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**Cape Charles Presents Summer Slam Basketball Tournaments**

The Town of Cape Charles and local businesses are sponsoring three Saturday Summer Slam Basketball Tournaments for kids ages 8 to 18. Tournaments will feature Double Elimination Team Playoffs for ages 13 – 18; Shoot around Contests for ages 8 to 12 and Free Throw Shooting Contests for all youth. Trophies will be awarded to winning teams and individuals. Food Vendors will be available for spectators and players.

Tournament dates are: Saturday, July 19; Saturday, August 2; and Saturday, August 23 and will run from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. The tournaments will be held at the basketball courts at Cape Charles Town Park. Advanced registration is required to participate in Team Playoffs. Participants in Shoot Around and Free Throw Contests may register on site.

The Town of Cape Charles has established a Committee on Children and Youth (CCCCY) to develop new initiatives and activities for area youth. Cape Charles Mayor Dora Sullivan has declared this year “The Year of Children and Youth in Cape Charles.” The Summer Slam Basketball Tournaments are part of a series of new youth activities and events sponsored by the Town.

Other new activities and programs include Teen Movie Nights at the Northampton Memorial Library, teen dances and cookouts, field trips to points of interest on and off the Eastern Shore, and a new Youth Mentoring Program. The Cape Charles Committee on Children and Youth has also worked with youth to form the New Generation Youth Club which provides youth leadership opportunities during out-of-school time.

Eight local businesses and organizations are joining the Town to sponsor the Summer Slam Tournaments: Birdie’s Bayside Mini Golf, Rayfield’s Pharmacy, Coldwell Banker Harbour Realty, New Ravenna, Southeast Expeditions, Sun Trust Bank, American Legion Post 56 (SAL), and Cape Charles Coffee House. Community spectators are invited to attend and watch talented youth show off their basketball skills. Spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

For additional information on the Summer Slam Basketball Tournaments, contact Tad Taborn, Town of Cape Charles Recreation Coordinator at 331-3259 or Roberta Newman, Chair, CCCCY, at 331-3151 or visit [www.capecharles.org](http://www.capecharles.org).

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