



# Water Fun Abounds at Lake Junalsuka

Nothing beats long summer days at Lake Junaluska on the water, from leisurely canoe trips to floating at the lakeside pool with friends and family. Swans and ducks glide by. Guests fish from the pier. Children laugh and splash. For many, there's just something about being out on the water at Lake Junaluska that brings a touch of fun and adventure while also soothing the soul.

Wilson Booth, director of youth programming and recreation, said Lake Junaluska is an ideal location for family-friendly water fun. Lake Junaluska Outfitters offers kayak, canoe and paddleboard rentals, and the lake is a good place for beginners to try the sport. Outfitters staff equip guests with their rental watercraft, PFDs and paddles, and help launch them from the beach.

"On the calm water here at Lake Junaluska, you are able to enjoy some of the best views in Western North Carolina and never be out of sight from where you started," said Booth.

Another water activity to beat the heat is taking a plunge at the Lake Junaluska pool, which is uniquely surrounded by the lake on three sides. A pool has been part of recreational amenities at Lake Junaluska since 1954 and swimming has long been a popular summer activity for residents and visitors.

Guests can also soak up the summer sunshine on a guided 45-minute boat tour aboard the historic *Cherokee IV* pontoon boat. The guided boat tours depart from the dock behind the Harrell Center. Along the excursion, tour guides talk about the history of Lake Junaluska and the wildlife seen at the lake. The relaxing boat tour is perfect for learning about Lake Junaluska or enjoying the beautiful scenery.

"Whether it be a relaxing lake cruise on the pontoon boat or a leisurely paddle in a canoe, kayak, or on a paddleboard, connecting with Lake Junaluska from the water is a valuable and memorable experience for every generation at Lake Junaluska," said Booth. "You will get to enjoy views of the grounds, wildlife and the Lake Junaluska Cross from a point of view that can only be experienced from a boat on the water."

To learn more, book a guided lake cruise or reserve a canoe, kayak or paddleboard, visit lakejunaluska.com/play.





Wilson Booth cleans the *Cherokee IV* for summer boat tours.



Lake Junaluska lodging guests enjoy complimentary access to the pool, and lake visitors can purchase day passes or summer activity passes.



#### Lake Junaluska Outfitters



The pool offers complimentary access to Lake Junaluska lodging guests. Daily Activity Passes are \$10 per person per day and \$30 per immediate family per day (\$5 additional per person after 4 people), and include pool access, mini golf and shuffleboard/cornhole. **Hours for July 15-July 22** 

10 a.m.-8 p.m. Daily, weather permitting The pool will close at 6 p.m. on Sun. for a private event lakejunaluska.com/pool



Reservations for paddleboard, kayak and canoe rentals can be made online or in person at the Outfitters window. Rentals are \$10 per person for one hour (Off-Peak Hours); \$15 per person for one hour (1-5 p.m.) **Hours for July 15-July 22** 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Daily *lakejunaluska.com/kayak* 



Our guided lake cruises are \$10 per person, \$5 ages 4-12 and under 3 free. Tickets can be purchased at ljrec.org, the Outfitters window or by cash only at the dock. **Hours for July 15-July 22** Thurs., Fri., Sat. & Sun. - 1, 3, 5 & 7 p.m. (weather permitting) *lakejunaluska.com/lake-cruises* 

## Lake Junaluska Golf Course



The golf course is 18 holes with a challenging par 68 making it perfect for tournaments or just a round with friends and family. **Hours for July 15-July 22** 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. & 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sun. *lakejunaluska.com/golf* 

### Junaluska Gifts & Grounds



Shop for unique gifts and enjoy specialty lattes, coffee, smoothies, ice cream and more. **Hours for July 15-July 22** 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Sat. & 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. *lakejunaluska.com/gifts-grounds* 

### Crepe & Custard



Enjoy sweet and savory crepes and rich, creamy custard with a beautiful view overlooking the lake. **Hours for July 15-July 22** 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Daily crepeandcustard.com

#### **Upcoming Events**

July 17 Summer Worship Series with the Rev. Paul Christy 9 a.m. | Lakeside Tent

**July 18** *Morning Devotion* 8:30 a.m. | Harrell Center Lakeside Porch

July 19 Devotion, Prayer & Lakeside Walk or Run 8 a.m. | Memorial Chapel

> **July 19** How to Develop a Prayer Life with the Rev. Jennifer Forrester 10 a.m. | Junaluska Cross

**July 19** *Mixed Level Flow Yoga* 6:30 p.m. | Inspiration Point | \$10

> July 20 Prayer & Lake Run/Walk with the Rev. Paul Christy 8 a.m. | Memorial Chapel

**July 20** *QiGong* 5:30 p.m. | Lawn near Memorial Chapel | \$15

July 21 Prayer & Lake Run/Walk with the Rev. Paul Christy 8 a.m. | Memorial Chapel

July 21 Faith and Vision with the Rev. Jennifer Forrester, the Rev. Paul Christy & the Rev. Zack Christy 10 a.m. | Harrell Center 202

> **July 21** *Gentle Yoga* 10:30 a.m. | Inspiration Point | \$10

**July 21** Bonfire 8 p.m. | Shackford Firepit | Free

> July 22 Prayer Service with the Rev. Paul Christy 8 a.m. | Memorial Chapel

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The mission of Lake Junaluska is to be a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind and body.