

Craven County Recreation & Parks



est. 1972

Staff

- 9 full-time employees
 - Eddie Games, Director
 - Billy Wilkes, Asst. Director
 - Mark Seymour, Program Manager
 - Matt Brown, Program Manager
 - Abigail Wilson, Admin. Asst.
 - Donnie Lee, Maintenance Technician
 - Lonnie Wetherington, Maintenance Technician
 - Josh Mounce, Maintenance Technician
- 10-15 part-time/seasonal positions

Classes & Programs

Special Olympics Craven County

- Running program since 1972
- Over 250 active participants year round
- Coordinate local practices and competitions such as:
 - Bowling
 - Basketball
 - Track & Field
 - Swimming
 - Bocce
 - Equestrian

Special Olympics Craven County



Special Olympics



Neuse River Senior Games

- Running program since 1986
- Over 300 senior athletes annually
- Athletic events
 - Bowling
 - Basketball
 - Croquet
 - Bocce
 - Horseshoes
 - Swimming
 - Cycling
 - Silver Arts

Neuse River Senior Games



Athletic Programs

VANCEBORO & NEW BERN
YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

VANCEBORO BASKETBALL



Instructional Classes

ADULT/YOUTH TENNIS



DOG OBEDIENCE



Kayaking

PADDLE CLASSES



SENIOR & FAMILY PADDLES



Parks & Facilities

- 2 - multipurpose/athletic parks
 - Creekside Park
 - West Craven Park
- 2 - community parks
 - Rocky Run Park
 - Cove City Park
- 2 - public boat landings
 - Cowpen
 - Spring Garden
- 1 - nature Park
 - Craven County's Latham-Whitehurst Nature Park

Creekside Park

- Opened in 1997, 111 acres located by Craven Regional Airport
- 25 acres of soccer/football fields, baseball & softball fields
- 260 foot of dock along Brices Creek for boating, fishing, canoeing & kayaking
- Walking trails
- Playgrounds and 3 picnic shelters for parties & family functions.

Leagues at Creekside Park



New Bern Area Soccer Association



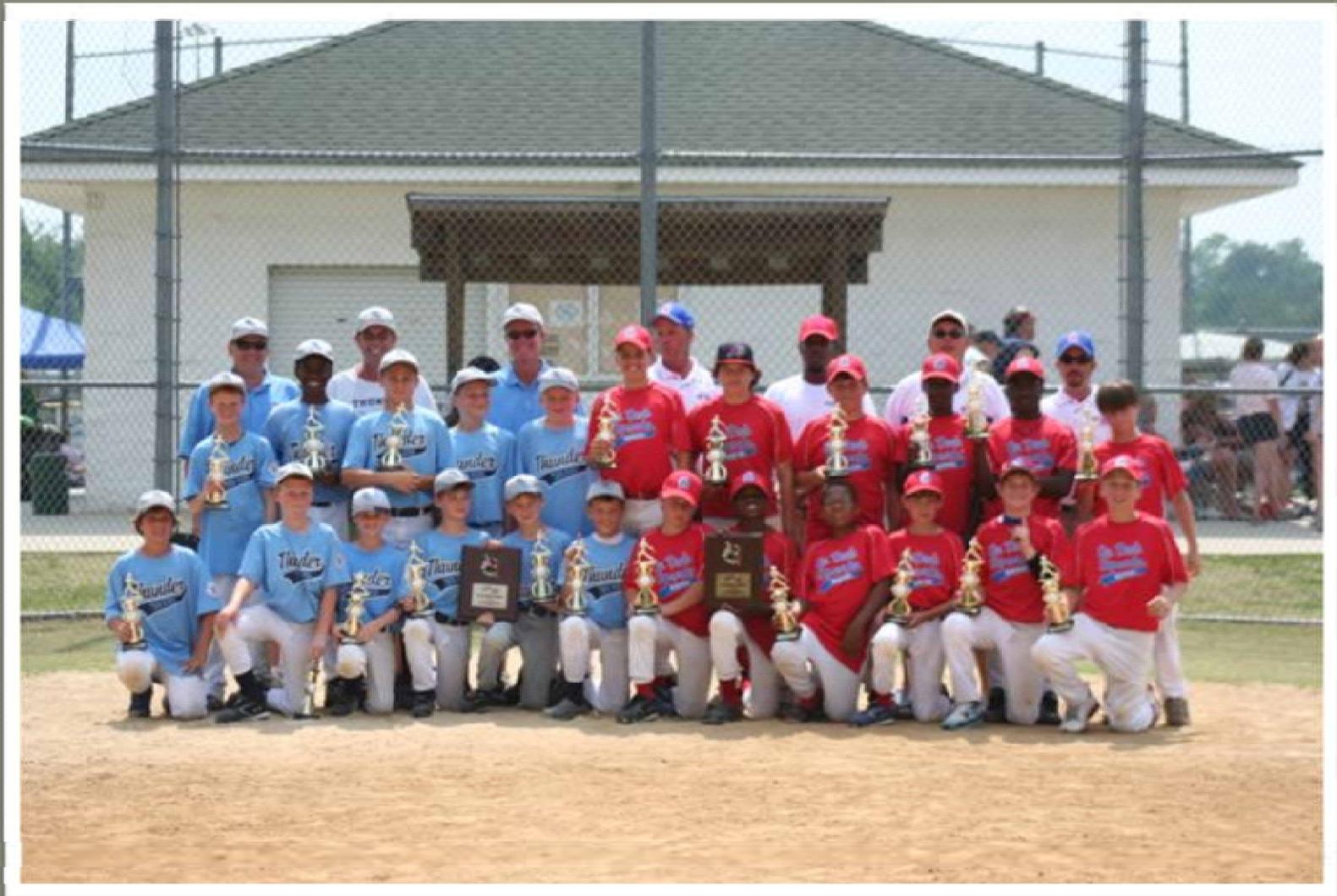
New Bern Girls Babe Ruth League



New Bern Sunday School League



Baseball Tournament at Creekside



Co-Ed Softball



Men's Softball



Adult Kickball



Creekside Park Adult Fields



Creekside Waterfront

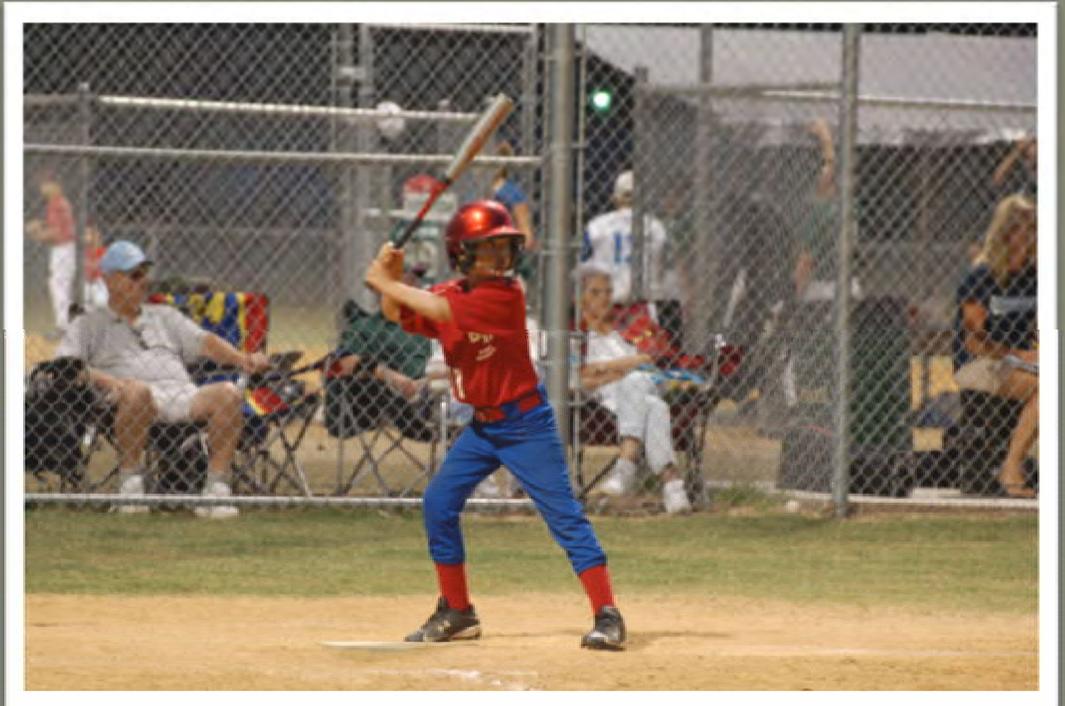


West Craven Park

- Opened in 2008, 91 acres located at 2791 Streets Ferry Rd. across from WC High School
- Includes 4 football/soccer fields, 3 youth baseball/softball fields & 1 adult baseball field
- Playground
- 6 tennis courts
- Walking trail
- Driving range

Leagues at West Craven Park

West Craven Little League



West Craven Pop Warner



WC Park baseball field



Playground at West Craven Park



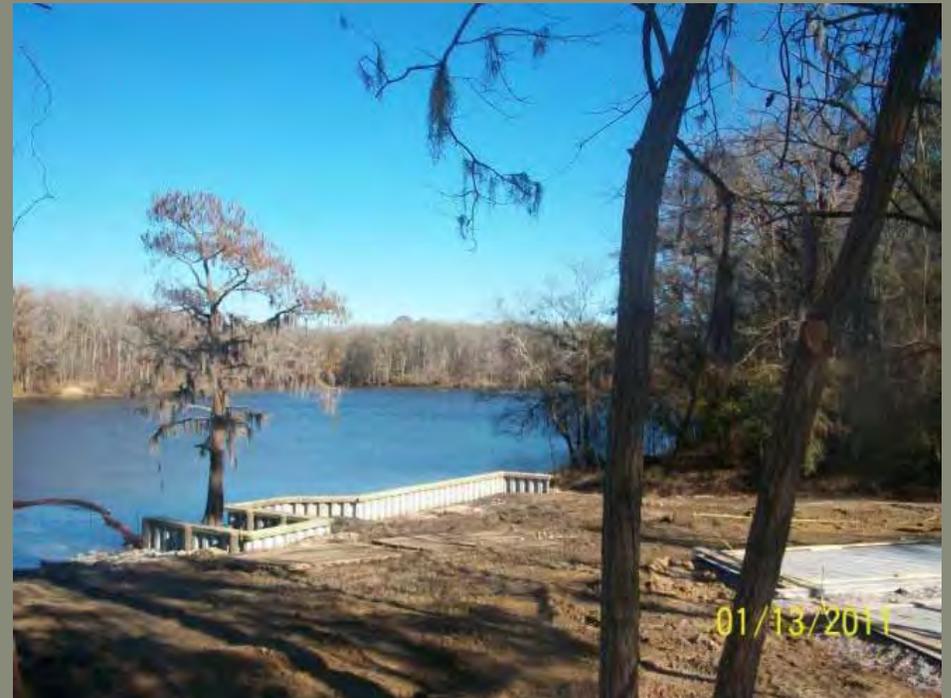
Community Parks

- Cove City Park – 30 acres, opened in 2007. includes playground, picnic shelter & nature trail.
- Rocky Run – 5 acres, opened in 1982 located off Hwy 17 south. Includes playground, picnic shelter & outdoor basketball court.

Public Boat Landings

Spring Garden

Located at the end of West Craven Middle School Road, past the middle school.



Cowpen Landing

- Located at the end of Cowpen Landing road off of River Road.



Craven County's Natham- Whitehurst Nature Park

- 133 acres located at 1095 Broad Ck. Rd.
- Opening spring of 2011
- \$500,000 grant from PARTF
- Walking trails
- Picnic shelter and multiple picnic areas
- 2000 foot of board walk leading to Broad Creek
- Boating, fishing and bird watching
- Nature/Photography classes

Nature Park Entrance



Parking area



Gravel Walking Trail



Nature Park



Floating Dock



Observation Deck



Fishing Pier



Broad Creek



**Craven County's Latham-
Whitehurst Nature Park**

Grand Opening
Friday, April 8, 2011
at 11:00 am