

ENJOY *Arlington*

WINTER 2026

Guide to Recreation Classes and
Nature & History Programs



Arlington Resident Online/Phone

REGISTRATION BEGINS DECEMBER 2-4, 2025 @ NOON*

Tues
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▪ Gymnastics

Wed
3

▪ Aquatics Classes
▪ Private Swim

Thurs
4

▪ Nature / History
▪ General Classes

Fri., December 5

* Resident Walk-In
Registration Begins at 8am

Wed., December 10

* Out-of-County
Registration Begins at 8am

[Details on p.62](#)



Go to registration.arlingtonva.us ▪ Classes begin January 12, 2026 unless noted otherwise





Wishing you a happy & healthy holiday season,

Jane Rudolph

Director, Department of
Parks and Recreation



Explore Winter Classes with Our Award-Winning Team!

Winter offers countless reasons to celebrate, and we can't imagine a better way to do it than with you. Fresh from winning the 2025 National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management, plus four state honors, our team is more inspired than ever to bring you an action-packed season of programming!

Whether you're looking to kickstart your new year with a fitness class, discover a new art technique, or learn about nature while warming up next to a campfire, this winter's catalog is packed with programs designed to inspire, engage, and celebrate community and connection.

Need to keep your kids engaged during holiday breaks? We've added an entire section on break camp offerings (p. 50). Be sure to look through the entire catalog to find even more winter programs such as The REC after school program for teens, Skate Night and save-the-dates for our free winter events such as the 2026 Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute and Paint, Build, Create!

Stay up to date on upcoming opportunities and events by following us on social media at @arlparksrec or signing up at the bottom of our webpage to receive bi-weekly Parks and Recreation newsletters.

Nov
22

2025

Weekend Hours 9am-4pm

To help with your registration needs, our offices will be open for special hours on Sat., Nov. 22, 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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Some of the familiar faces at Arlington's

Department of Parks & Recreation

Congratulations Arlington!

WITH OUR THANKS & GRATITUDE

The Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation has been named winner of the

2025 National Gold Medal Award

For Excellence in the Field of Park and Recreation Management

This award, presented by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is one of the highest honors in our field. It recognizes agencies that set the national standard for innovation, community impact, and excellence in service through long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development, and agency recognition. It also honors the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and community members like you who make Arlington's parks and programs a place for everyone, everywhere, every day.

This Gold Medal win represents Arlington's ongoing commitment to equity, inclusion and access for all. It's a reminder of what happens when a community comes together to plan, play, and participate—because when we do, everyone benefits.

Watch the video that earned Arlington the Gold and see how we're connecting our community through play, wellness, and belonging.

SETTING THE NATIONAL STANDARD IN PARKS AND RECREATION





Explore Nature Outdoor & Virtual Programs



DAILY H.A.M.S (HOLIDAY ANIMAL MEETUPS)

Take a break from the holiday rush to just sit down and enjoy meeting some of our local nature center animals. Each day, a naturalist will share stories, tales and offer direct encounters with 2 different live or preserved animal friends. No registration required. Just show up in our classroom and enjoy learning about local wildlife. Adults must accompany children, no drop offs please.

Free. Long Branch Nature Center

Tues., Dec. 23, 12-1pm

Wed., Dec. 24, 12-1pm

Sat., Dec. 27, 12-1pm

Tue., Dec. 30, 12-1pm

Wed., Dec. 31, 12-1pm

Fri., Jan. 2, 12-1pm

Sat., Jan. 3, 12-1pm



SPELLBINDERS STORY FEST

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. Meet in the classroom. Ages 4+.

Free. Long Branch Nature Center

Sun., Jan. 11, 1:30-2pm

622950-K

Gulf Branch Nature Center

Sat., Feb. 21, 11:30am-12pm

622850-P



Winter Highlights



WOMEN'S OUTDOOR SKILLS

Learn about important outdoor skills within a supportive, women-focused group! Learn about how to build a fire, use a compass, and plan a hiking or camping trip. Adults and Teens ages 16+.

\$12. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Sat., Mar. 28, 2-4pm

622840-I



Spring Equinox Walk & Campfire

Come welcome in the time of year when daytime equals nighttime and spring begins to awaken. Sing songs, hear stories, drink hot chocolate, go on a short evening walk then roast marshmallows for s'mores. Families.

\$9. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Mar. 21, 6:30-8pm

622950-CC





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

-  **Cozy Cabin Campfire**
Sat., Dec. 20, 4–5pm 622850-A
-  **Wolf Campfire**
Sat., Jan. 24, 4:30–5:30pm 622850-B
-  **Bald Eagle Campfire**
Sat., Feb. 7, 4:30–5:30pm 622850-C
-  **Hawk Talk Campfire**
Sat., Feb. 21, 4:30–5:30pm 622850-D
-  **Wake Up Hibernators! Campfire**
Sat., Mar. 7, 4:30–5:30pm 622850-E
-  **Native American Stories Campfire**
Fri., Mar. 20, 6–7pm 622850-F
-  **The Forgotten Ape Campfire**
Sat., Mar. 28, 6–7pm 622850-G

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center

-  **Bats Campfire**
Fri., Jan. 9, 5:30–6:30pm 622950-A
-  **Food Webs Campfire**
Fri., Feb. 27, 5–6pm 622950-B

\$7. Fort CF Smith Park

-  **A Valentine's Day Campfire**
Sat., Feb. 14, 1–2pm 622750-B



Pre-K & Tiny Tot Programs

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 and Preschool programs are offered throughout the year at Gulf and Long Branch Nature Centers. Each program has a theme which incorporates wildlife or the natural world. 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: Whales

- Thurs., Jan. 8, 10–10:45am 622810-A
- Sat., Jan. 10, 10–10:45am 622810-B
- Thurs., Jan. 15, 10–10:45am 622810-C

Tiny Tot: Raccoons

- Thurs., Feb. 5, 10–10:45am 622810-D
- Sat., Feb. 7, 10–10:45am 622810-E
- Tues., Feb. 10, 11–11:45am 622810-F

Tiny Tot: Birds

- Thurs., Mar. 5, 10–10:45am 622810-G
- Sat., Mar. 7, 10–10:45am 622810-H
- Thurs., Mar. 26, 10–10:45am 622810-I

\$7 Long Branch Nature Center

Tiny Tot: Mushrooms

- Tues., Jan. 6, 10–10:45am 622910-A
- Sat., Jan. 17, 10:30–11:15am 622910-B
- Thurs., Jan. 22, 11–11:45am 622910-C

Tiny Tot: Animal Safari

- Tues., Feb. 3, 11–11:45am 622910-D
- Sun., Feb. 8, 1–1:45pm 622910-E
- Fri., Feb. 20, 10–10:45am 622910-F

Tiny Tot: Night Sky

- Tues., Mar. 10, 10:30–11:15am 622910-G
- Sat., Mar. 21, 10–10:45am 622910-H
- Wed., Mar. 25, 11–11:45am 622910-I



Preschool Ages 3 to 5

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Pre-K: Weather

- Thurs., Jan. 8, 11am–12pm 622810-J
- Sat., Jan. 10, 11am–12pm 622810-K
- Thurs., Jan. 15, 11am–12pm 622810-L
- Thurs., Jan. 22, 1–2pm 622810-M

Pre-K: Rainforest

- Thurs., Feb. 5, 11am–12pm 622810-N
- Fri., Feb. 6, 1–2pm 622810-O
- Sat., Feb. 7, 11am–12pm 622810-P
- Tues., Feb. 10, 11am–12pm 622810-Q

Pre-K: Animal Noses

- Tues., Mar. 3, 1–2pm 622810-R
- Thurs., Mar. 5, 11am–12pm 622810-S
- Sat., Mar. 7, 11am–12pm 622810-T
- Thurs., Mar. 26, 11am–12pm 622810-U

\$7 Long Branch Nature Center

Pre-K: Furry Friends

- Wed., Jan. 14, 10:30–11:30am 622910-J
- Tues., Jan. 20, 11am–12pm 622910-K
- Sat., Jan. 24, 10:30–11:30am 622910-L
- Thurs., Jan. 29, 10–11am 622910-M

Pre-K: Owl Pellet Dissection

- Sat., Feb. 14, 10:30–11:30am 622910-N
- Wed., Feb. 18, 10:30–11:30am 622910-O
- Sun., Feb. 22, 1:30–2:30pm 622910-P
- Fri., Feb. 27, 3–4pm 622910-Q

Pre-K: Frog Hop

- Fri., Mar. 13, 10–11am 622910-R
- Sat., Mar. 14, 11am–12pm 622910-S
- Wed., Mar. 18, 10:30–11:30am 622910-T
- Tues., Mar. 31, 10:30–11:30am 622910-U

Nature Storytime

Come enjoy interactive stories about different nature topics, exploring hands-on with different items along with a small craft. Ages 1-5.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center

- Wed., Jan. 7, 10:30–11am 622810-V
- Wed., Jan. 28, 10:30–11am 622810-W
- Wed., Feb. 11, 10:30–11am 622810-X
- Wed., Feb. 25, 10:30–11am 622810-Y
- Wed., Mar. 11, 10:30–11am 622810-Z

Groundhog Day Storytime

Join us for story time about groundhogs just in time for Groundhog Day. Adults are expected to remain with their children. Ages 2-5.

Free. Long Branch Nature Center

- Sun., Feb. 1, 1:30–2pm 622910-V



Kids Programs

☺ 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!

Eco-friendly Bird Feeders

Winter is a time when food is scarce, but our feathered friends still need to eat! We will learn about our resident winter birds and create bird feeders out of eco-friendly materials. Ages 5 to 9.

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Sat., Jan. 3, 10:30–11:30am

622820-A

☺ Mammal Mania!

NSNP! Learn about local mammals and how they keep warm in winter! We will go on a short hike and get to feel animal furs! Dress for the weather! Ages 5 to 12.

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Wed., Jan. 14, 2:30–3:15pm

622820-B

Furry Friends

As the temperature starts to drop, come learn about all the furry friends that call Arlington home and why fur is so important for survival. Animal pelts will be available to touch and feel! Ages 6 to 10.

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Sun., Jan. 18, 2–3pm

622820-C

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center
Sun., Mar. 1, 2–3pm

622920-G

Animal Tracks and Scat

As we approach the snowier season, learn how to identify animals based on clues they leave behind! Learn about scat and tracks, and why they are so important to understanding the ecosystem around us! Ages 8 to 12.

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center
Thurs., Jan. 22, 4–5pm

622920-A



Dissecting Owl Pellets

Come find out what our wild owls have been eating with hands-on investigating! We'll dissect sterilized owl pellets and see what we can learn. Ages 6 to 12.

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center
Sat., Jan. 24, 3–4pm

622920-B

☺ Fun with Ice Science

NSNP! Come explore the world of ice—learn how it forms, how we use it, and how we get rid of it! Experiment making “sticky ice” and melting ice in different ways. Ages 5 to 9.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Fri., Jan. 30, 2:30–3:30pm

622820-D

Cooking with Kids

Make some no bake treats at Long Branch Nature Center! During this program, kids will learn where their food comes from, about eating seasonally and locally, and make a delicious treat to enjoy! Caregiver must be present during the program. Ages 6 to 12.

\$9. Long Branch Nature Center
Sat., Jan. 31, 11am–12pm

622950-V

Animal Sketching

Join us to learn how to sketch animals. We'll use animal models for inspiration and sketch with colored pencils. Ages 6 to 12.

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center
Sun., Feb. 1, 3:30–4:30pm

622920-C

Valentine's Day Craft

Make adorable Valentine's Day crafts to give to friends, loved ones, or even animals at the Nature Center! Ages 6 to 12.

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center
Sun., Feb. 8, 3:30–4:30pm

622920-D

☺ Turtle Feeding Time

Turtle time! Learn about, meet, and feed some of the Nature Center's turtles! Kids 6 to 12.

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center
NSNP! Wed., Feb. 11, 2:30–3:15pm

622920-E

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Sat., Feb. 21, 10:30–11:15am

622820-E



Geology for Kids

Kids can become their own geologists by handling rock samples in our classroom. Then we'll take a short hike to find, examine and identify rocks and soils in the park. Ages 6 to 12.

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center
Sun., Feb. 22, 3:30–4:30pm

622920-F



Celebrate World Wildlife

March 3 every year is the celebration of world wildlife. Celebrate a few days early with us by meeting a variety of animals from different parts of the world! Participants will get a chance to meet and touch animals up close. Ages 6 to 12.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Fri., Feb. 27, 5–6pm

622820-F





😊 Decorate the Nature Center!

NSNP! Spring is almost here and we could use your art to help make the nature center beautiful! Join us for fun crafts that can be displayed in the nature center-or you can bring them home instead! Ages 6 to 12.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Fri., Mar. 13, 4-5pm

622820-G

Virginia's State Fossil— a Scallop!

We will learn about Virginia's State fossil mollusk seashell as well as seashells you might find on the Atlantic beach. Shell activity included. Ages 8 to 13.

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Sun., Mar. 15, 4-5pm

622820-H

😊 Backyard Weather Station

NSNP! Are you curious about how weather forecasts are made? Wondering how you can tell if it you will have nice weather tomorrow? Come learn about our backyard weather station and how the simple information it collects can tell us so much. Ages 6 to 12.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Fri., Mar. 20, 1-2pm

622820-I



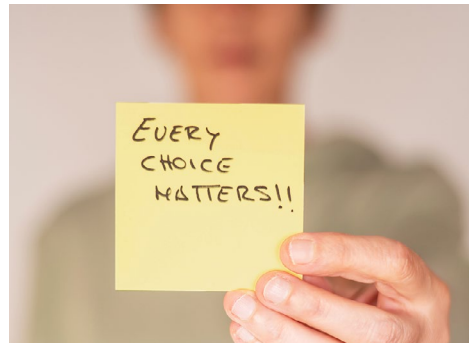
Teen Programs

2026 Vision Board Bullet Journals

Make a 2026 vision board collage as a cover for a bullet journal! Join us at Long Branch Nature Center to map out your vision for 2026. Hot chocolate, magazines and craft supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring any extra materials! Ages 11 to 17.

Free. Long Branch Nature Center
Tues., Jan. 6, 5-6pm

622930-A



Environmental Action: Teens

Learning about climate change and the challenges the environment is facing can be intimidating. Join us for an hour of action, where we brainstorm how to take concrete steps to advocate for our local environment! Ages 11 to 17.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center
Tues., Feb. 17, 5-6pm

622830-A

Nature Photography for Teens

Bring your digital camera of your choice and see the nature to be discovered on our walk outside in the surrounding Glencarlyn Park. Camera guidance and tips will be provided before the outing and there will be opportunities to photograph the resident nature center animals and objects inside. Warm up with some hot chocolate. Ages 13 to 17.

\$9. Long Branch Nature Center
Sun., Mar. 8, 3-4:30pm

622930-B

Adult Programs

Wednesday Walkabouts- Free 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 the creatures you can 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

Wed., Dec. 10, 12-1pm

Wed., Jan. 14, 12-1pm

Wed., Jan. 28, 12-1pm

Wed., Feb. 11, 12-1pm

Wed., Feb. 25, 12-1pm

Wed., Mar. 11, 12-1pm

Wed., Mar. 25, 12-1pm



Seed Cleaning & Viewing Party

Sort, sift, pick and socialize! Join us to help us sort and clean native seeds while checking out some nature videos. Clean seeds will be shared for free in the spring..

Free. Long Branch Nature Center

Sun., Dec. 14, 6:30-7:30pm

622940-A

Winter Trees & Their Hidden Stories

Our trees may be resting but they still have stories to tell. Stories of life, medicines, human history, and tales of survival. Learn to ID the trees in winter while learning their mysteries.

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center

Thurs., Jan. 8, 11:30am-12:30pm

622940-E

Thurs., Feb. 5, 11:30am-12:30pm

622940-F

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

VIRTUAL DEEP DIVES:

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



Watersheds in Winter

Join us for a virtual talk to explore how snow, ice, and road salt impact water quality—and learn simple actions you can take to protect your watershed during the colder months.

Free. Virtual Program

Wed., Dec. 17, 7–8pm

[622940-B](#)

Winter Sparrow Workshop

Get ready for winter by brushing up on sparrow identification! Every season brings its own challenges for birdwatching. In winter, similar-looking sparrows can be hard to tell apart, and they are singing less and calling more. Join expert birder Bert Harris to learn tips for identifying winter sparrows. Intended for beginning and intermediate birders.

Free. Virtual Program

Thurs., Dec. 18, 6–7pm

[622940-C](#)

Salamanders of Virginia

This online talk will cover the common species of salamanders in Northern Virginia as well as the diversity and biology of these elusive amphibians.

Free. Virtual Program

Wed., Jan. 28, 7–8pm

[622940-I](#)

Unique Geological Features of Virginia

The rocks don't sleep in winter! Virginia hosts some incredible geological features like caves, gorges, and waterfalls. These geological features in turn host unusual species and natural communities. Come learn about these special parts of our natural heritage!

Free. Virtual Program

Thurs., Jan. 29, 12–1pm

[622940-J](#)

Free. Virtual Program

Wed., Feb. 18, 6–7pm

[622940-K](#)

Learn About the History of Wolves!

Virtual. Learn about the complicated history of wolves in the United States, an important keystone species. Watch videos, see photos, and discuss the state of their range today.

Free. Virtual Program

Wed., Feb. 4, 7–8pm

[622940-L](#)



Urban Wildlife

What are Arlington's common wildlife? What should you do if you encounter wildlife? We'll answer these questions in an interactive online program.

Free. Virtual Program

Thurs., Feb. 12, 7–8pm

[622940-M](#)

A Year in the Life of a Box Turtle

A naturalist will discuss life history through the seasons, the threats facing turtle populations, and what you can do to be a friend to box turtles!

Free. Virtual Program

Tues., Feb. 24, 7–8pm

[622940-O](#)

Rare Plants of Virginia Photo Tour

From the top of Mount Rogers to the beaches of the Eastern Shore, Virginia hosts an incredible diversity of plants and plant communities including cacti, orchids, and carnivorous plants. Join our naturalist on a photographic journey of some of the most unusual, uncommon, and threatened plants found in the commonwealth.

Free. Virtual Program

Thurs., Mar. 12, 12–1pm

[622940-Q](#)

Free. Virtual Program

Wed., Mar. 25, 6–7pm

[622940-R](#)

How Do Birds Get Their Names?

What's in a name? From indigenous languages to famous naturalists to simple descriptors, the names of birds convey information about the history of our feathered friends. Discover the hidden meanings in the names of local birds. Hear about recent plans to re-name some bird species.

Free. Virtual Program

Thurs., Mar. 19, 7–8pm

[622940-T](#)

A Long History of Arlington County

Arlington County has changed a lot from its prehistoric landscape to the bustling urban landscape of today. Or has it? Join this virtual exploration of the themes that have defined the history of this piece of Earth we call Arlington.

Free. Virtual Program

Tues., Mar. 24, 6:30–7:30pm

[622740-E](#)

Zoonotic Diseases

Zoonotic diseases are infectious diseases that can be transmitted between animals and humans. Learn about some zoonotic diseases in Virginia, and the simple precautions that can help keep you, your pets and wildlife healthy.

Free. Virtual Program

Thurs., Mar. 26, 7–8pm

[622840-G](#)





Brew Your Own Chai Tea

Brew your own chai tea at Long Branch Nature Center! Learn about the different components of chai tea, it's cultural history, and brew and enjoy your own!

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Sat., Jan. 17, 10–11am

622840-A

MLK Day of Service

Make a difference in your community on Martin Luther King Jr. Day! Volunteers are needed to help clear out invasive plants and vines that are keeping our local plants and animals from thriving. Come dressed for the weather, with sturdy footwear, and be prepared to get dirty. Work gloves will be provided, but please bring your own if you have them. Teens ages 12+ are welcome with a registered adult.

Free. Long Branch Nature Center

Mon., Jan. 19, 2–3:30pm

622940-G

Cozy Winter Craft Night for Adults

Embrace the warmth of creativity this winter at our cozy winter craft night—a relaxing evening just for adults at the nature center. Sip tea or hot cocoa and unwind with nature-inspired crafts and good company. Materials provided. Adults and Teens 16+.

\$10. Long Branch Nature Center

Sun., Jan. 25, 4–5pm

622940-H



Introduction to iNaturalist

iNaturalist is an awesome tool to document and learn about the natural world around us. Come learn how to use the phone/tablet app and explore observations on the website, then put it into practice with a walk outside! Teens ages 12+ are welcome to attend with a registered adult.

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Sat., Jan. 31, 10–11am

622840-B



Wellness Walk

Join us for a stroll through the forest as we immerse ourselves in nature. Adult and Teens 16+.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Sun., Feb. 15, 10–11am

622840-C

Sun., Mar. 8, 10–11am

622840-D

Winter Stream Ecology Hike

Bundle up and join us for a winter nature hike full of frosty discoveries! Ever wonder what fish do when streams freeze over? How life keeps moving under the ice? On this guided walk, we'll explore stream ecology in winter and uncover how aquatic life—especially fish—adapts to survive the freezing temperatures, slower currents, and reduced food supply. Teens 16+ welcome with a registered adult.

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Feb. 21, 11am–12pm

622940-N



Environmental Action: Adults

Learning about climate change and the challenges that the environment is facing can be intimidating. Join us for an hour of action where we brainstorm how to take concrete steps to advocate for our local environment!

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Tues., Feb. 24, 5:30–6:30pm

622840-E

Backpacking 101

Ever wanted to go backpacking, but were unsure about what to bring, how to plan, or what skills are needed? Join us for our backpacking information session, led by a former backpacking guide, to get your questions answered and leave with more backcountry confidence! Teens ages 12+ welcome with a registered adult.

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center

Thurs., Mar. 5, 6:30–7:30pm

622940-P



Spring Buds Abound

Spring has sprung and so have some wildflowers. As they breach the frozen ground, come search for their hidden beauty.

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center

Thurs., Mar. 19, 12–1pm

622940-S

Spring Wildflowers & Their Stories

Though roses haven't started to emerge, spring wildflowers are popping up all over Bon Air Park and they have some amazing stories to tell. Medicines, food, folklore and tales of life, love and survival. We'll start at the Rose Garden and explore the entire park. Teens ages 12+ are welcome to attend with a registered adult.

\$7. Bon Air Park

Fri., Mar. 20, 11am–12pm

622940-U





Behind the Scenes: Arlington Farmers Markets

Ever wonder what the Behind-the-Scenes of a Farmers Market looks like? Join us at Westover Farmers Market to learn about how these lovely weekend events are organized, meet vendors, and hopefully try some samples! Please come dressed for the weather. Teens 12+ welcome with a registered adult.

\$7. Westover Park

Sun., Mar. 22, 10–11am

622740-D

Leave No Trace for Pet Owners

Learn how you and your dog can explore responsibly and help protect our natural spaces by practicing Leave No Trace principles. Enjoy the outdoors together while making a positive impact—dogs are welcome! Adults and Teens 16+.

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Sun., Mar. 22, 1–2pm

622840-F

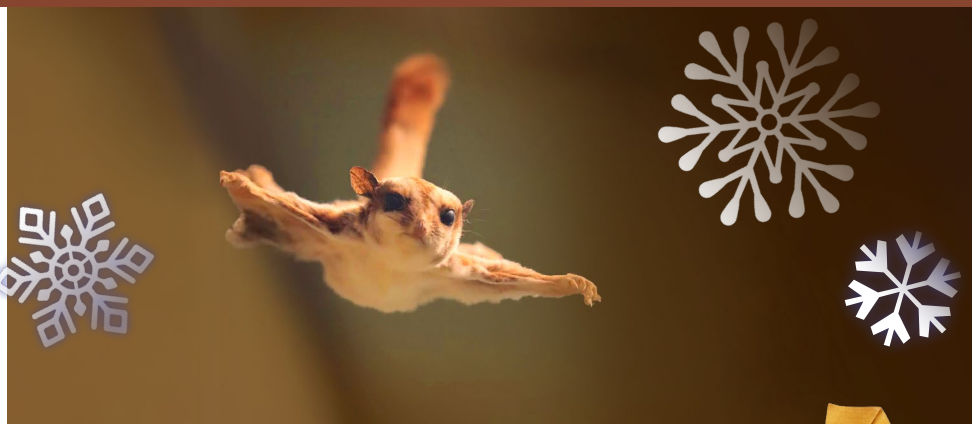
Spring Ephemerals Hike

Join us for a guided nature walk to discover the beauty of spring ephemerals—those fleeting, early blooming wildflowers that appear before the forest canopy fills in. These native plants make the most of early spring sunlight and play a vital role in supporting pollinators emerging after winter. Come learn how these short-lived blooms help bring the forest to life! Teens ages 12+ are welcome to attend with a registered adult.

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Sat., Mar. 28, 11am–12pm

622840-H



Family Programs

Flying Squirrel Lore

Flying squirrels are found throughout the wooded neighborhoods of Arlington, but are seldom seen. Join us after dark to learn about these nocturnal creatures. Dress for the weather, we will venture out into the cold night to look for wild flying squirrels. All participants must register.

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center

Fri., Dec. 12, 5–6pm

622950-C

Sat., Jan. 10, 5:30–6:30pm

622950-D

Fri., Jan. 23, 5:30–6:30pm

622950-E

Fri., Feb. 6, 6–7pm

622950-F

Sun., Feb. 15, 6–7pm

622950-G



Nocturnal Animal Hike

Learn about the animals active at night (nocturnal) and try to find some! There will be a short introductory presentation in the nature center followed by a hike outside around the park. We will stay on the walking paths; dress for the weather.

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center

Fri., Dec. 19, 6:30–7:30pm

622950-H

Fri., Feb. 20, 6:30–7:30pm

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Fri., Mar. 6, 6:30–7:30pm

622950-J

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Fri., Jan. 2, 6:30–7:30pm

622850-H

Fri., Jan. 16, 6:30–7:30pm

622850-I

Fri., Feb. 27, 6:30–7:30pm

622850-J

Fri., Mar. 13, 7:30–8:30pm

622850-K

Fri., Mar. 27, 7:30–8:30pm

622850-L

Pelts and Coats

Meet some scaly friends, touch some pelts and coats, and learn about how different animals use their skins.

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center

Sun., Jan. 11, 3pm–4pm

622950-L



Nature Origami

Chilly winter is a great time to cozy up inside and make some crafts inspired by nature. Come learn about the ancient Japanese art of origami and fold a few different paper plants and animals!

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Jan. 17, 11am–12pm

622950-M

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Sat., Feb. 28, 11am–12pm

622850-S

Turtle Time!

Come to the nature center to meet our resident turtles! We'll learn about their unique characteristics, how we care for them, and what they eat.

Free. Long Branch Nature Center

Tues., Jan. 20, 3:30–4:30pm

622950-N

Thurs., Feb. 12, 3:30–4:30pm

622950-O

Learn to Finger-Knit

Families. Take a break from your busy day to learn a cozy craft: finger-knitting! We'll provide the yarn, and you'll bring your own fingers and a little patience, which is all you'll need to access an enjoyable hobby for kids, teens, and adults. Kids ages 9–12 must be accompanied by a registered adult; teens ages 13–17 may attend without an adult.

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Wed., Jan. 21, 4–5pm

622850-M

Sun., Jan. 25, 1:30–2:30pm

622850-N

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More classes are available online
at arlingtonva.us/parks and search
Nature & History.**

Pond Life: Winter Edition

Our ponds may be frozen, but they're still full of life. Come learn about our winter pond dwellers, and find out where the critters you don't see in winter have gone. Dress for the weather.

Free. Long Branch Nature Center

Tues., Jan. 27, 11am-12pm

622950-P

Tues., Feb. 24, 11am-12pm

622950-Q

Tues., Mar. 17, 11am-12pm

622950-R



Lunar New Year Celebration

Happy Year of the Horse! Come by Long Branch Nature and participate in festivities such as making crafts, trying cultural foods, listening to folktales, and witnessing the Chinese Lion Dance!

\$9. Long Branch Nature Center

Sun., Feb. 1, 11am-12:30pm

622950-Y

Likin' Lichen!

The winter months are an amazing time to explore lichen! A partnership between algae and fungi, lichen come in a variety of colors and structures. We will learn about lichen in the classroom and then go on an exploration hike to find some outside. Dress for the weather.

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Feb. 7, 11am-12pm

622950-Z

Odd Couples

Have you ever wondered how a clownfish lives inside of an anemone? Join us to learn about odd relationships in the animal kingdom.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Sun., Feb. 15, 12:30-1:30pm

622850-O

Learn to Weave a Rug

Families. Weaving is a fun activity for these dark winter days... In this class, you'll use a bit of cardboard and scraps of yarn to make a tiny rug for a dollhouse or a pretty coaster for your bedside table. Kids ages 9-12 must be accompanied by a registered adult; teens ages 13-17 may attend without an adult.

\$7. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Sun., Feb. 22, 1:30-2:30pm

622850-Q

Wed., Feb. 25, 4-5pm

622850-R

Salamander Search

We will search for salamanders along Long Branch Creek. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight if you have one. Event will take place rain or shine!

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center

Sun., Mar. 1, 3:30-4:30pm

622950-AA

Serpent Showcase

Come to the nature center and meet our resident snakes! We'll learn about the different species of snakes that call the nature center home, how we care for them, and why they're so important to our ecosystem.

Free. Long Branch Nature Center

Tues., Jan. 27, 3:30-4:30pm

622950-S

Thurs., Feb. 19, 3:30-4:30pm

622950-T

Tues., Mar. 10, 3:30-4:30pm

622950-U

Owl Prowl & Cocoa

Join us for an evening nature hike when the leaves aren't on the trees, making owls easier to spot. Give a hoot... literally as we learn about and try to call to our native nocturnal raptors. Dress for the weather.

\$9. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Jan. 31, 6-7:30pm

622950-V

Sat., Mar. 28, 7:30-9pm

622950-X

Migration of the Coconut

"Are you suggesting that coconuts migrate?" Come learn about how coconuts spread from Southeast Asia to Tropics all around the globe by human migration.

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center

Sat., Mar. 7, 2pm-3pm

622950-BB



Spotted Lanternfly Egg Removal

Join us in scraping Spotted Lanternfly egg masses off trees in the park. These invasive insects are damaging our native trees and vines and you can help protect these vital plants!

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Fri., Mar. 13, 2:30-3:30pm

622850-T

Potomac River Hike

Join us for a hike down to the Potomac River! Along the way, we will talk about plant and animal species we encounter and do a bit of rock scrambling. The dirt path can be uneven, so please bring sturdy footwear, plenty of water, and dress in layers for the weather. Families with kids ages 12+.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Sat., Mar. 14, 10-11:30am

622850-U

Pet Responsibility

Do you love animals? Have you thought about welcoming a pet into your home some day? Come learn about what goes into caring for an animal and meet some of our scaly friends.

Free. Gulf Branch Nature Center

Fri., Mar. 20, 3-4pm

622850-V

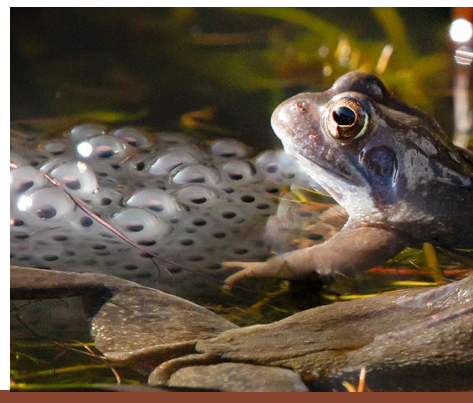
Wake Up: Amphibians in Spring

It's time for our slimy skinned, jelly egged creatures to start waking up... maybe. Any warm winter day or evening may cause an awakening of wood frogs and other amphibians as they emerge, try to avoid predators, and finally lay their eggs. Join us to find their hiding spots before the predators do!

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center

Fri., Mar. 27, 5-6pm

622950-DD



Explore History

NEW RECORD MADE BY WRIGHT AIRSHIP

Flight to Alexandria First of
Kind in the World.



Bystanders work to free Lt. Selfridge, FT. Myer 1908

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Kids Programs

☺ No School? No Problem!

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

Fly Your Own Airplane!

Step into the shoes of the aeronauts of the past by creating and decorating your own propellor 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., Jan. 17, 1-2pm

Sat., Mar. 21, 3-4pm

622720-A

622720-B



☺ Spy Boot Camp

NSNP! Come to Spy Boot camp to find out what it takes to be a good spy! Learn how to make and write with invisible ink, decode messages using ciphers, and use a compass and map to navigate. Ages 8 to 12.

\$12. Long Branch Nature Center

Fri., Jan. 30, 10am-12pm

622720-C

☺ Artillery Games

NSNP! 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

Fri., Jan. 30, 1-2pm

622720-D

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Family Programs

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.

Sat., Dec. 20, 1-2pm

Sat., Jan. 10, 1-2pm

Sat., Feb. 21, 11am-12pm

Sat., Mar. 21, 1-2pm



The Remarkable Story of Coffee

Learn how a simple seed created a drink, coffee, that conquered the world. Explore its impact on world and local history as you enjoy a fresh cup of campfire coffee (regular or decaf) in the great outdoors..

\$7. Fort CF Smith Park

Sat., Jan. 24, 1-2pm

622750-A

History Hike: Stories of the American Revolution

As America commemorates its 250th birthday, dive into the little-known chapters of our founding in this 1-mile round trip hike from Brandymore Castle to Banneker Park. Learn why American revolutionaries rebelled against their leaders and see evidence of when Arlington was at the center of the American experiment in democracy. Ages 12 and up.

\$9. Madison Manor Park

Sat., Mar. 28, 3-4:30pm

622750-C



Benjamin Banneker: Surveyor-Inventor-Astronomer

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Arlington, Virginia Band of 107th U.S. Colored Infantry
CIVIL WAR 1861-1865, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Adult Programs

The United States Colored Troops

During the Civil War, thousands of soldiers came to Arlington to defend the Union and the Constitution. None had a story quite like the Black soldiers of the United States Colored Troops. Learn about their story and their sacrifices in this live multimedia presentation.

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center

Tues., Feb. 10, 6:30–7:30pm

622740-A

Robert Hanssen Spy Talk

Back by popular demand! The infamous spy and traitor, Robert Hanssen, worked in secrecy all around the nation's capital for years before being discovered. Some of those clandestine affairs were conducted right here in the woods of the Long Branch Nature Center. Join us near the anniversary of his capture as we unfold the dramatic story of this notorious spy, his eventual downfall and arrest, including the FBI's nature center operations. Teens ages 16+ welcome with a registered adult.

\$9. Long Branch Nature Center

Sun., Feb. 15, 2–3:30pm

622740-B



The Irish Volunteers of Arlington

Join the Park Historian for an evening deep dive into the Irish volunteer soldiers who encamped, built forts and roads, and trained in Arlington County during the Civil War. Who were they? Why did they fight? What was their impact on the county? And what glory did they win on the battlefield? Teens ages 16+ welcome with a registered adult.

\$7. Long Branch Nature Center

Mon., Mar. 16, 7–8pm

622740-C

❄ 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. 24*

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. 19 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.



Winter Break & Out of School Camps '25-'26

Registration Opens Dec. 4



Need something fun for the kids to do on 'no school' days while you're at work?

Check out our program offerings to keep kids engaged on holiday breaks or during Arlington Public School Teacher Workdays and/or Parent-Teacher Conference Days.

Optional extended hours* are offered by select camps for an additional fee. Hours and fees vary by provider and are noted below each camp if they are offered.

CLASSIC CAMPS

Parks & Rec Winter Break Blast

It's an APS school break day, which means fun at camp! Children in grades K-5 will enjoy a variety of activities including active play, games, arts & crafts, STEM, cooperative activities, and more, offered by Arlington Parks & Rec! Participants must bring a shelf-stable lunch and snack to camp.

Carver Center

Ages 5-11	1 Session	\$55
710126A Mon., Dec. 22, 8am-4pm		
710126B Tues., Dec. 23, 8am-4pm		
710126C Mon., Dec. 29, 8am-4pm		
710126D Tues., Dec. 30, 8am-4pm		
710126E Fri., Jan. 2, 8am-4pm		
710126F Fri., Jan. 30, 8am-4pm		

***Extended: 4-6pm \$16**

SPORTS

M3 Basketball Camp

Spend Winter Break leveling up your game at the Momentum³ Winter Break Basketball Camp! Enjoy high-quality instruction, competitive games, and small-sided play. Improve your skills with drills, challenges, and fun team competitions. Open to all skill levels—don't miss out on this action-packed, fun-filled basketball experience! For general questions and inquiries please contact programs@momentum-3.com.

Williamsburg MS

Ages 8-13	2 Sessions	\$170
750126A Mon./Tues., Dec. 22, 9am-3pm		
750126J Mon./Tues., Dec. 29, 9am-3pm		

***Extended: 8-9am/ 3-5:30pm Fee: \$40/\$60**

Love The Ball: Winter Break Soccer Camp

Do more than just play soccer! Campers will make friends, learn about teamwork and have positive, memorable experiences while learning about the game of soccer. Drills, skills, moves and scrimmages are fundamentals of this camp; soccer will be used as a medium to achieve happiness, enjoyment and self-confidence! Campers will be primarily outdoors and should come prepared for outdoor and indoor activities.

Kenmore MS

Ages 6-14	2 Sessions	\$150
750126G Mon./Tues., Dec. 22, 9am-4pm		
750126Q Mon./Tues., Dec. 29, 9am-4pm		

***Extended: 8-9am/4-5pm Fee: \$15/\$40**

Ages 6-14

1 Session	\$79
750126Y Fri., Jan. 30, 9am-4pm	

***Extended: 8-9am/4-5pm Fee: \$30/\$20**

M3 Basketball Mini-Camp

Spend Winter Break leveling up your game at the Momentum³ Winter Break Basketball Camp! Enjoy high-quality instruction, competitive games, and small-sided play. Improve your skills with drills, challenges, and fun team competitions. Open to all skill levels—don't miss out on this action-packed, fun-filled basketball experience! For general questions and inquiries please contact programs@momentum-3.com.

Williamsburg MS

Ages 8-13	1 Session	\$85
750126S Fri., Jan. 30, 9am-3pm		

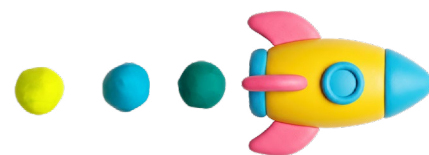
***Extended: 8-9am/3-5:30pm Fee: \$20/\$30**

Arlington Soccer Break Camp

This day camp is run by Arlington Soccer and will provide fun, age appropriate activities for boys and girls of all abilities. Activities will develop soccer skills, promote cooperation and teamwork, and help all kids improve and enjoy soccer.

Gunston Center

Ages 6-14	1 Session	\$55
750126U Fri., Jan. 30, 9am-12pm		
Ages 6-14	1 Session	\$75
750126V Fri., Jan. 30, 9am-4pm		



VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

P.S. Karma Mini Makers: Magical Clay Lab Camp

Hands in the mud, minds in the clouds! Kids will mix creativity and curiosity as they explore clay while making playful magical projects like star wands, moon plates, and charm stones. Perfect for younger artists who love hands-on fun. For general questions and inquiries please contact pskarmagifts@gmail.com.

Tuckahoe ES

Ages 5-11	2 Sessions	\$225
750126B Mon./Tues., Dec. 22, 9am-4pm		
750126K Mon./Tues., Dec. 29, 9am-4pm		

***Extended: 8-9am/3-5:30pm Fee: \$30/\$35**

Learn Now Music: The Ultimate Music Camp

Learn Now Music Group introduces campers to a variety of musical instruments and concepts including piano, guitar, violin, drums, voice and movement. Campers participate in musical games, crafts, musical listening excerpts, related projects and MORE!!! No Experience Necessary! Instrument rentals are provided to borrow for in camp use and at-home exploration (LNMG Camp Agreement must be signed). Instruments must be returned at the end of the week (Instruments in AM session piano, drum. Instruments in PM session guitar and violin). Campers in both morning and afternoon sessions will be supervised during a lunch break. All campers should bring a snack and drink daily; full-day campers should also bring a bag lunch.

Madison Center

Ages 5-12	2 Sessions	\$200
750126D Mon./Tues., Dec. 22, 9am-4pm		
750126O Mon./Tues., Dec. 29, 9am-4pm		
Ages 5-12	1 Session	\$105
750126X Fri., Jan. 30, 9am-4pm		

***Extended: 8-9am/4-5pm Fee: \$12/\$12**



Baroody: Dance Camp

Campers are going to love this full day dance camp where staff will be teaching choreography and movement using some of the most popular songs out today. Arts & crafts will also be incorporated as campers decorate props and shirts. After a week of hard work, campers will show off their new dance moves on the final day of camp. A welcome email for camp will be sent during the week prior. For general questions and inquiries please contact camps@baroodycamps.com.

Gunston Center

Ages 7-11 **2 Sessions** **\$300**
750126H Mon./Tues., Dec. 22, 9am-3pm
750126R Mon./Tues., Dec. 29, 9am-3pm

AbraKadoodle: Art in the Giving Season Camp

Tis the season for Giving! Create Thanksgiving cornucopias and Family portraits. Join in the Fall celebration with artist Jamie Wyeth and his pumpkins. Cozy up with winter bears in sweaters. It is the perfect time to use your imagination and create a Giving Season!

Madison Center

Ages 5.5-12 **2 Sessions** **\$130**
750126I Mon./Tues., Dec. 22, 9am-3pm

***Extended: 7:30-9am/3-6pm Fee: \$32/\$48**

AbraKadoodle: Let it Snow Art Camp

Create whimsical winter cats, fun gingerbread houses and snowy hats! Celebrate the season with inspirations from Charley Harper, Dale Chihuly and Vincent Van Gogh! Get Cozy and let it snow!

Madison Center

Ages 5.5-12 **2 Sessions** **\$130**
750126L Mon./Tues., Dec. 29, 9am-3pm

***Extended: 7:30-9am/3-6pm Fee: \$32/\$48**

AbraKadoodle: Up, Up & Away Art Camp

Like balloons in the sky, we are up, up and away! Blast off as you sculpt a rocket! Explore art about things that fly while you paint, sculpt and collage!

Madison Center

Ages 5.5-12 **1 Session** **\$65**
750126Z Fri., Jan. 30, 9am-3pm

***Extended: 7:30-9am/3-6pm Fee: \$16/\$24**

SPECIALTY, IMAGINATION & EXPLORATION

SPARK Business Academy: Chain Reaction Engineers Camp

Let's learn about Rube Goldberg machines! In this hands-on program, campers build a variety of complex contraptions to complete a simple task—such as ringing a bell—while learning the basic physics concepts of work, gravity, force and momentum. Using simple machines like levers, wedges, wheels, axles, pulleys and inclined planes, campers learn to understand mechanical concepts in a fun way, while using their imagination!

Lubber Run

Ages 10-13 **2 Sessions** **\$208**
750126C Mon./Tues., Dec. 22, 9am-4pm

Chess Camp by Silver Knights Chess

Play and learn chess with Silver Knights (formerly Magnus Academy)! We've taught 100,000 children including national champions, but most students are beginners looking to learn and have fun! Campers are grouped by skill level. Chess lessons and games will be done throughout the day, along with recess breaks.

Madison Center

Ages 6-13 **2 Sessions** **\$178**
750126F Mon./Tues., Dec. 22, 9am-4pm
750126P Mon./Tues., Dec. 29, 9am-4pm

SPARK Business Academy: My First Hot Cocoa Stand Camp

Let's sell hot cocoa! Young campers become "hot cocoa entrepreneurs" and learn how to make yummy hot cocoa and earn money selling it! From designing marketing flyers to estimating profits to experimenting with recipes, campers have fun all week while developing business savvy.

Lubber Run

Ages 6-9 **2 Sessions** **\$208**
750126M Mon./Tues., Dec. 29, 9am-4pm

Baroody: LEGO® WeDo 2.0: Zooland Robotics Camp

Children will use LEGO® WeDo kits to craft their favorite animals, from mighty jungle beasts to fun sea creatures. Each animal-themed robot challenges their creativity and enhances problem-solving skills. Alongside building these zoological machines, they'll learn how to program robotic components like motors, hubs, and sensors using Scratch based programming. For general questions and inquiries please contact camps@baroodycamps.com.

Tuckahoe ES

Ages 7-12 **1 Session** **\$90**
750126T Fri., Jan. 30, 9am-3pm



COOKING & WELLNESS

Disclaimer: *Tiny Chefs reviews products for allergy warnings indicated on the label. Tiny Chefs is not held liable for allergens not listed on product packaging, and environmental factors or cross-contamination. Tiny Chefs can accommodate some mild allergies based on our discretion. Examples of ingredients used in our class: dairy, egg, wheat/gluten, soy, coconut, sesame. We cannot guarantee a completely allergen-free environment.*

Tiny Chefs: Cookie Explosion Camp

Cookies are one of the most popular sweet treats! In this fun Tiny Chefs camp, kids dive into baking, measuring, mixing, creaming, folding, and rolling dough. They'll master essential skills like oven safety, timing, and decorating while making delicious cookies. It's the perfect hands-on way to explore cookie making!

Lubber Run

Ages 6-10 **2 Sessions** **\$255**
750126E Mon./Tues., Dec. 22, 9am-3pm

Tiny Chefs: Cupcake Wars Camp

Cupcakes are all the rage! Join this fun-filled week to measure, mix, bake, and frost amazing cupcakes. Then, compete in a cupcake showdown where teams battle for the title of "Best Cupcake." It's the perfect chance to get creative, learn baking skills, and have a deliciously good time!

Lubber Run

Ages 6-10 **2 Sessions** **\$255**
750126N Mon./Tues., Dec. 29, 9am-3pm

Tiny Chefs: Flavors of the Season Camp

Holidays are full of magic, and food makes them even more memorable! In this festive camp, Tiny Chefs will whip up delicious seasonal dishes while learning essential cooking skills. From sweet treats to savory bites, each recipe brings holiday cheer and fun to the kitchen. Let's cook, celebrate, and create together!

Lubber Run

Ages 6-10 **1 Session** **\$155**
750126W Fri., Jan. 30, 9am-3pm

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](#).

Interested in visiting before you register?
Contact us at preschoolprograms@arlingtonva.us

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](#).

Spring 2026 Session

March 9 - May 29, 2026

Resident Registration: Tues., Jan. 20, 10am

Out-of-County Registration: Tues., Jan. 27, 10am




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Parks & Recreation



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, December 22, 9-4pm

Friday, January 30, 9-4pm

Saturday, February 28, 9-4pm

[Learn more and register 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 6-10pm through May at Lubber Run and Walter Reed Community Center locations.

Cost is \$35 per participant.

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: Free. Adults (age 18+) must remain on site.

Birthday party options also available!

Register online at:
arlingtonva.us, search Open Bounce



FAMILY Art Lab programs are designed to give families the opportunity to create with each other in a fun and recreational setting. These programs provide new ways to Learn, Grow and Play together as a family!

Each person (including adults) attending the program must register, and all children must be supervised by a participating adult. \$8 per person. For more info, visit arlingtonva.us search "Family Art Lab" or register with code 730026

HOLIDAY ORNAMENT DECORATING

730026-C Saturday, Dec. 6, 10am-noon,
Arlington Mill Community Center



DIY Tote Bags

730026-D Saturday, Jan. 3, 10am-noon
Arlington Mill Community Center



Ceramic Coasters

730026-F Saturday, March 7, 10am-12pm
Arlington Mill Community Center.



Valentine Boxes & Cards

730026-E Saturday, Feb. 7, 10am-12pm
Arlington Mill Community Center.

Valentine's Day Paint Along Kit

730026-EE Kits available Feb 2-6, 2026.



Spring Paint Along Kit

730026-GG Kits available for pick up April 6-10, 2026.



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. Must register ahead to pick up your box from Fairlington Community Center.



Formerly Families Unplugged

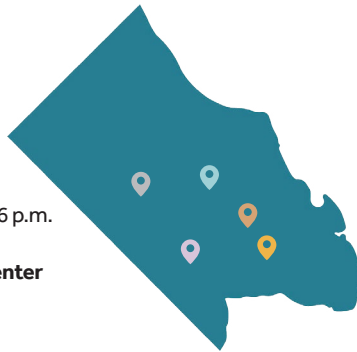
Free, Fun & Safe Spots for Teens!



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 • 2:30-7 p.m.
Middle + High School
- Gunston Community Center**
Monday-Friday • 2:30-6 p.m.
Middle School
- Kenmore Middle School**
Monday, Wednesday, Friday • 2:30-6 p.m.
Middle School
- Thomas Jefferson Community Center**
Monday-Friday • 2:30-6 p.m.
Middle School
- Walter Reed Community Center**
Tuesdays, Thursdays • 2:30-6 p.m.
Middle + High School



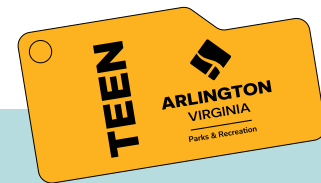
Teen Night Events are Back!



Get the latest line up of Teen Nights— now rotating between select REC locations on Fridays from 6-9 p.m.! It's all the fun you'd expect including music, games, art, eSports—plus, free dinner! And don't miss Teen Takeovers, taking over various locations on select Saturdays.

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!

For the full list, visit our website!

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

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!



Save the Date!

Saturday, January 10, 2026, 10am-1pm
Fairlington Community Center

Paint
Build
Create



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, February 14
Just in time for a simple valentine!

Saturday, March 14
Make some dreamy art with a fun
watercolor cyanotype project.

[Learn more here](#)



Save the Date FOR THESE *Free* WINTER EVENTS

2026 Tribute To
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

DREAMS, FAITH & JUSTICE IN ACTION

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 18, 2026
5-6:30PM**

Annual event with live performances to honor
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Wakefield High School
1325 S Dinwiddie Street, 22204

Visit arlingtonva.us, search MLK Tribute



2026 FEEL THE HERITAGE FESTIVAL



**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 21, 2026
NOON-5PM**

Annual Black History Month event to celebrate
Arlington's rich African-American heritage with live
performances, food vendors, artisan and community
exhibitors, kids' activities and lots more!

Charles Drew Community Center
3500 23rd Street, 22206

Visit arlingtonva.us, search
Feel the Heritage Festival

Adopt-A-Park!

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

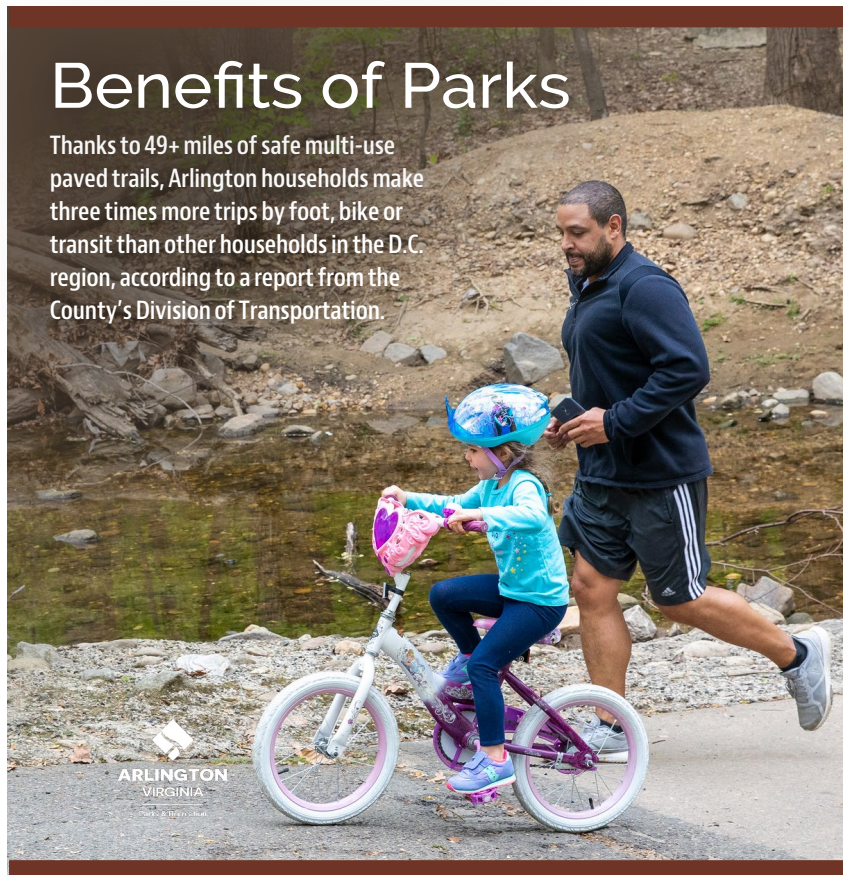
Any group, business, or individual 18 years or older can adopt a park, playground, trail, sports field, stream or other area in our parks and recreation facilities. Your help is appreciated.

[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)

\$7

\$9

55+ DAILY GUEST PASS (Ages 55+)

\$5

\$7

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	\$25
Arlington County household	\$35
Non-Arlington County resident	\$50
Non-Arlington County household	\$70

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	\$65
Arlington County household	\$95
Non-Arlington County resident	\$95
Non-Arlington County household	\$140

*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



Resident Online Registration Begins @ Noon for All Days:

Gymnastics:	Tues., Dec. 2
Aquatics:	Wed., Dec. 3
Private Swim Classes:	Wed., Dec. 3
Nature/History:	Thurs., Dec. 4
General Classes:	Thurs., Dec. 4

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.



Resident Phone Registration Begins @ Noon for All Days:

Gymnastics:	Tues., Dec. 2
Aquatics:	Wed., Dec. 3
Private Swim Classes:	Wed., Dec. 3
Nature/History:	Thurs., Dec. 4
General Classes:	Thurs., Dec. 4

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



Resident Walk-in Registration Begins Fri., Dec. 5 @ 8am



Mail-In

Resident Mail-In Registration Processing Begins @ Noon:

Gymnastics:	Tues., Dec. 2
Aquatics:	Wed., Dec. 3
Private Swim Classes:	Wed., Dec. 3
Nature/History:	Thurs., Dec. 4
General Classes:	Thurs., Dec. 4

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 Dec. 1 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., Dec. 10 @ 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 Dec.10; 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 #: _____
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

- 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

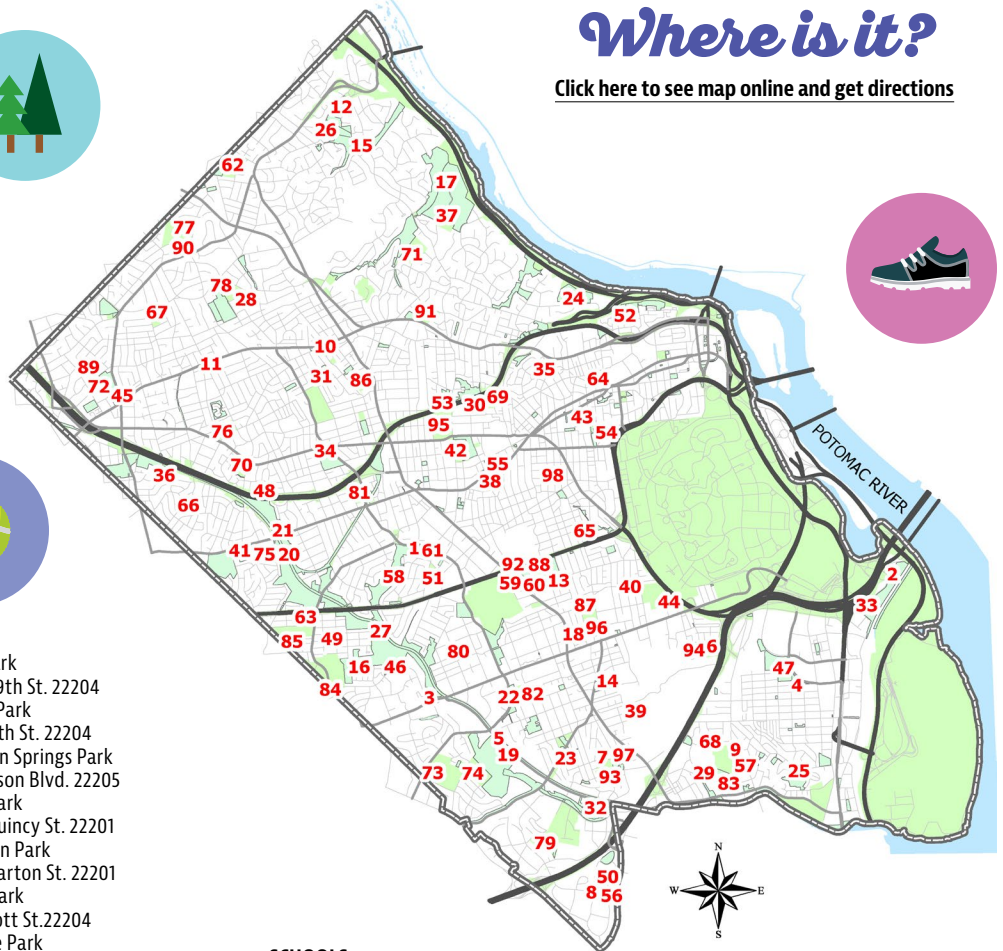
- 49 Carlin Hall Center
5711 S. 4th St. 22204
- 50 Cooperative Extension Services
3308 S. Stafford St. 22206
- 51 Culpeper Garden
4435 N. Pershing Dr. 22203
- 52 Dawson Terrace
2133 N. Taft St. 22201
- 53 Quincy Parking Deck
N. 15th St. & N. Quincy St. 22201
- 54 Woodbury Park
2335 N. 11th St. 22205

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
Horticultural Information	703.228.6414
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

Learn more at arlingtonva.us/dpr



NATURE PARKS & TRAILS • VOLLEYBALL & TENNIS COURTS • PLAYGROUNDS • DOG PARKS
BASKETBALL COURTS • POWHATAN SPRINGS SKATE PARK • SPRAYGROUNDS

SUBSCRIBE TO PARKS & RECREATION ENEWS:

arlingtonva.us/dpr

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 DEC. 2-4, 2025 @ NOON*

Go to registration.arlingtonva.us ■ Classes begin January 12, 2026 unless noted otherwise

Tues

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■ Gymnastics

Wed

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■ Aquatics Classes
■ & Private Swim

Thurs

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■ Nature/History
■ General Classes

Fri., December 5

* Resident Walk-In Registration Begins at 8am

Wed., December 10

* Out-of-County Registration Begins at 8am

Details on p.62



We Aim 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 español 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.