



ACTIVITY GUIDE
Summer 2021

COVID-19 AND PARKS AND RECREATION

It's OK we've got you covered. All classes and activities will follow up-to-date State of Virginia COVID-19 guidelines. Currently that means wearing a face covering when necessary, physical distancing, screening and providing extra cleaning protections for our participants. Questions? Call the Rec office at 540.332.3945

LADIES GOLF CLINIC | PARK POOLS OPENING | CO-ED ADULT OUTDOOR SOCCER
FISHING DERBIES | CHRISTMAS IN JULY | EXPLORERS CLUB

HORTICULTURE HOTLINE

Just in time for Arbor Day! Releasing April 23 2021, join us for the Great Gypsy Hill Tree Traipse.

Celebrate Arbor Day and Staunton's amazing trees with the Gypsy Hill Tree Traipse. The Gypsy Hill Tree Traipse is an interactive and informative tree tour of Gypsy Hill Park. The park is home to a diverse mixture of unique and magnificent trees. The tour features 30 of Gypsy Hill's prominent trees, as well as the park's exceptional history. Learn something new about the park you know & love! Best of all the tour is free, just download the Traipse app or go direct to the Traipse landing page for the tour at: www.traipse.co/stauntonparks Get out and take a tree Traipse!



The Gypsy Hill Tree Traipse is made possible by a grant from the Blackley Family through the Blue Ridge Community Foundation.

Staunton completes 2020 Virginia Trees for Clean Water and 2020 Ash Tree Replacement Grants.

Staunton Horticulture, Parks Maintenance, and Public Works employees worked together to recently complete two major grant projects. In the spring of 2020, existing Bradford Pears along Richmond Ave were beginning to fail. Working with crews from Dominion Virginia Power, city crews were able to remove the existing pear trees and the trees were replaced. Replacement trees planted on Richmond Ave are Redbuds & Blackhaw Viburnum, which will be smaller at maturity. Additionally, existing Bradford Pears along Middlebrook Ave were also nearing the end of their life cycle. In the Winter of 2021, these pears were removed and replaced with Serviceberry. The Serviceberry planted along Middlebrook Ave will also be smaller at maturity and will not interfere with overhead utility lines. Funding for replacement trees was provided by the Virginia Department of Forestry Trees for Clean Water 2020 grant.

Finally, in the fall of 2020, several of Staunton's large ash trees were ailing due to infestation of Emerald Ash Borer. With assistance from the Virginia Department of Forestry Ash tree replacement program 4 dead Ash trees were removed from Gypsy Hill Park & downtown Staunton. The trees were then replaced in the spring of 2021 with a mix of trees including Serviceberry, Shumard Oak, and Chinkapin Oak.

Best of all, both projects came in under budget! This allowed city staff to add 14 additional trees beyond what was budgeted in the grant applications! Thanks to our friends from Staunton Public Works, Dominion Virginia Power, and the Virginia Department of Forestry for helping make these projects a success!

Staunton achieves Tree City USA Status.

Staunton was recently honored by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a "Tree City USA". This marks the 25th year the city has received this award! Tree City USA status is awarded annually to qualifying municipalities that host an Arbor Day celebration and have active tree planting, tree care, and tree preservation programs in place. Staunton's connection to Arbor Day runs deep, our first documented Arbor Day celebration was held in 1889!

Don't miss changes in City schedules, important deadlines and other City news and information. Sign up for e-notifications! Visit www.staunton.va.us/notifyme to get email notifications of City announcements, meetings, events and more. To subscribe to City news, scroll to the News category and check City Announcements.



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Building Codes

MHP– Montgomery Hall Park, MHPC– Montgomery Hall Park Conference Room, MHPA– Montgomery Hall Park Activity Room, GHPG– Gypsy Hill Park Gym, GHPGC– Gypsy Hill Park Garden Center, NSC– Nelson Street Center, BTWCC– Booker T. Washington Community Center

Monthly E-newsletter

Find out what's happening this spring at Staunton Parks and Recreation. From community events to athletic leagues, day trips, youth and adult programs this is your monthly source for all things Parks and Rec. Sign up today for our monthly E-Newsletter at mailchi.mp/691b46582722/stauntonparksandrecreationsubscribe.

Register Online

Registering for programs has never been easier. Go to www.ci.staunton.va.us/departments/parks-recreation and click "Register For Activities"



See page 12 for registration info.



AQUATICS

*Pools Open Memorial Day Weekend,
Saturday, May 29th!*

Gypsy Hill Pool

HOURS: Monday-Sunday: 12pm-7pm

ADMISSION: 3 years of age and younger – FREE
4 years of age and older - \$3
20 Punch Pool Pass - \$50

POOL PARTY RENTALS:

\$175 rental fee, 7pm-9pm, \$50 per lifeguard. There is a two-lifeguard minimum depending on party size. All rentals are after hours. Weekend rentals only (Saturday and Sunday)

Montgomery Hall Pool

HOURS: Monday-Sunday: 12pm-7pm

ADMISSION: 3 years of age and younger – FREE
4 years of age and older - \$2
20 Punch Pool Pass - \$35

POOL PARTY RENTALS:

\$125 rental fee, 7pm-9pm, \$50 per lifeguard. There is a two-lifeguard minimum depending on party size. All rentals are after hours. Weekend rentals only (Saturday and Sunday)

Adult Lap Swim

Join us at Gypsy Hill pool for adult lap swim (18+) on Saturdays and Sundays, 9am-11:30am, beginning on June 5 ending on Sunday, September 5. Price: \$1

Welcome back! We are excited to see everyone this summer after a crazy year. This year will look a little different than previous years but we are still going to have just as much fun. Down below are the new rules and covid-19 protocol that we will be following this summer at both of our pool locations. We look forward to seeing everyone soon! Stay safe and stay healthy! —Ryan Flippo, Aquatics Director

General Pool Rules:

- Outside food and drink are welcome, alcohol is **not** permitted.
- Smoking is **not** permitted inside the pool fences.
- Any child who requires flotation devices to swim must be accompanied by an adult in the water.
- Please only dive in the designated deep end.
- Children 12 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult (18+) to the pool.
- Any inappropriate language or behavior will result in dismissal from the pool for the day

Pool Rules for COVID season:

- Montgomery Hall Park Pool will have a maximum occupancy of 30 patrons.
- Gypsy Hill Park Pool will have a maximum occupancy of 120 patrons.
- Please bring own chair/towel to sit on at the pool. Tables will be available to the public but lawn chairs will not be put out this year due to sanitary reasons.
- All seating must be spaced apart by a minimum of 10 feet if patrons are not of the same household.
- As you enter our facilities, we ask that you wear a mask while paying the entrance fee.
- Temperature checks will be required at the entrance of each pool location.

Thank you for your understanding on these rules and protocols as we navigate this pool season .



GOLF



NON-MEMBERSHIP RATES

18 holes with cart: \$25
 18 holes after 11am: \$20
 9 holes with cart: \$18
 Walking 18 holes: \$10
 Walking 9 holes: \$8

MEMBERSHIP RATES

Regular Membership: \$450
 Senior Membership: \$400
 Family Membership: \$850
 Junior (12-17yrs): \$150
 Youth (under 12): \$50
 Couple: \$750



LADIES GOLF CLINIC

Gypsy Hill Golf will be conducting a ladies golf clinic in May. Skills covered include chipping and putting, irons, woods, and a wrap up with a round of 9 holes. You may call Wesley Allred at the golf shop at 540.332.3949 to sign up for this clinic. You may pay for the clinics when you arrive at the first one. *Meet at the pro shop, 6:30pm, Four Thursday evening sessions beginning May 6. Price: \$15/session*



PGA™

2021 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

APRIL 3	Tough Pin Tourney, <i>8:30am shotgun start</i>
APRIL 25	Eagles Tourney, <i>9am shotgun start</i>
MAY 8	Staunton High School Boosters Tourney, <i>9am</i> <i>4 Person Captains Choice and open to all golfers</i>
MAY 22	Staunton Elks Lodge 4 Person Captains Choice, <i>8:30am start</i>
JUNE 12-13	N.L.Deaver Team Championship, <i>2 person teams</i> <i>8am Saturday and 8am Sunday</i>
JULY 10-11	Leader Paper 2 Person Captains Choice <i>8am Saturday and 8am Sunday</i>
AUGUST 7-8	Mens Golf Association Championship <i>8am Saturday and 8am Sunday</i>
AUGUST 14	Middlebrook Fire, 4 Person Captains Choice, <i>8am start</i>
SEPTEMBER 25-26	The Shootout 2 Person Captains Choice <i>Day 1 at Gypsy Hill, 9am</i> <i>Day 2 at the Highlands at Fisher Mountain, 9am</i>
NOVEMBER 20	The Annual Turkey Tourney, <i>9am shotgun</i> <i>4 Person Captains Choice open to all golfers</i>
DECEMBER 11	The Annual Christmas Tourney, <i>9am shotgun start</i> <i>4 Person Captains Choice open to all golfers</i>

FIRST TEE-SHENANDOAH VALLEY

First Tee is coming to Gypsy Hill Golf Course! The program is designed to introduce the game and its inherent values to our youth. *Participation is limited so call the First Tee to sign up 540.437.4239 or visit their website: <https://firstteeshenandoahvalley.org/>*

Beginner/Intermediate (Ages 5 – 14)
4:30pm – 5:30pm, Wednesdays, April 14 – June 9.
Price: \$65

Golf Pro Lesson Rates

Adult one-hour lesson: \$40
 Senior one-hour lesson: \$30
 Junior one-hour lesson: \$20



ATHLETICS

Men's Softball Sprint Spring League

This league is open to teams consisting of players 16+ years of age to compete in men's slow pitch softball at Montgomery Hall Park in Staunton. Teams can consist of up to 20 players on the roster to be placed in divisions based on ability. *The league will begin April 12th. Will play Monday & Wednesday nights. Ball requirement is .44 core .375 compression. League fee is \$225 per team, by April 7. League will be 10 games played over 5/6 weeks.*

Co-ed Spring Softball League

Co-ed league is returning for another exciting year. The league will begin May 4th. Ball requirement is 12", .44 core, .375 for men, and any 11", .44 core ball for women. *League fee is \$300 per team by April 27. Men use wooden bats. League will play on Tuesday and Thursday.*

Men's and Co-ed Softball Meetings and Open Forum

On April 7 at 7pm, in the Montgomery Hall Park activity room there will be an open forum and meeting discussing the upcoming season. This time will also serve as a discussion for any suggestions anyone would like to make concerning the league or any of its policies. Anyone considering entering a team in the spring season should attend if possible.

Softball Umpire meeting

All current umpires, and anyone interested in becoming an umpire should attend this clinic and sign up on April 7 at Montgomery Hall Park activity room. *The meeting will begin at 8pm and there is no fee to attend.*

Co-ed Adult Spring Outdoor Soccer League

The league is open to anyone 16 years and up to participate in 7 vs. 7 soccer to be played at the Montgomery Hall Park Soccer Complex on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays. Rosters are limited to 15 players any combination of male/female players. *League fee is \$380 per team. Jerseys will be provided. Deadline is April 23 to enter, league will start May 2.*

Scotts Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run (PHR)

Wednesday, May 5, Jerry May Field Gypsy Hill Park

Join more than 500,000 boys and girls (ages 7-14) during this exciting baseball skills competition that provides the opportunity to showcase your pitching, hitting and running abilities. PHR participants can advance through four levels of competition, including Local and Sectional competitions, Team Championship events at all 30 Major League ballparks and the National Finals at the MLB All-Star Game. Come out to the local competition! **FREE!** You **MUST** pre-register online at pitchhitrun.com (No metal cleats allowed for the competition). Event will begin at 6pm



CAMP STAUNTON 2021



Theme: Back to Basics June 1 - July 23

In 2020, for the first time in over 35 years, the Camp Staunton summer day camp program did not operate. Last summer we made the difficult decision to cancel the program due to COVID-19. We have all suffered in some way from this pandemic including our children, who in this past year have had many of their activities stopped, separated from friends, forced to stay home, more screen time than normal with virtual learning, entertainment, and communication, and for some, little opportunity for fun outside. While COVID-19 will still have an impact on summer camp; this is an opportunity for our program to get "back to basics". Your child will benefit from warm days outside in our beautiful city parks, youth development, swimming, fun and games with friends, and some of the best staff and care in our area. We hope you will join us for an amazing summer at Camp Staunton in 2021.

Qualified and **Mature** staff, **Park Setting Outdoors** with acres of green space, **Creativity** through free play, **Enrichment** and **Group Activities, Choices** and **Interests**: Your child will choose from many activities like pickleball, archery, hiking, arts/crafts, cooking, fishing, and much more. Does your child need **Exercise**? Whether it is organized or unorganized play, there is no way around it. We play numerous recreational activities each day. **Age Matters!** We separate our three camps according to age. The Staunton Parks and Recreation summer camp program has been in operation for over 35 years. Our reputation precedes us; just ask any previous summer camp parent or camper about our summer program. Register for the entire eight-week program, or pre-register for certain weeks. Program Fees: \$750 pre-paid for 8 weeks, OR \$100 weekly. Now Registering at the Irene Givens Administration Building in Montgomery Hall Park.



COVID-19 Highlights for 2021:

- Daily camper screening at drop-off
- Daily staff screening
- No Field Trips
- Limited Space. A few spots were removed at each site in order to observe current physical distancing requirements when indoors. If state COVID regulations change we will update accordingly
- Outdoors most of the time Enhanced cleaning of bathrooms and equipment and emphasis on handwashing
- Swimming schedule altered
- *Camp sites will not mix*
- *Face covering requirements will conform with updated and current State of Virginia COVID-19 Guidelines*
- *Current state regulations require a face covering when outdoors and unable to maintain 6ft physical distancing*
- *Current state regulations require a face covering when indoors*
- *We will continue to monitor health and safety regulations and release/update our policies as we get closer to the start of camp. Camp participants will be notified of these changes before camp begins*

Camp is not a risk-free environment, but increased safety procedures and policies have been created to minimize risk and provide campers with a great summer camp experience. Camp Staunton is operating as a program exempt from licensure with basic health and safety requirements but have no direct oversight by the Department of Social Services.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Morning Warmups: Spring & Summer

This class is great for seniors with tired muscles and as a follow up for physical therapy. Bring hand weights, exercise mats, and resistance bands. Learn chair exercises, healthy eating, and diet tips. Men and women invited! Ages 50+. Instructor: Brenda Powell. #K6031-17 NSC, 9am-10am, Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning May 4 (Spring), June 22 (Summer). Price: \$32 per 12 classes (Price has already been adjusted for senior rate)

Please Don't Stop the Music

Internet radio is becoming the largest growing facet in the radio industry today. Join "Jammin'" James Finchum as he takes you through the world of internet radio and what it's like to have your own broadcasting station. Jammin James is located out of Elkton, Virginia and is the CEO of Cherokee Nation Radio. Participants will learn how to operate broadcasting software, the necessary equipment needed to broadcast, how to obtain music for broadcasting, and licensing of internet radio stations. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn from somebody in the radio industry! #R4165-6 MHPA, 10am-12pm, June 19. Price: \$20

An Evening with Bats

Come to Montgomery Hall Park on Friday, May 21 from 7:30pm-8:30pm, to watch the bats fly and to eavesdrop on their ultrasonic calls with several types of bat detectors. Leslie Sturges of The Save Lucy Foundation will share her expertise and equipment to shed light on our local nighttime flyers. Program recommended for ages 5+. We will meet in the parking lot behind the Irene Givens Admin Building. Free program. #K9150-15

Kendo

Kendo is a modern form of Japanese fencing. It comes from the sword arts of ancient Japan, and is the modern incarnation of a centuries-long evolution. Kendo is more than just learning to fence; it is also about proper discipline and spirit. We use two types of swords, a bokken (wooden sword) or a shinai (bamboo sword). Instructor: John Smitka. #K9036-24 GHPGC, 7pm-9pm. Join monthly for Wednesday evening sessions beginning July 7 and August 4. Price: \$50/month

Explorers Club (Restart 2021)

Who wants to have some fun? Join the Explorers Club for a variety of fun experiences, visiting exciting sites or having a great outdoor adventure. Let your child become a young adventurer with monthly journeys to new locations and having new experiences. The Explorers Club will have planned trips from June thru November. Ages 5 and under; parents must remain present on all adventures. #K8021-14 Trips held 10am-noon on third Friday of the month. Price: \$10 for season. Join anytime!



SUMMER BANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

The Gypsy Hill Park Bandstand will be hosting music again this summer after a year off due to COVID-19 however, music schedules and dates are still a work-in-progress. Check the Staunton Parks and Recreation events page on the City of Staunton website and parks and rec Facebook page for current and updated information.

Stonewall Brigade Band – Monday Evenings

The Stonewall Brigade Band is making preparations for a return to the bandstand in Summer 2021. Visit their website for more information <https://www.stonewallbrigadeband.com/>.

Praise in the Park – Tuesday Evenings

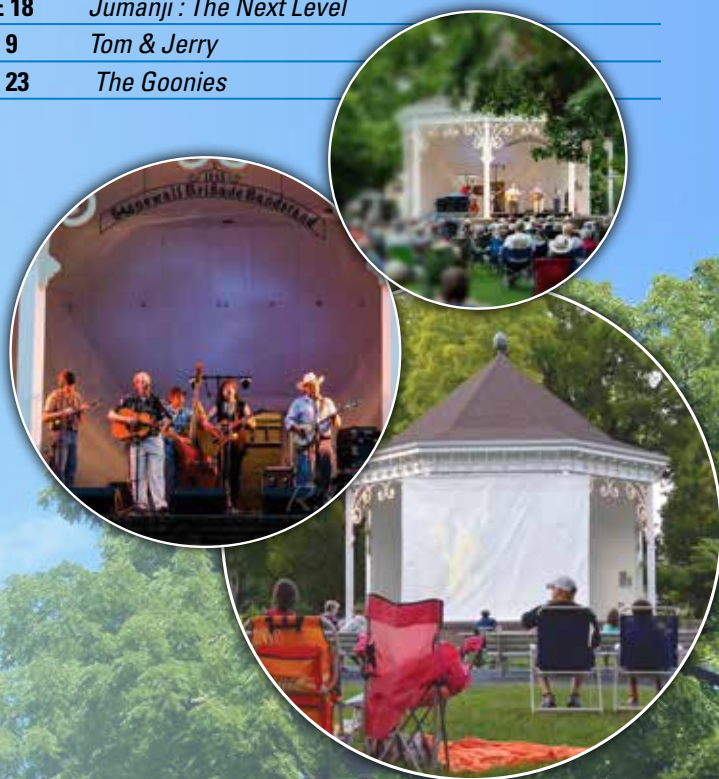
Tuesdays, July & August, 7pm, Gypsy Hill Park Bandstand, Staunton; 18th Annual Free Gospel Concerts
Host: Linden Heights Baptist Church

JULY 6	Faithful Men will kick off the season <i>All-time favorite in the Shenandoah Valley</i>
JULY 13	Spirit Led & Bridge Church Band <i>Local groups bring a night of powerful praise</i>
JULY 20	Brian Buchanan & Just Us Country Band <i>VA Opry singer & a Powhatan, VA band</i>
JULY 27	The Burkholders & Blue Mountain Sunrise <i>An evening of great Bluegrass Gospel music</i>
AUGUST 3	Celebrate America Night One Family Band & Linden Heights <i>Wear red, white & blue & wave an American flag</i>
AUGUST 10	Ed Pettersen & Streets of Gold Quartet <i>From Wakefield, VA Southern Gospel</i>
AUGUST 17	Doc Cousins Band & New Life Country Sons of the Coachmen & Gospel Bluegrass
AUGUST 24	Sierra Losh & Heaven's Mountain Band <i>Favorite gospel bringing a blend of blessings</i>
AUGUST 31	Covenant Band <i>"We Will Ride" when praise meets rock</i> <i>A fun closing night for youth & everyone!</i>

Family Flix Series

Movies will be family oriented and held on Friday nights at the Gypsy Hill Park bandstand. Please bring your own food and snacks, no concessions available this year. Social distancing between groups is expected. All movies start at dusk usually between 8:30pm and 9:15pm. Weather cancellation line is 540.332.3947.

JUNE 4	<i>Toy Story 4</i>
JUNE 18	<i>Jumanji : The Next Level</i>
JULY 9	<i>Tom & Jerry</i>
JULY 23	<i>The Goonies</i>



EVENTS

27th Annual YOUTH Fishing Derby

Saturday, May 1, 8am-11am, Lake Tams in Gypsy Hill Park
Open to youth 4-15 years of age. Prizes awarded in various categories. FREE on-site registration begins at 7:30am.



Scotts Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run (PHR)

Wednesday, May 5, Jerry May Field Gypsy Hill Park
Join more than 500,000 boys and girls (ages 7-14) during this exciting baseball skills competition that provides the opportunity to showcase your pitching, hitting and running abilities. PHR participants can advance through four levels of competition, including Local and Sectional competitions, Team Championship events at all 30 Major League ballparks and the National Finals at the MLB All-Star Game. Come out to the local competition! **FREE!** You must pre-register online at pitchhitrun.com (No metal cleats allowed for the competition). Event will begin at 6pm.



16th Annual Senior Fishing Derby

Saturday, May 15 from 8am-11am, Lake Tams in Gypsy Hill Park
Open to all adults 50+ years of age. FREE on-site registration begins at 7:30am



CHRISTMAS in JULY

Friday, July 23, 6pm-8:30pm, Gypsy Hill Park Pool
The Holiday season is HEATING up! It is never too early to enjoy the holidays. Join us as we celebrate Christmas in July! Festivities include: A visit from Santa, Holiday Trivia Contest, a Christmas Crafts opportunity, and other Winter themed pool activities. Who knows, maybe a Snowball Fight might even happen! Enjoy listening to Christmas music and be free to wear your own holiday outfits to the pool. FREE admission. Limited access based on first-come, first serve basis.



EVENT CALENDAR

- MAY 1** 27th Annual YOUTH Fishing Derby
MAY 5 Scotts Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run (PHR)
MAY 15 16th Annual Senior Fishing Derby
JULY 23 Christmas in July
AUG 14 Bark Park Day



Bark Park Day

Saturday, August 14, 9:30am-12pm, Gypsy Hill Park Bark Park
Hey Humans! Dogs are begging to be part of Staunton Parks and Recreation's Summer Event: Bring a human to the Bark Park Day! Join us in one of our special events or simply allow your pets to enjoy a great day visiting all their friends at the Bark Park in Gypsy Hill Park. Call the Rec. Department at 540.332.3945 for more information.

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- **Doggie Obstacle Course** – Teach your dog to run through a series of obstacles for the best time. Check in 9:30 am
- **Pet Photo and Costume Contest** – Dress up your pet in their best outfit for this photo contest
- **Dog Parade** – Join us for a Doggie led stroll thru the park in our Gypsy Hill Dog Parade



ARCHERY

Archery Club (New Members)

This club is designed for youth to participate in a weekly archery program at Montgomery Hall Park. Students will learn archery basics and develop their knowledge and skills so that they are comfortable shooting bow and arrow, become familiar with archery equipment, and follow safety guidelines on the shooting range. This program is made possible by an equipment loan program through a grant received by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. New members will need to complete the Safety Archery Introduction Workshop included as part of this program. They will learn about the types of bows, safety on the shooting range, proper shooting techniques and receive other training. Instructor: Liz Hadley. Ages 8+ #K7135-18 MHP, Five Mondays. Archery Club Workshop June 21, 9am-11am. Club dates next four Mondays, 9am-10:15am, beginning June 28. Price: \$45. Register by: June 16

Archery Club (Returning Members)

This club is designed for youth to participate in a weekly archery program at Montgomery Hall Park. Students will learn archery basics and develop their knowledge and skills so that they are comfortable shooting bow and arrow, become familiar with archery equipment, and follow safety guidelines on the shooting range. This program is made possible by an equipment loan program through a grant received by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. To be eligible for this class you must have completed the Archery Workshop or been a past student. Ages 8+. Instructor: Liz Hadley. #K7135-19 MHP, 9am-10:15am, Four Mondays starting June 28. Price: \$30. Register by: June 16



OUTDOORS

A photograph of a person wearing a white helmet with a headlamp, a light blue long-sleeved shirt, and a backpack, crawling through a narrow, dark cave passage. The person is smiling at the camera. The cave walls are made of layered, reddish-brown rock. A small stream of water is visible on the right wall.

Campcraft and Outdoor Survival Skills

A full day in the George Washington National Forest learning survival skills such as fire-building, shelter construction and back-country navigation skills. This class is designed for ages 12 and older and is useful for hunters, day-hikers, backpackers or anyone else who like to wonder off the beaten path! Teens may attend unaccompanied, but their transportation must be provided by a parent or guardian. After registration, WILD GUYde Adventures will supply you a "What To Bring" list and a medical/participation Agreement form to fill out. #K7115-13 George Washington National Forest, 9am-4pm, Saturday, May 22. Price: \$75 per person

Beginner Wild Caving near Bridgewater,Va

Ready to explore? Spend a half-day learning basic wild caving safety, underground navigation, and some elementary limestone geology. Ages 10 and older (children may attend unaccompanied, but their transportation must be provided by a parent or guardian). After registration, WILD GUYde Adventures will supply a "What to Bring" list and the Medical/Participation agreement form to complete. #K7014-14 Bridgewater, 1pm-5pm, Sunday, June 27. Price: \$25 per person

Beginner Rock Climbing and Rappelling

Enjoy a full day of learning to climb, belay and rappel in the George Washington National Forest. Let WILD GUYde Adventures lead you on an outdoor adventure! This experience is open to ages 10 and older (children may attend unaccompanied, but their transportation must be provided by a parent or guardian); all technical gear is provided; a personal suggested clothing list and a Medical Form/Participation Agreement will be supplied after registration. #K7047-13 George Washington National Forest, 9am-5pm, Saturday, July 31. Price: \$60 per person

REGISTRATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION

www.staunton.va.us/recreation

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION

NAME _____ Date of Birth _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE AM/PM _____ EMAIL _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT ADDRESS _____

Program/Class/Trip _____ Program Date/Time _____ \$ Price _____

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Program/Class/Trip _____ Program Date/Time _____ \$ Price _____

Program/Class/Trip Total (Do not include materials fee) _____

Adults (Over 55) 10% Discount (excludes trip & special event prices) _____

Non-City Residents Fee add \$2.00 per program/class/trip per person _____

Total sent: _____

Travel Policy:

All trips are to be paid in full when signing up unless another specific option is available where a minimum of 50% deposit is required for each person. Once a payment is received from a patron they are considered to have an official spot on the trip if there is available space. All patrons understand that there is a no refund policy in effect unless the Recreation department decides to cancel a trip. It is at the Recreation department's discretion on the cancellation of trips and most will be done in a timely manner. In some extreme cases such as death or serious medical conditions a refund may be available to a patron of a trip minus any expense the Recreation department may incur. Name changing fees may occur on trips involving plane flights. In cases regarding deposits; if the balance isn't paid by the deadline, patron may lose full deposit and spot on the trip.

Before registration form is complete, you will be required to sign and date on the reverse side of this form that you have read, understand and accept this addition to our registration process. If registering for a trip, please list EMERGENCY CONTACT (name, address, and phone number).

WALK-IN: Irene Givens Admin Building – Montgomery Hall Park
1000 Montgomery Ave – Staunton, VA 24401

MAIL-IN: Mail your completed registration form & check to:
Staunton Parks & Recreation Department – PO Box 58 – Staunton, VA 24402-0058

www.staunton.va.us/recreation – www.facebook.com/StauntonRecreationParks





RELEASE

PARENT'S AND PARTICIPANT'S INFORMED CONSENT, AUTHORIZATION, AND RELEASE

(This is a legal document. Read carefully before signing.)

To the fullest extent permitted by law, in consideration of the person noted below being allowed to participate, with each and all person/s acknowledging the opportunity to ask questions, be aware and receive full information, understanding and give voluntary consent regarding the potential risks in any physical or other activity/ies involved generally and particularly and inherently in parks and/or recreation programs, including those inherent related to a trip or travel, the undersigned individual/s VOLUNTARILY AND UNCONDITIONALLY on behalf of the undersigned and as well as by the participant personally, if the participant is at least 18 years of age, and for successors in interest AGREE that the undersigned:

- **ASSUMES ALL RISKS**, and
- **FOREVER WAIVE/S AND RELEASE/S** the City of Staunton, its departments and agencies, officials, employees, agents, representatives and volunteers (individually and collectively the "City") from any claims and liability of any nature whatsoever, for **ANY KIND OF PERSONAL INJURY, ILLNESS, DEATH, EXPENSE, COST, AND DAMAGES** except those not subject to waiver or release under the law, and
- **FOREVER WAIVE/S AND RELEASE/S ALL PROPERTY DAMAGE, LOSS AND/OR DAMAGES** that may relate, directly or indirectly, to the program and activity/ies connected with the City in any aspect of it/them at any time and at any place whether before, during or afterwards, and
- **FOREVER AUTHORIZE/S** the City to seek and obtain **CARE, MEDICAL ATTENTION AND TREATMENT** of any kind for the participant whether the treatment occurs without knowledge of the quality of care or treatment provider or facility, and **ACCEPTS FULL RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR ANY CHARGES OR EXPENSES AND/OR COSTS** incurred or related to such care and treatment, including **EXPENSE** related to transportation or early return home, whether or not it is covered by any insurance policy, plan or program or agreement of any kind.

* Pursuant to the City's Travel Policy (See Reverse Side), which is incorporated by reference and may be changed at any time, once payment is made for the program or activity, including any required deposit or payment in full, there is NO REFUND unless an authorized City person cancels the trip entirely, with such a decision being within the sole discretion of the City. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE in making any payment by the designated time. The failure to make timely payment strictly as specified completely waives the opportunity to participate in the program or activity without further notice.

Each provision of this document is separable, and each such provision, including each clause, stands on its own. The City does not waive and expressly preserves any immunity of any kind as allowed by law.

Participant Signature: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Witness _____

Date: _____

If participant is a minor under the age of 18

Participant Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name/s: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature/s: _____

INFORMATION

Our Mission:

To provide a variety of quality leisure opportunities to the diverse population of Staunton for the purpose of improving Stauntonian's quality of life via well maintained historic parks housing superior facilities paired with innovative recreation programs, athletic leagues, trips, and outstanding child-minding programs.

Our Parks and Recreation Brochure

This publication is our way to directly connect with the citizens of Staunton and share our most current listing of recreational offerings. This includes enrichment programming, trips, special events, childcare, athletic leagues, Gypsy Hill Golf information, park and project updates.

Brochure Schedule:

BROCHURE CYCLE

Spring/Summer covers March-June

Summer/Fall covers July-October

Winter covers November-February

DISTRIBUTION DATES

Beginning of March

Beginning of July

Beginning of November

Ways to Register

Online, by mail or in person at 1000 Montgomery Hall Avenue, Staunton VA 24401

Online Registration

Visit our new and improved city website to register for classes, trips, and leagues through our new software system. Individuals must create a customer profile on the portal which will allow for easy access and a simple, customer friendly experience! www.staunton.va.us/recreation

Register by mail:

Send a completed registration form to:
Staunton Parks and Recreation
PO Box 58
Staunton, VA 24402-0058

Early Registration

Whether or not we can hold a class usually depends on the number of registered program participants we have by a certain deadline. Please register soon and early to avoid having to cancel a program or workshop.

Office Information:

1000 Montgomery Avenue
Staunton, VA 24401

Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm
Main office: 540.332.3945
Weather cancellation line: 540.332.3947
Fax: 540.332.3983
Park Maintenance: 540.332.3945
Gypsy Hill Golf Shop: 540.332.3949

Overnight Travel Policy

All trips are to be paid in full when signing up unless another specific option is available where a minimum of 50% deposit is required for each person. Once a payment is received from a patron they are considered to have an official spot on the trip if there is space available. All patrons understand that there is a no refund policy in effect unless the Recreation Department decides to cancel a trip. It is at the Recreation Department's discretion on the cancellation of trips and most will be done in a timely manner. In some extreme cases such as death or serious medical conditions a refund may be available to a patron of a trip minus any expenses

the Recreation Department may incur. Name changing fees may occur on trips involving plane flights. In cases regarding deposits: if the balance isn't paid by the deadline, patron may lose full deposit and spot on the trip. Before registration form is complete, you will be required to sign (above check in lieu of signature) that you have read, understand and accept this addition to our registration process.

Program and Day Trip Refund Policy

In the case of a cancellation by Parks and Recreation staff, the refund will be issued in the form of a check through the City's Finance Department. Check will be mailed to the address on file. Please allow a minimum of 2-3 weeks for refunds by check.

No refunds or credits will be given for any program or activity sessions missed by the participant.

If adequate advance notice is provided, we will refund the full amount of the program less any non-recoverable expenses, as listed below. If there is a waiting list and we are able to fill your spot on a day-trip or in a program, you will receive a full refund.

General Program or One-Day Trip: Full refund prior to the registration deadline, less any non-recoverable expenses (pre-paid meals, lodging, tickets, etc.)

If adequate advance notice prior to the registration deadline is not given, and your space cannot be filled, all fees are forfeited.

Inclusion Statement

It is the goal of Staunton Parks and Recreation to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for all individuals of all abilities who wish to participate in recreational activities and programs and experience the benefits and opportunities provided through the services offered by Staunton Parks and Recreation.

Staunton Parks and Recreation will accommodate any reasonable request to assist people with disabilities and special needs and support various learning styles. Individuals who require additional support are encouraged to complete the Accommodation Request Form two weeks in advance of the program or activity in which they plan to participate, to assist Parks and Recreation staff in its efforts to create a positive recreation experience for the participant. For questions, please call 540.332.3945. The Accommodation Request form can be found here: www.staunton.va.us/Accommodation.

Notice and Prohibition Against Discrimination

The City of Staunton is committed to equal opportunity and compliance otherwise with all nondiscrimination laws. The City of Staunton is an inclusive locality and environment.

The City of Staunton does not discriminate and prohibits unlawful discrimination and harassment against any person on the basis of race, creed, religion or religious belief, color, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, age, sex or gender, sexual orientation, disability, military or veteran status or on any unlawful basis.

No qualified person on the basis of disability will, on the basis of disability, be denied the benefits of local government services, programs, or activities. If any person has a disability or otherwise needs special consideration, the City welcomes contact and will provide information and address special needs in compliance with the law.

Any unlawful discrimination should be reported immediately to any City-designated person and any City department director, or to the City Manager or designee, or to any member of the Staunton City Council. Such discrimination also may be reported to any state or federal agency which is responsible for compliance with nondiscrimination laws, such as the U.S. Justice Department, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or any other federal or state agency with jurisdiction.

The City of Staunton also prohibits unlawful retaliation against any person who files a report or complaint about discrimination.

To contact the City Manager's office to report any unlawful discrimination or retaliation or to request special arrangements because of disability, please call 540.332.3814.



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Christmas in July

Friday, July 23, 6pm-8:30pm, Gypsy Hill Park Pool
The Holiday season is HEATING up! It is never too early to enjoy the holidays. Join us as we celebrate Christmas in July! Festivities include: A visit from Santa, Holiday Trivia Contest, a Christmas Crafts opportunity, and other Winter themed pool activities. Who knows, maybe a Snowball Fight might even happen! Enjoy listening to Christmas music and be free to wear your own holiday outfits to the pool. FREE admission. Limited access based on first-come, first serve basis.

