will receive a \$10 Gifts & Grounds gift certificate! Bring a lawn chair, find a shady spot, cheer on your favorite players, or jump in and play. Whether you're tossing bags or just enjoying the friendly competition, it's the perfect way to spend a summer afternoon at Lake Junaluska!





# LIBRARY

## NEWS

SUMMER HOURS:

Mon-Sat

8a – 5p

### Upcoming events:

- Bible Study on Tues at 11a-12:15p
- Cards & Games on 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Tues at 2p
- Book Club 2nd Thu beginning at 2p

Don't forget to drop off your **used books** anytime the library is open—just leave them by the computer desk. Thank you!

Have questions or want to help? We're looking for a few new **volunteers** for the busy summer season, especially on Saturdays. Contact Stephanie Schulz at 850-445-4375.

Do you have a **new neighbor**? Are you new to the Lake? We now have Welcome Neighbor Folders available at the library. Stop by and pick one up and give it to your new neighbors!

### July Book Club Selection: *The Wide, Wide Sea*, by Hampton Sides

A “thrilling and superbly crafted” (The Wall Street Journal) account of the most momentous voyage of the Age of Exploration, which culminated in Captain James Cook’s death in Hawaii, and left a complex and controversial legacy still debated to this day.



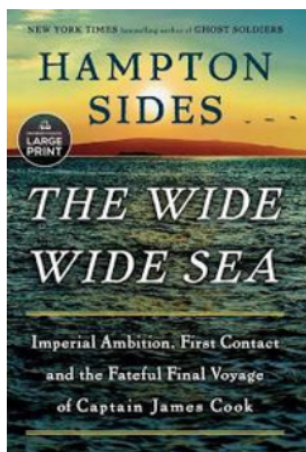
### **Special Library Event on Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**

**\*Patriotic Story Hour and Crafts for young children aged 3-8 years old.**

**\*Stop by between 2-4pm for free stories and crafts on the hour! No registration necessary.**

**\*Children must be accompanied by an adult**

**\*Sponsored by The Lake Junaluska Library and the Artists in Residence**



### **News from the Artists in Residence (AIR) - Upcoming Events:**

Art Drop - Pick up a free Lake Junaluska art coloring sheet at the library drop box and get creative! Art supplies are available for you to use inside the library or take it home!

Annual Art Gallery Show at the Harrell Center Sep 3-5.

In addition to artwork by AIR, we are also honoring longtime LJ artists Ashely Calhoun and Libby Martinson. Come out and support AIR for this wonderful show.



# 2026 JUNALUSKA FLEA MARKET - A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!

**200+** VOLUNTEERS

**1K+** SHOPPERS

**36K** EARNED FOR  
GARDENS,  
ACTIVITIES, AND  
PROGRAMS HERE  
AT THE LAKE.

If you helped spread the word, donated items for the flea market or baked goods for the bake sale, volunteered your time, or came out to shop, you were an important part of the Flea Market Team! We simply can't thank our volunteers enough—you were always willing to jump in wherever you were needed. The generosity, teamwork, laughter, and wonderful fellowship shared throughout the event made it truly special.

THANK YOU ALL!!!

We'll see each other 'around the lake'.

- Judy and Ed LaFountaine



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OPEN AIR GYM

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HUGE TENTS

## LAKE JUNALUSKA GUESTS

- All Hands & Hearts (Jul 1–30)
- M28 Camps (Jul 2–5)
- Balikatan ng mga Kristiano (Jul 3–5)
- Foundation for Evangelism (Jul 5)
- M28 Camps (Jul 6–10)
- Studio 180 Design (Jul 8–12)
- The Well in Kentucky (Jul 9)
- Enforcers Motor Club (Jul 11)
- M28 Camps (Jul 11–14)
- Northside Baptist Church (Jul 13–17)
- Life Navigation (Jul 14)
- Clearway Autism Services LLC (Jul 15–17)
- North Carolina General Service Committee (Jul 15–19)
- West Asheville Baptist Church (Jul 16)
- Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (Jul 17–24)
- Forward in Faith (Jul 17–19)
- Launch Global (Jul 18–24)
- Signs for Hope Inc. (Jul 19–26)
- Alpharetta First Methodist Church (Jul 20–23)
- U.S. Army Fort Bragg (Jul 20–24)
- Canopy Realtor Association (Jul 20)
- General Youth Conference Cragmont Assembly (Jul 23)
- Adventure Discovery School (Jul 23–26)
- General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (Jul 24–30)
- Tabernacle Ctr of Deliverance (Jul 24–26)
- FUMC Waynesville (Jul 24)
- Southeast Building Supply Interests (Jul 27–28)
- Called to Peace Ministries (Jul 29–31)
- FBC of Wadesboro (Jul 31–Aug 2)
- Bleeding Disorders Foundation (Jul 31–Aug 2)
- River Oaks Community Church (Jul 31–Aug 2)

## 2026 Junaluskans Events - Save the dates!

*(General meetings are always  
the first Wednesday of the  
month at 10a)*

- Jul 3 - Junaluskans Corn Hole Tournament
- Jul 21 - Sacred Spaces
- Aug 18 - Hymn Sing
- Sep 22 - Sacred Spaces
- Dec 12 - Lessons & Carols
- Dec 15 - Junaluskans' Christmas Dinner



**WANT MORE INFO ABOUT LAKE  
JUNALUSKA ACTIVITIES??  
CHECK OUT THESE RESOURCES**



- Bethea Welcome Center
- Terrace Hotel Front Desk
- Lambuth Inn Front Desk
- Gifts and Grounds
- Assembly Public Works
- Junaluska Weekly (can be picked up at any of the locations listed above and also online at <https://bit.ly/LJweekly>)
- [www.lakejunaluska.com/Calendar](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/Calendar)
- Junaluska Assembly Community Council Minutes and Lake Views & News can be found at [lakejunaluskacommunity.com](http://lakejunaluskacommunity.com)