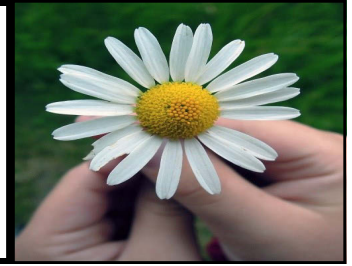


SUMMER
2024



501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization

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We Are An All Volunteer Organization

As an all-volunteer nonprofit, commitment and dedication, backed by donor support are the driving forces of The NEST Alliance's fourteen years as a nonprofit organization.

We celebrate this opportunity to thank the volunteer members of our board of directors and all other volunteers who give freely of their talents, time and resources, to leave lasting impact on each of our missions.

The heart of books shown above is just one heart image that represents individual hearts working behind the scenes. On page 2, you will find a list of sponsors who represent involved and giving hearts. On page 3, none of these outdoor activities could take place without the heart efforts of adult volunteers.

The NEST Alliance Accepted as a Scholastic Nonprofit Literacy Partner

One important part of our outreach to children and youth is to promote reading opportunities by providing books that the children can own to take home to build their literacy skills beyond the classroom. We are excited to report that:

To help support the literacy efforts of nonprofit organizations, Scholastic has developed the Scholastic Literacy Partnership, which offers eligible nonprofit organizations that provide books to children, deep discounts on a wide range of quality children's paperback and board books. The NEST Alliance applied for this partnership and were granted

acceptance. A reading interest survey was given to those involved in our NEST Kids Program, which provided to us their favorite types of books and their favorite authors. For our preschool students, we focus on providing books that will encourage early interest in reading prior to entering the school setting. Research shows that for preschoolers, this can affect how well a child learns to read.

Our first order of books was submitted for 34 books + 10 bonus books for children, and those books were distributed on May 8th. The second order arrived in mid-June and extended to providing books for preschool through 8th grade students.

As a literacy partner, we can save 43% off more than 2,000 individual titles and up to 60% off on more than 200 collections. We are also eligible for ten FREE Bonus Books for every \$150 spent as well as FREE shipping and handling.

Our board member, who is a retired literacy specialist, organized the books for distribution as shown below:



The NEST Center Update

Since its opening, The NEST Center has been made available on five different occasions when DSS has requested its use. Three children or youth have spent time there, and it was placed on hold in case of need for six other children or youth if time for

placement was needed. DSS has first priority in its use.

Other important uses include resources for a child's needs and as a Project Outreach location supervised by the board of directors. It also provides a central location base for The NEST Alliance

transportation van used on a regular schedule in our missions.

The NEST Center is a crucial part of the heart of The NEST Alliance to provide an immediate place and resources for moments in time when those are needed most.

Missions: NEST Kids, NEST Net, Roots & Wings Children's Homes

Our 2024 Annual Golf Tournament Was A Success!

78 Sponsors + 147 Golfers = Profit of A Little Over

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NEST KIDS PROGRAM MOVES OUTDOORS



Kindergarten - Middle School NEST Kids Attend 5-Day VBS at Ashe Baptist Campground June 17th-June 21st



"For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also."
Matthew 6:21

Our hearts were with each of our "treasures" as we provided morning and afternoon van transportation each day at so that each NEST Kid could have the opportunity to join other youth for faith-anchoring lessons and fun activities. Breakfast and snacks were provided by volunteers.



Campground
Settings with
Lessons, Crafts,
Activities



The heavens
declare the glory
of God; the skies
proclaim the work
of His hands.
Psalms 19:1

"This is so true...
Every flower,
every blade of
grass, every tree is
a testimony to His
greatness. Even
the animals are a
testimony to His
power and
majesty. When
you take the time
to really look at
nature, it's easy to
see how great
God is."
bibleverses.com

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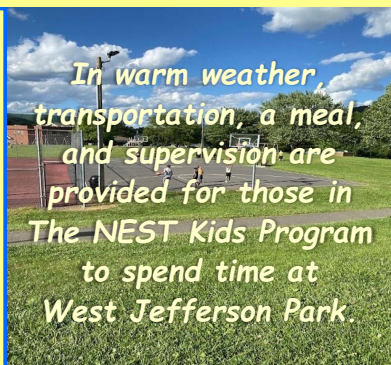
A PARK

**"Some old-fashioned things like fresh air
and sunshine are hard to beat."
-Laura Ingalls Wilder**

***There is something
so special about a
park.***

Laughter of children
playing, running through
the grass, or swinging and
sliding - breathing fresh
air, brings joy to hearts
and freedom to spirits.

*In warm weather,
transportation, a meal,
and supervision are
provided for those in
The NEST Kids Program
to spend time at
West Jefferson Park.*



We are thankful for the
parks in Ashe County that
offer the gift of space to
enjoy being a child.

*"I firmly believe that
nature brings solace in
all troubles."
-Anne Frank*

**"Do for one what
you wish you
could do
for all."**

—Andy Stanley



He gives strength
to the weary and
increases the
power of the
weak."

Isaiah 40:29 NIV

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We welcome ANY donated amount, and on-going donations are greatly appreciated. The NEST Alliance is a local 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, and all donations are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. Please make checks payable to The NEST Alliance. Online donations are accepted through eGiving at www.thenestalliance.org. Automated bank drafts are also available upon request.

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