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# AUGUST



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# SMP AUGUST 2021 CALENDAR INFORMATION SHEET

Please visit <http://smp.mccscherrypoint.com> or call (252) 720-7351 for more information and to sign up!!

Authorized Patrons of ALL abilities are welcomed. Please contact SMP Coordinator if reasonable accommodations are necessary or with any questions.

## IMPORTANT SMP VOLUNTEER NOTES:

### SMP Important Volunteer Notes!!!

- Thank you for your generous donation of time and support to our Community! ☺
- SMP Volunteer Events are open to ALL Active Duty, Dependents, DoD, and their guests.
- LOA's are typically available for all SMP Volunteers within 10 business days of turning in paperwork, at the SMP Coordinator Office, building 3383, behind Mainside Pool.
- The SMP website is updated often with additional volunteer opportunities that are not on this calendar! Please also ensure to check our website for any changes in event details.
- Please pick up an SMP POV Volunteer Log at the SMP Coordinator Office OR you can also access the Volunteer Log at [smp.mccscherrypoint.com](http://smp.mccscherrypoint.com) on the volunteer page, at the very top! Please turn in your completed SMP POV Log to the SMP Coordinator's Office or you can email to [MerloJL@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:MerloJL@usmc-mccs.org) within 14 days, so I can start processing your LOAs. LOAs will be processed once confirmed. SMP is transitioning to providing transportation after COVID, and will update the SMP website ([smp.mccscherrypoint.com](http://smp.mccscherrypoint.com)) as transportation is scheduled.
- Please dress for weather and please bring a water source or any sun protection needed!
- Please check our website for any specific instructions for each event you are interested in. Please note that depending on the event, registration on our website is highly encouraged or required. Due to the ever changing COVID-19 environment, the Cherry Point Single Marine Program is committed to the welfare and morale of our Service Members. With current state restrictions and other safety measures in place, those wishing to volunteer are still encouraged to do so and may contact the SMP Coordinator at 252-720-7351 or our website at [smp.mccscherrypoint.com](http://smp.mccscherrypoint.com). If participating in volunteer events promoted by the SMP, please take note that our program does not and will not assume any liability or responsibility for potential to COVID-19 hazards.
- No USMC, Federal or SMP endorsement implied.

## AUGUST VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

### SMP Featured Volunteer Events of the Month!!!

- Additional Volunteer Opportunities are available on our website! <http://smp.mccscherrypoint.com>. Details subject to change. Registration is encouraged, please so I can contact you if there are any changes ☺
- Friends of the New Bern Public Library (Four dates, Monday 2 August 2021 and Tuesday, 10 August 2021). Assist with this great event at our local library with providing some muscle power for the moving boxes of books! POV only. POC on site will be Joanne Strait
  - 2 and 3 August - Meet at River Mills Professional Storage Center at 0800 (2723 Neuse Blvd. New Bern NC). Will be completed around 1130.
  - 9 and 10 August - Meet at the Family Life Center at St. Paul's Catholic Church at 0800 (3005 Country Club Rd. New Bern NC). Will be completed around 1130.
- **Havelock Police Department's National Night Out (Two shifts, Tuesday, 3 August 2021)**. Volunteer with this annual event (which takes place all over the country) which focuses on unique ways to prevent crime and drug use! Please wear weather appropriate civilian attire, closed toed shoes, and bring water source and sun protection if needed. POC on site will be Havelock Police Captain Morning.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Shift: **Transportation available**. Assist with event set-up! Please meet at the Roadhouse parking lot at 0730; will return around 1200.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift: POV only but within walking distance of front gate. Assist with parking, traffic control, and event tear down! POV only. Meet at Walter B. Jones Park at 1445 (2 Governmental Ave., Havelock NC – next to Havelock Police Station). This is within walking distance of the front gate. Will be completed prior to 2130.
- **Salute to our Veterans Dinner (Tuesday, 10 August 2021)**. Enjoy a great dinner and swapping stories with fellow Veterans and Community members! **Transportation available**. Meet at the Roadhouse at 1700. Attire is appropriate civilian business attire (slacks or appropriate length skirt/dress, collared shirt or blouse) HOWEVER, appropriate jeans are perfectly acceptable. Please see SMP website for additional details, pending MCCS Sponsorship as of 8/1/21. Opportunity is open to active duty service members.
- **Stuff the Bus (Saturday, 14 August 2021)**. Help Partners in Education with filling the bus with school supplies for Craven County Schools' students in need! Meet at Staples parking lot, 3230 Dr. M.L.K. Jr. Blvd, New Bern NC at 1000; will conclude at 1400. Please wear school appropriate civilian attire, closed toed shoes, and bring water source and sun protection if needed. POC on site will be Darlene Brown.
- **RCS Food Distro (Saturday, 14 August 2021)**. Assist with staining the deck! POV only. Please see SMP website for additional details.
- **ORIENTAL DRAGON BOAT RACES (Practice on Friday, 20 August 2021 and Race on Saturday, 21 August 2021): Transportation provided! We're looking for Warriors to take glory in the Dragon Boat Races!!** Can register as a group (perfect unit volunteer SMP PME or PT or unit team building idea) or as an individual! And yes, you will be racing!! Teams have 20 and 1 drummer, with 2 alternates recommended. LOA's, water, t-shirt and transportation provided. Please wear weather appropriate civilian attire; shorts/swim trunks and t-shirt recommended. You will get wet ☺ Please bring closed toed shoes/water shoes for race, but you are welcome to wear flip flops otherwise! Breakfast biscuits will be provided on Saturday, and you can bring your lunch or you can bring money to purchase food on site on Saturday. Water will be provided. Please bring a plastic bag or waterproof case for your phone!
  - Friday, 20 August: Mandatory practice ☺ Meet at the Roadhouse parking lot at 1230; will return to base around 1700. Transportation available.
  - Saturday, 21 August: RACE!!! Meet at the Roadhouse parking lot at 0600. Will return to base around 1700. Transportation available.
  - Volunteer individually or small group or as a unit/squadron/section/department! 21 people per team, individuals and smaller groups will be grouped for a full team!
- **Tryon Palace Live and Local (Saturday, 21 August)**. Assist Tryon Palace with Live and Local, by helping with parking. They are looking for two volunteers to stand outside the entrance and direct overflow parking to other parking locations. Pre-registration is required directly with Pam Gray at 252-639-3501 or [pam.gray@ncdcr.gov](mailto:pam.gray@ncdcr.gov). POV only. Please meet at the North Carolina History Center at Tryon Palace located at 529 S. Front St. New Bern NC at 1500; will be completed around 2145. Dinner will be provided!
- **Fort Macon State Park Beach Clean Up and Special Projects (Friday 27 August; POV only unless noted differently on website)**. Volunteer to assist with a beach clean-up or special project! Meet at the Roadhouse parking lot at 0800; will be completed around 1200. Please wear long pants and closed toed shoes/boots and bring shorts. Please bring water source and sun protection, if needed.
- **Veterans Organic Garden (every Wednesday and Saturday, weather permitting; POV only unless noted differently on website)**. Volunteer to assist the Veterans Organic Garden in New Bern with a variety of planting and special projects! Veterans Organic Garden assists our homeless and disadvantaged Veterans. Please wear long pants, closed toed shoes/boots, and weather appropriate civilian attire. Please bring hat, sunscreen, bug spray, and water source. POV only. Meet at 1235 Pollock St. New Bern NC 28560 at 0900. Will conclude approximately at 1200. If it's raining, event will be cancelled.
- **Animal Shelter (every Saturday; POV only unless noted differently on website)**. Assist with walking the dogs, special projects, and cleaning. POV only. Meet at the Carteret County Humane Society Animal Shelter located at 853 Hibbs Rd, Newport NC 28570 at 0800; will conclude around 1130, but you can also volunteer longer if desired! Other days of the week available to volunteer as well.
- **Outer Banks Wildlife Shelter (POV only; available 7 days a week)**. Please see our SMP website for more information.
- **Craven County Habitat for Humanity (any day Tuesday through Saturday; POV only unless noted differently on website)**. Assist with Habitat's newest builds and projects in New Bern! For all details, meeting locations, and times, please visit <https://cravencountyhabitat.charityproud.org/VolunteerRegistration/Calendar>. Preregistration on Habitat's website required ☺ Please wear closed toed shoes, and weather appropriate civilian attire. All PPE will be provided.
- **Normandy Military Museum Restoration (on-going; typically Saturdays)**. Love history? Want to help save our WWII history and other military history?!! Learn how to restore some of the coolest artifacts and VEHICLES at the Newport Normandy Military Museum. POV only; please contact Frank at [Normandy@ec.rr.com](mailto:Normandy@ec.rr.com) for questions or to register.
- **SMP Base Clean-ups**. Information on unit SMP base clean-ups is available; please see SMP Website: <http://smp.mccscherrypoint.com>
- **SMP Virtual Volunteering (any day/time)**. Shoot a short video or pic with a positive message to residents at our local Skilled Nursing facilities. Keep video to 5 MB or less (resize with free app such as Compress). Email video/photo, rank, name, unit to [MerloJL@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:MerloJL@usmc-mccs.org). You can keep it simple or get creative (with signs or props too) and please keep OPSEC in mind. Thank you for all of your support and time! Have questions or need assistance? Contact Jen Merlo at [MerloJL@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:MerloJL@usmc-mccs.org). All instruction and details can be found on our website: <http://smp.mccscherrypoint.com>
- **MCCS Youth Sports Coaching (on-going)**. Volunteer on base as a Youth Sports Coach! Currently needing volunteers for Cheer Coaching; other sports are right around the corner too! Please contact David or Cassie (Youth Sports) at 252-466-5493. Volunteering is typically 3 to 5 hours per week.
- **Autocross Volunteering! (Saturday, 18 September and/or Sunday, 19 September 2021)**. Volunteer to assist with course operations at Fox Trot Taxiway! Additional details on our SMP website.
- **MCA's Cherry Point Airshow SMP Volunteering (Wednesday, 21 September; Saturday, 25 September and Sunday 26 September)**. Support the SMP Council and volunteer with SMP in the Chalets! Please note that times may shift slightly. LOA's will be provided for each date you volunteer and we appreciate your support!
  - Wednesday, 9/21: Times TBA. (approximately 15 volunteers to assist with set-up)
  - Saturday, 9/25; 0730-1730 (30 volunteers to assist in the Chalets)
  - Sunday, 9/26; 0730-1730 (30 volunteers to assist in the Chalets)

## SMP DAYS OF SERVICE IS COMING UP 12 THROUGH 18 SEPTEMBER!! PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE (SMP.MCCSCHERRYPOINT.COM) FOR VOLUNTEER EVENTS!!!

## UPCOMING TRIPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS:

### SMP Featured Trips and Events!!!

- Other trips are currently being scheduled, so please check back on our SMP website ([smp.mccscherrypoint.com](http://smp.mccscherrypoint.com))! Please call or email SMP Coordinator at 252-720-7351 or [MerloJL@usmc-mccs.org](mailto:MerloJL@usmc-mccs.org) if you have any recommendations or call 252-720-7351 with any questions!
- **UFC 265 Fight Night! (Saturday, 7 August 2021, Roadhouse)**. Free pizza, wings, and beverages will be served at 2000 while supplies last! Lewis vs Gane, Nunes vs. Pena, Aldo vs Munhoz, Chiesa vs Luque, and many more! Prelims kick off at 2000; main event is at 2200.
- **SMP Council Meeting (Thursday, 26 August at 1400, Station Theatre)**. SMP is YOUR program, so come fill us in on your recreation ideas, volunteering ideas, and QOL concerns.
- **Military Appreciation Day Deep Sea Fishing Trip SAVE THE DATE! (Saturday, 11 September 2021 – Free)**. Transportation is available and recommended ☺
- **Autocross! POV only. (Saturday, 18 September and/or Sunday, 19 September 2021)**. Enjoy this fast-paced event on Fox Trot Taxiway! Open to all active duty, retired, dependents, DoD, and properly vetted civilians! Drivers and spectators welcomed! Volunteer opportunities will be available. Drivers - Pre-registration required online at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com) by 0700 on Monday, 13 September. Authorized patrons can also register day of, with a \$10 late fee. OPEN TO ALL (Active Duty, Retired, dependents, DoD, and properly vetted civilians). Please see links on our SMP website for descriptions and all additional registration details. \*\*\*Saturday's event is regular Autocross and Sunday's event is Novice School. (Novices are welcome to attend both days!).
- **Cypress Landing Military Appreciation Day Golf Outing SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, 25 September 2021. Free**. Due to Airshow Operations, transportation will not be available.
- **Bible Discussion Group!** Every Tuesday at 1900 in the Roadhouse reading room.
- **Thursday Poker Nights at the Roadhouse at 1900!** Prizes awarded! No buy-in needed ☺
- **Fridays! Karaoke!** Starts at 1900 at the Roadhouse!

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