



FOR THE ATHLETE
& ARTIST IN
YOU!

WITH OVER 70
ATHLETIC EVENTS & ARTS CATEGORIES,
BC GATOR SG & SILVERARTS
HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Events held
April 8-May 15

Entry fee: \$20

Entry begins: Feb 1st

Last day to enter via paper entry: 3/11

Last day to enter online: 3/18

HOW TO ENTER ONLINE

Beginning 2/1/26, enter online at torch.ncseniorgames.org or scan QR code below. Sign up online until the deadline of 3/18/26.

It is each participant's responsibility to ensure event partners are entered by the deadline.

North Carolina
Senior Games

BRUNSWICK COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION



Town of
Leland
Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources



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HOUSE OF PICKLEBALL



2026 NC STATE FINALS ELIGIBILITY

ARTS

The following qualify for State Finals:

- 1st place (overall winner) in Performing Arts (Follies).
- 1st place per size category in Cheerleading.
- 1st and 2nd place entries in each Literary Arts sub-category, provided the places are not won by the same artist (i.e. only one entry by the same artist per sub-category).
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place entries in each Visual Arts and Heritage Arts sub-category, provided the places are not won by the same artist (i.e. only one entry by the same artist per sub-category).

Refer to the 2026 NCSG SilverArts Booklet for details at ncseniorgames.org/silverarts.

ATHLETICS

The top 3 male and female qualifiers in each official NCSG athletic/event in every age category will be eligible to participate in State Finals except:

- All participants who complete in Fun Walk, Football Throw, and Basketball Shooting will qualify.
- **Teams:** The 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place teams per the team sport age category will qualify.

Refer to the 2026 NCSG Rules Book for details at ncseniorgames.org/sports.

2026 NC STATE FINALS

2026 State Finals will largely be held in Raleigh, NC, September 14–20, 2026. Other events are held at various locations/times across NC through early November. For tentative State Finals schedule and to register, visit ncseniorgames.org (see ABOUT, then CALENDAR).

The deadline to enter State Finals is August 1, 2026, at 11:59 pm.

National Senior Games is offered every two years for State Finals qualifiers. 2026 is a qualifying year for the 2027 National Senior Games to be held in Tulsa, Ok. For more info, visit nsga.com.

NCSG STATEMENT OF INCLUSION

North Carolina Senior Games, Inc. does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, veteran status, marital status, family status or other items protected by law. This policy applies to all employees, volunteers, participants and spectators and any other individuals involved with a North Carolina Senior Games program.

**North Carolina
Senior Games**



This program is sanctioned by
North Carolina Senior Games, Inc.
NCSG, Inc. is sponsored
statewide by the
NC Division of Aging and
Adult Services.

For more info, contact Khrystye Haselden,

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Brunswick County Gator
Senior Games & SilverArts
910.253.2670 or 800.222.4670
or email at k.haselden@brunswickcountync.gov or khrystye.haselden@brunswickcountync.gov or visit bcparks.recdesk.com and ncseniorgames.org**

2026 ATHLETICS INFO

Pickleball

- Participants are required to supply their own racquet. Balls will be provided.
Participants will be notified of reporting times prior to the event day by email.

Table Tennis

- Participants should wear solid colored clothing. No white/multi-colored clothing will be allowed. Participants are required to supply their own racquet. Balls will be provided.

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REMINDER

- To promote total health and physical fitness, events of longer durations and lower intensity are strongly recommended. High-intensity types of activities are offered primarily for the conditioned, trained athlete.

ATHLETIC EVENTS OFFERED

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

| | |
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| Billiards | 200 Backstroke |
| Disc Golf | 100 Freestyle |
| Mini Golf | 50 Backstroke |
| <u>Swim Events</u> (enter up to 4 events) | 200 Ind. Medley |
| 200 Freestyle | 100 Backstroke |
| 100 Breaststroke | 200 Breaststroke |
| 100 Butterfly | 50 Butterfly |
| 50 Freestyle | 200 Butterfly |
| 100 Ind. Medley | 500 Butterfly |
| 400 Ind. Medley | |
| 50 Breaststroke | |

Opening Day Events

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| Cornhole |
| Football Throw |
| Basketball Shoot |
| Fun Walk (1 mile) |

PARTNER EVENTS

SINGLES/DOUBLES/MIXED DOUBLES

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| Bowling |
| Pickleball |
| Table Tennis |
| Tennis |

*Age (as of 12/31/2026) of YOUNGER partner determines age category.

Tournament Day Events*

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| Bocce |
| Shuffleboard |
| * These events take place at the same time. Sign up for both! |

TEAM EVENTS

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| 3-on-3 Basketball |
| Softball |

BE READY FOR YOUR SG ATHLETIC EVENTS

Arrive at the event location 15 minutes before the event begins or before scheduled event time. Each participant **MUST** have a photo ID available for check-in each day at every event. Upon arrival, check-in with the event manager.

Rain/Inclement Weather Policy: In the case of inclement weather, some events will be rescheduled, other events will still be held due to staffing, venue, etc. **CHECK BRUNSWICK COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION FACEBOOK PAGE** and/or your **EMAIL** for updates.

2026 SILVERARTS GENERAL INFO

***Entries must be the original work of the artist and must have been completed within 2 years of local games' submission date.**

Heritage/Visual Artwork Entries:

Artists must enter by deadline and indicate number of entries and sub-category. "Untitled" can be used if artwork has not yet been completed. Once registered, artists may change the entry and/or title of entry prior to and on day of check-in at Leland Cultural Art Center. Sub-category entered cannot be changed.

"Local Only" Sub-Category:

If the appropriate subcategory for an art entry is not offered/sanctioned by NC Senior Games, Inc., artists can enter artwork in the "Local Only" sub-categories. "Local Only" subcategories include Paper Arts (Heritage Arts) and Metalworking (Visual Arts). Art entries in "Local Only" will be judged and awarded ribbons but will not qualify to be entered at State Finals.

Submission of Heritage/Visual Artwork:

After online/paper entry, check-in for Visual and/or Heritage Art Entries will be held at Leland Cultural Arts Center between 9:30am-11am on Monday, April 20, 2026. Bring your entry to the door facing the front on the far right side of the Center.

Submission of Literary Art Entries:

Artists must enter by deadline and indicate number of entries and sub-category. "Untitled" can be used if entry has not yet been completed. All Literary Art entries must be submitted by 11:59 pm on Monday, April 6, 2026. Submit literary art entries by email at k.haselden@brunswickcountync.gov or a paper copy can be submitted in person/mailed to BC Parks and Recreation (PO Box 249/20 Referendum Drive, Bldg G, Bolivia, 28422).

Judging:

Judging for Heritage/Visual/Literary Arts will be completed on April 20, 2026. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be displayed in each category/subcategory of Heritage, Visual, and Literary Arts. **Unlike Athletic events, judging for SilverArts is not based on age categories.** Entries are judged by category/sub-category.

FREE Public Viewing of SilverArts Showcase:

SilverArts Showcase will open for public viewing at the Leland Cultural Arts Center Gallery beginning Monday, April 20 (3pm-9 pm), and will continue April 21 (9 am- 9 pm), April 22 (9 am- 9 pm), and will close on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 9pm. SilverArts Showcase is FREE and open to the public.

Artwork Pick-up & ARTISTS' SOCIAL/COFFEE & CONVERSATION HOUR:

All artwork must be picked up April 24, between 11am-12pm. **Early pick-up is not permitted.** Receipt is required and will be checked for pick-up of art entries. BC Gator SG & SilverArts will not be responsible for art entries left after 12pm on pick-up day. All participants are welcome to attend our Artists' Social "Coffee & Conversation Hour" to meet fellow artists and enjoy a last look at the SilverArts Showcase (see below).



FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

LELAND CULTURAL ART CENTER

910.253.2670

BCPARKS.RECDESK.COM

2026 Category Requirements for SilverArts (H/V/L)

- All persons entering SilverArts must be 50 years or over as of December 31st, a N.C. resident for a minimum of 3 consecutive months of the calendar year, and must qualify through a local Sr Games SilverArts for State Finals.
- Art entry/entries incorrectly categorized by the artist, or not in compliance with NCSG Guidelines will not be considered in the judging process.
- Entries must be the original work of the artist and must have been completed within 2 years of local games' submission date.
- State Finals Qualification: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place qualifiers in Heritage and Visual Arts; 1st and 2nd place qualifiers in Literary Arts; One Act/Entry in Performing Arts.

Heritage Arts

- Originality: Entries must be the work of the individual, not a group. Must be original work; patterns are allowed, but no stamped pieces, kits (Diamond Art, Latch Hook, etc.), or commercially produced items.
- Pottery: Must be hand built or thrown; no ceramic molds.
- Display: Framed entries must be securely wired (no serrated hooks/string). Max size: 36" x 42" including mat/frame.
- Non-framed work must fit in a 3' x 3' x 4' area.
- Limits: Max weight 50 lbs. Groupings (sets) limited to 3 related pieces.
- Logistics: Artist name and title must be attached.
- State Finals: Entry must be the same piece that won at Local Games. Limit one entry per sub-category.
- Artists or their representatives handle delivery and pick-up.

Literary Arts

- Prose (Essays, Life Experience, and Short Stories) must be typed, double-spaced on 8-1/2 x 11" paper, 1" margins, 10-pt minimum font (Times New Roman or Arial) and be no more than 8 pages.
- Poetry: Typed on 8-1/2 x 11" paper, 1" margins, 10-pt minimum font (Times New Roman or Arial). Double spacing is not required. Maximum of 40 lines.
- Title Page: Must include title, sub-category, and artist name. Artist's name must not appear on content pages.
- Submission: One display-quality copy (PDF if online) required with registration. No framed/matted entries. NCSG retains all copies.
- State Finals: Entry must be the same piece that won at Local Games. Limit one entry per sub-category.

Visual Arts

- Originality: Must be original work, not a print. No kits or pre-cut/commercially produced items.
- Photography: Category (Film/Digital) is determined by the medium used to record the image.
- Display: All work (except free-standing) must be framed or gallery wrapped and securely wired (no serrated hooks/string). Max size: 36" x 42".
- Free-Standing: Includes Sculpture, Mixed Media, and Digital Art; must fit in a 3' x 3' x 4' area.
- Limits: Max weight 50 lbs. Sets limited to 3 related pieces.
- Logistics: Artist name and title must be attached. Onsite assembly requires prior approval.
- State Finals: Entry must be the same piece that won at Local Games. Limit one entry per sub-category. Onsite assembly requires NCSG prior approval.
- Artists or their representatives handle delivery and pick-up.

***ADDITIONAL INFO: see ncseniorgames.org/silverarts, (see SILVERARTS BOOKLET).**

2026 SilverArts Categories and Subcategories

DEFINITIONS

Heritage Arts

- **Basket Weaving:** Interlacing pliable materials like reeds or grasses into 3D containers.
- **Crocheting:** Creating fabric by using a single hooked needle to interconnect yarn loops.
- **General Fiber Arts:** Art using natural or synthetic fibers; must include a technique like sewing, felting, or knitting.
- **Jewelry:** Designing wearable adornments using metals, beads, gemstones, or other decorative media.
- **Knitting:** Producing fabric by using needles to intermesh loops of yarn in a structured sequence.
- **Needlework:** Decorative textile crafts worked with a needle, such as embroidery or needlepoint.
- **Pottery (Thrown & Hand Built):** Clay objects shaped by hand or wheel and hardened by heat.
- **Quilting (Hand Stitched):** Quilts constructed and finished using only hand-stitching.
- **Quilting (Machine Stitched):** Quilts constructed using any amount of machine stitching.
- **Stained Glass:** Cutting and joining colored glass with lead or foil to create patterns.
- **Tole/Decorative Painting:** Folk art painting of designs on tin, wood, or household objects.
- **Weaving:** Interlacing threads on a loom; includes the craft of chair caning.
- **Woodcarving:** Shaping wood by cutting or burning (includes wood burning/pyrography).
- **Woodturning:** Using a lathe to rotate wood while using tools to cut symmetrical shapes.
- **Woodworking:** Building or joining wood for functional or decorative items; the primary category for wood art that is not carved or turned.

Literary Arts

- **Essays (Not Autobiographical):** Nonfiction writing examining a specific theme or academic topic.
- **Life Experiences (Autobiographical):** A personal narrative written by the author about their own life.
- **Poems:** Writing characterized by rhythm and imagery, often arranged in stanzas.
- **Short Stories (Fiction):** Brief prose focusing on a self-contained incident or narrative.

Visual Arts

- **Acrylics:** Paintings using fast-drying pigments in an acrylic polymer emulsion.
- **Digital Art:** Art created via technology, including digital painting and photomanipulation.
- **Drawing:** Creating marks on a surface using tools like pencils, charcoal, or ink.
- **Mixed Media 2D:** Multi-medium art (paint, cloth, etc.) viewed from one side, like collages.
- **Mixed Media 3D:** Multi-medium art viewed from multiple sides or in the round, like sculpture.
- **Oil:** Artworks using pigments bound with drying oil, such as linseed.
- **Pastels:** Art created using sticks of powdered pigment bound with gum or resin.
- **Photography – Digital:** Images captured and recorded via digital sensors.
- **Photography – Film:** Images captured and recorded via light-sensitive chemical film.
- **Sculpture:** Shaping figures in 3D by carving, modeling, casting, or welding.
- **Watercolor:** Painting using pigments suspended in a water-based solution.

Performing Arts

- **Comedy/Drama:** A solo or group performance of a monologue, scene, or skit, either humorous or dramatic.
- **Dance:** A rhythmic stage performance in any style (ballet, tap, jazz, etc.), excluding line dancing.
- **Instrumental:** A musical performance using one or more instruments without vocal accompaniment.
- **Line Dancing:** A choreographed dance with repeated steps, performed by a group in one or more lines.
- **Vocal:** A musical performance focusing on singing, performed a cappella or with instrumental backing.

SILVERARTS PERFORMING ARTS (FOLLIES)/CHEER INFO

Performing Artists

- SOLO PERFORMERS/ PERFORMING ARTS GROUP LEADERS must submit a brief introduction for use at Follies Show by 5/4/26. Email k.haselden@brunswickcountync.gov
- PERFORMING ARTS GROUP LEADERS must email list with names of all performers (group members/accompanists) to k.haselden@brunswickcountync.gov. All performers, group members and accompanists must be over the age of 50 and must register as SilverArts participants.

Rehearsal for Performing Artists/Cheer Teams

- All participants in SILVERARTS FOLLIES SHOW are strongly encouraged to attend the SA Follies performance rehearsal on Friday, May 15, 2026, at 8:30 am at Leland Cultural Arts Center. Performers/Cheer Teams not present by 8:30am, will not be allowed to rehearse.
- An additional/optional rehearsal will also be held on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 2pm, at Leland Cultural Arts Center.

Cheer Teams

- CHEER TEAM LEADERS must submit a brief introduction for use at Follies Show by 5/4/26. Email k.haselden@brunswickcountync.gov
- Cheer Teams will PERFORM at Opening Ceremony & COMPETE at Follies Show.

Performing Arts (Follies) & Cheer Awards

- Artists/Cheer teams will compete and 1st, 2nd, 3rd place medals will be awarded during the Celebration of the Games featuring the SilverArts Follies, on Friday, May 15, 2026.
- 1st place overall winner in performing arts qualifies to represent BC Gator SG & SA in Raleigh at NC State Finals SilverArts Follies (September 2026).
- 1st place cheer team in each size category qualifies to represent BC Gator SG & SA in Raleigh at NC State Finals Cheerleader Showcase (September 2026).

Specific Category Requirements for Performing Arts

- Timing: 3-minute max on-stage time. Timing starts at first note/movement and ends at final note/movement. Exceeding limit results in disqualification.
- Acts: Soloists, small groups (2-4), or large groups (5+). All performers must be age 50+ and registered participants. Limit one entry per size of act per sub-category.
- Music: MP3 files only (electronic or flash drive). CDs not accepted. No recorded instructions. Voice must be live; lip-syncing is prohibited.
- Stage: Performers must enter/exit stage left or begin/end on stage.
- Equipment provided: chairs, microphones, piano (State Finals only), and sound. Props must be few, lightweight, and pre-approved (in advance).
- Registration: All members must submit personal Entry Forms. State Finals only-Group Leaders must submit an Information Form with entry.
- State Finals: Performance must be the same (song, dance, etc.) as Local Games winner. No live animals (except service animals).

Performing Arts (Follies) Categories Offered

New for
2026 **Cheer**

(1) team per size category can qualify for State Finals

Vocal Dance Drama/Comedy
Line Dance Instrumental

YOU ARE INVITED...

OPENING CEREMONY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026

10:30 AM

TOWN CREEK PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
6420 OCEAN HWY E/HWY 17, WINNABOW

ENJOY BREAKFAST
& PICK UP YOUR T-SHIRT

COME HELP US OFFICIALLY KICK-OFF OUR GAMES!

ALL ARTISTS & ATHLETES INVITED TO ATTEND
NO RSVP NEEDED

Celebration of the Games Reception ^{featuring the} SilverArts Follies

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

11:00 AM

LELAND CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
1212 MAGNOLIA VILLAGE WAY

JOIN US FOR FESTIVITIES & FOOD AS
WE HONOR ALL OUR 2026 PARTICIPANTS!



RSVP BY MAY 7
CALL 910.253.2670

ALL ARTISTS & ATHLETES
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
WITH FAMILY/FRIENDS

WEAR YOUR MEDALS & RIBBONS!

2026 APRIL EVENTS CALENDAR

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2026 EVENTS CALENDAR

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| FRI | 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL 11:30 AM (CHECK-IN/PRACTICE) 12:00 PM DINAH E. GORE SPORTS & AQUATICS COMPLEX | TABLE TENNIS 9:30 AM (CHECK-IN/PRACTICE) 10:00 AM HOMER E. WRIGHT EVENT CENTER | 9 BOWLING DOUBLES 10 AM SINGLES 12 PM MIXED DOUBLES 1:30 PM 10 AM-3:30 PM PLANET FUN |
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2026 EVENT LOCATIONS/ADDRESSES

- *Brunswick Center at Shallotte
3620 Express Drive, Shallotte
- *Brunswick County Park & Recreation
20 Referendum Drive, Bldg G, Bolivia
- *Dinah E. Gore Sports & Aquatics Complex
Brunswick Comm College, 50 College Rd, Bolivia
- *Homer E. Wright Event Center
4136 Southport Supply Rd SE, St. James
- *House of Pickleball (HOP)
115 Long Pine Drive, Leland

- *Leland Cultural Arts Center
1212 Magnolia Village Way, Leland
- *Leland Disc Golf Course
893 Village Rd NE, Leland
- *Planet Fun
349 Whiteville Rd NW, Shallotte
- *Smithville Park
8340 River Rd SE, Southport
- *The Golf Barn
7 Bell Swamp Connection NE, Winnabow
- *Town Creek Park
6420 Ocean Hwy East/Hwy 17, Winnabow