

# Roanoke Island Festival Park Summer Programming

**Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday join a 16<sup>th</sup> century interpreter presenting one of the following activities on our Front Porch!**

**Bowls (English version of bocce ball)** – Living History interpreters will bring the popular game “Bowls” of 16th century England to the front lawn in front of the visitors center. Visitors will have an opportunity to participate in this game with our interpretive staff.

**Puppet Show** – Living history interpreter will present three marionette puppet shows per day in our Grand Mall @ 11am, 1:30, & 3pm. Discover the use of puppetry in the 16th century world.

**Music** – Living history interpreters will roam the porch area playing period appropriate music.

**Spinning** – Living history interpreter will roam the porch with a drop spindle turning wool into thread. This roaming program will coincide with a yarn doll program on the porch 3-4 times the same day.

**16th Century Vernacular**– Interpreters will explore particular terms and language used in the 16th century. Visitors will be provided with a hand-out and challenged to talk with the interpreters using their new found “k”-- knowledge (not a silent K).

**Juggling** – A popular game throughout time, visitors will have an opportunity to watch a 16th century sailor juggle and give it a whirl themselves discovering the joys of juggling.

## Attend one of the following programs-

**Every Monday @ 3pm at the Maritime Museum in downtown Manteo**

**Every Friday @11am & 3pm outside the Roanoke Island Festival Park Adventure Museum**

**Bird Tracks** – How many bird tracks have you seen scattered in the sand of the shore? Ever wonder what types of birds they might be? Learn about local birds and the tracks they leave behind. Cast a track of your favorite bird to take home.

**Pirate Tattoos** – Did you know there is meaning behind many of the tattoos applied to pirates? Come learn the mystery behind pirate’s tattoos and get your own “tattoo painted on.”

**American Indian Tattoos** – Thomas Harriott recorded the meaning behind American Indian’s tattoos. Some denoted status and location while others were decorative. Learn the differences and have your own “tattoo painted on.”

**Spinning and Yarn Dolls** – You may prefer action figures or dolls, but children throughout time are fascinated with these types of toys. Explore how wool was spun into yarn and create a classic colonial toy of your own to bring home.

**American Indian Corn Husk Dolls** –You may prefer action figures to dolls, but children throughout time have been fascinated with these types of toys. The concepts the same - just the materials have changed. Learn about American Indian children of yesterday and make your own corn husk doll to take home.

**Tourism in the Outer Banks** – Tourism has drawn people to the Outer Banks for centuries. As long as people have been visiting new places many want a mementos to remember the good times. Explore how tourism has changed in the Outer Banks and make a magnet picture frame to commemorate your adventure this year!

**Cast Net** – Come to the Roanoke Island Maritime Museum and learn how to throw a cast net and see what you catch. Discover the art of the toss and reel in some critters from Shallow Bag.

### **Aboard the *Elizabeth II***

- 12:00pm Gun drill (Monday – Friday)
- 10:00am & 4:00pm – Sail Drill Lower/Furl sails (Monday – Friday)

### **Governor Ralph Lane's Settlement Site**

- 11:00am and 3:00pm Pike and small arms demo
- 2:00 Skittles Tournament Tuesday & Thursday

### **American Indian Town**

- 1:00 pm Canoe Program Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
  - 12:30 Children's Game

### **The Adventure Museum**

- 11:30am Storytime (Monday—Friday)

### **Daily Programs Description:**

**Gun Drill** – Sailor's will fire the swivel gun at the leering Spanish spy on shore, illustrating the animosity between the Spanish and English during the race to colonize the "New World."

**Sail Drill** – Sailor's will climb in the rigging and working tops to lower sails illustrating how square rigged ships worked. Move the yards and discover how limited these ships were at catching the wind. Sails will be furled (raised and put away) at 4pm.

**Pike Drill and Small Arms Demo** – Visitors can discover military drills and maneuvers from 16<sup>th</sup> century Europe. Mercenary soldiers recruit visitors and train them in military techniques to resist any Spanish attack.

**Skittles Tournament** – Join our on-going summer long tournament to beat James Fever at his favorite game of skittles. Toss the cheese (ball) with only one bounce and see if you can knock all 9 pins down.

**Dug-Out Canoe Program** – Join the education staff at the dug-out canoe and get the details about dug-out canoe construction. See examples of materials used for tools, witness log burnings (weather permitting), and get the details about these popular vessels.

**Children's Game** – Today experts agree that children learn through play and American Indians used the same technique. Participate in a game that demonstrates the virtues of quick and quiet movement in the Leader's House in the American Indian Town.

**Storytime** – Listen to stories told by local authors, educators and our on-site Granny in The Adventure Museum everyday after the children's performance.