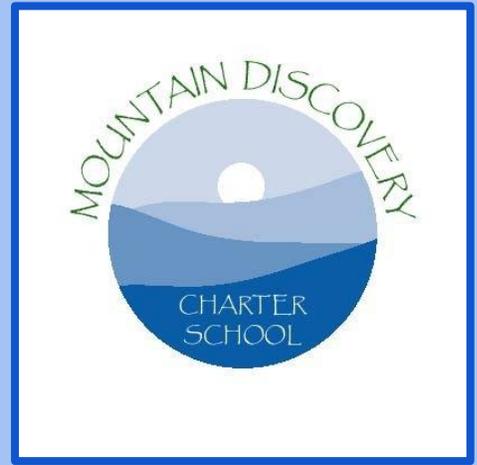


Trailblazer Happenings

www.mountaindiscovery.org

<https://mountaindiscovery.org/2021/08/23/mdcs-weather-station/>

Date of Issue: Tuesday, February 24, 2026



The middle school Envirothon teams recently explored Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest, where they examined old-growth forest, practiced tree identification, and learned how to evaluate marketable timber stands by using Biltmore Sticks and wedge prisms. The two teams are gearing up for the regional and state competitions with teams from all over North Carolina.



We are CREW, not passengers!

Dates to Remember

**** Students MUST wear field trip shirt**

Wednesday, February 25	Envirothon to Lower Needmore**
Thursday, February 26	Virtual Archery Tournament, 3:30 MDCS Gym
Friday, February 27	Talent Show Auditions
Friday, February 27	Pizza Lunch
Friday, February 27	Community Circle ~ Success & Failure hosted by 5th grade
Tuesday, March 3	Envirothon to Balsam Mt. Nature Center**
Wednesday, March 4	3rd Ms. Makayla to Oconaluftee Center GSMNP**
Wednesday, March 4	Envirothon to Deep Creek**
Thursday, March 5	MDCS Board Meeting 5:30, Jackson County Library or Google Meets
Friday, March 6	Subway lunch fundraiser
Friday, March 6	Middle School Dance
Sunday, March 8	Daylight Savings Time Begins ~ Spring Forward
Monday, March 9	Envirothon to Swain Business Park**
Thursday, March 12	3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Production Night, MDCS Gym
Thursday, March 12	NO AFTER CARE
Friday, March 13	Community Circle ~ Hosted by Kindergarten

Dates to Remember	** Students MUST wear field trip shirt
Friday, March 13	NO AFTER CARE
Friday, March 13	Open Enrollment Ends
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March 16-30	Spring Break
Tuesday, March 31	Students Return!

Newly appointed officer positions for the MDCS Board

Tim Black ~ Chair

Betsy Aspinwall ~ Vice Chair

Alexandra Cardinal ~ Treasurer

If you would like to read more about our current MDCS Board, please visit mountaindiscovery.org

We're Hiring

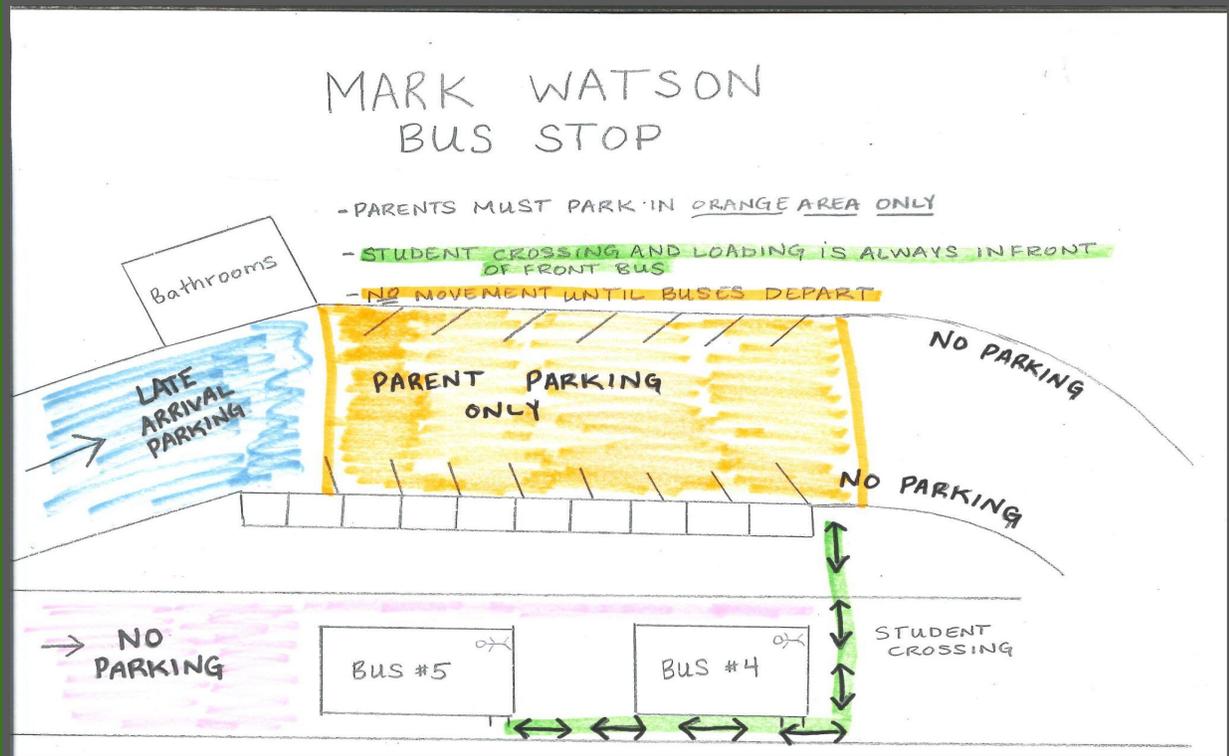
Mountain Discovery Charter School is looking for highly qualified teachers for 3rd, 5th and Middle School Math who will challenge students by providing a rigorous and caring learning environment for the 2026-2027 school year. We believe that all staff are "CREW" and not passengers. Therefore, potential candidates should strive to be part of the larger community by being involved, willing to change, and work outside your comfort zone to make the whole school better.

Please reach out to admin@mountaindiscovery.org for questions

To apply: <https://mountaindiscovery.schoolspring.com/>

Bus Schedule

Please do not pull up any further than the back of Bus #5.



Jackson Plaza Stop

In the area between the light posts and buses, no vehicles may move before the buses leave. Make sure bus lights are off and buses are moving before exiting the area.



Trolls!



A few Trailblazers had the incredible opportunity to visit the Trolls exhibit at the NC Arboretum in Asheville. They had a scavenger hunt, applied their math skills, and enjoyed the beautiful sunshine!





SUMMER ACCELERATOR

Here is a sampling of our courses

June 7-12

The Legacy of Memory: Bearing Witness to the Holocaust
Stream Savers
Exploring Cybersecurity: Protecting the Digital World

June 14-19

Factor the Scale: Advanced Perspectives in Scaling
Read Between the Lines: Storytelling through Music

June 21-26

Pump It Up! An Exploration of Body Systems and the Role of Exercise
The Neuroscience and Practice of Mindfulness
Empowerment through Leadership
Exploring Biodiversity and Conservation in the Appalachian Mountains

July 5-10

Game Design
Stream Savers
The Legacy of Memory: Bearing Witness to the Holocaust
The Entrepreneurial Mindset

July 12-17

Art Studio: Drawing and Painting
The Legacy of Memory: Bearing Witness to the Holocaust



2026

NCSSM - Morganton

Summer programs at NCSSM

NCSSM-MORGANTON Early Accelerator

Come spend a week with us this summer. Here's a sampling of what we have to offer rising 5th and 6th graders.

Check out our website for more!

Elementary (rising 5th & 6th)

June 8 - 12

Math and Art: A Perfect Match
Machine Learning and Coding with Finch Robotics
Jurassic Park: Rise of the Engineers

June 15 - 19

Machine Learning & Coding with Finch Robotics
Mystery, Danger, and Heroism
Galloping Galaxies

June 22 - 26

Mathventures: Unlocking the World Through Numbers
Math and Art: A Perfect Match
Hogwarts Enchanted Classroom

July 6 - 10

Electrified!
Ghost Yard of the Atlantic
Hogwarts Enchanted Classroom
Math in Motion

July 13 - 17

Secrets of the Cell: DNA Detectives
Jurassic Park: Rise of the Engineers
Mystery, Danger, and Heroism
Mathventures: Unlocking the World Through Numbers

Ghost Yard of the Atlantic
Wild Wonders

SIGN UP NOW

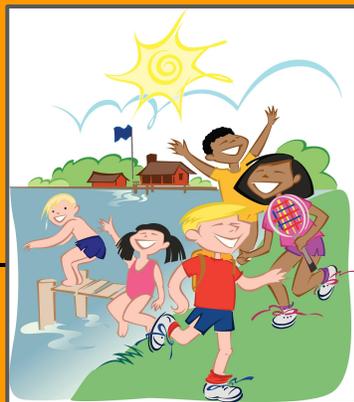
www.ncssm.edu/summer



Summer is right around the corner! If you have summer clubs, camps, or ideas to entertain the kids, let me know and I'll add them to Happenings.

Thank you!

Ms. Lisa



News from Swain County Rec Depart.



YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION

DATE **FEBRUARY 9TH, 26 THROUGH MARCH 6TH, 26**

Boys & Girls 4-13 Years Old

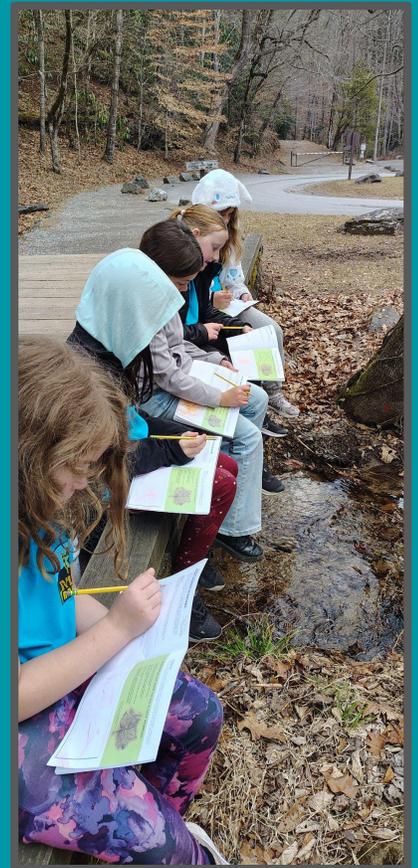
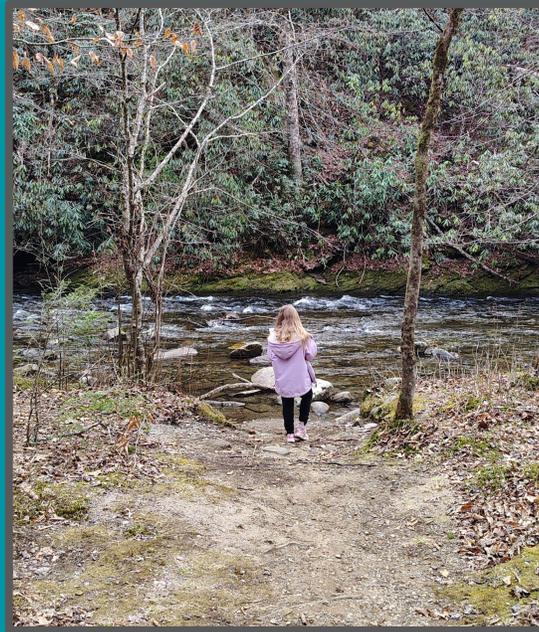
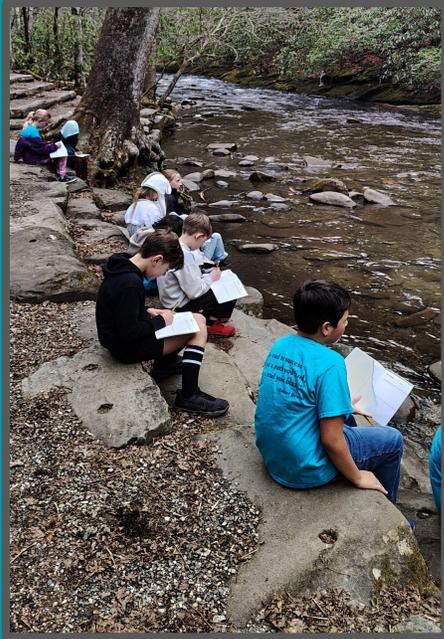
Venue
Swain Recreation Department
240 West Deep Creek Road Bryson City, NC 28713

Reg Fee: **\$50**

(828)488-6159 or email recpark@swaincountync.gov

Outdoor Education

3rd & 7th Grades



Miss Brook's Weekly Health Challenges

February 23 - March 1

Family Time

Find time one day this week to gather as a family to watch a movie or show with no interruptions (no phones or other screens).

Spiderman

Spiderman pose is the bottom of a push-up. How close to the floor can you get in a push up position and how long can you hold that position?

Does anyone have a laser engraver and a few hours to spare? Marysue has some great ideas for staff and bus driver appreciation! Thank you for your help!

After School Care Families:
The front office closes at 4:00pm. If you need to reach the after school program, please call 828-371-0601

Upcoming lunch fundraisers.
As always, forms and money will be due the Wednesday **BEFORE** the fundraiser.
Friday, February 27 (Pizza)

Calling all Volunteers

We appreciate you all and your dedication to MDCS!

VIP Newsletter

MS Dance

Contact us

Bus Stop

V.I.P. Website

