

ENJOY *Arlington*

FALL 2026

Guide to Recreation Classes and
Nature & History Programs



Arlington Resident Online/Phone

REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 4-6, 2026 @ NOON*

**Tues
4**

- Gymnastics

**Wed
5**

- Aquatics Classes
- Private Swim

**Thurs
6**

- Nature / History
- General Classes

Fri., August 7
* Resident Walk-In
Registration Begins at 8am

Wed., August 12
* Out-of-County
Registration Begins at 8am

Details on p.70



**ARLINGTON
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Parks & Recreation

Go to registration.arlingtonva.us ■ Classes begin September 8, 2026 unless noted otherwise





Wishing you
good health,

Jane Rudolph

Director, Department of
Parks and Recreation



New Season, New Skills, and New Adventures!

Arlington has been named America's Fittest City for the ninth year in a row, and our fall lineup keeps that momentum going. Whether you're looking to stay active, learn a new skill, express your creativity, or connect with your community, Enjoy Arlington offers opportunities for every age, interest and ability.

From fitness classes and sports offerings to arts programs, enrichment courses and family activities, this season's catalog is packed with ways to make the most of fall. There's never been a better time to try something new, revisit a favorite hobby or discover a new passion.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the return of our **Pumpkin Walk** (p.60), a family-friendly October event featuring illuminated pumpkin displays and seasonal fun for all ages. And don't forget to flip through the entire catalog for the full lineup of fall events, including **Festival Latinoamericano** (p.65).

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.

August
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2026

**Weekend Hours
9am-4pm**

To help with your registration needs, our offices will be open for special hours on Sat., Aug 1, 2026 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. Get your order submitted online at registration.arlingtonva.us or by calling 703.228.4747. Order deadline is Sept. 19th, pick up is on Sept. 26th.

Fort CF Smith Park

Sat., Sept. 26, 10am-1pm



Fall Heritage Festival

Families. Each fall we gather 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. Fort CF Smith Park

Sat., Oct. 10, 12-4pm

612750-F

HISTORY HAPPY HOURS!

Adults. These interactive multimedia programs take you on a journey through the past in a historic setting, with a cup of coffee or tea. From prehistory to the present, engage with the stories living around us. Ages 16 and up.

Indigenous Arlington

\$8. Fort CF Smith Park

Weds., Oct. 14, 6-7pm

612740-A

The USCT in Arlington

\$8. Fort CF Smith Park

Tues., Nov. 10, 6-7pm

612740-B



Family Campfires

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

\$8. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Great Migrations Campfire
Sat., Sept. 5, 6-7pm **612850-A**

Fat Bear Campfire
Sat., Oct. 3, 6-7pm **612850-B**

Animals in the Fall Campfire
Fri., Nov. 6, 5:30-6:30pm **612850-C**

Turkeys Campfire
Fri., Nov. 20, 5:30-6:30pm **612850-D**

\$8. Long Branch Nature Center

Pajama Party Campfire
Fri., Sept. 4, 5-6:30pm **612950-A**

Bilingual Campfire Stories
Sat., Nov. 7, 5-6pm **612950-B**

\$8. Fort C.F. Smith

Ghost Stories Campfire
Sat., Oct. 31, 3-4pm **612750-A**



Preschool & Tiny Tots

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, imaginative play, and mini hikes. These programs are offered throughout the year at Gulf Branch and Long Branch Nature Centers. Each program has a monthly theme that is repeated, so please register your child for only one program at each center per month. Caretakers must stay with their child during the program.

Tiny Tot Ages 18- 35 months with adult

\$8. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Tiny Tot: Bats

Thurs., Sept. 3, 10-10:45am **612810-A**
Thurs., Sept. 10, 10-10:45am **612810-B**
Sat., Sept. 26, 10-10:45am **612810-C**

Tiny Tot: Acorns

Thurs., Oct. 1, 10-10:45am **612810-D**
Sat., Oct. 3, 10-10:45am **612810-E**
Fri., Oct. 23, 10-10:45am **612810-F**

Tiny Tot: Moon

Thurs., Nov. 5, 10-10:45am **612810-G**
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Tues., Nov. 24, 10-10:45am **612810-I**

Tiny Tot: Arctic Creatures

Tues., Dec. 1, 10-10:45am **612810-J**

\$8. Long Branch Nature Center

Tiny Tot: Spiders

Fri., Sept. 4, 10-10:45am **612910-A**
Fri., Sept. 11, 10-10:45am **612910-B**
Sat., Sept. 12, 10-10:45am **612910-C**

Tiny Tot: Owls

Fri., Oct. 2, 10-10:45am **612910-D**
Thurs., Oct. 8, 10-10:45am **612910-E**
Sat., Oct. 10, 10-10:45am **612910-F**

Tiny Tot: Squirrels

Fri., Nov. 6, 10-10:45am **612910-G**
Sat., Nov. 14, 10-10:45am **612910-H**
Thurs., Nov. 19, 10-10:45am **612910-I**

Tiny Tot: Marsupials

Thurs., Dec. 3, 10-10:45am **612910-J**
Tues., Dec. 8, 10-10:45am **612910-K**

Preschool Ages 3- 5 years

\$8. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Pre-K: Extinct Species

Thurs., Sept. 3, 11am-12pm **612810-K**
Thurs., Sept. 10, 11am-12pm **612810-L**
Fri., Sept. 25, 11am-12pm **612810-M**
Sat., Sept. 26, 1-2pm **612810-N**

Pre-K: Owls

Thurs., Oct. 1, 11am-12pm **612810-O**
Sat., Oct. 3, 11am-12pm **612810-P**
Fri., Oct. 16, 1-2pm **612810-Q**
Fri., Oct. 23, 11am-12pm **612810-R**

Pre-K: Trees

Thurs., Nov. 5, 11am-12pm **612810-S**
Thurs., Nov. 12, 1-2pm **612810-T**
Sat., Nov. 21, 11am-12pm **612810-U**
Tues., Nov. 24, 11am-12pm **612810-V**

Pre-K: Primates

Tues., Dec. 1, 11am-12pm **612810-W**
Thurs., Dec. 3, 1-2pm **612810-X**

\$8. Long Branch Nature Center

Pre-K: Solar System

Fri., Sept. 4, 11am-12pm **612910-L**
Fri., Sept. 11, 11am-12pm **612910-M**
Sat., Sept. 12, 11am-12pm **612910-N**
Thurs., Sept. 24, 1-2pm **612910-O**

Pre-K: Crickets

Fri., Oct. 2, 11am-12pm **612910-P**
Thurs., Oct. 8, 11am-12pm **612910-Q**
Sat., Oct. 10, 11am-12pm **612910-R**
Thurs., Oct. 15, 1-2pm **612910-S**

Pre-K: Beavers

Fri., Nov. 6, 11am-12pm **612910-T**
Fri., Nov. 13, 1-2pm **612910-U**
Sat., Nov. 14, 11am-12pm **612910-V**
Thurs., Nov. 19, 11am-12pm **612910-W**

Pre-K: Fossils

Thurs., Dec. 3, 11am-12pm **612910-X**
Tues., Dec. 8, 11am-12pm **612910-Y**
Thurs., Dec. 10, 1-2pm **612910-Z**

More Tot Programs

Nature Storytime

Enjoy interactive stories, each date with a different nature topic! Ages 1 to 5.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Weds., Sept. 16, 10:30-11am **612810-Y**
Weds., Oct. 14, 10:30-11am **612810-Z**
Weds., Nov. 4, 10:30-11am **612810-AA**
Weds., Dec. 2, 10:30-11am **612810-BB**

Free. Long Branch Nature Center

Tues., Sept. 1, 10:30-11am **612910-AA**
Tues., Nov. 3, 10:30-11am **612910-BB**



Nature Storytime: Spanish

Enjoy interactive stories, each date with a different nature topic in Spanish! Ages 1 to 5.

Free. Long Branch Nature Center

Tues., Oct. 6, 10:30-11am **642910-CC**
Tues., Dec. 1, 10:30-11am **642910-DD**

Kids

☺ No School? No Problem!

NSNP! We've highlighted our nature programs scheduled during Arlington Public School Teacher Workdays or Parent-Teacher Conference Days so kids can stay active and engaged!

☺ Make a Tricorn

NSNP! Create and decorate your own tricorn hats—just like those worn during the American Revolution—using simple materials and their imagination. Perfect for young history lovers, this activity combines creativity, learning, and a touch of Revolutionary flair. Ages 5 to 12.

\$8. Long Branch Nature Center

Fri., Sept. 4, 12–1pm

[612920-A](#)

☺ Hike to the Potomac

NSNP! Take a walk to overlook the Potomac River from the ridgeline. Cross the rocks of Gulf Branch stream and explore the woods on the way to see a variety of different habitats. Wear closed toed shoes and pants that can get wet! Ages 8 to 12.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Fri., Sept. 4, 1:30–3pm

[612820-A](#)



Budding Herpetologists

Do you love frogs, snakes, and turtles? If so, this program is for you! Join us as we investigate these amazing animals and meet some who live at the nature center. Ages 6 to 10.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Weds., Sept. 23, 5–6pm

[612820-B](#)

Birding for Kids

Calling all young birders and bird enthusiasts! Learn about local birds, how to identify, and how to use binoculars. Then, we'll comb the woods around Gulf Branch for commonly seen birds. Includes a short hike outside (weather permitting). Ages 7 to 12.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Weds., Oct. 7, 2:30–3:45pm

[612820-C](#)

Camouflage Time

How good are you at spotting camouflaged animals? Learn about the best camouflaged animals in the world and then we'll test your eyes searching for camouflaged critters! Ages 6 to 9.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Thurs., Oct. 8, 3–3:45pm

[612820-D](#)



Dinosaurs: Can You Dig It?

Ever want to be an archeologist or paleontologist. Learn to dig up the history to find some of history's most interesting creature. Go on a hunt and end up digging for bones. Plan to get a little dirty. Ages 7 to 11.

\$8. Long Branch Nature Center

Fri., Oct. 9, 3–4:30pm

[612920-B](#)

Fun with Pumpkins

Discover pumpkins and their many amazing uses. Try some pumpkin treats and make a pumpkin craft to take home! Ages 6 to 12.

\$8. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Oct. 31, 11am–12pm

[612920-C](#)

Backyard Weather Station

Are you curious about how weather forecasts are made? Wondering how you can tell if it will have nice weather tomorrow? Come learn about our backyard weather station and make your own weather instruments! Ages 6 to 12.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Tues., Nov. 3, 1–2pm

[612820-E](#)

Turkey Call Craft

Gobble up some educational turkey trivia! Learn about turkeys and where they are from, then craft up your own turkey call! Ages 6 to 12.

\$8. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Weds., Nov. 25, 1–2pm

[612820-F](#)



Teens

Reptile Care for Teens

Are you a teen interested in owning a reptile or already own one? Come and learn some helpful care tips ranging from diet and tank setups to enrichment ideas and meet some of our ambassador reptiles as well. Ages 12 to 17.

Free. Long Branch Nature Center

Fri., Sept. 25, 5–6pm

[612930-A](#)

Teen Fire Building Basics

How to build a fire with little to no skill or equipment. There are tricks to how to make things burn with little effort. Finish by roasting marshmallows over your successes. Ages 12 to 17.

\$8. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Sept. 19, 5–6pm

[612930-B](#)

Gulf Branch Teen BioBlitz

Help us catalog the many wonderful plants, fungi and animals that call Gulf Branch stream and park home! We'll use iNaturalist to record and log our observations, and then come back next year after our stream resilience project is complete to see how things have changed! Ages 12 to 17.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Sat., Oct. 17, 10am–12pm

[612830-A](#)

Birding for Teens

Calling all young birders or birding enthusiasts! Learn about local birds, how to identify, and how to use binoculars. Then, we'll comb the woods around Gulf Branch for commonly seen birds. Includes a short hike outside (weather permitting). Ages 12 to 17.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Weds., Oct. 28, 2:30–3:45pm

[612830-B](#)

Adults

Wednesday Walkabout

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. 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 creatures you may see in winter, and focus on healthy walking. No registration required. Just show up ready to be amazed. Ages 15+.

Free. Long Branch Nature Center

Weds., Sept. 9, 12-1pm
Weds., Sept. 23, 12-1pm
Weds., Oct. 14, 12-1pm
Weds., Oct. 28, 12-1pm
Weds., Nov. 18, 12-1pm
Weds., Dec. 9, 12-1pm



Friday Fall Foliage Forays

As fall arrives, the natural world around us begins to change. Come for a bit of exercise while exploring some of Arlington's hidden park gems during this series of walks in search of changing fall foliage, shifting of animals, and the fluctuating fall temperatures.

-  **Free. Fort CF Smith Park**
Fri., Sept. 11, 10-11am **612940-A**
-  **Free. Bon Air Park**
Fri., Sept. 25, 10-11am **612940-B**
-  **Free. Donaldson Run Park**
Fri., Oct. 9, 10-11am **612940-C**
-  **Free. Barcroft Park**
Fri., Oct. 23, 10-11am **612940-D**
-  **Free. Lacey Woods Park**
Fri., Nov. 6, 10-11am **612940-E**

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

Wingspan Game 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

Fri., Oct. 9, 5-7pm

612940-F

How to Draw Naturally

Join us for drawing lessons at the nature center using real specimens and live animals. We will begin our sessions by learning about our subject and you will have an opportunity to take pictures for your own collection of drawing references. Follow step-by-step lessons and learn various drawing techniques with dedicated time at the end to draw independently. Teens ages 12+ welcome to attend with registered adult.

\$10. Long Branch Nature Center

Trees in Autumn

Sat., Oct. 17, 11am-12:30pm

612940-G

Mammals in Winter

Sat., Dec. 12, 11am-12:30pm

612940-H

Protecting Our Watershed

Learn about local conservation efforts for keeping our waterways clean by exploring ongoing action in the watershed. Includes a short walk outside along the ongoing stream restoration project.

\$8. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Sat., Oct. 24, 11am-12:15pm

612840-A

Amazing Owl Adaptations

The amazing adaptations of owls allow these beautiful feathered predators to rule the night. Learn about the biology behind their keen senses and meet a live owl up close. Teens 12+ welcome with a registered adult.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Sat., Oct. 31, 11am-12pm

612840-B

Forest Bathing

Forest bathing is a unique way of exploring the natural world by focusing our senses to a keen visceral state. This process can be remarkably restorative as you are guided to ways of experiencing the wild earth just waiting in our local parks.



Fall is a revealing, slow-motion process of preparing for winter. Dress for the weather and the possibility of sitting on the ground or a log.

Free. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Nov. 7, 10am-12pm

612940-I

Free. Zachary Taylor Park.

Sat., Nov. 14, 10am-12pm

612940-J

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. 5, 10am-12pm

612940-K

Sat., Dec. 5, 1-3pm

612940-L



Restore Habitat!



Families

Restore Habitat!

Join us in restoring habitat in our parks! We meet regularly in over a dozen parks to remove invasives, plant natives, protect tree seedlings, and do other environmental stewardship work. Volunteers improve habitat, meet fellow do-gooders, get exercise, and learn about native plants and wildlife all while making a difference in the great outdoors. Learn more on our [Invasive Plants webpage](#). Adults, teens and families ages 9 and up.

Free. Long Branch Nature Center

Sun., Sept. 20, 2-4pm

Sun., Oct. 18, 2-4pm

Sun., Nov. 15, 2-4pm

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Fri., Sept. 11, 10am-12pm

Fri., Oct. 9, 10am-12pm

Fri., Nov. 13, 10am-12pm

Fri., Dec. 11, 10am-12pm

Park Pop Up

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. Tyrol Hill Park

Sat., Sept. 5, 11am-1pm



Free. Chestnut Hill Park

Thurs., Sept. 10, 3:30-4:30pm



Free. Arlington Hall Park

Thurs., Oct. 1, 3:30-4:30pm



Free. Bluemont Park

Thurs., Oct. 15, 11am-12pm

Nature Scavenger Hunt

We'll walk on the trails to complete our nature scavenger hunt list. Together we'll search for acorns, rocks, leaves, bugs, other animals and more! We will meet in Glen Carlyn park to embark on the scavenger hunt. Canceled if raining.

\$8. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Sept. 5, 2-3pm

Sat., Sept. 12, 2-3pm

Sat., Sept. 19, 2-3pm

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612950-D

612950-E

Spellbinders

Ages 4+. The Arlington Spellbinders will unleash the power of oral storytelling with favorite tales from around the world. Since ancient times in all cultures, this tradition has passed on wisdom, connected elders to youth, and engaged the imagination. Participants may choose a well-loved book to take home! Book donations provided in collaboration with the Friends of Arlington Public Library.

Free. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Sept. 12, 3:30-4pm

Sat., Nov. 14, 12:30-1pm

612950-F

612950-G

Meet Earl, Our Turkey Vulture with Superpowers!

Come meet Earl, our new resident turkey vulture. He'd love to share his story and his amazing life as a flying scavenger. Learn about his amazing adaptations.

\$8. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Sept. 19, 11:30am-12:30pm

612950-I

Moth Baiting: Exploration & Campfire

Before the summer is gone and the temperatures drop, come hear stories and search out some of our forest fliers. Search for moths using food and other baits, see who is drawn to some special lights and find out about their relationship to bats. End at the campfire to roast a s'more.

\$10. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Sept. 19, 7-8:30pm

612950-H

The Textures of Nature

Nature is full of different textures: smooth, rough, bumpy, grainy, slippery. We'll make clay prints using natural materials, make art while exploring tree bark, and go on a nature walk to see what textures we can find.

\$8. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Sept. 26, 5-6pm

612950-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 ages 12 and up welcome to attend with a registered adult.

\$8. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Oct. 3, 11am-12pm

612950-K

Super Seedlings

We'll talk about the parts of a plant, its life cycle, explore pine cones and other seed pods, do some plant-inspired yoga, and go on an acorn hunt.

Free. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Oct. 10, 5-6pm

612950-L



George Washington Survey Marker Walk to Glencarlyn Park

We will begin at the Glencarlyn Library and learn about George Washington's survey marker and take a nature & history walk to the original park location where a tree once marked the spot. Walking path to stream valley is mostly paved with some hills. Park Naturalist is bilingual (English/Spanish). Meet at Glencarlyn Library.

\$10. Glencarlyn Library
Sun., Oct. 18, 3:30–5pm

612950-H

Fall Owl Prowl

Join a naturalist on a walk along Long Branch in search of some of our local nighttime noisemakers. Meet some local wildlife up close and learn to call an owl or two. Learn what it's like to be a nocturnal animal.

\$10. Long Branch Nature Center
Fri., Oct. 23, 6–7:30pm

612950-M



Nocturnal Animal Hike

We'll explore nocturnal animals in a classroom discussion and walk the trails to look for them after dark. Dress for the weather.

\$8. Long Branch Nature Center
Fri., Nov. 6, 6:30–7:30pm
Fri., Nov. 13, 6:30–7:30pm

612950-O
612950-P

Turkey Vulture vs Black Vulture

Both turkey vultures and black vultures live around here and have a very important role in the natural world. Come meet Earl, our new resident turkey vulture, and learn how he differs from black vultures.

\$8. Long Branch Nature Center
Sat., Nov. 7, 11:30am–12:30pm

612950-Q

Virginia's State Snake

Learn about Virginia's official State snake, the eastern garter snake and other local snake neighbors. Meet a snake that lives at the nature center closeup! The park naturalist is bilingual (Spanish/English). Meet at Long Branch Nature Center.

\$8. Long Branch Nature Center
Sun., Nov. 8, 3–4pm

612950-R

Wiggling Worms

Have you ever wondered about the life of a worm? Why do worms wiggle? How do worms survive winter cold? We'll explore live red earthworms in compost, make wiggling paper worms, and mix gooey slime worms.

Free. Long Branch Nature Center
Sat., Nov. 21, 5–6pm

612950-S

Natural Ornaments

Join us to make animal ornaments with natural materials: acorn owl, pinecone chipmunk, and more! Materials provided.

\$8. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Sun., Dec. 6, 2:30–3:30pm

612850-F



Letters to Santa

Write a letter to Santa Claus in style! Blend holiday magic with hands-on history by trying different old-timey writing tools to create your special message, and finishing it with a custom wax seal. To ensure it reaches the North Pole, we will put in a special mailbox direct to the North Pole. Ages 5 to 12.

\$8. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Sat., Dec. 5, 10–11am
Sat., Dec. 12, 2–3pm

612820-G
612820-H



Going Batty Walk & Campfire

Come explore the world of bats on this gentle walk in our park. Campfire will follow with s'mores.

\$10. Long Branch Nature Center
Sat., Oct. 24, 6–7:30pm

612950-N

Magizooology

Did you know many of the mythical creatures in Harry Potter stories are based on real animals? Learn about these magnificent animals that inspired those creatures in the wizarding world.

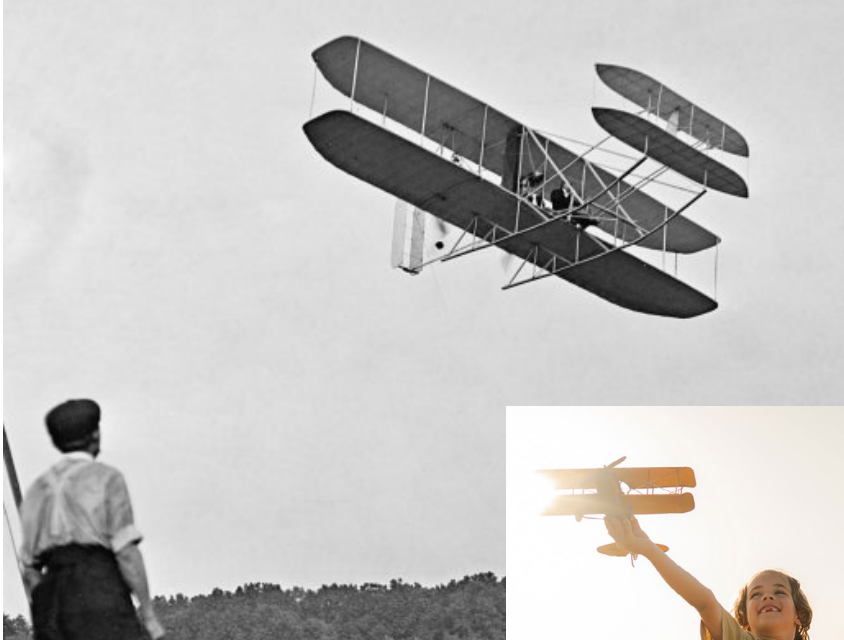
Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Fri., Oct. 30, 6–7pm

612850-E

Explore the natural world in Arlington!
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at arlingtonva.us/parks and search
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Explore History



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Orville Wright flying at Fort Myer, July 1909

Tots

Fort Adventure

This program includes a short walk and facilitated play. Participants will go on a trail scavenger hunt, build a campsite, and work together to wash the camp's laundry. Caretakers must stay with their child during the program. Ages 3 to 5.

\$8. Fort CF Smith Park

Weds., Sept. 30, 12–1pm

612710-A



Kids

Fly Your Own Airplane

Step into the shoes of the aeronauts of the past by creating and decorating your own propeller airplane! Learn how Arlington was important to the early history of flight and step into the shoes of the Wright Brothers by testing your own airplane. Will it soar into the skies? Fee includes model airplane kit. Ages 5 to 12.

\$12. Fort CF Smith Park

Sat., Oct. 3, 2–3pm

612720-A

Families

History Hike: Boundary Stones

Local and national history meet during this 2-mile round-trip hike connecting two of D.C.'s original boundary stones. Along the way, we will explore the stories of the original D.C. surveyors and the surprising controversy over the fate of the new capital city.

\$16. Benjamin Banneker Park

Sat., Sept. 12, 1–3pm

612750-B



Camp Casey Historical Marker Dedication

Every place has a story. Meet us in Towers Park, 801 S Scott Street to commemorate the installation of a new historical marker. We'll explore the history of Camp Casey, one of Arlington's most important Civil War training centers for African-American soldiers.

Free. Towers Park

Sat., Sept. 19, 12–2pm

612750-C

Fort C.F. Smith Walking Tour

Fort C.F. Smith was one of the last Union forts built to protect Washington during the Civil War. We'll learn about the park's history, the role of the fort, and the soldiers stationed there during the Civil War.

Free. Fort CF Smith Park

Sat., Sept. 19, 11am–12pm

612750-D

History Through the Eyes of Trees

Blending natural history with powerful human stories, this program invites visitors to see the park's trees not just as scenery, but as silent witnesses to pivotal moments in our nation's past. Suitable for all ages, this walk offers a fresh perspective on the Civil War through the living landscape of Fort C.F. Smith.

\$8. Fort CF Smith Park

Sat., Sept. 26, 3–4pm

612750-E



Backyard History: Zitkala-Sa Park

Every place has a story. Meet us at Zitkala-Sa Park, 3011 7th St. N. We'll explore this park's connection to our Indeginios People's community.

Free. Zitkala-Sa Park

Thurs., Nov. 5, 12–2pm

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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 for your Santa letters! To ensure timely delivery to the North Pole, put your letter in the mailbox between:

● **Wednesday, Nov. 25 –Wednesday, 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!



Half-Day Creative Preschoolers Program ages 3–5

2026-27 Half-Day Creative Preschoolers Program

Begins Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Operates 9:30am–12:30pm
Carlin Hall & Fairlington

We still have space available in our 2026-27 Half-Day Creative Preschoolers Programs for ages 3-5. Full day programs are currently full (Gunston & Lubber Run)

This program blends play, movement, nature and social development with plenty of hands-on learning and enrichment activities that make every day meaningful.

Families can email preschoolprograms@arlingtonva.us for more information and to schedule visits.



Stay & Play ages 12–36mos

Fall 2026 Stay & Play Program

Sessions: Sept. 8–Nov. 20, 2026
Resident Registration: 10am, Tues. Aug. 11
Out-of-County: 10am, Tues. Aug. 14

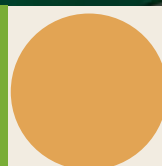
Join us for 90 minutes of fun and exploration in our toddler-friendly playrooms!

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](#).




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Parks & Recreation





break blasts are back!



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 DPR-YouthandFamily@arlingtonva.us.



Fall 2026 Schedule

Charles Drew Community Center

Core Hours: 8am–3pm Fee: \$44

Extended Hours: 3–6pm Fee: \$15

Mon., Sept. 21

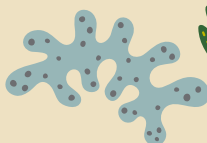
Mon., Oct. 12

Tues., Nov. 3*

Mon., Dec. 23

Dec. 28, 29, 30

**Camp held at Fairlington CC for Election Day*



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. \$9 per person, \$10.50 non-resident. For more info, visit arlingtonva.us search "Family Art Lab" or register with code #730025

We request that you arrive on time as Family Art Lab is designed for families to participate in activities for the entirety of the program. To reduce waste, we will utilize all designated supplies and materials during the class time.

Family Art Lab is from 10-12pm at Arlington Mill Community Center.

PAINTED PUMPKINS

Saturday, October 3, 10am-noon



Fall Table Runners

Saturday, November 7, 10am-noon



HOLIDAY ORNAMENT DECORATING

Saturday, December 5, 10am-noon

FAMILY Art Lab at Home

Art-to-Go Boxes provide all of the supplies you need to create fun paintings in your own home, on your own time. Create beautiful works of art you can display year after year. Your family will have the option to follow along with the step-by-step video, or with the written instructions. Boxes contain supplies for up to four paintings. \$20.

HALLOWEEN PAINT ALONG

Registration opens Aug. 1,
Pickup week of Oct. 5

Fall Paint Along

Registration opens Sep. 1,
Pickup week of Nov. 2

Winter Paint Along

Registration opens Oct. 1,
Pickup week of Nov. 30

Formerly Families Unplugged



2nd Saturday CrafterNoons!

LET'S GET CRAFTY!

Welcome to 2nd 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. Pre-registration is required. Drop in to the Fairlington Community Center Art Studio (room 130) any time between 1:30-3pm.

Halloween Lanterns

Saturday, Oct. 10, 1:30-3pm

Glass Bead Magnets

Saturday, Nov. 14, 1:30-3pm

3D Snowflakes

Saturday, Dec. 12, 1:30-3pm

[Learn more here](#)





Saturday, Oct. 17, 5:30-8:30pm
@ 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](#).

PuMpkIN WaLk!



Arlington County Aqua Fitness Presents



HALLOWEEN SPLASH!

FRIDAY, OCT. 23, 10AM-12:15PM

LONG BRIDGE AQUATICS & FITNESS CENTER

CURIOUS ABOUT AQUA FITNESS?

You're invited to sample up to SIX Aqua Fit classes:

10-10:30am	●●●●●●	Aqua Tabata
10-10:30am	●●●●●●	Lazy River Arthritis
10:35-11:05am	●●●●●●	S'WET
10:35-11:05am	●●●●●●	Deep Water Fitness*
11:10-11:40am	●●●●●●	Shallow Aqua Fitness
11:45am-12:15pm	●●●●●●	Aqua Bootcamp

* Takes place in Competition Pool. All other classes located in Leisure Pool.



Scan QR Code or register with #140430A at registration.arlingtonva.us

Open to Arlington County residents and out-of-county participants.

\$9 Residents / \$10 Out-of-County 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.



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Free, Fun & Safe Spots for Teens!



Introducing The REC

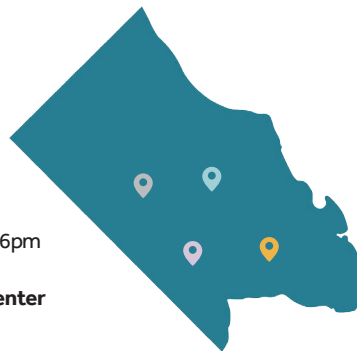
The REC after-school programs are safe spaces where teens can drop in for activities they get to choose themselves. From sports and cooking classes to tutoring, art and nature visits, there's something for every teen at The REC!

Arlington Mill Community Center
Monday-Friday • 2:30-7pm
Middle + High School

Gunston Community Center
Monday-Friday • 2:30-6pm
Middle School

Kenmore Middle School
Monday, Wednesday, Friday • 2:30-6pm
Middle School

Thomas Jefferson Community Center
Monday-Friday • 2:30-6pm
Middle School



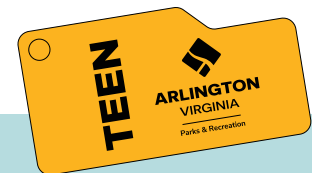
Teen Night Events are Back!



Get the latest line up of Teen Nights—now rotating between select REC locations on Fridays from 6-9 pm! It's all the fun you'd expect including music, games, art, eSports—plus, free dinner!

Get it all with the Teen Pass!

With the ease of a swipe, middle and high schoolers can access free Department of Parks and Recreation after-school and weekend programming like The REC and Teen Nights. Teen Pass holders get access to all* of Arlington County's fitness centers for free!



It's free to register, auto-renews until age 18, and physical cards can be picked up at any community center. Get a Teen Pass today!

**Excludes Long Bridge Aquatics & Fitness Center. Must be at least 13 years of age.*

Expanded Gym Drop-in Hours for Teens!

We've added even more drop-in gymnasium hours for youth and teens at select community centers. See what's new!

CENTER	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Carver		Basketball 6-9pm			
Charles Drew	Pickleball 6-9pm*		Basketball 6-9pm		Open Gym 6-9pm
Gunston				Basketball 6-9pm	
Langston-Brown			Basketball 3:30-6:30pm Volleyball 6:30-9pm		
Lubber Run					Open Gym 3:30-6pm* Basketball 6-9pm
Walter Reed	Basketball 4-9pm*		Open Gym 3-6pm* Basketball 6-9pm		Open Gym 3-6pm*

● = Teens ● = *Youth and Teens

For the full list, visit our website!

arlingtonva.us/dprteens



FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

SKATE NIGHT RETURNS TO TJ!
SELECT SATURDAYS STARTING
NOVEMBER 7, 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. No outside food allowed. For more info, visit arlingtonva.us search Skate Night or [click here](#).



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.

Monday, September 21, 9-4pm

Saturday, October 24, 9-4pm

Tuesday, November 3, 9-4pm

[Learn more and register here.](#)

FAMILY NIGHT @ DREW

Join us for free, family fun on select dates from 6-8pm at Charles Drew 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](#).



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 \$42 per participant.

- Lubber Run Community Center**
Friday, Sept. 11, 6-10pm
Friday, Oct. 9, 6-10pm
Friday, Nov. 6, 6-10pm
- Walter Reed Community Center**
Friday, Sep. 25, 6-10pm
Friday, Oct. 23, 6-10pm
Friday, Nov. 20, 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 Fairlington Community Centers! Cost: \$7. Adults (age 18+) must remain on site.

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

Fairlington Community Center

Saturdays, November 14 & 21
9:30am-2:30pm

Lubber Run Community Center

Saturday, November 7
9:30am-2pm

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

LATINO AMERICAN FESTIVAL! - 2026 -

SATURDAY, OCT. 3, 2026

ARLINGTON CELEBRATES ITS RICH LATINO DIVERSITY
AT THE 2026 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!



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.

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](#)



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*



Fees effective July 1, 2026.

Access **SEVEN** 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

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

MEMBERS

Arlington Residents

Out-of-County

ADULT 12-month (Ages 18-54)

\$232

\$304

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

\$78

\$109

DAILY GUEST PASS (Ages 18-54)

\$8

\$10

55+ DAILY GUEST PASS (Ages 55+)

\$6

\$8

3 MONTH PASS (Ages 18-54)

\$67

\$88

6 MONTH PASS (Ages 18-54)

\$124

\$165

*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	\$31
Arlington County household	\$42
Non-Arlington County resident	\$57
Non-Arlington County household	\$83

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	\$78
Arlington County household	\$109
Non-Arlington County resident	\$109
Non-Arlington County household	\$160

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

To learn more visit arlingtonva.us/55plus



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:



REDUCE

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

REMOVE

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



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. 4
Aquatics:	Wed., Aug. 5
Private Swim Classes:	Wed., Aug. 5
Nature/History:	Thurs., Aug. 6
General Classes:	Thurs., Aug. 6

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. 4
Aquatics:	Wed., Aug. 5
Private Swim Classes:	Wed., Aug. 5
Nature/History:	Thurs., Aug. 6
General Classes:	Thurs., Aug. 6

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. 7 @ 8am



Mail-In

Resident Mail-In Registration Processing Begins @ Noon:

Gymnastics:	Tues., Aug. 4
Aquatics:	Wed., Aug. 5
Private Swim Classes:	Wed., Aug. 5
Nature/History:	Thurs., Aug. 6
General Classes:	Thurs., Aug. 6

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 Aug. 3 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. 12 @ 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. 12; 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

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 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 #: _____
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 #: _____
Days: _____
Time: _____
Location: _____
Fee: _____

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

* While Madison is closed for renovation, programs will take place at other facilities. Visit the [community center webpage](#) for the full schedule.

- 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

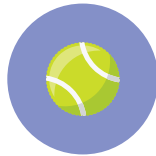
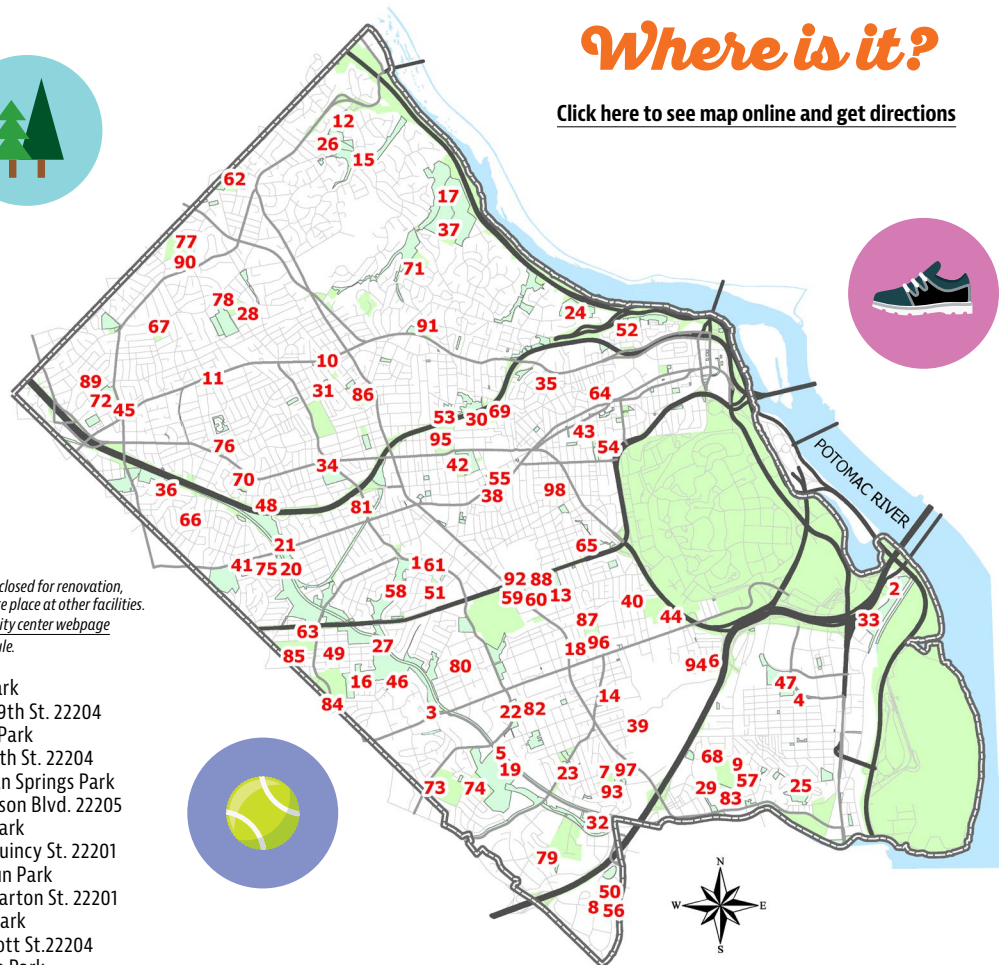
- 49 Carlin Hall Center
5711 S. 4th St. 22204
- 50 Cooperative Extension Services
3308 S. Stafford St. 22206
- 51 Culpepper Garden
4435 N. Pershing Dr. 22203
- 52 Dawson Terrace
2133 N. Taft St. 22201
- 53 Quincy Parking Deck
N. 15th St. & N. Quincy St. 22201
- 54 Woodbury Park
2335 N. 11th St. 22205

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



CONNECT WITH US!

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

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

GYMNASTICS & AQUATIC CENTERS

Barcroft Sports & Fitness	703.228.0701
Long Bridge Aquatics & Fitness	703.228.3338

NATURE & HISTORY CENTERS

Gulf Branch	703.228.3403
Long Branch	703.228.6535
Fort CF Smith	703.228.4775

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
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Invasive Plant Control	703.228.4747, press 4
Leaf Collection	703.228.4747, press 4
Mulch	703.228.6570

ONLINE

EMAIL: registration@arlingtonva.us

FACEBOOK: facebook.com/arlparksrec

INSTAGRAM: instagram.com/arlparksrec

X (formerly Twitter): x.com/arlparksrec

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. 4-6, 2026 @ NOON*

Go to registration.arlingtonva.us ■ Classes begin September 8, 2026 unless noted otherwise

**Tues
4**

■ Gymnastics

**Wed
5**

■ Aquatics Classes
■ & Private Swim

**Thurs
6**

■ Nature/History
■ General Classes

Fri., August 7

* Resident Walk-In Registration Begins at 8am

Wed., August 12

* Out-of-County Registration Begins at 8am

Details on p.70



We *Qim* to Please!

Our vision is be powered by sustainability and rooted in Belonging, Arlington's Parks and Recreation system will deliver dynamic experiences that benefit everyone, everywhere, every day. We strive to live our mission as dedicated Parks and Recreation professionals committed to stewarding sustainable resources and equitable access through inclusive programs, services, and public spaces. Arlington County's Department of Parks and Recreation is one of 220 agencies in the U.S. to have national accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), by meeting all 154 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.