

BACK TO SCHOOL

# A 'family day for the kids'

Parks department provides fun time before school year begins

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The Winston Lake Family Day on Sunday, Aug. 16, at Winston Lake Park was different from last year's, when the rain forced organizers to move inside. Although it was hot, families enjoyed the entertainment, games, vendors, food and fun outside.

Free school supplies were distributed while they lasted.

Sharon Johnson said she was at the event with her grandchildren. "It's a family day for the kids," she said. She was checking out the Triad Community Kitchen table, which offered information about its culinary program. It is a program of Second Harvest Food Bank.

Reagan Byers, 8, and Cyveene Caines, 7, were designing shoes at the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) table at Family Day. Denise Johnson, associate professor of middle grades education at Winston-Salem State University, was in charge of the STEM area. She said WSSU wanted to highlight its STEM programs in the community by attending Family Day. She said Wake Forest University's Innovation Quarter is working with one of them.

Entertainment included tap dancers, a youth troupe with Winston-Salem Performing Arts Alliance, soloists and the Mo Lucas Kids Foundation entertainers.

There were also family games with prizes.

The free annual event was organized by Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks and sponsored by the Josh Howard Foundation and Urban Action Community Development of the American Communities Trust.



Jennifer Smoot dances with her daughter Shanovia Smoot as the Marlita Diamond, Snappy Tappers dance to the song "Let's Twist Again, Like We Did Last Summer" during the Winston Lake Family Day on Sunday, Aug. 16, at Winston Lake Park.



Photos by Donna Rogers  
People enjoy entertainment, mingle or find time by themselves during the Winston Lake Family Day on Sunday, Aug. 16, at Winston Lake Park.



Wei Xie helps his son Edmune Xie, 8, in the family games provided during Winston Lake Family Day on Sunday, Aug. 16, at Winston Lake Park. The Xie family won the family games competition among 20 families who registered for the games.



Jesus Medina Rodriguez, 6, front, and Jasmine Zhu, 8, try to put cookies into their mouths from their faces without using hands during the family games at the Winston Lake Family Day on Sunday, Aug. 16, at Winston Lake Park. Jesus helped his family advance to the finals. The Xie family won the family games.

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