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# **EVERGREENS LIFESTYLE CENTER**

# **Promoting Independent Lifestyles**

May—June
2025
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**Announcing New Technology Classes with Doug Elliott** The following 2 classes are one-time events that will take place in our

main activity room to accommodate as many participants as possible. Each class is \$5, payable by cash or check, at the time of the class.

#### Class 1: Monday, June 2 at 10am

What Are Differences Between Apple Watch and FitBit?

Smart watches have many health and wellness benefits but what kind is best for your needs? Doug will explain the differences and similarities between the 2 main types of smart watches to help you make a solid decision for your wallet and your health!

#### Class 2: Monday, June 23 at 10

Do You Need a Smart Phone?

This class will help you decide which phone is right for you! The differences among Android, iPhone, and flip phones will be discussed along with how to purchase a smart phone.



#### Doug will also be back for a 13 week iPhone class series!

Over 13 sessions, this class will cover basics of navigating the iPhone, the contacts app, calling, photos, messaging, exploring the internet, using email, managing apps, and question and answer sessions. This comprehensive series is limited to 10 participants. The cost of the series is \$85 (that's only \$6.50 per session!). Participants must sign up for the entire series; we will not take signs ups for individual classes. This 13 week series will start on August 11 and end November 3. All sessions will be held on Mondays at 11am. You may sign up for the entire series on July 14 and payment is required in full by July 21. No refunds will be offered for missed classes. If we are unable to fill all 10 spots in the series, the sessions will be cancelled and your funds returned.

Call to reserve your spot on July 14 by calling 336-373-4816 ext 280.

# **Evergreens Lifestyle Center**

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For many people who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, or Questioning (LGBTQ+), coming out later in life may seem like a scary and intimidating process. It's not uncommon for people to identify as LGBTQ+ long before coming out to family and friends. There can be relief, anxiety, celebration, and stress when coming out. It's valuable to think about having a plan, and what your goals are for coming out. Here are some questions to think about if you're considering coming out to friends or family:

- *Have I thought about what I want to say?*
- What's a comfortable location to have this conversation?
- Is there another person that already knows that I can lean on for support? Do I want to have that person present?

Coming out is very personal, and only you can decide if and when it's appropriate. If you have a therapist or support group, it might be advantageous to talk with them about your feelings and concerns.

Finding community with others can be very empowering and supportive. Evergreens Lifestyle Center partners with Carolina Aging Alliance, a local organization providing resources for older LGBTQ+ persons in our community. We have a monthly pizza and movie or game night with Carolina Aging Alliance, and everyone is welcome to come and socialize.

It can also be helpful to familiarize yourself with the resources available to the older LBGTQ+ community. In addition to the local resource of Carolina Aging Alliance

(www.carolinaaging.org), SAGE (www.sageusa.org) is the oldest and largest nonprofit dedicated to providing advocacy and support to older LBGTQ+ people. The National Resource Center for LGBT Aging (www.lbgtagingcenter.org) is another

valuable website with a library of articles including those on coming out later in life. PFLAG (www.pflag.org) has 400 chapters around the country which provide support, including faith-based resources.

Remember, never feel guilty for who you are! Treat yourself with kindness. You deserve love, care, and respect.

Join us in June for Pride Month Trivia!



### **UPCOMING TRAVELOGUES**

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Savor the Beauty and Culture of

Discover the allure of this island in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea with its beautiful sights, rich history, and vibrant culture! Cyprus is a beautiful island with warm sandy beaches, fantastic Mediterranean food, and wondrous archeological sites. It is the birthplace of Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love, and has the oldest wine label still in production. We will sample a traditional dessert of baklava!

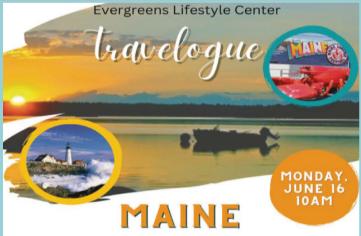




### Monday, May 12 **10am**

Registration Required ~ Space is Limited Call (336) 373-4816 extension 280 to register. 1401 Benjamin Parkway





Come join our armchair travels as we experience the wild, wonderful beauty of Maine, the nation's 23rd state! From dramatic coastlines to colorful fall foliage to fun lobster festivals, Maine has something for everyone. We will sample blueberry pie and enjoy our virutual trip to Maine!

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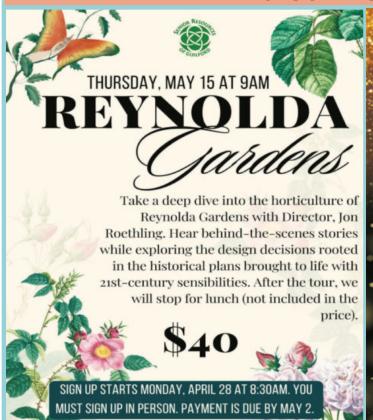
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# AHOY (Adding Health to Our Years)

Mondays.....9:15 am+

Join us for a 30 minute chair exercise class that helps to manage arthritis pain, as well as improve flexibility and balance. Class is taught by Chipper Nuckles. \$3

# Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program (AFEP)

Mondays .....1:30 pm

This low-impact recreational exercise program will help you reduce fatigue, pain, and stiffness. This hour-long class is taught by Kelly Dorrough of Better Balance Senior Fitness. **\$4** 

# Better Balance

Tuesdays .....9:00 am

Join instructor Zee Bawangaonwala of Move Forward Physical Therapy for this popular exercise class that helps seniors to improve their balance. Class is 30 minutes. \$3

Advanced Class.....9:45am

A more advanced workout. Class is 30 minutes. \$3

# Zumba Gold

Tuesdays...... 1:00 pm

Are you ready for a fitness dance party? Zumba Gold is a lower-intensity version of the popular Zumba classes that combine dance, choreography, and movement for an energizing hour-long exercise class! Class taught by Lenna Sikes. \$4

# Drums Alive Cardio Drumming

Wednesdays.....1:00 pm

Join Board Certified Music Therapist Randi Lee from Magnolia Melodies Music Therapy for Drums Alive Cardio Drumming class. A fun full body workout that lasts 30 minutes. \$4

Please continue to register for Cardio Drumming!

# Tai Chi

Thursdays......12:30 pm

Join instructor Eric Reiss for this 30 minute slow paced, meditative physical exercise. **\$3** 

# Chair Yoga

Fridays ......9:15 am+

This 30 minute yoga class helps harmonize all aspects of the body and mind. Taught by Chipper Nuckles. \$3

# Strength + Safety: Recovering From Falls

Second Thursday of each month at 9am

Learn practical techniques to safely recover from a fall and simple exercises to make it easier. Discover tools that can help make your home safer. Taught by Michele Walker. **\$4** 

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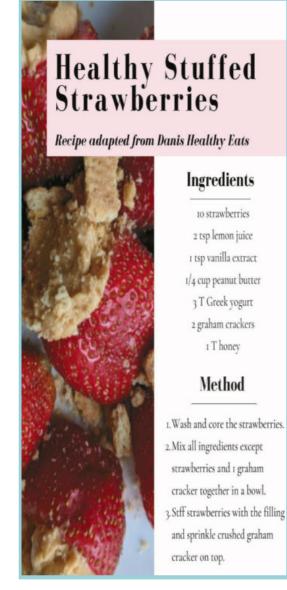
# Recipe for Success Adds New Educational Component

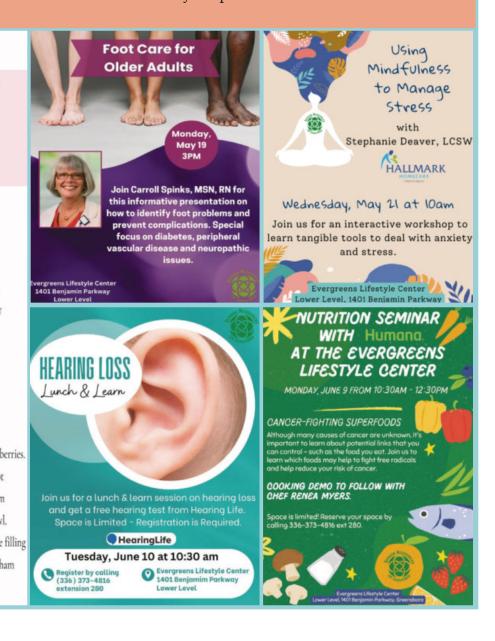


Each Thursday, we welcome Deborah Whitaker with the Recipe for Success Program at UNCG to the Evergreens Lifestyle Center, and she demonstrates a healthy recipe for participants both in person and online. Deborah will now be adding a new component to her program called Healthy Cents which will show participants how to get the healthiest foods at the most affordable cost. Deborah will talk about such topics as affording healthier foods, smart shopping for produce, saving money on food away from home, container gardening, community food assistance programs, developing a food budget, and more. This will provide participants with a great opportunity to learn about saving money while eating healthy, with the added benefit of tasting Deborah's

delicious recipes in person! Join us every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at the Evergreens Lifestyle Center for Deborah's presentation, or stream it live on our Facebook page,

https://www.facebook.com/SeniorResourcesofGuilford. Check out one of Deborah's healthy recipes below!





Tuesday Monday Wednesday Thursday Friday 10a Recipe for 1 9:15a Chair Yoga Success (V) (\$3)(V)12:30p Tai Chi (\$3) 10a Trivia with Tina 11a "Big Little Lies" 1p Blood Pressure May 2025 Checks Book Club \* 2p Jewelry Club 1p Monthly Birthday 2p Dominoes Celebration 1p Friday Favorite Movie – "Fried Green A \* next to an activity means registration is required by calling Tomatoes" \* 336-373-4816 ext 280 6 9a Basic Computer 7 9a Fall 8 9:15a Chair Yoga 9:15a AHOY (\$3) **5** 9a Better Balance (\$3) Skills \* Recovery \* (\$3)(V) 10a Trivia with Tina 11a Tissue Paper 1:30p Arthritis 9:45a Advanced 10a Virtual Reality \* 11a "Big Little Lies" Foundation (\$4) Better Balance (\$3) Flowers (\$3) \* 11a Open Book Club \* 1p Zumba Gold 2:30pm Canasta 12:30p Tai Chi (\$3) Art/Craft Room 1p Friday Favorite 3p Make Friends (\$4)1p Blood Pressure 1p Cardio Movie – "Parrish" \* with Death 2p Games & Checks Drumming (\$4) \* presentation Mahjong 2p Jewelry Club 2p Crochet Club 2p Dominoes 9:15a AHOY (\$3)12 9a Better 13 9a Internet **14** 9a Reynolda **15** 9:15a Chair Yoga **16** (\$3)(V)(V) Balance (\$3) Basics \* Gardens Tour \* 10a Trivia with Tina 10a Cyprus 9:45a Advanced (\$40)10a Virtual Reality \* 11a "Big Little Lies" Better Balance (\$3) 10a Recipe for Travelogue \* 11a Open Book Club \* Success (V) 1p Zumba Gold 1:30p Arthritis Art/Craft Room 1p Friday Favorite 12:30p Tai Chi (\$3) (\$4)Foundation (\$4) 1p Cardio Movie – "A Few Good 1p Blood Pressure 2p Games & 2:30pm Canasta Drumming (\$4) \* Men" \* Checks 3p Aging in Place Mahjong 2p Crochet Club 2p Jewelry Club with Bethany Fields 6p CAA\* 2p Dominoes **22** 9:15a Chair Yoga 23 20 10a Mindfulness **21** 12:30p Tai Chi 9:15a AHOY (\$3)**19|**9a Better (\$3)(V)with Stephanie (\$3)(V) Balance (\$3) 10a Trivia with Tina Deaver 1p Blood Pressure 9:45a Advanced 1:30p Arthritis 11a "Big Little Lies" 11a Gardening with Checks Foundation (\$4) Better Balance (\$3) Book Club \* Recipe for Success (V) 2p Jewelry Club 2:30pm Canasta 1p Zumba Gold 1p Friday Favorite Movie 11a Open 2p Dominoes 3p Foot Care (\$4) "It Happened on 5<sup>th</sup> Art/Craft Room Avenue" \* 2p Games & 1p Cardio Drumming Mahjong 3p Karaoke (\$4) \* Competition with 2p Crochet Club Griswold Home Care 28 10a Podcasts with 29 9:15a Chair Yoga30 **26** 9a Better **27** 10a Virtual The Evergreens Lifestyle Center is Balance (\$3) Reality \* Julie \* (\$3)(V)closed today. 9:45a Advanced 10a Donuts with the 11a Open 12:30p Tai Chi (\$3) \_.\*. 1p Blood Pressure Better Balance (\$3) Art/Craft Room Director MEMORIAL Checks 1p Zumba Gold 1p Cardio 1p Friday Favorite 2p Jewelry Club (\$4)Movie - "Michael" Drumming (\$4) \* 2p Dominoes 2p Games & 2p Crochet Club Mahjong

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The Rural Outreach Program provides monthly activities and lunch for seniors residing in Guilford County but outside Greensboro and High Point city limits. There's no cost for the meal but <u>reservations are required!</u>

Contact Larry or Connie in the Rural Outreach office at (336) 373-4816 ext. 265 or email ruraloutreach@senior-resources-guilford.org for reservations.



Moriah United Methodist Church, 3611 Liberty Road

May 6 (Tuesday), 10:30am-12pm, Blood Pressure Checks and Health Talk

with Margaret May of Cone Health

June 3 (Tuesday), 10:30am-12pm, Annual picnic at Hagan Stone Park

#### OAK RIDGE

Oak Ridge First Baptist Church, 2445 Oak Ridge Road

May 7 (Wednesday), 10:30am-12pm, Blood Pressure Checks and Health

Talk with Margaret May of Cone Health

June 4 (Wednesday), 10:30am-12pm, Annual picnic at Oak Ridge Town

Park

#### COLFAX

Shady Grove Wesleyan Church, 119 Bunker Hill Road

May 13 (Tuesday), 10:30am-12pm, Blood Pressure Checks and Health Talk

with Margaret May of Cone Health

June 10 (Tuesday), 10:30am-12pm, Annual picnic at Triad Park in

Kernersville

# STOKESDALE

Stokesdale United Methodist Church, 8305 Loyola Drive

May 8 (Thursday), 10:30am-12pm, Blood Pressure Checks and Health

Talk with Margaret May of Cone Health

June 12 (Thursday), 10:30am-12pm, Luau party

## SUMMERFIELD

Summerfield Community Center, 5404 Centerfield Road

May 15 (Thursday), 10:30am-12pm, Blood Pressure Checks and Health

Talk with Margaret May of Cone Health

June 19 (Thursday), Rescheduled for later date

due to Juneteenth holiday.

#### Dominoes

## Tuesdays & Thursdays at 2pm

Join Earla twice a week for the classic board game, dominoes! No experience required and beginners are welcome.

# Carolina Aging Alliance Pizza Nights

# Second Tuesday of each month at 6pm

Carolina Aging Alliance is a nonprofit organization that advocates for and provides services to LGBTQ+ persons 50 and over. Join us for pizza and a movie in May and pizza and games in June. Sign up is required.

# UNCG's Recipe for Success Cooking Demo

# 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10am

Join Deborah as she leads us in weekly cooking demos on how to make healthy meals and gain knowledge about proper nutrition. Join us in-person or streamed on Facebook Live.

# Virtual Reality

## Wednesdays at 10am

Explore the exciting and engaging world of VR! Learn to use Meta VR headsets with Tina and explore new worlds. Please sign up for this activity by calling 336-373-4816 ext 280.

# Gardening Workshop with Recipe for Success

# Third Wednesday of each month at 11am

Join Kimberly for an educational and interactive gardening workshop. A wide range of topics are covered! These presentations are streamed live on Facebook and can also be enjoyed in-person at the Evergreens Center.

## Donuts with the Director

Last Friday of each month at 10am Join Julie Silverman, Director of the Evergreens Lifestyle Center, for a monthly feedback session.

# Monthly Birthday Celebrations

First Friday of each month at 1pm Join Field Realty/Remax Realty Consultants for a celebration of the month's birthdays with cake!



at the Evergreens Lifestyle Center

Fridays at 1pm

#### May 2:

Fried Green Tomatoes (1991)

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Parrish (1961)

Selected by Pat Davis

May 16:

A Few Good Men (1992)

Selected by Earla Forrester

May 23:

It Happened on 5th Avenue (1947)

Selected by Doris Hoover

May 30:

Michael (1996)

Selected by Holly Sentner

Space is limited! Sign up May 1 by calling 336-373-4816 ext 280

















# FRIDAY FAVORITE MOVIES

**MOVIES SELECTED BY YOU!** 

at the Evergreens Lifestyle Center

Fridays at 1pm

June 6:

Monty Python and the Holy Grail (1975)

Selected by Nick Myers





June 13:

The Way (2010)

Selected by Muriel Prevatt

June 20:

The Help (2011)

Selected by Anonymous







The Goonies (1985)

Selected by Chipper Knuckles

Space is limited! Sign up May 1 by calling 336-373-4816 ext 280











death, it will come for all of us. What do we do with death anxiety and how do we make the most of our days when we're not as spry as we once were? This workshop invites us to take the first steps toward planning for the end -- with honesty and laughter.

MONDAY, MAY 5 AT 3PM

Presented by Holly Lux-Sullivan, leartwood Death Doula and Bereav





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Wednesday, May 7 from 9am - 11am	Basic Computer Skills Topics covered include troubleshooting basic computer challenges and understanding and articulating preferences for basic computer use.	
Wednesday, May 14 from 9am - 11am	Accessing Telehealth Appointments Learn to successfully access and participate in a virtual telehealth appointment.	

Internet Basics Wednesday Learn to navigate an internet browser: June 4 from which terms to use to search; learn when and how to use browser tools and 9am - 11am settings to protect personal internet privacy.

Wednesday. June 11 from 20m - 50m

Office Hours Come with your technology questions!



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Monday, June 23 at 3pm

**Evergreens Lifestyle Center** Lower Level, 1401 Benjamin Parkway



### **CAREGIVER CORNER**

# Tips for Creating a Dementia-Friendly Home

Almost every part of a home can impact the quality of life for someone living with a dementia-related illness and their care partners including wall colors, furniture patterns, and even the patterns on our dishes. The Alzheimer's Foundation of America has a few suggestions for creating a dementia-friendly home. "Most homes were not designed with the needs of someone living with a dementia-related illness in mind, but virtually every aspect of a home can affect the person's quality of life," said AFA President & CEO Charles J Fuschillo, Jr. "From purchasing higher-tech appliances all the way down to labeling dresser drawers and putting up old family photos, there are a variety of adaptations family care partners can use to make their loved one's home more dementia-friendly.

#### Steps that families can take include:

- Being mindful of color choices and contrast. Colors can impact a person's mood; blue often can have a calming effect while brighter colors can be energetic and stimulating. Color contrast is important too as it aids with vision, depth perception, and spatial orientation. Dishware that contrasts with the tablecloth color makes it easier for someone with dementia to see the food on their plate.
- **Providing visual cues.** Labeling is an easy, low-cost adaptation that anyone can make. Consider putting labels on dresser drawers with the name of the contents and a small picture is an effective memory cueing technique.
- Choosing proper lighting. Lighting can affect the body and behavior. Blue light rays stimulate the brain, increase alertness, and elevate energy levels but can also negatively impact sleep quality in the evening. Lights which produce glare can hinder vision for a person with dementia. Flickering lights can increase agitation.
- **Using reminiscent decorations.** Décor and photos can promote familiarity, aid with mood, and assist with recalling memories. Beach/nautical-themed pictures promote positive, happy memories for a person who loves the ocean. Vintage magazines can stimulate memory and remind the person about a familiar time from their past. Family photos reinforce the faces of cherished loved ones.
- **Embracing technology.** Technological tools can provide additional support to care partners, especially if they aren't in the home with the individual living with dementia-related illness. Interactive virtual assistant technology can enable caregivers to schedule reminders and events that will be played audibly for a loved one, such as "its lunch time now" or "time to take your medication."



Adapted from Tips for Creating a Dementia Friendly Home-Alzheimer's Foundation of America

#### **Family Caregiver Program**

#### **Program Eligibility:**

Adult family members/other informal caregivers 18 or older providing care to an individual 60 years of age or older adult family members or other informal caregivers age 18 or older providing care for an individual diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease or other Dementia.

#### **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**

Support Group: 4th Thursday of Each Month Senior Resources of Guilford's Caregiver Library 10am—12pm

Offering resources to individuals 55 and older (not birth or adoptive parents) providing care to children under age of 18.

#### Lunch Break Book Club

May 8—Book Discussion of "Already Toast: Caregiving & Burnout in America" by Kate Washington

June 12—Social Gathering at Stock & Grain Food Hall

Sign up at HospiceofthePiedmont.org/events

#### Memory Café at Jamestown United Methodist Church (403 E Main Street)

Third Tuesday of Each Month

1:30pm—3:30pm

A safe space for caregivers and their loved one to share socialization, entertainment, and valuable information.

#### **Respite Vouchers**

The Respite Voucher program allows family caregivers to take a much-needed break from caring for their loved one. Vouchers can be used at one of three approved in-home care agencies. Eligible family caregivers must be caring for an individual 60 years of age or older or an individual with a dementia diagnosis.



# Meet Ellen Gelpke

Ellen Gelpke has led a fascinating life! Born in Hingham,
Massachusetts, she grew up the youngest of 11 children in
Duxbury, Massachusetts, which was originally part of Plymouth.
Through family history research, it was found that Ellen is related
to the man who financed the Mayflower ship, as well as John

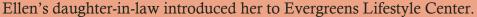


Adams and John Quincy Adams. As a young person, she was active in 4H and showed cows and sheep at county fairs. She also was on a high school debate team

that participated in debating prisoners who had also been taught debate skills. She won a debate competition and was able to go to the United Nations for a week and observe the assembly. Ellen attended Emerson College in Boston and got her degree in speech therapy in 1963, the same year she got married. Speech therapy was a new field but she was soon hired as a speech therapist for 4 elementary schools and a high school. Later, she designed a portable speech therapy van with headphones built into the walls of the van! She embarked on a speaking circuit to teach others how to develop their own speech therapy van.

Ellen has two sons; one who has a lighting company for movies in Hollywood, Atlanta and New York, and one who is a district representative for a pet supply company. She has two grandchildren, and her granddaughter is studying to be a veterinarian.

Ellen owned 3 different businesses during her life, one of which grew out of her kitchen table to a manufacturing facility that employed more than 30 people. Ellen was able to hire people who were on welfare and help them have gainful employment. She also owned 7 children's consignment shops!



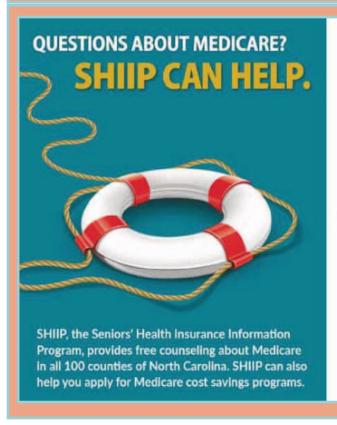


"I was at a point where I was feeling low," said Ellen.
"Evergreens is a place that gives people life, it's almost like you are a kid again," she said. She loves the instructors and says they are tuned in to people so well. In her spare time, Ellen collects Victorian hair ornaments, loves cross stitch, gardening, reading, and supports animal conservation.











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Adults 55 years of age and older are invited to socialize with their peers and participate in a variety of programs. Transportation may be available for adults age 60 and older who are unable to drive through Guilford County Mobility Services and Access Greensboro. There is no fee to attend the Center; however, there may be a fee associated with trips and certain activities. Voluntary contributions are accepted and help us to continue and expand programming. We welcome new programming instructors and all senior clubs and senior group meetings.

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