

Rocky Mount, NC- 2nd Annual Tackle the Tar Race is being held on Saturday, May 20, 2017.

Tackle The Tar, a signature project of the Rocky Mount Rotary Club, held its first 5K Obstacle Course Race and Family Fun Day in 2016. The primary goal of the event was to raise scholarship funds to send local students to local colleges. In its inaugural event, the Rotary Club presented \$36,000 in scholarships to Edgecombe Community College, Nash Community College, and NC Wesleyan College.

This event is an action-packed 5K run which includes traversing the area surrounding the Rocky Mount Sports Complex. The course includes 15 or more obstacles such as climbing walls, ropes, barrels, slip-n-slides, a fire pit, and of course a mud pit!

Last year there were over 400 runners and even more planned for 2017. The first heat begins at 9 AM. There are fun races as well as competitive races. Cash prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the timed heats.

But that's not all! It's actually three days of family fun beginning May 18, 2017. ***Tackle The Tar*** will be featured on Thursday night with Live Music and adult beverages. On Friday, there's a Kid's Fun Run and Movie Night, and on race day, there's arts and crafts vendors, children's activities, bounce houses, food trucks, adult beverages, and more.

The public is invited out at no charge as a spectator to show support for this great cause.

If you would like to be a participant in any of the races or be a sponsor in this event, please visit www.tacklethetar.com. Volunteers are also needed. If you have any questions, feel free to email at info@tacklethetar.com.

Rocky Mount, NC has a lot to offer with over 100 restaurants and 2,500 hotel rooms. It's a great place to visit or stay.