

# POINTS NORTH

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## R&R

RECREATION & RELAXATION  
— RABUN COUNTY HAS IT ALL  
FOR A FUN FAMILY GETAWAY

**MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**  
Community Impact  
Awards

**KENNESAW  
KICK-OFF**  
Vince Dooley  
Advises a  
New Program





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**Wine and Dine.** Skip the pricey jet-set trip to wine country. Instead, sip your heart out on the Dahlenega Wine Trail. For its second year, the Dahlenega Wine Trail weekend event, Aug. 17 and 18, offers visitors access to the area's five vineyards. A \$25 passport includes a souvenir glass and wine in Dahlenega's unique tasting rooms, complete with views of the rolling hills covered in the fruit-filled vines. You will surely enjoy a weekend "away," and let's not forget — you'll surely enjoy the wine. [dahlenega.org](http://dahlenega.org)



PHOTO COURTESY OF MELIÀ HOTEL ATLANTA

**Beat The Heat.** Indulge in a VIP experience with exclusive access to Meliã Atlanta's "Cabanas in the City" package. Dive into summer, and make a splash poolside while basking in the Southern sun. Spice up your plans by enjoying the private, personal service offered on the luxurious pool deck of Meliã in Midtown. Not only will you have full access to the house bar and a three-course meal, but you will also get to sip your cocktails while admiring the gorgeous Atlanta skyline. 404-877-9000, [melia.com](http://melia.com)



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**Feel the Beat.** Spread a blanket out on the lawn and enjoy live music with friends and family at The Collection at Forsyth in Cumming. Whether you're shopping, dining on the patio or simply enjoying the music, the summer concert series is a fantastic way to spend an evening. This month's concert features "American Idol" finalist Phil Stacey on Aug. 8, and kicks off with children's activities at 6 p.m. and live music from 7 – 9 p.m. [collectionforsyth.com](http://collectionforsyth.com).



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**Paint the Town.** Grab a paintbrush and discover your creativity as local bars and restaurants in the Atlanta area present Paint Nite, fun-filled evenings that allow guests to sip on their favorite cocktails while creating a mini-masterpiece. Whether you're enjoying a night out with your girlfriends or a date night, your creativity has a chance to shine. With guidance from a professional artist, guests spend two hours painting, learning and socializing. Upcoming dates include Aug. 7 and 14 at Mazzy's Sports Bar & Grill and Aug. 18 at Suburban Tap Tavern and Grille, both in Marietta; find a complete list online. [paintnite.com](http://paintnite.com)



PHOTO COURTESY OF EARL SMITH STRAND

**Grab Your Seat.** Pick up some popcorn and candy because it's time for movie night! Join the Earl Smith Strand Theatre in Marietta for their summer movie specials, screening some of your favorite flicks. This month, nab tickets for "Bridesmaids," "To Kill A Mockingbird," "Jaws" and more! Tickets start at \$8. To find a list of favorites hitting the big screen, visit [earlsmithstrand.org](http://earlsmithstrand.org).