

PRESS RELEASE

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Get in the Game - Tennis for Rockingham County Youth (age 6-12) is a volunteer-based organization that provides programs and events to promote and develop the growth of tennis in Rockingham County, NC. There are 47 tennis courts and over 6200 children in elementary schools in Rockingham County. During the summer in 2014, there will be over 35 youth tennis activities across the county...a Tennis Family Festival at Farris Memorial Park, tennis clinics in summer camps in Mayodan, Eden and Reidsville, and volunteer coaches training at the Eden Family YMCA and 13 Free USTA Tennis Play Days on tennis courts across the county. Get the game Rockingham County!

Family Tennis Festival, Saturday, May 17 at Farris Memorial Park in Mayodan.

The Family Tennis Festival, led by Caroline Downs, Junior and College League Coordinator, USTA NC, and Rockingham County volunteers is designed to **get kids active and excited about tennis**. Our experienced volunteers will help players, age 6-12 and their family members start playing tennis quickly. No experience necessary. Equipment will be provided. There will be a variety of activities including an obstacle course, tennis bowling, "Buckethead", and tennis drills - volleys and relay on a mini-court. Find us on the basketball court and parking lot near the soccer fields from 10am-1pm. Flyers are posted around Madison and Mayodan, in the four area elementary schools, and on the tennis courts across the county.

USTA Play Days at Carlyle Lewis tennis courts, Madison

USTA Play Days are scheduled for Monday June 23, from 6-8pm and Sunday, June 29, from 4-6pm. [Play Days](#) are designed to introduce players age 6-12 to competition in a fun, low-pressure setting where the emphasis is on participation and effort, not wins and losses. Play Days typically last two to three hours, and allow kids to play multiple matches in a non-elimination setting—all with the goal of enhancing skills and making friends in a fun, social atmosphere. There is no fee for these Play Day events. http://www.usta.com/Youth-Tennis/play_days/

USTA Kids Tennis Clubs

Kids Tennis Clubs will hold weekly tennis clinics in four area summer camps - MMRC, Eden and Reidsville Family Y Summer Fun, and the Boys and Girls Club of Eden.

The **end-of-summer event** on Saturday August 9 will be a one day 10 and Under USTA Tennis Tournament at Eden Family YMCA. Although USTA membership is free to players 10 and under, there will be an online registration fee for this event.

We need volunteers to help teach Rockingham County children to play tennis. Will you help?

On Monday June 9 from 3:30-5:30pm, Andrew Waldrop, Community Training and Training Coordinator for USTA NC, will conduct a **youth coach tennis training workshop** on the courts at the Eden Family Y. This two-hour workshop is free and ages 13 to adult are welcome to attend. The only requirement is a willingness to volunteer time this summer to help children learn to play this sport of a lifetime. No tennis experience is necessary. Equipment is provided.

LIKE our facebook page to stay up to date with youth tennis programs in Rockingham County www.facebook.com/RCyouthtennis

LISTEN to Rockingham County Radio *Community Accents* show on Wednesday, May 15 from 8:30 -9:00 am and rebroadcast at 6:30p to hear a conversation with me and Thad Shermer about tennis for Rockingham County youth.