

Towns County Sports

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Signups continue for Towns County Youth Football Camp

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Towns County Youth Football Camp will take place Saturday, July 11, from 8 a.m. until noon at the Towns County High School practice football field, and signups continue Saturday, June 20, between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Towns County Recreation and Conference Center.

Interested young athletes and their parents should bring a copy of their child's birth certificate at signup, as it will be provided to the Smoky Mountain Conference (SMC) as proof of age.

The camp will be free, but a one-time payment of \$90 will be required at the time of signup in order to cover costs of playing during the season, including insurance, a game jersey that kids will get to keep at the end of the season, and a trophy at the end-of-year banquet.



Last year's camp was a learning experience for everyone involved and the 2015 camp will be no different with a memorable season to follow in the fall. Photos/Lowell Nicholson

Athletes can also sign up on Saturday, June 27, at the new rec center between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., as well as the day of the camp, July 11.

Again, in order to be

accepted on one of the teams, parents will need to provide a copy of their child's birth certificate at the time of signup, along with the \$90.

Kids who played last year will not need to provide

copies of their birth certificates at signup.

Teams are broken down into categories according to age: Pee Wees are 5 and 6-year-olds; Termites are 7 and 8-year-olds; Mites are 9 and 10-year-



Youth football kicks off its regular season on Saturday, Aug. 15, when the Franklin Panthers head over from North Carolina to play at Towns County.

Towns County Wrestling goes back to work with summer practices

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Towns County Wrestling has hit the mat for summer practices, and Indians Head Coach Jeff Stowers is happy to be back at it.

"We just got back from wrestling camp," said Coach Stowers. "We went four days at Shorter University with some of the high school guys to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Camp, and had a good time up there."

The camp had the boys working eight hours a day, learning from some of the best wrestling professionals in the country.

"They were beat up and banged up and tired when we got done, but they learned a lot and got to hear some amazing coaches," said Coach Stowers. "Tom Ryan, who is the head coach at Ohio State - they just won the national title this year - was there, and did two clinic sessions. And Mike McArthur, who is an Olympian and three-time All-American and World Team Leader was there. John Azevedo from California was there, and he was an Olympian - just some amazing coaches."

Even Coach Stowers learned a thing or two, and plans to incorporate some new techniques when wrestling



starts back in the fall.

"That's the thing about camp, if you leave with one thing that you can use then I feel like it was worthwhile," said Coach Stowers. "I really picked up a couple of things that we're going to try to implement next year, some armbars stuff that Coach McArthur talked about, and some practice stuff and program stuff that Coach Ryan talked about that I think really clicked with me."

"We're going to try to implement that as much as we can," Coach Stowers continued. "We're going to have to modify it a little bit for the high

school level. These guys have a profound amount of experience, and you just kind of try to sit around, pick their brain and come up with some things that you can use. I think we learned a lot, I think the kids learned a lot, and I learned a lot, too, so it was a worthwhile trip."

This Thursday, Coach Stowers is taking a small group of Indians to Fannin County High School to grapple against other schools, namely Chestatee High School and high schools from Fannin and Gilmer counties, possibly Union County High School.

"Hopefully there will be four or five teams there, and we're just going to let the kids wrestle matches for about two and a half, three hours," said Coach Stowers. "They're going to have three or four mats on the floor, and they're just going to wrestle nonstop, just to try to

get some mat time in and some practice stuff in. It ought to be a good time."

This past season blew by in a whirlwind of success, as the team won its 100th match since the program began 10 years ago, ending the season with 120 total school victories.

Those numbers speak volumes to the growth of Towns County Wrestling, as the Indians didn't win any dual matches their first three seasons due to low enrollment totals, and only won one match in their fourth.

"It took a while to get started," said Coach Stowers. "We started the first year and had five kids, then we went up to seven kids. And really, when your numbers are like that, you don't have any chance to win a dual match. At first, we were beat before we got on the bus

to go down where we were going - just mathematically, you couldn't win."

"It's taken a long time and it's taken a lot of work on account of a lot of people,

but we're finally to the point where we're competitive with, I would say, 70 percent of the teams in the state, regardless of classification."

And Coach Stowers is not just boasting - this past season, Towns County Indians wrestled for true second and a chance to head to State Duals, being only narrowly defeated by St. Francis to clench third place at Class A Area Duals in Athens.

Overall, the Indians finished the 2014-2015 season with a solid 24-10 dual record, and three Indians were able to medal individually at the 2015 GHSA Class A Traditional State Tournament - Daulton Rogers, Kaine Hoffman and Thomas Mitchell.

"I'm happy with where we're at, but we can always do better, and we'll keep working to get better," said Coach Stowers. "We're just going to keep on plugging along."

2015 Summer Day Camp ages 6-12

Summer is just around the corner and that means hot weather and Summer Day Camp for boys and girls ages 6 thru 12.

This summer the Recreation Department will offer day camp for 4 sessions, each session being two weeks, running Monday thru Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Day Camp begins June 8th.

Sessions will be as follows: Session I: June 8th thru June 19th. Session II: June 22nd thru July 3rd. Session III: July 6th thru July 17th. Session IV: July 20th thru July 31st.

The fee for the two week session is \$120 or \$60 per week. The fee is payable to the Towns County Recreation Department.

Day Camp offers children sports game activities, social game activities, field trips, nature hikes and much more.

Give your child a lot to do this summer and sign them up for Day Camp. You may send your child to any or all of the sessions. Children need to bring a swimsuit, towel, sprayable sunscreen and sack lunch. The Recreation Department will furnish the ice water for the campers.

Registration will be the first Monday of each session at The Towns County Recreation and Conference Center located 150 Foster Park Rd.

For more information please call the Recreation Department at 706-896-2600.

Conference at Body Builders Television Network

Builders Television Network is celebrating its 15th year anniversary by launching its 2015 Conference series June 18th and 19th. Special guest is Jo Naughton, Co-Pastor with her husband Paul of Harvest Church of London, England and author of the new book 30 day Detox for your soul. Other guests will include authors, Evangelist Don Randolph; Dr. Don Ellis; Worship Pastor Gene Dasher, Jr. and more.

Body Builders Television Network, a member of the NRB, National Religious Broadcasters, has relocated its headquarters to Hayesville and is viewed around the globe. Its programming crosses denominations;

gender, race and especially generations. Body Builders Television Network also raises funds and awareness for our missions outreach to Liberia. Seating is free but we suggest RSVP because of limited seating.

For more information, visit: bbtvn.com and thecauseliberia.com. Body Builders Television Network is located at The Embassy Multi Ministry Center, 1894 Highway 64 West in Hayesville, NC, (828) 389-7009; which is also the home of the Embassy Church of God In Christ and the Liberia Mission Gift and Thrift Store. Dr's. Will & Brenda Chambliss are the founders, Pastors and event host.

Chatuge Shores Ladies Golf gears up for tournament

The Chatuge Shores Classic Tournament is set for Tuesday, June 23. Still a few places left for players - contact the Pro Shop at 828-389-8940. Hole sponsors are also needed as well as businesses and individuals who would like to donate door prizes. Proceeds from the tournament will go to support the Chatuge Shores golf course for needed repairs and enhancements.

Under threatening skies the CSLGA decided to give it a try and were rewarded with an overcast day of perfect playing weather. Opal Rose scored with the least number of putts. Winners in the low gross/low net game included in Flight A, low gross, Vicky Donaldson and low net, Opal Rose. In



Glenda Geddings hits a long ball off the 15th tee.

FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!

Age Groups U6-U16

Register online at www.mountainsoccer.org

Registration forms are also available to print from the website. Forms can be mailed to P.O. Box 1862, Blairsville, GA 30514.

Deadline to register is July 18, 2015.

For additional information please check out our website at www.mountainsoccer.org or email us at musa_soccer@gmail.com.

Trout stocking sites week of June 8-12, 2015

Fannin: Rock Creek, Toccoa River, and Toccoa River Tailwaters (below Lake Blue Ridge Dam)

Lumpkin: Dockery Lake, Etowah River, and Nimblewill Creek

Murray: Holly Creek

Union: Cooper Creek

Note: Information is subject to change. Please call the hatchery at 706-838-4723 for questions. The hatchery also provides trout for the state. Please contact Georgia DNR for information on sites stocked by the state. N0um17.28/CA

VFW Golf League news

We had an excellent turnout of 24 Veterans to play golf this week. The winning team was Mel Halfon - Team Captain, Glen Greenwald, Myron Grizo and Bubba Harbin with a score of 6 under par. Glen Greenwald made an eagle putt of 60 feet to guarantee the win on hole number 17. All Veterans are invited to join us every Thursday at 8:30 AM at Chatuge Shores Golf Course.

Sierra Club Committee meets

The North Georgia Sierra Wildlands Committee will meet in Blairsville, on Tuesday, June 23rd at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the United Community Bank's community room (125 Highway 515).

The meeting is planned to update information on the Chattahoochee National Forest and other public land issues of interest to this Sierra Club group and other residents of the north Georgia mountains.

Updates will include logging and burning proposals in the Cooper Creek Watershed and a congressional bill introduced by Congressman Doug Collins. Collins' proposal would allow the sale or exchange of Forest Service land located with our 9th Congressional District.

Representatives of Georgia Forestwatch will be on hand to answer questions on these and other National Forest matters in the area. Continuing actions at the federal level that could result in the loss of large sections of NFS lands in this area will be discussed.

Light refreshments will be served. All interested people are welcome to attend this meeting. N0um17.215/jgg

GLOW RUN

5K Race/Walk

June 20, 2015 at 9 PM. Registration will begin at 8 PM. Brasstown Valley Golf Course Young Harris, GA. Entry Fees: \$30 PER person includes a T-Shirt. Awards will be given to Overall M/F, Masters M/F and to three in age groups beginning 10 and under through 70 and over.

Name: _____ Gender _____
Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Age _____ Shirt Size Y M S M L XL
Amount enclosed: _____

Waiver: In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I waive any and all claims for myself and my heirs against Brasstown Valley Resort and Spa, the American Cancer Society employees, volunteers, sponsors, for injury or illness which directly or indirectly results from my participation in this event. I further state that I am in the proper physical condition to participate in an event of this nature.

Signature _____ Date _____
(Parent Signature if under 18)

After the race, there will be a party at Brassies Grill. Relay for Life will provide 1 ticket for a drink after the race. Parking will be available at Equani Spa and adjacent parking areas. E-mail: townscountyrelayforlife@gmail.com for additional information and/or a registration form. Questions contact Martha Cunningham 706-896-5916 or Cameron Lopez 706-768-1357.