

ENJOY *Arlington*

FALL 2025

Guide to Recreation Classes and
Nature & History Programs



Arlington Resident Online/Phone

REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 5-7, 2025 @ NOON*

Tues
5

▪ Gymnastics

Wed
6

▪ Aquatics Classes
▪ Private Swim

Thurs
7

▪ Nature / History
▪ General Classes

Fri., August 8
* Resident Walk-In
Registration Begins at 8am
Wed., August 13
* Out-of-County
Registration Begins at 8am
Details on p.62


ARLINGTON
VIRGINIA
Parks & Recreation

Go to registration.arlingtonva.us ▪ Classes begin September 8, 2025 unless noted otherwise





*Wishing you
good health,*
Jane Rudolph
Director,
Department of Parks
and Recreation



Fall into Fun: More Classes, More Adventures, More You!

Welcome fall with Enjoy Arlington! Our catalog is more packed than ever with exciting ways to learn, move, create and connect! Autumn is a time of new beginnings, crisp air, and changing leaves. There's no better time to try something new. With something for every interest, age and energy level—there's something for everyone!

Mark your calendar for our can't-miss Gymnasta-Bash (p.36), a high-energy, family-friendly event featuring tumbling, obstacle courses, trampolines and games that will have everyone moving and laughing. And don't forget to flip through the entire book for the full lineup of upcoming fall festivities including the Latinoamericano Festival (p.57).

Stay up to date on upcoming opportunities and events by following us on social media @arlparksrec or [signing up on our webpage](#) to receive our bi-weekly Parks and Recreation eNews.

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2025

**Weekend Hours
9am-4pm**

To help with your registration needs, our offices will be open for special hours on Sat., Sept. 13, 2025 at:

Lubber Run Community Center
300 N. Park Dr. Arlington, VA 22203
Contact us at: 703.228.4747

- Create an account
- Apply for a fee reduction
- Pay balances
- Get login information
- And more!



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Fall Highlights

Fall Native Plant Sale

Time to create habitat and beautify your garden! Native plants are accustomed to local climate and support wildlife. This fall choose from various perennials, trees, and shrubs. Visit the website for plant descriptions and information. This is a pre-order only sale. Order deadline is Friday, Sep. 12. Pick up is on Saturday, Sep. 20.

Fort CF Smith Park
Sat., Sep. 20, 1-4pm



Fall Heritage Festival

Each fall we gather around the Walker Log House to celebrate our nation's heritage with a family-friendly day of fun. Step back into history and try your hand at some old-time games and crafts, make a corn husk doll, churn butter, dip candles and work the cider press! All family members who attend must register.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Sat., Oct. 11, 1-4pm

612850-J



Wednesday Walkabouts: SEASONAL NATURE TOURS

The natural world is constantly changing...yearly, monthly, daily and even hourly. The only way to see it all is to go out on a regular basis and explore. Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, join a naturalist to briefly meet one of our nature center critters (living or preserved) then go for a walk to see what is out and about this time of year. Learn about interesting insects, fabulous flowers, mysterious mushrooms, relaxing reptiles, booming bullfrogs, singing songsters, and hear about the histories, facts and folklore behind each. Seek out seasonally significant challenges. As the weather cools and the animals become dormant, we'll focus on healthy walking. No registration required. Just show up ready to be amazed. 15 years and up.









Free. Long Branch Nature Center
Wed., Sep. 10, 12-1pm
Wed., Sep. 24, 12-1pm
Wed., Oct. 8, 12-1pm
Wed., Oct. 22, 12-1pm
Wed., Nov. 12, 12-1pm
Wed., Nov. 26, 12-1pm



Family Campfires

The whole family is invited to join us at the Gulf Branch Nature Center fire pit, Long Branch Nature Center amphitheater or Fort C.F. Smith Park for lots of old-fashioned fun. This engaging program will be filled with entertaining activities which may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs and of course, S'mores! We'll provide the marshmallows, chocolate & graham crackers.


\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center

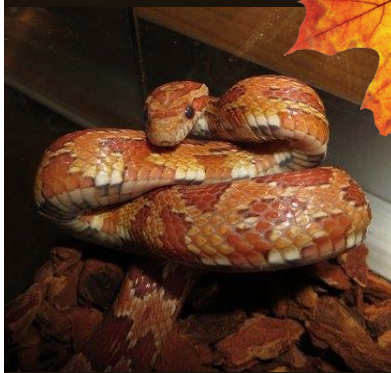
-  **Animal Tracks Campfire**
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Sat., Nov. 1, 5–6pm 612850-G
-  **Fables and Folk Tales Campfire**
Fri., Nov. 21, 5–6pm 612850-H

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center

-  **Storytelling Campfire**
Fri., Oct. 3, 6–7pm 612950-A
-  **DIY Candle Campfire**
Fri., Oct. 24, 5:30–6:30pm 612950-B
-  **Halloween Animals Campfire**
Sat., Oct. 25, 6–7pm 612950-C

\$7. Fort CF Smith Park

-  **Virginia Ghosts Campfire**
Sun., Oct. 26, 5–6pm 612750-A
-  **S'mores & Stars Astronomy Campfire**
Sat., Nov. 22, 6–7pm 612750-B



Tiny Tot & Preschool

Our Tiny Tot and Preschool programs provide opportunities to interact one-on-one with your child while discovering the wonders of nature.

Each program will engage your child with hands-on learning and may include a variety of activities like songs, games, crafts and mini-hikes. Tiny Tot programs are offered throughout the year at Gulf and Long Branch Nature Centers. Each program has a theme which incorporates aspects of the park and its wildlife into the programs. Themes repeat so please register for only one program at each center per month. Caretakers must stay with their child during the program.



Tiny Tot Ages 18-35 months

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Tiny Tot: Nocturnal Creatures

Thurs., Sep. 4, 10-10:45am
Sat., Sep. 6, 10-10:45am
Sat., Sep. 13, 10-10:45am

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[612810-R](#)
[612810-S](#)

Tiny Tot: Fall Harvest

Sat., Oct. 4, 10-10:45am
Thurs., Oct. 9, 10-10:45am
Sat., Oct. 25, 10-10:45am

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[612810-U](#)
[612810-V](#)

Tiny Tot: Turtles

Thurs., Nov. 6, 10-10:45am
Sat., Nov. 8, 10-10:45am
Sat., Nov. 15, 10-10:45am

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[612810-X](#)
[612810-Y](#)

Tiny Tot: Seasons

Thurs., Dec. 4, 10-10:45am
Sat., Dec. 6, 10-10:45am
Sat., Dec. 13, 10-10:45am

[612810-Z](#)
[612810-AA](#)
[612810-BB](#)

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center

Tiny Tot: My Little Garden

Tues., Sep. 9, 11-11:45am
Sat., Sep. 20, 10:30-11:15am
Thurs., Sep. 25, 11-11:45am

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Tiny Tot: Pumpkin Painting

Wed., Oct. 15, 10:30-11:15am
Sun., Oct. 19, 1:30-2:15pm
Fri., Oct. 24, 11-11:45am

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[612910-Q](#)
[612910-R](#)

Tiny Tot: Gobbling Turkeys

Tue., Nov. 4, 10:30-11:15am
Wed., Nov. 12, 11-11:45am
Sat., Nov. 22, 11:30am-12:15pm

[612910-S](#)
[612910-T](#)
[612910-U](#)

Tiny Tot: Animals in Winter

Tues., Dec. 2, 10:30-11:15am
Wed., Dec. 10, 11-11:45am
Sun., Dec. 7, 11-11:45am

[612910-V](#)
[612910-W](#)
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Preschool Ages 3 to 5

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Pre-K: Volcanoes

Tues., Sep. 2, 1-2pm
Thurs., Sep. 4, 11am-12pm
Sat., Sep. 6, 11am-12pm
Sat., Sep. 13, 11am-12pm

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[612810-B](#)
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Pre-K: Seeds

Sat., Oct. 4, 11am-12pm
Thurs., Oct. 9, 11am-12pm
Thurs., Oct. 16, 1-2pm
Sat., Oct. 25, 11am-12pm

[612810-E](#)
[612810-F](#)
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Pre-K: Turkeys

Thurs., Nov. 6, 11am-12pm
Sat., Nov. 8, 11am-12pm
Sat., Nov. 15, 11am-12pm
Thurs., Nov. 20, 1-2pm

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Pre-K: Night Sky

Thurs., Dec. 4, 11am-12pm
Sat., Dec. 6, 11am-12pm
Thurs., Dec. 11, 1-2pm
Sat., Dec. 13, 11am-12pm

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\$7. Long Branch Nature Center

Pre-K: Turtle Time

Fri., Sep. 5, 10:30-11:30am
Tues., Sep. 16, 11am-12pm
Sat., Sep. 20, 1-2pm
Wed., Sep. 24, 1-2pm

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[612910-B](#)
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Pre-K: Herb Garden

Thurs., Oct. 2, 11am-12pm
Tues., Oct. 7, 11am-12pm
Sat., Oct. 18, 10-11am
Wed., Oct. 22, 1-2pm

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Pre-K: Slithering Snakes

Fri., Nov. 7, 11am-12pm
Sun., Nov. 9, 1:30-2:30pm
Wed., Nov. 19, 1-2pm
Thurs., Nov. 20, 11am-12pm

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PreK: Hawks

Wed., Dec. 3, 10-11am
Fri., Dec. 5, 10:30-11:30am
Fri. Dec. 12, 4-5pm
Sun. Dec. 14, 1-2pm

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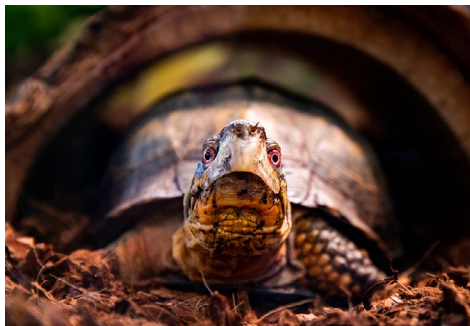
Kids Programs

Birding for Kids

Birding isn't just for grown-ups! With their young eyes, kids make great bird watchers. After a short lesson in using binoculars and field guides, we'll comb the woods around Gulf Branch for commonly seen birds. Ages 6-12.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Tues., Sep. 23, 10-11:30am

612820-A



Turtle Feeding Time

Help prepare lunch for Gulf Branch's education ambassador turtles and watch them eat! Ages 6 to 12.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Tues., Sep. 23, 3-4pm

612820-B

Hide and Camouflage

Think you are good at hide and seek? Come play the animal hide and seek game; learn how animals use camouflage to stay hidden! Ages 6 to 12.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Sat., Sep. 27, 5-6pm

612820-C

Slithering Snakes

Join a naturalist to learn about the snakes of Arlington. Participants will get to see and touch safe, friendly snakes. Ages 6 to 12.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Thurs., Oct. 2, 3:30-4:30pm

612820-E



Amazing Adaptations

Join a naturalist to learn about fascinating animal adaptations and how they help these amazing creatures survive! Ages 6 to 12.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Fri., Oct. 10, 1-2pm

612820-D

Cozy Critters

Join a naturalist to learn about animal coverings and homes. Learn what makes different kinds of animals feel cozy year-round. Ages 6 to 12.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Wed., Oct. 29, 3-4pm

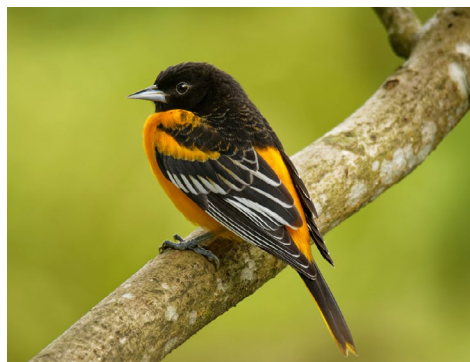
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Tree Cookie Art

School's out? Drop in anytime between 3:30pm and 5:30pm to paint and decorate a tree cookie. Use it as a coaster or a decoration for the holidays. Adults are welcome to craft with their child! Ages 6 to 12.

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Tues., Nov. 4, 3:30-5:30pm

612820-G



Teen Programs

Birding for Teens

There are so many fascinating birds to see even in our backyards! Teen bird watchers will learn how to use binoculars, field guides and online resources to explore the wide world of birding. We will explore the woods around Gulf Branch and look for year-round birds and fall migrants. Ages 12 to 16.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Tues., Sep. 23, 1-2:30pm

612830-A

Fall Hike to the Potomac

Join us for a fun hike down Gulf Branch stream to the Potomac River and check out the waterfall! Wear close-toed shoes that can get wet and be prepared for rock hopping across the stream!

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Thurs., Oct. 2, 1-2:30pm

612830-B

Teen Bonfire: Fire Starting

Learn how to start fires using a variety of different methods and help build a bonfire to roast hotdogs and make s'mores (vegan options available).

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Sat., Nov. 15, 4-5pm

612830-C



Adult Programs

Northern Virginia Bird Club Walk

Join members of the Northern Virginia Bird Club for informal walks through Glencarlyn Park in search of resident and migratory birds. Experienced and beginning birders welcome. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them.

Free. Long Branch Nature Center

Wed., Sep. 3, 8:30-11am

612940-A

Wed., Oct. 1, 8:30-11am

612940-B

Wed., Nov. 5, 8:30-11am

612940-C

Gardening at the Fort for Adults

Come tour the fort garden and check out what's growing. We'll discuss the current state of the garden, answer any gardening questions, and do a bit of mellow garden work including harvesting your own veggies to take home! We'll be outside the whole time; dress for the weather in clothes that can get dirty. Teens age 12 and up welcome to attend with a registered adult.

Free. Fort CF Smith Park

Wed., Sep. 3, 6-7pm

612740-A

Chimney Swifts Put On A Show

At the end of summer, Chimney Swifts prepare to migrate by grouping up and putting on an amazing show. Hundreds gather swirl and disappear down a chimney. We'll learn about their lives and watch the skies to enjoy the show. Meet at Cleveland Park.

\$7. Cleveland Park

Fri., Sep. 5, 7-8pm

612940-D

Midnight Moth-ing

Did you know there are about 14 times as many moth species as butterflies in North America? Join us to see which beautiful moths and other insects we can attract using a UV "light trap" at night (not quite midnight!) We'll learn all about different groups of insects and how to identify them. Teens ages 12 and up are welcome to attend with a registered adult.

\$9. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Sep. 13, 8:30-10pm

612940-E

\$9. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Sat., Sep. 20, 8-9:30pm

612840-A

Wingspan Boardgame Night

Come learn and play the popular boardgame "Wingspan" about birds! We will provide the game. Teens are welcome to register and attend with a registered adult.

Free. Long Branch Nature Center

Tues., Sep. 23, 5:30-7pm

612940-F

VIRTUAL DEEP DIVES:

Take a Deep Dive into a natural history topic that scratches more than just the surface.



Macro Photography

Capturing the details of nature through macro photography is a fascinating and rewarding experience. Understanding the nuances of lighting, composition, and camera settings to get a fabulous photo is a both an art and a science. We'll discuss topics such as using a tripod, external lighting, editing photos, and focus stacking. Designed for those with mirrorless or SLR cameras, but phone photographers are welcome also.

Free. Virtual Program

Thurs., Sep. 25, 6–7pm

Wed., Oct. 8, 12–1pm

612940-G

612940-H

Symbiosis in the Animal World

Animals, plants and fungi work together in mysterious ways. Join a naturalist to learn more about mutualism, commensalism and parasitism in the natural world.

Free. Virtual Program

Thurs., Nov. 13, 12–1pm

612840-G



Trees & Their Hidden Stories Hike

Have you ever wondered how a sycamore got its name or how it was an important part of the underground railroad? Or how witch hazel can be used in gaining or losing luck? Come take a hike in search of the hidden stories of food, folklore and songs of our local trees. Tree ID skills will be taught. Teens age 16 and up welcome to attend with a registered adult.

\$9. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Oct. 4, 11:30am–1pm

612940-J

Fall Fungus Foray

Come join us for a light walk through the woods to explore the diversity of the fungus kingdom, from the littlest mushrooms to giant shelf fungi, to bizarre lichens. We'll discuss the secret lives of our fungal friends, including their ecology and identification. Teens age 12 and up welcome to attend with a registered adult.

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Oct. 4, 2:30–3:30pm

612940-I

Gulf Branch Nature Center

Sat., Oct. 25, 1:30–2:30pm

612840-F

Fall Foliage Hike

Oaks! Maples! Tulip trees! Beeches! Everyone knows that the rainbow of fall foliage is beautiful, but why do leaves change colors and what is responsible for different colors? Join us for a light walk as we discuss and appreciate the fall color. Teens age 12 and up welcome with a registered adult.

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Thurs., Oct. 16, 5:30–6:30pm

612840-B

Sat., Oct. 25, 4–5pm

612840-C

Forest Bathing

Fall is an exciting time to be outdoors with crisp fresh air and changing colors. We need only to slow down and really pay attention. This program will guide you through woods and by streams or fields where you will be invited to use your senses to rediscover the natural world around you. We'll conclude the experience with tea and snacks. Dress for the weather (light rain or shine) and the possibility of sitting on the ground or on a log.

\$12. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Sat., Oct. 18, 10am–12pm

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Sat., Nov. 1, 10am–12pm

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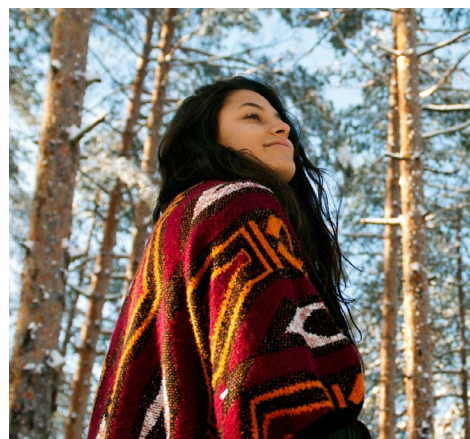
\$12. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Oct. 25, 10am–12pm

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Sat., Nov. 8, 10am–12pm

612940-M



Long-Distance Backpacking: Walking in Wonder

Have you ever thought about long-distance hiking? Do you love backpacking or just curious what it's like? Join Appalachian Trail thru-hiker Adam Segel-Moss as he shares stories, photos, and reflections from his 1,150-mile solo journey on the Pacific Crest Trail. Adam's recently published book, *Walking in Wonder*, will be available for those interested in diving deeper into the experience.

Free. Virtual Program

Wed., Oct. 22, 7–8pm

612940-K



Nature Painting

The natural world has inspired some of the world's most amazing artwork. Join us for a 4-week art & nature immersion program designed to awaken your creativity. Each session begins with a naturalist-led walk through different vistas of the Nature Center's various habitats, where participants observe seasonal changes and collect visual inspiration from plants, textures, and found objects. After the walk, you'll return to the studio to create original works—no experience necessary, and all art supplies are provided. This program is ideal for anyone seeking a relaxing, creative outlet while deepening their appreciation of the environment.

\$12. Long Branch Nature Center

Wed., Oct. 29, 4–6pm

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Wed., Nov. 5, 4–6pm

612940-O

Wed., Nov. 12, 4–6pm

612940-P

Wed., Nov. 19, 4–6pm

612940-Q

How to ID Those Autumn Trees and Colorful Leaves

All those pretty fall leaves, but which leaves go with which trees? It can be confusing! Come on this naturalist led hike to explore how these leaves change and how to remove some of the confusion.

\$9. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Nov. 1, 4:30–6pm

612940-R

Winter Tree Identification Walk

Arlington hosts a diverse cast of over 50 native tree species! Join us for a light walk to learn how to identify trees without leaves or flowers, by looking at their buds, bark and other features. Teens age 14 and up are welcome to attend with a registered adult.

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Sun., Nov. 30, 2–3pm

612840-H

Sun., Dec. 7, 2–3pm

612840-I



Holiday Wreath Workshop

Holiday crafters are invited to create their own evergreen wreath to spruce up your home or give as special gifts. We'll provide music, refreshments, basic instruction and enough materials for each participant to make a wreath and we'll have extra for arrangements or swags. Participants should bring hand pruners or wire cutters (if you have them) and any extra materials or special decorations you may wish to add. Teens ages 12 and up are welcome but must be accompanied by a registered adult.

\$50. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Dec. 6, 10am-12pm

Sat., Dec. 6, 1-3pm

612940-S

612940-T

Family Programs

Park Pop Ups!

Join us at the park! You can meet a naturalist or historian at one of our neighborhood parks to discover the nature and history of Arlington. The staff person may bring hands-on learning items, artifacts or activities. Cancelled if raining.

Free.

Chestnut Hills Park
Thurs., Sep. 4, 3-4pm

Arlington Hall West
Wed., Sep. 17, 3-4pm

Lacey Woods Park
Thurs., Oct. 9, 3-4pm

Tuckahoe Park
Tue., Oct. 14, 3-4pm

Quincy Park
Thurs., Nov. 13, 3-4pm



Gardening at the Fort for Families

Come tour the fort garden and check out what's growing. We'll discuss the current state of the garden, answer any gardening questions, and do a bit of mellow garden work including harvesting your own veggies to take home! We'll be outside the whole time; dress for the weather in clothes that can get dirty.

Free. Fort CF Smith Park

Sat., Sep. 6, 10-11am

Sat., Sep. 13, 4-5pm

612750-C

612750-D

Amazing Hummingbirds of Arlington

Hummingbirds are one of the most amazing creatures on the planet with their ability to hover, live on just nectar and dart around at speeds that are hard for the eyes to comprehend. They zip in during the late spring and zip out during the mid fall on a harrowing adventure of migration. Come learn about the special adaptations and amazing facts that keep these tiny birds in our minds and at our feeders. See a hummingbird and its nest up close. Amazement for the whole family.

Free. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Sep. 6, 11:30am-12:30pm

612950-D



Chimney Swifts Put On A Show

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\$7. Cleveland Park

Sat., Sep. 6, 7-8pm

612950-E

Park Trash Cleanup

Bring your friends, family, or come solo to help clean up our park! Gloves, trash grabbers, and trash bags will be provided. Event is rain or shine.

Free. Barcroft Park

Sat., Sep. 13, 11am-12pm

612850-I

Virginia's State Fossil is a Scallop

Celebrate World Fossil Day this week! We will learn about Virginia's State bivalved fossil seashell as well as seashells you might find on the Atlantic beach. Shell activity included.

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Sat., Oct. 18, 5-6pm

612850-L

Sunset Hike

Enjoy the peak of fall foliage along the Potomac River while we watch the sunset. Enjoy a snack and a beverage if desired! This hike includes rocky and steep terrain and is moderate in difficulty.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Tues., Oct. 21, 5:30-7pm

612850-K

Owl Prowl Night Senses Hike

Come explore the woods for one of our most interesting predators of the night. We'll learn about their cool adaptations and why they are such good hunters. We may even see one up close.

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center

Fri., Nov. 7, 7-8:30pm

612950-F

Metropolitan Park Walking Tour

Come explore Metropolitan Park, part of Amazon's HQ2 with members of the landscape design team. Our knowledgeable guides will lead a gentle walk to look at using native plants in the landscape design in the park. Join us at 1330 S Fair Street, Arlington, VA 22202.

Free. Met Park

Sun., Nov. 9, 10-11:30am

612950-G

Squirrel Stories

Join us to hear some stories with puppets all about squirrels. We'll learn about Eastern Gray Squirrels and Flying Squirrels, how they survive in nature with examples of squirrel food and building materials for dreys (nests). We'll also learn what we should do if we find lost baby squirrels, even in our homes! Then, we'll take a short nature walk to learn all about squirrel habitats.

Free. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Nov. 22, 10-11am

612950-H



Remove Invasive Plants!

Adults, teens and families ages 8 and up. Want to restore habitat and increase species diversity right here in Arlington? Work parties are held every month at over a dozen parks. We are making a real difference, with the return of ferns and wildflowers, and the animals that depend on them, in areas once covered in destructive invasive plants. For more sites or information, visit our [Invasive Plants page](#). Free.

Gulf Branch Nature Center. [Sign up here.](#)

Sat., Sep. 13, 9:30-11:30am

Sat., Oct. 11, 9:30-11:30am

Sat., Nov. 8, 9:30-11:30am

Long Branch Nature Center. [Sign up here.](#)

Sun., Sep. 21, 2-4pm

Sun., Oct. 19, 2-4pm

Sun., Nov. 16, 2-4pm



Explore History



The site of the former Newseum building was one of many locations near Arlington where landmark scenes from *The West Wing* were immortalized in pop culture.



Kids Programs

Artillery Games

Work as a team practicing the steps to load and aim a replica Civil War cannon. Play artillery-themed games to put your skills to the test. Ages 7 to 12.

\$7. Fort CF Smith Park

Sat., Sep. 27, 3–4pm

Tues., Nov. 4, 10–11am

612720-A

612720-B

Invisible Ink Spy Hunt

Learn the tools of the spy trade! Make your own invisible ink and follow clues to find the spies hidden in the park. Ages 7 to 12.

\$7. Fort CF Smith Park

Tues., Nov. 4, 2–3pm

612720-C

Adult Programs

The Real (& Not So Real) History of The West Wing

In October 2000, the hit television show *The West Wing* shocked audiences by depicting an attempted assassination on a fictional U.S. President in Rosslyn. This program will explore the locations filmed during this landmark episode in television history and connections to real historical examples of political violence around Arlington.

\$7. Gateway Park

Sat., Oct. 4, 4–5pm

612740-B

Bootlegger's Guide to Rosslyn

Long before the hustle and bustle of modern-day Rosslyn, this small village on the Potomac was full of intrigue and conflict. Take this 1.3-mile walking tour to explore the dark side of this modern neighborhood and learn how its shocking history paved the way for the Rosslyn of today.

\$9. Rosslyn Highlands

Sat., Nov. 22, 2:30–4pm

612740-C

**FOURTEEN HELD,
20,000 GALLONS
WHISKEY SEIZED**

Records of Dry War
Shattered by 4 Raids in
Arlington County, Va.

Families

History Hike: Defending Spout Run

Explore the high stakes of the American Civil War in Arlington with this hike on the Custis Trail from Fort Bennett to Fort C.F. Smith Parks – a journey that dives into the intertwined histories of slavery and military occupation in Civil War Arlington.

\$12. Fort CF Smith Park

Sat., Sep. 6, 2–4pm

612750-E

History Through the Eyes of Trees

History and nature crossover during this exploration of the surprising roles played by Arlington's trees during the Civil War. By looking at history through their eyes, you'll discover that just because trees don't have mouths does not mean they cannot speak!

\$7. Fort CF Smith Park

Sat., Sep. 27, 11am–12pm

612750-F

Powhatan People

Families. Ever wonder who lived here before the Europeans? Come learn about the Powhatan people who made Virginia their home. We'll learn what language they spoke, the foods they ate, the clothes they wore and how they survived.

\$7. Fort CF Smith Park

Sun., Oct. 5, 10:30–11:30am

612750-G

Fort Ethan Allen & Its Veterans

Fort Ethan Allen was one of the most important of the Civil War Defenses of Washington. Participants in this walking tour of Fort Ethan Allen Park will discover the living remains of this historic landmark in the words of the Civil War veterans who lived there.

\$7. Ft. Ethan Allen Park

Sat., Nov. 8, 1–2pm

612750-H



Explore the natural world in Arlington!
More classes are available online
at arlingtonva.us/parks and search
Nature & History.



❄ Letters to Santa Claus ❄

● **Santa wants to hear from you!** ●

A special mailbox will be set up just for your Santa letters! To ensure timely delivery to the North Pole, put your letter in the mailbox between:

Wednesday, Nov. 26 – Sunday, Dec. 23*

at one of these locations:

● **Gulf Branch Nature Center**
Robert Walker Log Cabin, 3608 Military Road, Arlington

● **Long Branch Nature Center**
625 S Carlin Springs Road, Arlington

* Letters received by Dec. 14th will get a postcard from Santa. Be sure to include your home address so Santa knows where to send you a postcard!

In the spirit of giving, please also bring any canned food items for the Arlington Food Assistance Center and place them in the labeled box next to the Santa mailbox.



preschoolers!

Creative Preschoolers Program @Gunston Community Center

Ages 3-5

This full day, year-round option for ages 3-5 blends play, movement, nature and social development with plenty of hands-on learning and enrichment activities that make every day meaningful. Spots available for the 2025-2026 program year at Gunston and other select locations. Learn more and [register here](#).

Stay & Play

Ages 12-36 mos

Join us for 90 minutes of fun and exploration in our toddler-friendly playrooms! Designed for children ages 12 to 36 months, this program offers a safe and stimulating environment where little ones can discover new toys, make new friends, and enjoy early social experiences.

Caregivers stay throughout the session to supervise their children and connect with other families in the community. Our friendly staff may lead optional group activities such as story time, art, sensory play, and movement games. Learn more and [register here](#).

Fall '25 Session

September 2, 2025 - November 21, 2025

Resident Registration: Tues., Jul. 22, 10am

Out-of-County Registration: Tues., Jul. 29, 10am

Winter '25-'26 Session

December 1, 2025 - March 6, 2026

Resident Registration: Tues., Oct. 28, 10am

Out-of-County Registration: Tues., Nov. 4, 10am



ARLINGTON
VIRGINIA
Parks & Recreation

break blasts

**Looking for fun when school's out?
Explore our Break Blast Camps!**

Need to find something fun and engaging for the kids to do on APS Teacher Work Days? Break Blasts are full day recreational programs for kids in grades K-5 on Teacher Work Days and Parent-Teacher Conference Days!

Kids in grades K-5 will enjoy a variety of engaging activities including cooperative games, physical activities, nature fun and creative arts! Participants must bring a lunch and snack. Visit our [web page](#) for details. For more info, contact Samantha Nuamah at snuamah@arlingtonva.us.

Fall 2025 Schedule Carver Community Center

Core Hours: 8am–3pm Fee: \$44

Extended Hours: 3–6pm Fee: \$15

Tues., Sept. 23

Fri., Oct. 2

Mon., Oct. 13

Tues., Oct. 21

Tues., Nov. 4

are back!



Red Cross Babysitting Class

This class will provide youth who are planning to babysit with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. This training will help participants to develop leadership skills, learn how to develop a babysitting business, keep themselves and others safe.

Saturday, September 20, 9-4pm

Saturday, October 18, 9-4pm

Tuesday, November 4, 9-4pm

[Learn more and register here.](#)





Learn, Grow and Play together as a family on select Saturdays!

FAMILY Art & Lab programs are designed to give families the opportunity to create with each other in a fun and recreational setting.

Each person (including adults) attending the program must register, and all children must be supervised by a participating adult. \$8 per person, \$9.20 non-resident. For more info, visit arlingtonva.us search "Family Art Lab" or register with code #730025



PUMPKIN DECORATING

Saturday, October 4, 10am-noon, Arlington Mill Community Center
Pumpkin Decorating is back! We will provide the pumpkins and supplies, you provide the creativity!



Glass Jar Fall Center Pieces

Saturday, November 1, 10am-noon, Arlington Mill Community Center
Prep for the Fall by creating Glass Jar Fall Center Pieces!



FAMILY Art & Lab at Home

Art-to-Go Boxes

Get everything you need to create fun family memories in one box, at home on your own time! Follow along with an instructional video or written instructions. Boxes contain supplies for up to four paintings. \$20.



Formerly Families Unplugged

2nd Saturday Crafternoons!

LET'S GET CRAFTY!

Welcome to Second Saturday Crafternoons! Each month we will present a new, fun, free hands-on art project. This program is for all ages, however children must be accompanied by an adult. Drop in to the Fairlington Community Center Art Studio (room 130) any time between 1:30-3pm. No need to pre-register.

Saturday, October 11

**Dia Delos Muertos
Paper Suncatchers**

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and get ready for the spooky season!

Saturday, November 8

Glass Bead Magnets

[Learn more here](#)



COMMUNITY
arts
IN ARLINGTON

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Parks & Recreation

Arlington County Aqua Fitness Presents



HALLOWEEN SPLASH!

FRIDAY, OCT. 31, 8-11:30AM

LONG BRIDGE AQUATICS & FITNESS CENTER

CURIOUS ABOUT AQUA FITNESS?

You're invited to sample up to SEVEN Aqua Fit Classes

- 8:35-9:05am ●●●●● TABATA
- 9:10-9:40am ●●●●● HIIT
- 9:45-10:15am ●●●●● S'WET
- 10:20-10:50am ●●●●● Shallow Water Fitness
- 10:20-10:50am ●●●●● Lazy River Arthritis
- 10:55-11:30am ●●●●● Equipment Bootcamp
- 10:55-11:30am ●●●●● Core Yoga



Scan QR Code or register with #140430A at registration.arlingtonva.us
Open to Arlington County residents and out of county participants.
\$8 Residents / \$9 Non-Residents

BRING YOUR WATER BOTTLE, AQUA SHOES AND FUN HALLOWEEN VIBES!

We can provide reasonable modifications for people with disabilities upon request. Podemos proveer modificaciones razonables conforme la Ley de Personas con Incapacidades (ADA) con previo aviso al 703-228-4747. TTY 711.



trunk or treat!

SATURDAY, OCT. 18, FROM 2-5PM
@ LUBBER RUN COMMUNITY CENTER

Join in costumed free family fun this Halloween season. Guarantee entry by pre-registering for a timeslot online.

For more info, visit arlingtonva.us search Trunk or Treat or [click here](#).



FAMILY NIGHT @ CARVER

Join us for free, family fun on the first Friday of the month from 6-8pm at Carver Community Center



Activities include moon bounces,
arts & crafts, music, games and more!
Bring your whole family!

Learn more at arlingtonva.us search Family Night or [click here](#).



THIS FALL

LATE NIGHT SPORTS

Play soccer or basketball on late nights

AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN

Make new friends, develop skills, and have some fun through music, dance, games, cooking, art and more chosen by teens.

TEEN LATE NIGHT EVENTS

Enjoy a wide variety of music, games, sports, e-sports, snacks and more.

TEEN SATURDAY TRIP SERIES

Join us for select Saturdays this fall for trips around the DMV!

Keep up to date on all our teen programs by visiting arlingtonva.us/dprteens or click:

[arlingteens](http://arlingtonva.us/dprteens)

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

SKATE NIGHT RETURNS TO TJ!
SELECT SATURDAYS STARTING
NOVEMBER 1, 6-9PM

Enjoy family-friendly skating fun with moon bounces, live DJ and café. Register online to guarantee skates! Skates can run out. Have your own skates? Register early online or walk in. Skate Night registration opens one week before the next event date.

Family Skate Night will require a chaperone for all participants under the age of 18. Chaperones must be at least 21 years old and can supervise up to four kids. Middle & High School teens: looking for an alternative? Check out Teen Night events!



Parents Night Out

Need a night out without the kids?

Parent's Night Out is a drop-off program for kids ages 5-10 for an evening of fun and games. The program is held twice monthly on Fridays through May at both locations.

Cost is \$40 per participant.

- Lubber Run Community Center**
 Friday, Sept. 5, 6-10pm
 Friday, Oct. 3, 6-10pm
 Friday, Nov. 7, 6-10pm
- Walter Reed Community Center**
 Friday, Sep. 19, 6-10pm
 Friday, Oct. 24, 6-10pm
 Friday, Nov. 21, 6-10pm

Register online at arlingtonva.us/Parents-Night-Out

OPEN BOUNCE

Bounce on over Saturdays for Open Bounce!

Children ages 3-9 can bounce freely indoors with three bounce houses at Lubber Run and Madison Community Centers! Cost: \$6. Adults (age 18+) must remain on site.

Birthday party options also available! Register online at arlingtonva.us, search Open Bounce.

Madison Community Center
 Saturdays, November 15 & 22
 9:30am-2:30pm

Lubber Run Community Center
 Saturday, November 1
 9:30am-2pm

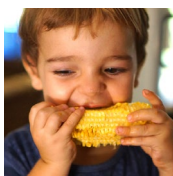
FREE ACTIVITIES • CULTURE • ARTISANS • DANCE • MUSIC • FOOD • FUN!

LATINO AMERICAN FESTIVAL! - 2025

FRIDAY, OCT. 3, 2025

ARLINGTON CELEBRATES ITS RICH LATINO DIVERSITY
AT THE 2025 LATINO AMERICAN FESTIVAL
at Arlington Mill Community Center

Held annually during Hispanic Heritage Month, the event features live music and dance, dozens of artisan and community vendors, authentic Latino food, free activities for kids and more!



FOOD • MUSIC • DANCE • ARTISANS • FREE ACTIVITIES • CULTURE • FUN!

Adopt-A-Park!

Be an environmental hero and help us make Arlington a great place to live, work and play

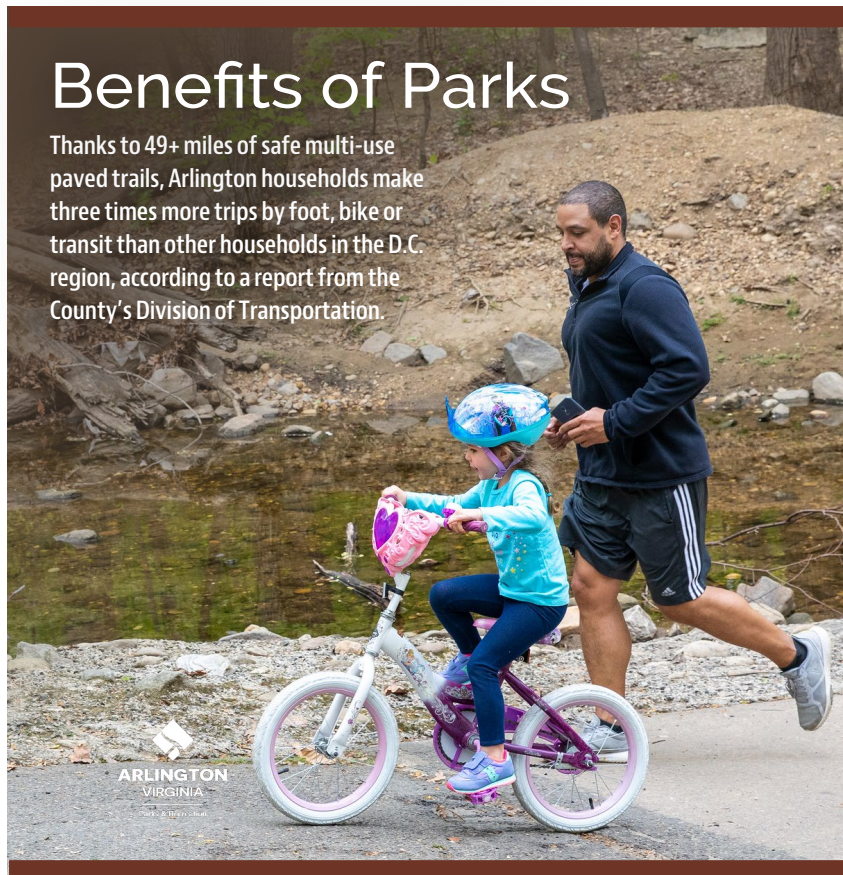
Any group, business, or individual 18 years or older can adopt a park, playground, trail, sports field, stream or other area in our parks and recreation facilities. Your help is appreciated.

[Learn more here](#)



Benefits of Parks

Thanks to 49+ miles of safe multi-use paved trails, Arlington households make three times more trips by foot, bike or transit than other households in the D.C. region, according to a report from the County's Division of Transportation.



ARLINGTON OFFERS A VARIETY OF FARMERS MARKETS TO SHOP FOR FRESH, LOCAL PRODUCE.



View the [map](#), pick a market and join your neighbors for fresh and local fruits, vegetables and other yummy treats in Arlington.

Arlington Farmers Market

Saturdays, 9am–12pm

Ballston Farmers Market

Thursdays, 3–7pm

Cherrydale Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8am –12pm

Columbia Pike Farmers Market

Sundays, 9am–1pm

Fairlington Farmers Market

Sundays, 9am–1pm

Lubber Run Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8am –12pm

Rosslyn Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 3pm –7pm

Westover Farmers Market

Sundays, 8am–12pm (through April),
8am–12pm (through November)

READY-SWEAT-GO!

SIGN UP FOR ARLINGTON COUNTY'S BEST DEAL ON FITNESS MEMBERSHIPS*



Access EIGHT fitness facilities for one low price!

At these fitness rooms you'll never miss the chance to get fit and improve your health anywhere in Arlington!

1. Thomas Jefferson Fitness Center
2. Arlington Mill
3. Barcroft
4. Fairlington
5. Gunston
6. Langston-Brown
7. Lubber Run Center
8. Madison Community Center

- Huge variety of equipment
- Convenient locations
- Indoor Track
- Drop-in Basketball, Pickleball, Soccer, Volleyball, Badminton and More!

MEMBERS

Arlington Residents

Non-Resident

ADULT 12-month (Ages 18-54)

\$225

\$295

55+ GOLD PASS 12-month (Ages 55+)

\$75

\$105

DAILY GUEST PASS (Ages 18-54)

\$10

\$10

55+ DAILY GUEST PASS (Ages 55+)

\$5

\$10

3 MONTH PASS (Ages 18-54)

\$65

\$85

6 MONTH PASS (Ages 18-54)

\$120

\$160

*Long Bridge Aquatics & Fitness Center is not included. [Click here to learn more about the different memberships.](#)

For more information and special offers call 703.228.5920 or go to: arlingtonva.us/parks search 'fitness'

JOIN THE 55+ CLUB!

THIS IS AN ANNUAL PASS

You now have two options for enjoying discounted access to engaging programs, classes, trips PLUS access to Arlington County's fitness facilities*

55+ PASS

Provides access to quarterly digital issues of the 55+ GUIDE, which include fun & engaging programs, classes and trips, with a new choice of programs each season.

Arlington County resident	\$30
Arlington County household	\$40
Non-Arlington County resident	\$55
Non-Arlington County household	\$80

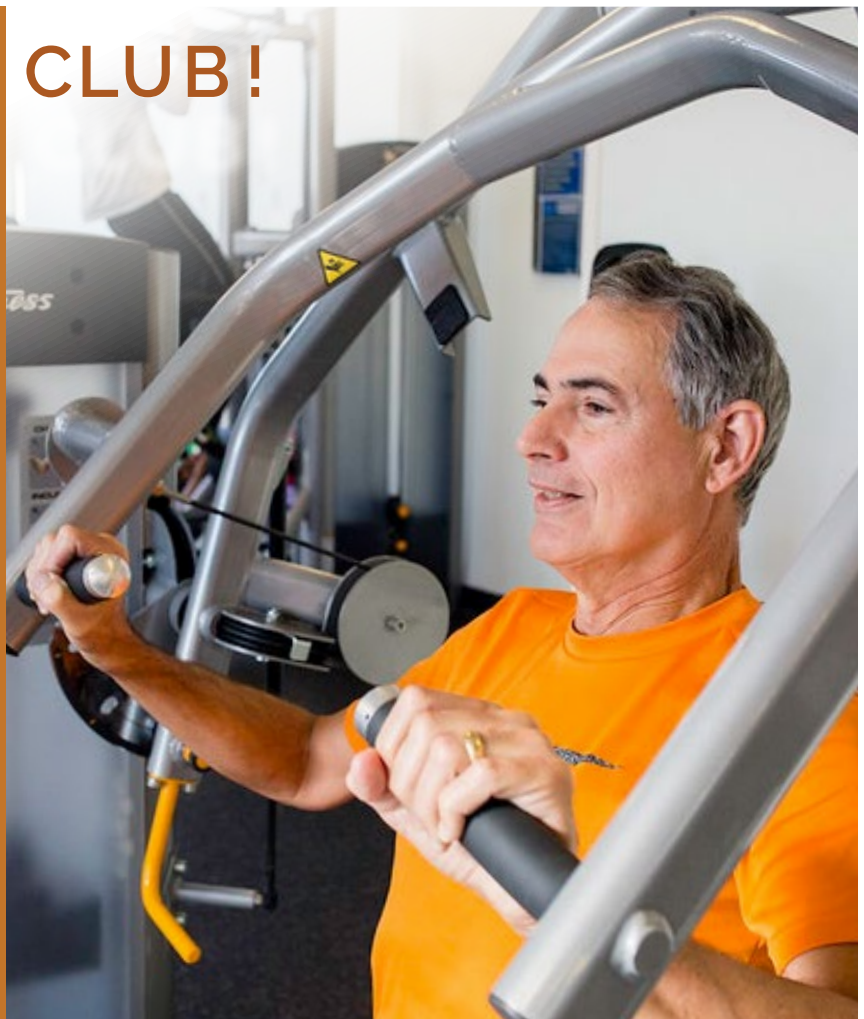
55+ GOLD PASS

Gives you all the benefits of the regular pass plus access to 8 of the County's fitness centers* any time during fitness center community hours.

Arlington County resident	\$75
Arlington County household	\$105
Non-Arlington County resident	\$105
Non-Arlington County household	\$155

*Long Bridge Aquatics & Fitness Center is not included. [Click here to learn more about the different memberships.](#)

To learn more visit arlingtonva.us/dpr and search 55+ Pass.



WE LOVE TREES!

ARLINGTON TREES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Arlington has about **755,400**
trees worth about **\$1.41 billion**.
Did you know that our trees:

REMOVE

about 1,235 tons/year of
air pollution a year, making us
healthier, preventing disease
and hospital visits

REDUCE

10,730,168 cubic feet/year
of storm and floodwater
runoff, equal to 122 Olympic-
sized pools.

STORE

about 30,900 cars' worth of
carbon emissions, and store
1,500 more cars worth
every year

PRESERVE

over \$1 million annually in
avoided energy costs.

Our trees can do so much for us!
Help our community's health and wooded
character by protecting trees and planting
native trees!





take care of trees

Beautiful sunny days
make trees thirsty.
Don't forget to give
them drink.

Learn more [here](#).



Get Engaged with Arlington's Natural Environment!

Arlington County's Forestry and Natural Resources Plan (FNRP) a sub-element of the Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP), is a master plan that will serve as the guiding document for Arlington County's management practices related to trees, plants, wildlife and more. To learn more or sign up for updates, [click here](#).

When and How to Register!

Registration Info for Classes

Arlington Resident Registration



Web

Resident Online Registration Begins @ Noon for All Days:

Gymnastics:	Tues., Aug. 5
Aquatics:	Wed., Aug. 6
Private Swim Classes:	Wed., Aug. 6
Nature/History:	Thurs., Aug. 7
General Classes:	Thurs., Aug. 7

Go to: registration.arlingtonva.us

Pay by e-check or credit card.

Credit and debit card purchases will include a 3% non-refundable convenience fee paid directly to the credit card processor. Arlington County does not receive any portion of the fee.



Phone-In

Resident Phone Registration Begins @ Noon for All Days:

Gymnastics:	Tues., Aug. 5
Aquatics:	Wed., Aug. 6
Private Swim Classes:	Wed., Aug. 6
Nature/History:	Thurs., Aug. 7
General Classes:	Thurs., Aug. 7

Credit cards only: Visa, Mastercard, AMEX and Discover.

Have class numbers ready before calling 703.228.4747 (voice) option 1 or 711 (TTY), Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm



Walk-Ins

Resident Walk-in Registration Begins Fri., Aug. 8 @ 8am



Mail-In

Resident Mail-In Registration Processing Begins @ Noon:

Gymnastics:	Tues., Aug. 5
Aquatics:	Wed., Aug. 6
Private Swim Classes:	Wed., Aug. 6
Nature/History:	Thurs., Aug. 7
General Classes:	Thurs., Aug. 7

Complete Registration Form and mail anytime to 300 N. Park Drive, Arlington, VA 22203. If the course is scheduled to meet within seven days, call or carry in the registration. Forms must be received by 5pm on August 4 in order to be processed in the random draw beginning at noon next day. Please note that submitting a form in person does not guarantee space in a class. Forms received after deadline will be processed in the order received, after all random-draw forms have been processed. Please do not mail in a form if you plan to register online. Our staff cannot process registrations in your account while you are logged in, and your registration will not be processed and they will move on to the next registration.

Out-of-County Registration

Begins Wed., Aug. 13 @ 8am

Residents outside of Arlington County pay \$20 more than the listed fee.

INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATIONS

For security reasons, our registration system does not allow for connections outside the United States. If you know you will be traveling internationally during our registration period and would like to register for a class or two, please contact the Department of Parks and Recreation (703.228.4747) in advance, or mail in a registration form for processing.

ONLINE REGISTRATION PROCESS • You must have an account to register online. New customers: visit registration.arlingtonva.us to establish an account. Confirmations are sent via email or mail, the day they are processed. If you already have an account: You will need your ID & password. If you know your household ID, you can use the automated ID/password reminder function on the online registration system. If you have forgotten your user ID and password, contact the main registration office (703.228.4747 option 1 or registration@arlingtonva.us). Please ensure that your contact information is correct—we use it to communicate important program announcements (if a spot becomes available in a waitlisted class, if a class gets cancelled/added, etc.)

TECHNICAL PROBLEMS • Idle web sessions time out after 5 minutes. If your session times out or, you logout, ALL pending registrations in your households are removed. Please have only one computer logged into your household account when you are registering. If you experience a technical problem, please submit an incident review using this form within 3 days of the registration day. All incident review requests will be compiled and reviewed within 10 business days.

WAITLIST • Once a class has reached maximum capacity, you may enroll in a waitlist. We do use waitlists to expand capacity in current or future programs. Once a spot becomes available, you will be contacted via email (the information that we have on your household account) and will be given up to 24 hours to respond before the next person on the waitlist is offered the available spot. Waitlisted participants can be contacted starting a week after first day of registration and up to the start of the second class. After the second class, all waitlists are voided. If the first class has already started, fees will not be prorated for past classes (you will be charged the full price) and there is no opportunity to cancel or transfer after the first scheduled class. Being on the wait list does not guarantee enrollment.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT • All participants need to sign one at the time of registration or the first day of class. Adults must sign for children. Refusal to sign this agreement will prohibit participation in the program.

FEES • Payment is required at the time of registration. Checks or money orders are payable to Treasurer, Arlington County. The registrant's name, address and phone number must appear on each check. Pursuant to Arlington County Code, an assessment fee of \$50 is charged for a returned check. Acceptable charge payments are VISA, MasterCard or Discover. Arlington residents 55 and over receive a 30% discount on the fee shown in the Enjoy Arlington catalog unless otherwise stated.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have a balance on your household account, you will be unable to register for future enrollments and possibly have a temporary block placed on your account. Please contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at 703.228.4747 or registration@arlingtonva.us prior to the next registration.

REDUCED FEES • Class fee reductions are available on a sliding scale based on household income and size. Annual income verification is required. For application qualifications, guidelines and procedures, call 703.228.4747 option 1 or [click here to apply online](#). Fee reductions are

not applicable to all programs and you must be approved before registering for a class, camp or program. No retro fee reductions, which means we will not adjust your fees if you apply for a fee reduction after you have already registered for classes.

REFUNDS • No refund fees are charged for cancellations until after 8am Aug. 13; after this date, all refunds will be assessed a \$20 cancellation fee, per class cancelled. Deadline for all cancellations is 48 hours after the scheduled first class by calling 703.228.4747 option 1. No refunds, credits or transfers after deadline. No refunds or credits if participants are unable to attend a class or one session class or workshop. Per your request, credit card charges will be refunded directly to the credit card. Full refunds will be processed within 30 days when classes are canceled by Department of Parks and Recreation due to insufficient enrollment or other unforeseen reasons, or upon request when schedule or location changes made by Department of Parks and Recreation prohibit or limit your attendance. Refunds for medical reasons must be accompanied by a physician's note and shall be considered on a case by case basis. Check refunds may take longer to process. If you choose a household credit, you should use it for other programs within one year. We are required by Virginia law to turn that credit over to the state if you have not given us explicit direction on what to do with the credit.

REQUESTING MODIFICATIONS • Arlington County is committed to providing accessible programs to all of our participants. If you require a modification for a disability, please call 703.228.4740 or email TRinfo@arlingtonva.us. Advanced notice is welcome.

CHANGES, CANCELLATIONS AND CLOSINGS • Classes may be cancelled for a variety of reasons: low enrollment, on County holidays, in case of storms or other dangerous conditions, or at the discretion of the instructor. County-wide cancellations will be broadcast online at arlingtonva.us/parks, Facebook, Twitter, eNews, and at 703.228.4715. Please keep your household contact information up to date as we use this information to contact you directly by email if classes are cancelled. We will contact you one-week prior to the start date if a class is canceled due to low enrollment. Due to the early publication deadline, instructors may be changed before classes begin.

AGE EXCEPTIONS • Exception requests to the ages listed in the catalog must be received by the Program Staff in writing one week prior to the first day of registration. Verify the dates of birth of all registrants prior to registration. Do not enter an incorrect date of birth to bypass an age restriction. Participants who fall outside the age requirements for a class will be removed without refund. Administrative fees may apply.

- Age exception requests may take up to 5 business days for a response.
- Approved age exceptions will not be eligible to register online.
- Age exceptions are required for any participant who falls outside of the age range
- Age exceptions are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and are not always approved.
- An approved age exception does not guarantee enrollment into the class.

Find Out if You Qualify for a Fee Reduction

Current Fee-Reduction Processing Locations: *Not for registrations*

Arlington Mill Community Center
909 S. Dinwiddie St. 22204

Barcroft Sports + Fitness Center
4200 S. Four Mile Run 22206

Fairlington Community Center
3308 S Stafford St., 22206 / Closed Sundays

Gunston Community Center
2700 S. Lang St. 22206 / Closed Sundays

Langston-Brown Community Center
2121 N Culpeper St., 22207 / Closed Sundays

Long Bridge Aquatics & Fitness Center
333 Long Bridge Dr., 22202

Lubber Run Community Center
300 N Park Dr., 22203

Madison Community Center
3829 N. Stafford St. 22207 / Closed Sundays

Thomas Jefferson Community Center
3501 2nd St. S., 22204 / Closed Sundays

Walter Reed Community Center
2909 16th St. S. 22204

The Arlington Parks and Recreation Call Center 703.228.4747 is your one-stop-shop for registration and facilities scheduling needs.

The new system informs you of your place in the queue during high volume times, provides more agents available during peak times, and gives Spanish speakers direct access to assistance. For registration services press 1.

Registration Form

Mail-In Registration

You need an account number to use the mail-in option. Processing dates are first come, first served, following eligibility criteria for registration dates. Submitting this registration form does not guarantee space in a class. Please note: If you have a balance on your household account, you will be unable to register for future enrollments. Please contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at 703.228.4747 or registration@arlingtonva.us prior to the next registration.



1. Account Information

Parent/Guardian Name _____
Account Number _____
E-Mail _____
Phone Number _____

2. Participant(s) Registration

Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Gender: _____
Need modification for disability? Yes No

1ST CHOICE

Class Name _____
Activity #: _____
Days: _____
Time: _____
Location: _____
Fee: _____

2ND CHOICE

Class Name _____
Activity #: _____
Days: _____
Time: _____
Location: _____
Fee: _____

3RD CHOICE

Class Name _____
Activity #: _____
Days: _____
Time: _____
Location: _____
Fee: _____

Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Gender: _____
Need modification for disability? Yes No

1ST CHOICE

Class Name _____
Activity #: _____
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2ND CHOICE

Class Name _____
Activity #: _____
Days: _____
Time: _____
Location: _____
Fee: _____

3RD CHOICE

Class Name _____
Activity #: _____
Days: _____
Time: _____
Location: _____
Fee: _____

3. Payment

Send your payment (payable to *Treasurer Arlington County*) along with this form to:

**Department of Parks and Recreation
Administrative Services Office
300 N. Park Drive
Arlington, VA 22203**

Check here if you wish to pay by check or money order. Make payable to: "Treasurer Arlington County"

You can pay by e-check online or include a check or money order with your registration form. For security purposes, check and money orders will be **processed upon receipt**, for the amount of your enrollment and the amount added as a credit on your account until your registration is processed. If you are waitlisted for a class and would like a refund, please call the Administrative Services at 703.228.4747

Check here if you wish to pay with a credit card online

Upon successful enrollment, a receipt will be sent to your email address on file. You can then sign-on to your account online and pay the balance due

Check here if you would like a member of our staff to contact you for payment

NOTE: Payment for these classes are due by 5pm, the day of this enrollment. If staff are not able to reach you for payment, or you do not pay your balance due online directly, your enrollment will be cancelled.

Parks & Rec Administrative Services Office

1 300 N. Park Drive 22203

COMMUNITY CENTERS

- 1 Lubber Run Community Center
300 N. Park Drive 22203
- 2 Long Bridge Aquatics + Fitness Center
333 Long Bridge Dr. 22202
- 3 Arlington Mill Community Center
909 S. Dinwiddie St. 22204
- 4 Aurora Hills Community Center
735 18th St. S. 22202
- 5 Barcroft Sports + Fitness Center
4200 S. Four Mile Run 22206
- 6 Carver Community Center
1415 S. Queen St. 22204
- 7 Charles Drew Community Center
3500 S. 23rd St. 22206
- 8 Fairlington Community Center
3308 S. Stafford St. 22206
- 9 Gunston Community Center
2700 S. Lang St. 22206
- 10 Langston-Brown Community Center
2121 Culpeper St. 22207
- 12 Madison Community Center
3829 N. Stafford St. 22207
- 13 Thomas Jefferson Community Center
3501 2nd St. S. 22204
- 14 Walter Reed Community Center
2909 16th St. S. 22204

NATURE CENTERS

- 15 Gulf Branch Nature Center
3608 N. Military Rd. 22207
- 16 Long Branch Nature Center
625 S. Carlin Springs Rd. 22204
- 17 Potomac Overlook Park
2845 N. Marcey Rd. 22207

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

- 18 Arlington Heights Park
S. 9th St. & S. Irving St. 22204
- 19 Barcroft Park
4200 S. Four Mile Run Dr. 22206
- 20 Bluemont Park
601 N. Manchester St. 22203
- 21 Bon Air Park
850 N. Lexington St. 22205
- 22 Doctors Run Park
1301 S. George Mason Dr. 22204
- 23 Fort Barnard Park
2102 S. Pollard St. 22204
- 24 Fort C.F. Smith Park
2411 N. 24th St. 22207
- 25 Fort Scott Park
2800 S. Fort Scott Dr. 22202
- 26 Glebe Road Park
4211 N. Old Glebe Rd. 22207
- 27 Glencarlyn Park
301 S. Harrison St. 22204
- 28 Greenbrier Park
5201 N. 28th St. 22207
- 29 Gunston Park
1401 S. 28th St. 22206
- 30 Hayes Park
1516 N. Lincoln St. 22201
- 31 High View Park
1945 N. Dinwiddie St. 22207
- 32 Jennie Dean Park
3630 S. 27th St. 22206
- 33 Long Bridge Park
475 Long Bridge Dr. 22202
- 34 Lacey Woods Park
1200 N. George Mason Dr. 22205
- 35 Lyon Village Park
1800 N. Highland St. 22201
- 36 Madison Manor Park
6225 N. 12th Rd. 22205
- 37 Marcey Road Park
2722 N. Marcey Rd. 22207
- 38 Maury Park
3550 Wilson Blvd. 22201

- 39 Nauck Park
2600 S. 19th St. 22204
- 40 Penrose Park
2200 S. 6th St. 22204
- 41 Powhatan Springs Park
6020 Wilson Blvd. 22205
- 42 Quincy Park
1021 N. Quincy St. 22201
- 43 Rocky Run Park
1109 N. Barton St. 22201
- 44 Towers Park
801 S. Scott St. 22204
- 45 Tuckahoe Park
2400 N. Sycamore St. 22213
- 46 Tyrol Hill Park
5101 S. 7th Rd. 22204
- 47 Virginia Highlands Park
1600 S. Hayes St. 22202
- 48 Westover Park
1001 N. Kennebec St. 22205
- 97 John Robinson, Jr. Town Square
2406 Shirlington Rd. 22206
- 98 Zitkala-Sa Park
3011 7th St N. 22201

COMMUNITY LOCATIONS

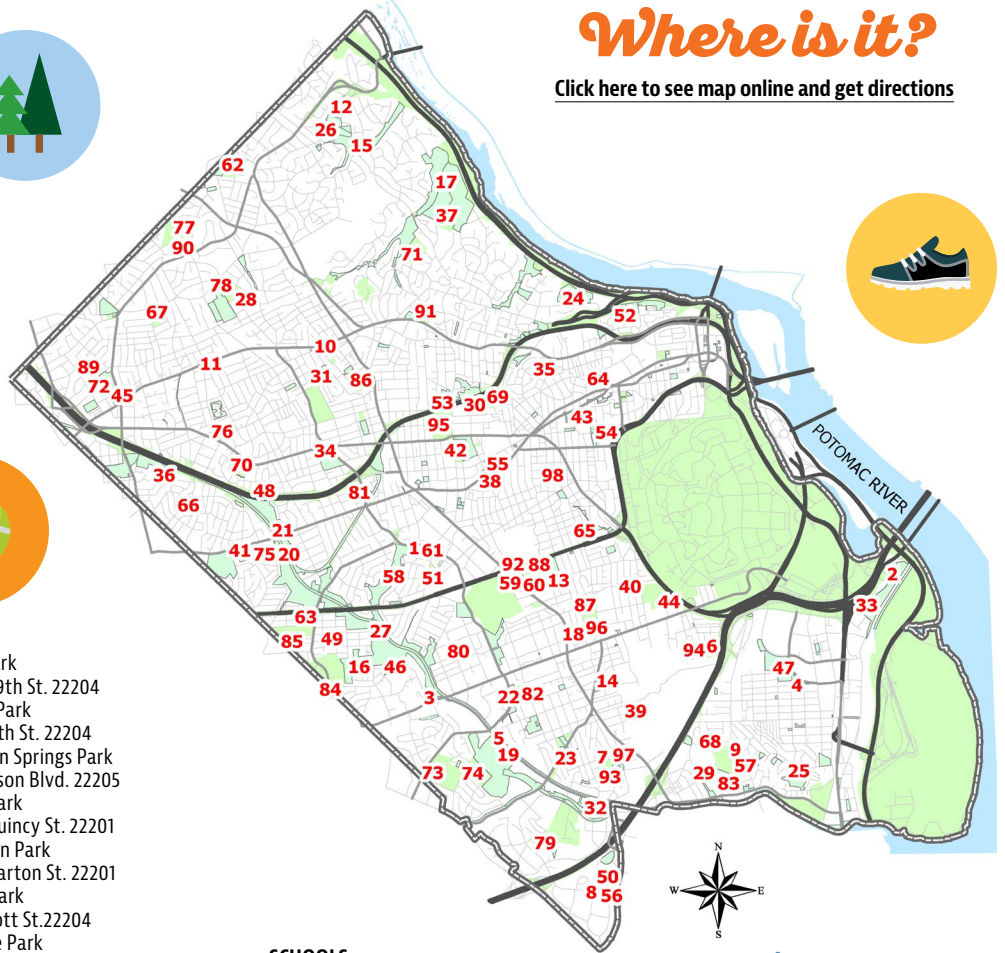
- 49 Carlin Hall Center
5711 S. 4th St. 22204
- 50 Cooperative Extension Services
3308 S. Stafford St. 22206
- 51 Culpepper Garden
4435 N. Pershing Dr. 22203
- 52 Dawson Terrace
2133 N. Taft St. 22201
- 53 Quincy Parking Deck
N. 15th St. & N. Quincy St. 22201
- 54 Woodbury Park
2335 N. 11th St. 22205

ART FACILITIES

- 55 Arlington Arts Center
3550 Wilson Blvd. 22201
- 56 Fairlington Arts Studio
3308 S. Stafford St. 22206
- 57 Gunston Arts Center
2700 S. Lang St. 22206
- 58 Lubber Run Amphitheatre
N. 2nd & N. Columbus St. 22203
- 59 Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre
125 S. Old Glebe. Rd. 22204
- 60 Thomas Jefferson Art Studios
3501 S. 2nd St. 22204
Theater on the Run
3700 S. Four Mile Run Dr. 22206

Where is it?

[Click here to see map online and get directions](#)



SCHOOLS

- 61 Barrett Elementary School
4401 N. Henderson Rd. 22203
- 62 Jamestown Elementary School
3700 N. Delaware St. 22207
- 63 Kenmore Middle School
200 S. Carlin Springs Rd. 22204
- 64 Innovation Elementary School
2300 Key Blvd. 22201
- 65 Long Branch Elementary School
33 N. Fillmore St. 22201
- 66 Arlington Traditional School
1030 N. McKinley Rd. 22205
- 67 Nottingham School
5900 Little Falls Rd. 22207
- 68 Oakridge Elementary School
1414 S. 24th St. 22202
- 69 Arlington Science Focus School
1501 N. Lincoln St. 22201
- 70 Swanson Middle School
5800 N. Wash. Blvd. 22205
- 71 Taylor Elementary School
2600 N. Stuart St. 22207
- 72 Tuckahoe Elementary School
6550 N. 26th St. 22213
- 73 Wakefield High School
4901 S. Chesterfield Rd. 22206
- 74 Claremont Elementary School
4700 S. Chesterfield Rd. 22205
- 75 Ashlawn Elementary School
5950 N. 8th Rd. 22205
- 76 Cardinal Elementary School
1644 N. McKinley Rd. 22205
- 77 Williamsburg Middle School
3600 N. Harrison St. 22207
- 78 Yorktown High School
5201 N. 28th St. 22207
- 79 Abingdon Elementary
3035 S. Abingdon St. 22206
- 80 Barcroft Elementary School
625 S. Wakefield St. 22204
- 81 Key Elementary School
855 N Edison St. 22205
- 82 Randolph Elementary School
1306 S. Quincy St. 22204
- 83 Gunston Middle School
2700 S. Lang Street 22206
- 84 Campbell Elementary School
737 S. Carlin Springs Rd. 22204
- 85 Carlin Springs Elementary School
5995 S. 5th Road 22204
- 86 Glebe Elementary School
1770 N Glebe Rd. 22207
- 87 Montessori Public School
701 S. Highland St. 22204
- 88 Thomas Jefferson Middle School
125 S. Old Glebe Rd. 22204
- 89 Bishop O'Connell School
6600 Little Falls Rd. 22213
- 90 Discovery Elementary School
5241 36th St N. 22207
- 91 Dorothy Hamm Middle School
4100 Vacation Lane 22207
- 92 Fleet Elementary School
115 S. Old Glebe Rd. 22204
- 93 Drew Model Elementary School
3500 South 23rd St. 22206
- 94 H-B Elementary School
1415 S. Queen Street 22204
- 95 Washington-Liberty High School
1300 N. Stafford St. 22201
- 96 Arlington Career Center
816 S. Walter Reed Dr. 22204



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BY PHONE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Parks & Recreation Main Number	703.228.4747
Classes & Camps Registration	703.228.4747, press 1
Closures & Cancellations Hotline	703.228.4747, press 5
Community Canine Areas (Dog Parks)	703.228.4747, press 4
Downed Trees	703.228.4747, press 4
Facility Rentals	703.228.4747, press 2
Police/Fire Non-Emergency	703.558.2222
Sports	703.228.4747, press 1
Teen Programs	703.228.4747
Therapeutic Recreation	703.228.4740
TTY Service	711

SPORTS

Sports General Information	703.228.4747, press 1
Aerial/Tigers Gymnastics Teams	703.228.0712
Arlington Aquatics Club	703.228.0706

ART STUDIO

Thomas Jefferson	703.228.5925
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COMMUNITY CENTERS

Arlington Mill	703.228.7790
Barcroft Sports & Fitness	703.228.0701
Carver	703.228.5706
Charles Drew	703.228.5725
Fairlington	703.228.6588
Gunston	703.228.6980
Langston-Brown	703.228.5210
Long Bridge Aquatics & Fitness	703.228.3338
Lubber Run	703.228.4712
Madison	703.228.5310
Thomas Jefferson	703.228.5920
Walter Reed	703.228.0935

NATURE CENTERS

Gulf Branch	703.228.3403
Long Branch	703.228.6535

55+ PROGRAMS & CENTERS

55+ Programs Info	703.228.4747, press 3
Arlington Mill	703.228.7369
Aurora Hills	703.228.5722
Langston-Brown	703.228.6300
Lubber Run	703.228.4767
Walter Reed	703.228.0955

PARKS & NATURAL RESOURCES

Parks & Trail Maintenance	703.228.4747, press 4
Park Rangers	703.228.4747, press 4
Parks After Hours	571.238.0265
Community Gardens	703.228.6426
Graffiti Removal	703.228.4747, press 4
Horticultural Information	703.228.6414
Invasive Plant Control	703.228.4747, press 4
Leaf Collection	703.228.4747, press 4
Mulch	703.228.6570

GYMNASTICS & AQUATIC CENTERS

Barcroft Sports & Fitness	703.228.0701
Long Bridge Aquatics & Fitness	703.228.3338

ONLINE

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FACEBOOK: facebook.com/arlarksrec

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REPORT A PROBLEM

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/A-Z-Index/reportproblem/>

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING FUN HAPPENING IN AN ARLINGTON PARK

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Arlington offers art, nature, teen and sports newsletters that keep you informed on upcoming events and provide great resources and timely information.

NATURE & HISTORY

News from Our Nature Centers



COMMUNITY CENTER CENTRAL

Local Info



PARKS AND RECREATION ENEWS

Latest Parks and Recreation Happenings and Updates



Arlington Resident Online/Phone

REGISTRATION BEGINS AUG. 5-7, 2025 @ NOON*

Go to registration.arlingtonva.us ■ Classes begin September 8, 2025 unless noted otherwise

Tues
5

■ Gymnastics

Wed
6

■ Aquatics Classes
■ & Private Swim

Thurs
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■ Nature/History
■ General Classes

Fri., August 8

* Resident Walk-In Registration Begins at 8am

Wed., August 13

* Out-of-County Registration Begins at 8am

Details on p.62



We Aim to Please!

Our vision for Arlington is a happy and healthy place to live, learn, work and play. To make this a reality, our Mission is to promote wellness and vitality through dynamic programs and attractive public spaces. Arlington County's Department of Parks and Recreation is one of the 136 Agencies in the U.S. to have received national accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (Capra) by meeting 144 standards.

Did you know? Registration Staff is available the first day of registration starting at noon. Give us a call at 703.228.4747 if you need online registration assistance. For registration services, press 1; for scheduling, press 2; para espanol presione 9.

We welcome folks from all around the DC Metropolitan area to our recreation programs. Residents outside of Arlington County pay an additional fee of \$20 per class.

ACCESS FOR ALL

Parks & Recreation camps, classes, fitness memberships, preschools, programs and more are at a price you can afford!

Our fee reduction program helps Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day! Access for All. Easy to apply! Whether you have a short-term setback or something longer-term. Details [here](#).

Additionally, all Parks & Recreation programs, classes, and camps can put modifications in place to promote an enjoyable and successful program experience for participants of all abilities. Advance notice is welcome. Call 703.228.4740 or email TRinfo@arlingtonva.us



REDUCED FEES ARE AVAILABLE!

Arlington has resources to help keep residents of all incomes and abilities participating in our programs and classes. For more information, call 703.228.4747.

Modifications

Arlington County can provide reasonable modifications for people with disabilities upon request. Advance notice is welcome. Call 703.228.4740 or email TRinfo@arlingtonva.us

Fee Reductions

Arlington County residents may request a fee reduction for classes! Apply for a fee reduction before you register for a class—discounts are not retroactive. Fee reductions are available on a sliding scale based on household income and size. For more information, [click here](#).

DO YOU SPEAK ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

Free language assistance services are available to you. Call 703.228.4747 or visit parks.arlingtonva.us

SPANISH: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios de asistencia lingüística gratuitos. Llame al 703.228.4747 o visite parks.arlingtonva.us

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Arlington's goal is for all County residents to benefit from County programs. There are resources so that age, ability or income is not a barrier. For more information call 703.228.4747.