

RESOURCE & ACTIVITY GUIDE

MCAS Cherry Point & Surrounding Areas





CHERRY POINT

Recreational Opportunities

- Sound of Freedom Golf Course
- Pelican Point RV Park
- Marine Warrior Library
- Auto Skilz
- Hancock Marina - Boat launch and marina with slips available for boat docking
- Picnic Areas - Bartlett Pond, Catfish Pond, Duck Pond, Lone Tree Point, Ordinance Point and Shady Grove
- Camping Areas - Bartlett Pond, Lone Tree Point and Duck Pond
- Pools - Hancock Pool (outdoor), Main Side pool (indoor) and Cedar Creek Pool (outdoor)
- Devil Dog Dare - zip line, trail cycling, paint ball and a 75 foot free fall tower drop
- Movies and Events - Two Rivers Theater and Event Center has a regular movie schedule and other events such as concerts and guest speakers

- Semper Fit Adult Intramural Sports - softball, soccer, football, and basketball (also a resource for youth sports)
- Crystal Coast Travel and Leisure - trip and vacation planning
- Outdoor Connections - rental of outdoor equipment such as camping gear, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, paintball gear, lawn games, lawn & garden tools and equipment, campers, climbing walls, and outdoor theater systems
- Fishing and Hunting opportunities - for specifics on licensing, regulations, and opportunities aboard Cherry Point visit:

www.cherrypoint.marines.mil/Resources/GameWarden.aspx

Dining

- Restaurants - The Public House, Wings
- Fast Food - McDonald's, New City Deli, Rice King, Crow's Nest, Subway, Library Cafe, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell



Visit mccscherrypoint.com for more details and other helpful resources and programs available here at Cherry Point!

- Lounges - The Public House (Enlisted), Rocker's Bar (SNCO) and Cunningham's (Officer)

Fitness

- Devil Dog Gym
- Hancock Fitness Center
- Marine Dome
- Athletic Sports Complex at Lanham Field
- HITT Center (located in the Marine Dome)
- Pools - Hancock Pool (outdoor), Main Side pool (indoor) and Cedar Creek Pool (outdoor)
- Semper Fit also offers special events like races, marathons, and triathlons

Single Marine Program

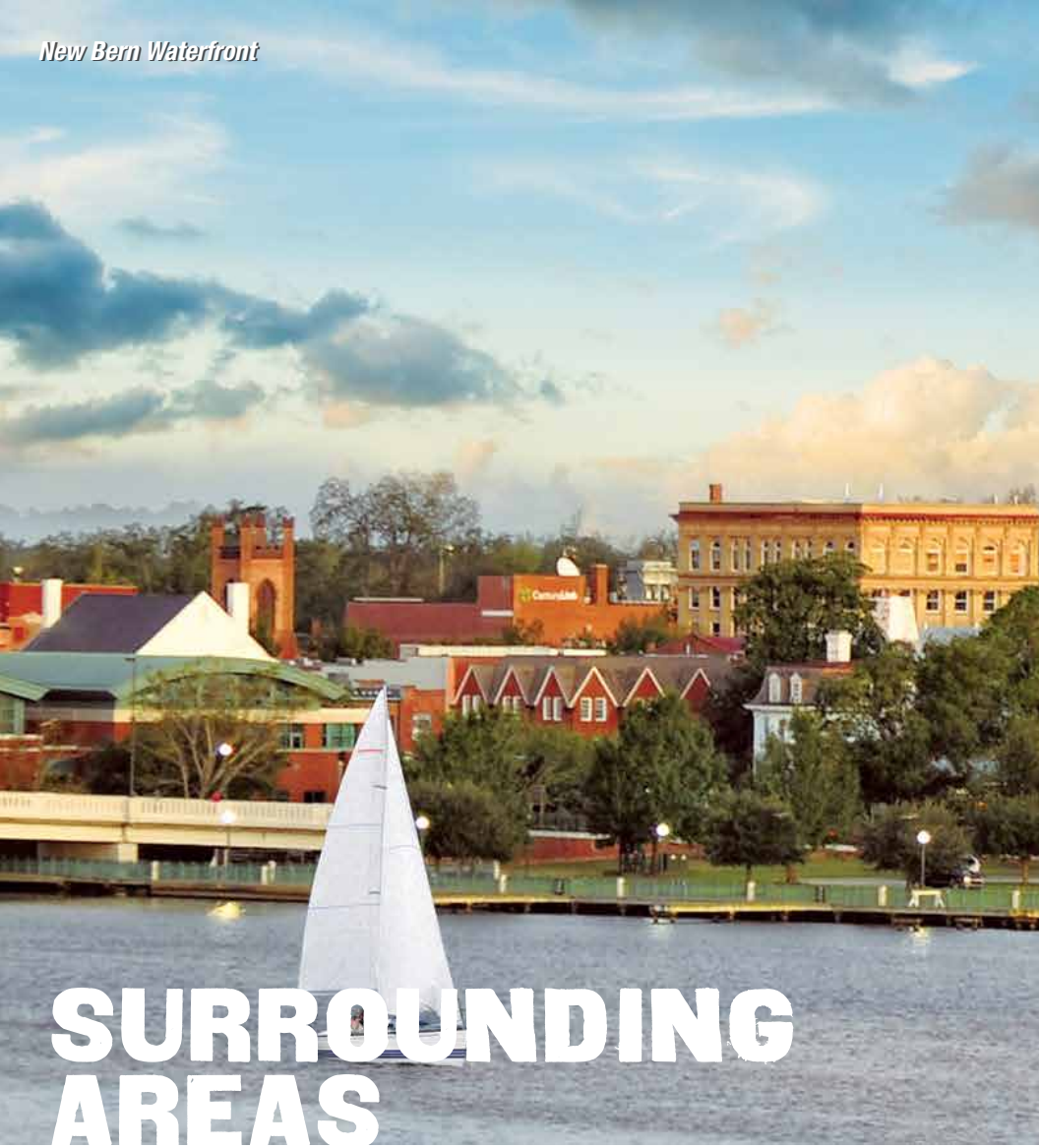
SMP offers a wide variety of events, activities, trips, and volunteer opportunities to enrich the lives of our single and unaccompanied

Marines and Sailors. SMP trips range from local fishing trips and events to concerts, theme parks, NASCAR races, ski trips, and more. Not a single Marine or Sailor? Call SMP at 252-466-3027 to find out about opportunities that include families as well. The SMP calendar can be found at:

mccscherrypoint.com/programs/single-marines-program

Spirituality

The chapel provides a variety of worship opportunities, sacramental rites and programs to include baptisms, child dedications, communion, religious education for all ages, and marriage. Fully confidential pastoral counseling is offered as well. The chapel is located in Building 100 off of E Street. For additional information on services offered please contact a Chaplain at 252-466-4000.



SURROUNDING AREAS

Carteret and Craven County areas offer a wide variety of entertainment and activities. The activities aren't always centrally located so finding them can sometimes be challenging if you are new to the area. The list below is a great place to start for finding many of our local attractions and fun and fulfilling activities for singles, couples, and families alike.

Local County Parks and Recreation Departments

- ccpr.recdesk.com/recdeskportal - Carteret County Parks and Rec
- cravencounty.recdesk.com/recdeskportal - Craven County Parks and Rec

Great Websites for Attractions and Events

- www.nccoastchamber.com - Carteret County Chamber of Commerce
- www.crystalcoastnc.org/region/all/events - Additional information on attractions and businesses



along with a very detailed calendar/list of local events in Carteret County

- www.visitnewbern.com - Local attractions, businesses, and happenings in the New Bern area
- www.havelockchamber.org - Havelock Chamber of Commerce
- www.emeraldisle-nc.org/upcoming-events - Emerald Isle
- www.moreheadcitync.org/calendar-of-events - Morehead City
- www.atlanticbeach-nc.com/events - Atlantic Beach
- www.townofcapecarteret.org/upcoming-events.html - Cape Carteret
- www.visitswansboro.org/swansboro-events.html - Swansboro
- townofnewport.com/events - Newport
- www.beaufortnc.org/for-the-people/town-calendar - Beaufort



MUSEUMS, HERITAGE & HISTORY

Core Sound Waterfowl Museum & Heritage Center

Features local waterfowl, hunting history and culture in Eastern North Carolina. The annual decoy festival is held the first weekend in December.

*1785 Island Road
Harkers Island, NC 28531*

Tryon Palace

Learn about colonial history in the former capital of North Carolina.

*529 South Front Street
New Bern, NC 28562*

North Carolina Maritime Museum

Learn about local maritime history including the state's rich seafood industry, life-saving stations, lighthouses, sailboats and motorboats. The museum also houses an

exhibit on the famed pirate "Blackbeard" and artifacts recovered from his ship, the Queen Anne's Revenge, just off the coast.

*315 Front St
Beaufort, NC 28516*

History Museum of Carteret County

Located in downtown Morehead City, the History Museum of Carteret County exhibits a widely varied collection that reflects on the cultural history of North Carolina's coast from its indigenous Indians through World War II.

*1008 Arendell St
Morehead City, NC 28557*

North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores

This large aquarium features touch tanks and the state's largest saltwater fish exhibit (306,000 gallons!). Multiple indoor and



outdoor activities along with daily guided tours and special events are just some of the fun the aquarium has to offer. This is a must see while stationed at Cherry Point!

*1 Roosevelt Blvd
Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512*

New Bern Firemen's Museum

Learn about the oldest fire company in the state!

*420 Broad St
New Bern, NC 28560*

New Bern Battlefield Park

Visit the battleground for the local Civil War battle in 1862.

*300 Battlefield Trail
New Bern, NC 28560*

Local Historical Tours

Tours are available in downtown Beaufort and New Bern to discover more about local history, heritage, and culture.

BEACH/WATER ACCESS AND BOATING

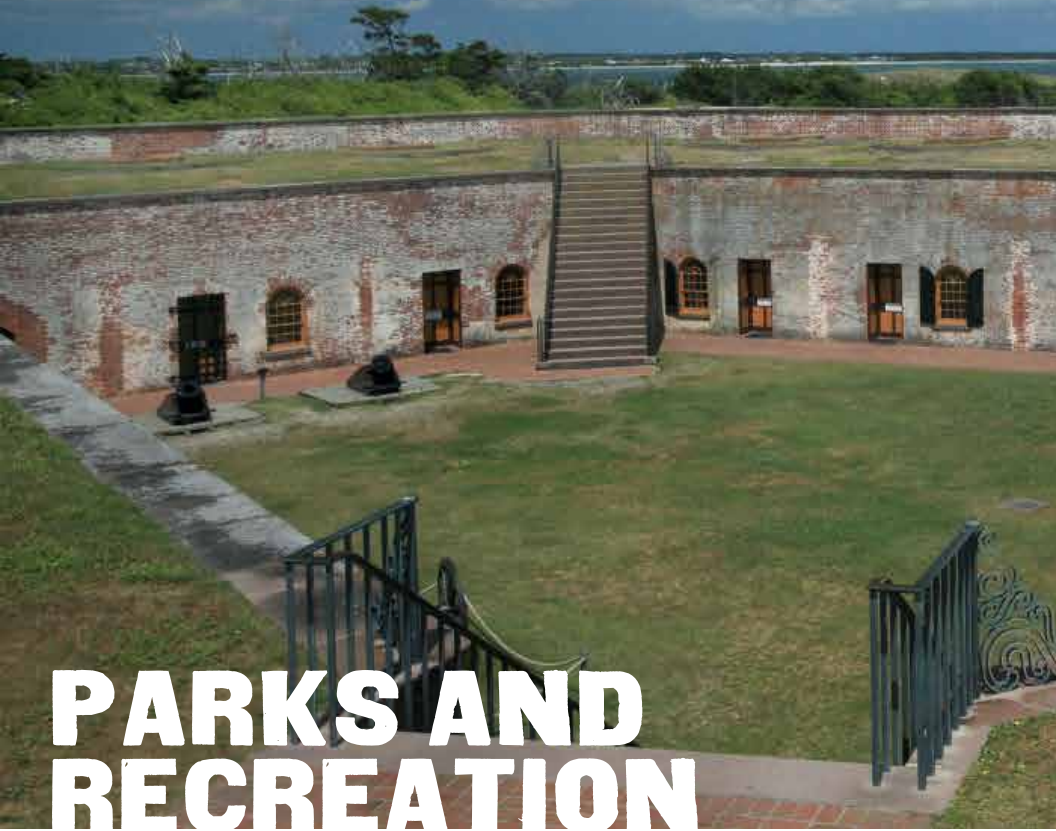


MCAS Cherry Point has several of water access points and boat launches. There are also numerous public beach accesses and boat launches in both Carteret and Onslow County's. You can also access the Neuse River and its tributaries in Craven County.

North Carolina Ferry Division

Our ferry system has one-of-a-kind destinations like Ocracoke Island and the Outer Banks. There are also several no-cost local ferries, which are a great way to get out on the water! The Cherry Branch/Minnesott Beach Ferry is free and only a ten minute drive from base. For more information visit:

www.ncdot.gov/ferry



PARKS AND RECREATION

Fort Macon State Park

Home to the historic Fort Macon Civil War fort along with beautiful walking trails and public beach access. Cannon and musket demonstrations and guided tours are regular features, complementing extensive exhibits both indoors and out.

*2303 E Fort Macon Rd
Atlantic Beach, NC 28512*

Cape Lookout National Seashore

Can be accessed via personal watercraft or ferry service out of Beaufort. Explore the seashore, the historic Cape Lookout Lighthouse or historic villages with a guide or on your own.

www.nps.gov/calo/index.htm

Rachel Carson Reserve

This estuary directly across from the Beaufort waterfront can be accessed via boat or kayak.

Shackleford Banks

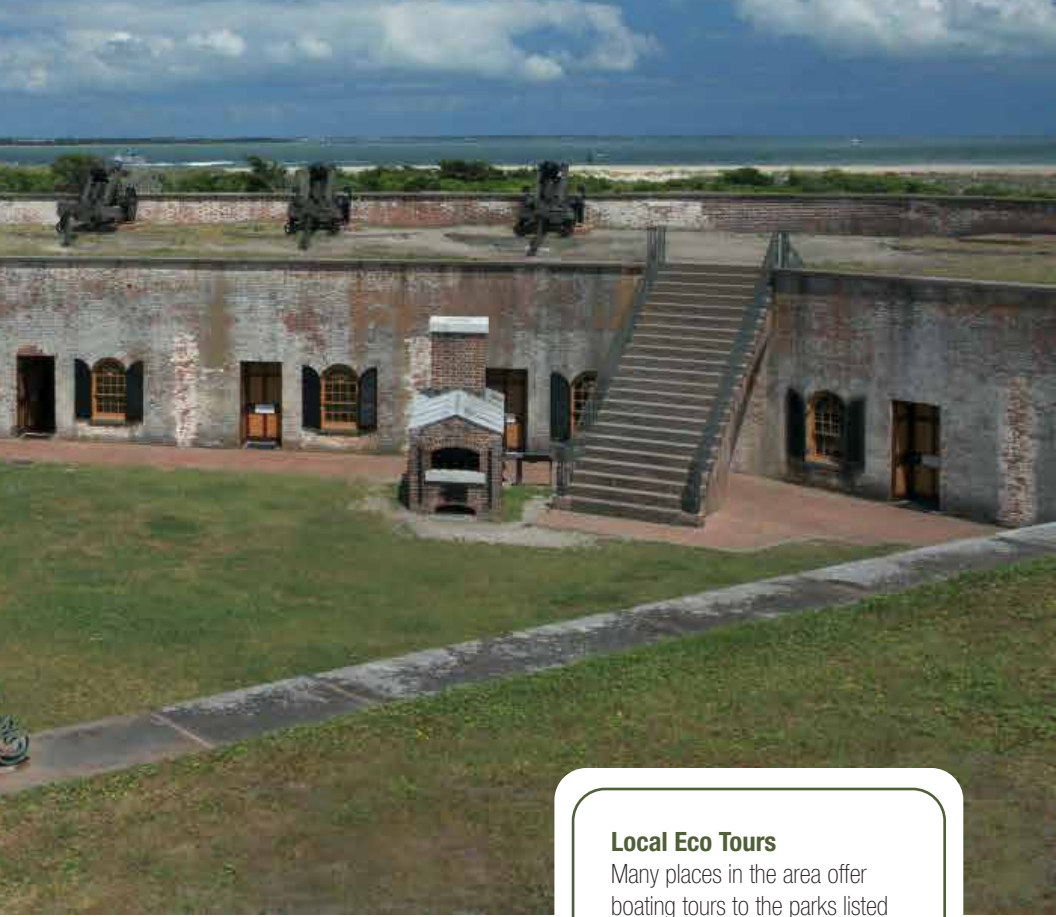
Can be accessed via personal watercraft or ferry service out of Beaufort or Morehead City. "Shack" is home to wild horses that are part of the oldest bloodline in America.

www.shacklefordhorses.org

Hammocks Beach State Park

Home to Bear Island - a three-mile-long, undeveloped barrier island that can be accessed by personal watercraft, the park's passenger ferry service or canoe or kayak. Primitive campsites are nestled in the dunes and are available to rent year round.

*1572 Hammocks Beach Rd
Swansboro, NC 28584*



LOCAL RESOURCES

The Crystal Coast is home to so many parks that are scattered throughout the surrounding towns. Many of the parks include water/beach access, areas for recreation, sports, and play areas for children. Learn more by visiting:

Morehead City: moreheadcitync.org/home-parks-recreation/parks

Beaufort: www.beaufortnc.org/be-here/water-access

Atlantic Beach: atlanticbeach-nc.com/departments/parks-recreation

Emerald Isle: www.emeraldisle-nc.org/parks-recreation

Newport: townofnewport.com

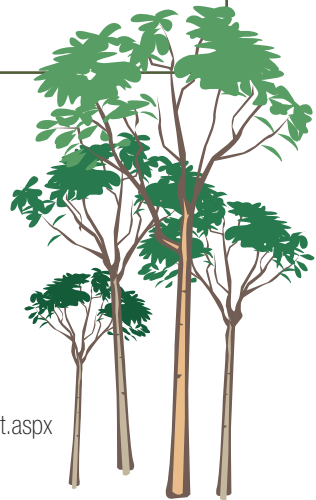
Havelock: www.havelocknc.us/departments/parks-recreation

New Bern: newbern.recdesk.com/recdesksportal/Home/tabid/5063/Default.aspx

Jacksonville: jacksonvillenc.gov/parks

Local Eco Tours

Many places in the area offer boating tours to the parks listed or outdoor attractions that are only available by boat. These boat tours can typically be found on the waterfronts of Morehead City, Beaufort, Swansboro, and New Bern.





OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Saltwater Fishing

For inshore fishing, there are free public areas and piers located in the coastal towns and on the beaches. View the complete listing at:

www.ncwildlife.org/fishing/wheretofish

For offshore fishing, there are several artificial reefs and drop offs just off the coast which can be accessed by boat.

Visit one of the many local fishing shops in the area if you interested in a guided fishing trip (both inshore and offshore available). For more affordable off shore bottom fishing, check out one of the local head boats such as the Captain Stacy (Atlantic Beach) or Carolina Princess (Morehead City).

For updated local fishing reports and information visit:

www.fishermanspost.com/category/fishing-reports

For state fishing regulations, including shellfish such as shrimp, crabs, oysters, and clams visit:

portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/recreational-fishing-size-and-bag-limits

State licensing requirements can be found at:

www.ncwildlife.org

Surfing • Paddle Boarding Kitesurfing • Windsurfing

Contact the local surf shops for a surf report or check out:

www.ablivesurf.com (Atlantic Beach)

www.eilivesurf.com (Emerald Isle)

Scuba Diving and Snorkeling

Carteret County is home to some of the most sought after diving/snorkeling sites in the country. There are several local dive centers that offer trips to these locations as well as classes for dive certification.

Boating • Kayaking • Sailing

Visit Outdoor Connection on Cherry Point for rentals of paddle and sail water-craft. There are many uninhabited islands throughout the area that can only be accessed via watercraft such as Hammocks Beach State Park, Shackleford Banks, or Cape Lookout.

Golfing

A local favorite is the Sound of Freedom Golf Course found right aboard MCAS Cherry



Point. There are also several local courses in the Craven and Carteret County areas which can be found by visiting:

www.golflink.com

Wildlife Watching

The area is host to numerous saltwater estuaries and maritime forests rich with wildlife and marine life. There are several local boat tours of the area that include dolphin and wildlife watching.

Hunting

There are public hunting areas in Carteret, Craven, Onslow, and Jones counties surrounding Cherry Point. Popular local game include deer, waterfowl, small game, and turkey. If you're interested in a guided trip, contact any local outdoors store to ask about availability. For licensing requirements and a list of public hunting lands visit:

ncwildlife.org

Camping and Hiking

There are local camping opportunities in the



Cedar Point Tideland Trail

Croatan National Forest as well as hiking on the Neusiok Trail. Camping is also available at some of the local uninhabited islands and beaches. Ask local NC Wildlife authorities about these opportunities as well as rules and regulations for camping. For more information on hiking trails in the area visit:

www.trails.com/activity.aspx?area=11066

Target Shooting and Archery

Local gun and archery ranges are located in Hubert, Havelock, and New Bern as well as aboard Camp Lejeune. Most provide gun rentals and instruction for those who may be novice or don't own equipment.



FESTIVALS, MUSIC & EVENTS

Carteret and Craven county are home to several festivals and events throughout the year including the Seafood Festival, Mullet Festival, Chili Festival, Mumfest, National Night Out, and several music festivals. Many areas have ongoing events and live music throughout the year such as local music around the waterfront districts of Carteret and Craven counties. Venues are typically family friendly. For information on specific events visit:

www.nccoastchamber.com

Chamber of Commerce for Carteret County listing a number of local businesses, attractions, and community happenings

www.crystalcoastnc.org/region/all/events

Additional information on attractions and businesses along with a very detailed calendar/list of local events in Carteret County

www.visitnewbern.com

Local attractions, businesses, and happenings in the New Bern area

havelockchamber.org

Chamber of Commerce for Havelock listing local events and businesses

Theatre and Arts

Several institutions exist in the area hosting live theatre events including:

- Carteret and Craven Community Colleges
- Carteret Community Theatre
- New Bern Civic Theatre

For information on local art including galleries and art exhibitions visit:

www.artscouncilcarteret.org

www.cravenarts.org



OTHER ACTIVITIES

FAMILY FUN VENUES

Atlantic Beach Town Park

Hosts a free splashpad, skateboard park, playground and miniature golf course (fees charged for mini golf).

New Bern Aquatic Center

Features interactive water features, slides, deck and a swimming pool.

George Street Spray Ground

Located in New Bern, this affordable and interactive splashpad will cool you down on a hot summer day!

Big Rock Stadium

Home to the Morehead City Marlins baseball team!

North Carolina State Fair

Held in October each year, the State Fair is a must see for families! Enjoy the finest things North Carolina has to offer from food, music (117 concerts in 2016!), competitions, and rides. For more information visit:

www.ncstatefair.org

More Resources

www.visitnc.com

The official Travel and Tourism

website for North Carolina. North Carolina offers everything from beaches to mountains! This website offers information on many of the state's attractions as well as family friendly area attractions like waterparks, bowling, roller-skating, arcades, miniature golf, or water sports rentals.

www.visitnewbern.com/things-to-do/family-fun

This site provides similar information for New Bern and surrounding Craven County areas.

Don't forget! Crystal Coast Travel and Leisure has the best available deals and discounts to either your favorite local or cross-country destinations!

CRAFTS, MARKETS & PRODUCE

Beaufort

Olde Beaufort
Farmers' Market

Cedar Point

Salty Air Open Market
The Market at
Cedar Point

Morehead City

Friendly Market
Morehead City
Curb Market

New Bern

New Bern
Farmers Market

Newport

Garner Farm
Newport Flea Mall
Willis Farm

For more information on markets and produce in Carteret and Craven county visit:

search.ams.usda.gov





OTHER ACTIVITIES

Children's Summer Camps, Day Programs, and Afterschool Programs

Contact MCCS Child Development Centers (CDC) at 466-5605 for excellent childcare opportunities aboard MCAS Cherry Point. All centers are fully accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and are guided by Creative Curriculum for the age appropriate development of your child.

The area hosts several excellent summer camps specializing in outdoor activities and introducing children to local watersports such as sailing and kayaking. Most camps offer different length stays and programs or

packages as well as scholarships and financial assistance for those in need. Some local camps include Camp Seafarer and Camp Seagull, Camp Albemarle, Camp Caroline and Camp Don Lee.

Many local churches also offer Vacation Bible Schools throughout the summer.

There are local summer camps, day programs and afterschool programs offered through many of the local Parks and Recreation Departments as well as the YMCA and the Boys and Girls Club.

www.ymca.net

www.bgca.org



Both Carteret and Craven Community Colleges provide summer camps for children covering topics like science and photography.

Youth Sports

Contact MCCS Youth Sports for a listing of local children's sports and activities such as soccer, martial arts, dance or gymnastics.

252-466-5493

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Scouting provides excellent opportunities for young people to build character, develop personal fitness and gain experience in the responsibilities of citizenship. Find a troop in

your area:

www.scouting.org

www.girlscouts.org

Spiritual Activities

Carteret, Craven, and Onslow counties host a number of churches and religious entities. For more information, contact your local Chaplain who can provide an updated list and point you towards resources for your particular faith or beliefs including those available aboard Cherry Point.

*Cape Lookout
National Seashore*



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
LOCAL RESOURCES CONTACT**

252-466-8413



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