



ACTIVITY GUIDE

Winter/Spring 2023



**NATIONAL D-DAY MEMORIAL • ADVENTURE BOUND AFTER SCHOOL HIKING CLUB • CAMP STAUNTON
NATIONAL ZOO • SPRING SOFTBALL • EGGSTRAVAGANZA • GOLF TOURNAMENTS**

HONORING THE LIONS CLUB



Staunton Parks and Recreation honors the Staunton Lions Club with a plaque located at Gypsy Hill Park for their financial donation and dedication to the Gypsy Hill Park Duck Pond. The club helped with \$36,000 in grant funding, May 28, 2021 for duck pond projects and repairs. The Staunton Lions Club legacy relationship with the Gypsy Hill Park Duck Pond goes back nearly 60 years with a major gift funded and completed in 1965 and other donations throughout the years.

ABOVE: Woody Sanders, Lions Club Treasurer (left), Chris Tuttle, Parks and Recreation Director (middle), Scott McMurrain, Lion Club President (right)

Seeking Instructors

We are looking for responsible new program instructors with innovative and creative ideas. If you have interests in dance, gardening, a particular hobby, etc. we are open to discussion of new program ideas. Classes can be continuous (ex. 4 weeks) or a one-time workshop. Earn money, do what you love, and help us continue a tradition of offering excellent recreation programs for the Staunton community. Go online and fill out a "Course Proposal" form by visiting the recreational classes page on the City of Staunton website or call us at 540.332.3945.

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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

Seeking Referees

Our success is because of you! Staunton Parks and Recreation needs new members to join our referee and umpire teams for our athletic leagues. Please contact Ken by email at jacobsenkl@ci.staunton.va.us or call 540.332.3945.

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 information

Event & Weather Cancellation Line

540.332.3947

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COMMUNITY EVENTS



The Gypsy Yard Sale

Saturday, February 4, 8am-12pm, Gypsy Hill Park Gym

Thirty-five 10'x10' spaces are available for rent. Price: \$15 per space, tables \$5 each. Set up for vendors will be 2pm-7pm on Friday February 3. No items brought in Saturday morning. Pre-registration and pre-payment for tables required.

Please register online or in person at the Recreation department.

Irish Road Bowling

Saturday, March 11, Montgomery Hall Park

Join us for a wee bit o' fun and try Road Bowling. This St. Patrick's Day event is full of fun and (family) friendly competition with our own spin on the original game played on the Irish country roads. Teams are comprised of either 3 or 4 people and we will assign tee times to ensure proper spacing, safety and integrity of the game. The new format is not a tournament but an opportunity to come out and play the game, we will still record team scores. Wearing Green and fun St. Patrick's Day clothing is encouraged. *Team entry fee: \$25 for a 3-person team, \$30 for a 4-person team (Price includes one road bowl per team). Bowling tee times are between 9am-12:30pm. Call the Recreation office for more details at 540.332.3945, online registration available beginning in January or stop by the rec office to register your team. Thank you to event Sponsor McDonough Toyota.*



Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 1, Montgomery Hall Park Soccer Complex

Join us for our Annual Egg Hunt and Eggstravaganza Festival complete with moon bounce, old-fashioned egg coloring, refreshments, arts and crafts activities, face painting, and surprise entertainers. BYOB (bring your own basket). *Free event!*

Egg Hunt Ages/Times:

2 & 3 years: 10am

4 & 5 years: 10:30am

6 & 7 years: 11am

8 to 10 years: 11:30am



Earth Day Staunton

Saturday, April 22, 11am-3pm, Bandstand at Gypsy Hill Park

Celebrate Earth Day with us on Saturday, April 22 from 11am-3pm. Earth Day Staunton will take place at the Gypsy Hill Park Bandstand. Enjoy kid-oriented activities, live native wildlife shows, live beehive, face painting, native plant sale, and more. Food on site. Bring a refillable water bottle. Admission is free. In the event of rain, Earth Day Staunton will be in the Gypsy Hill Park Gym. *For more information, please visit earthdaystaunton.org*



29th Annual YOUTH Fishing Derby

Saturday, May 6, 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.



Kids Matter Day

Saturday, May 13, 10am-1pm, Gypsy Hill Park Gym

RETURNING THIS SPRING! Don't Miss out on all the FUN! Kids Matter Day has provided as many as 500 kids and families in a single day with local resources. Children and parents from Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County are invited to visit safety and resource stations provided by local community organizations to receive dental imprints, first aid information and much more. *FREE, for more information call committee member Staunton Parks and Recreation at 540.332.3945. SPONSORS NEEDED! Help us keep this event free to the community! Businesses and individuals are encouraged to contact Lesley Holsinger at holsingerlj@ci.staunton.va.us.*

GOLF



GYPSY HILL
EST. 1919

WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS TO PLAY AT GYPSY HILL GOLF COURSE:

FEES

- 18 hole cart fee: \$15
- 18 hole green fee: \$15 Monday through Thursday, \$20 Friday through Sunday
- 9 hole cart fee (1-7, 13&14): \$10
- 9 hole green fee (1-7, 13&14): \$10
- Monday through Thursday after 2pm: \$20 includes cart and green fee or \$10 green fee only
- Monday through Thursday after 5pm: \$15 includes cart and green fee or \$10 green fee only
- Friday through Sunday after 2pm: \$25 includes cart and green fee
- VSGA rate (only 4 plays annually) Monday through Thursday after 10am: \$25
- VSGA rate (only 4 plays annually) Friday through Sunday after 12pm: \$25

MEMBERSHIP RATES

- Adult member fee: \$450
- All-inclusive member plan: \$1400
- Junior member fee (17 and under): \$100
- Cart Plan \$950

WINTER HOURS: 9am-4pm Sunday through Saturday

SPRING HOURS: 8am-5pm Sunday through Saturday

Wesley Allred, PGA

Lessons by appointment only

Adults \$50

Juniors and Seniors \$40

Playing lessons \$80

Gypsy Hill Golf Course offers an easy online tee time booking platform. No need to call the shop, just book online at gypsyhillgolfcourse.com.

Gypsy Hill Golf Course is an official First Tee site. To register for classes, go to thefirstteeharrisonburgva@gmail.com or simply call 540-437-4239 to register.

Gypsy Hill Golf Course Tournament Schedule for 2023

MARCH 25	Tough Pin Tournament Individual sign ups <i>9am shot gun start</i>
MARCH 27-30	Spiking greens
APRIL 15	Eagles State Tournament, <i>9am</i>
APRIL 22	Moose District Tournament, <i>9am</i>
APRIL 29	Riverheads booster Tournament 4person captain's choice, <i>9am</i>
MAY 6	Staunton Braves Fundraiser 4person captain's choice, <i>9am</i>
MAY 13	Staunton High Boosters 4person captain's choice, <i>9am</i>
MAY 20	VDOT Commonwealth Campaign Tournament <i>8am</i>
JUNE 10-11	Deaver 2person captain's choice <i>8am Saturday and Sunday</i>
JUNE 17	AMVET Tourney, <i>8am start</i>
JUNE 24-25	Member/Member, <i>8am</i>
JULY 15-16	Gypsy Hill 2person Championship, <i>8am</i>
JULY 29-30	Member/Guest, <i>8am</i>
AUGUST 19-20	Gypsy Hill Club Championship <i>8am Saturday and Sunday</i>
SEPTEMBER 9-10	Dave Miller Memorial Tournament <i>9am Saturday and Sunday</i>
SEPTEMBER 11-13	Spiking greens
NOVEMBER 18	Turkey Tournament, <i>9am</i>
DECEMBER 9	Christmas Tournament, <i>9am</i>

ATHLETICS



ADULT

Men's Spring Softball 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. The league will begin April 19. Will play Monday & Wednesday nights. Ball requirement is .44 core .375 compression. *League fee is \$300 per team. Register by: April 14*

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 21. Men use wooden bats. *League will play on Tuesday and Thursday.*

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

On April 11 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.



YOUTH

Kiwanis Baseball – Spring 2023

Registration for Kiwanis baseball has already begun. Don't miss your chance to sign up! Registration Fee \$40. Second child \$30. Family maximum \$80, regardless of number of children. All games played at the Kiwanis Baseball Complex in Gypsy Hill Park. Questions? Visit www.stauntonkbb.com or call the Staunton Recreation Office at 540.332.3945. Register online at www.stauntonkbb.com through February 28.

Archery Club

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. Ages 8+. Instructor: Liz Hadley

New members

Need to complete the Intro to Archery Workshop on April 3, 4pm-6pm (included in price). Club dates next four Mondays beginning April 10, 4pm-5:15pm. K7135- 32 MHP. Price: \$45. Register by: March 24

Returning Members

To be eligible for this class you must have completed the Intro to Archery Workshop or been a past student. K7135-33 MHP, 4pm-5:15pm, Four Mondays starting April 10. Price: \$30. Register by: March 24



FITNESS & WELLBEING



Kendo (Monthly)

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. *GHPGC, 7pm-9pm, Wednesday. Join monthly sessions beginning 1st Wednesday of each month. Price: \$50/month*

Morning Warmups

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. *GHPG, Tuesday and Thursday, 9am-10am. Price: \$32 per 12 classes (Price has already been adjusted for senior rate). Join anytime!*

K6031-27 Winter Session begins January 17

K6031-28 Early Spring Session begins March 14

Buti Yoga Class

This specific yoga is delivered in a HIIT format and is very fast paced with loud music, cardio, and primal movement- you are forced to get out of your head to learn the unique movement style. Come prepared to release stored tension, sweat, let go of control, and breath! Instructor: Jessica Weinstock, Buti Master Trainee and Certified Fitness Nutritionist. *N7183-5 GHPGC, 6:30pm-7:30pm, Six Thursdays beginning January 26. Price: \$54. Register by: January 20*



YOUTH



Camp Staunton

Theme: Storybook Summer

June 5 - July 28

Your child will benefit from warm days outside in our beautiful city parks, 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 2023! 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, outdoor games, fishing, and much more. Does your child need Exercise? Whether it is organized or unorganized play, there is no way around it. 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 this 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. Registration begins Tuesday, February 7, 8am at the Irene Givens Administration Building in Montgomery Hall Park.*

American Shakespeare Center Drama Club

Join the American Shakespeare Center Drama Club to build confidence and expand creativity with the ultimate team sport: theatre. The ASC Drama Club's 15-week class will explore Shakespeare's language and stagecraft through play, culminating in a final performance of an original, abridged Shakespeare play at the Blackfriars Playhouse on Saturday, April 22. Included in the cost of the ASC Drama Club is a ticket for each participant to join the group on a field trip to see *As You Like It* at the American Shakespeare Center. Instructor: Lia Wallace of American Shakespeare Center. Ages 8-15. *K7078-16 NSC, 1pm-3pm, 15 Sundays beginning January 15. Price: \$175. For more information, contact Lia Wallace at lia.wallace@americanshakespearecenter.com or by phone at 540.885-5588 ext. 110.*

Kids 'N Canvas

Paint Party Fun is here! The wait is over for children aged 7-12 to use their imagination, have fun and laugh as they create their very own work of art! No experience needed as our Gallery on the Go guide will lead our young artist with simple to follow step-by-step instructions to complete their own personal paintings. Remember this is not a painting class...it's a paint party! So come enjoy the fun! Instructor: Kathleen Garcia. *GHPGC 4pm-6pm. Price: \$20/class. K7170-07 Thursday, March 9 - Color Me Wild Register by: March 3 K7170-08 Thursday, April 6 - Spring Trio Register: by March 31*



Art-Ventures After School

Art-Ventures is a fun and creative program where kids can uncover their inner artist each week! Kids will explore new mediums and methods of painting, drawing, sculpting, etc. and come home with master pieces of their own. Ages 6-10. Instructor: Samantha Campbell of "Hey Ho Let's Grow". *NSC, 4:45pm-6pm, Wednesdays. Price: \$48/class*

N7-192-1 NSC, Four Wednesdays beginning January 11. Register by January 6. We will focus on different art stylings of influential 20th century artists. Students will explore their own style through expressionism, impressionism, and self-portraits.

N7-192-2 NSC, Four Wednesdays beginning March 1. Register by February 22. We will focus on different art mediums. Students will use a variety of clay, wood, paint, fabric, and charcoal to create their own unique art pieces.

N7-192-3, Four Wednesdays beginning April 5. Register by March 29. We will focus on incorporating nature into art. Students will use natural materials and explore the changing of the seasons gaining inspiration from the world around us.



Adventure Bound After School Hiking Club

We meet every Tuesday for six weeks to hike different areas close to Staunton. Participants will gather after school, make a healthy snack, and venture outside. Some of the topics we will explore: Learn how to set up a tent and the concept of “leave no trace”, read a topographical map, general compass use, do an “urban hike” downtown and explore a variety of trails in and around the city. Instructor: Samantha Campbell of “Hey-Ho-Lets Grow” is a Shenandoah Valley native and dedicated early childhood educator with over 10 years of experience. She has a passion for nurturing creativity in children and the outdoors. *N73-193-1 MHPA, 4:30pm-6pm, Ages 6-10, Six Tuesdays beginning March 28. Price: \$40. Register by: March 17*

GIRLS NIGHT OUT!

Spend a night out with the girls, make new friends, and enjoy an evening of self-care, baking, and crafting! Girls will make their own hula-hoops, learn hoop tricks and dance techniques. Join us for fun, music, games, snacks, and more. Ages 9-12. *N72-195-1 GHPGC, 5:30pm-8:30pm, February 24. Price: \$25. Register by: February 10*

Chess for Beginners

This is a beginner course to introduce students to the game of chess and build their critical and strategic thinking. Students will learn the rules of chess, basic strategy/ tactics, and develop a love of the game. As both a game and an intellectual exercise, playing chess furthers many important goals, including improving students’ concentration, self-discipline, logical thinking, short- and long-range planning, and understanding the consequences of making good and bad decisions. Ages 5-8. Instructor: George Gruner. *MHPA, 4:30pm-5:15pm, Tuesday. Price: \$30/class. N7008-3, Eight Tuesdays beginning January 18. Register by: January 13 N7008-4, Eight Tuesdays beginning March 29. Register by: March 24*

Intermediate Chess

This intermediate class will help each student build a stronger foundation in chess. Improve the quality of play by enhancing the students understanding of commonly played openings, gaining the advantage in the middle game, and practicing more complex checkmates. Students will also gain a greater understanding of chess strategy and tactics. Prepare for your first tournament. Ages 8-18 or younger if the student has completed a previous chess class or with the permission of the instructor. Instructor: George Gruner. *MHPA, 5pm-6pm, Tuesday. Price: \$42. N7009-3, Eight Tuesdays beginning January 17. Register by: January 13 N7009-4, Eight Tuesdays beginning March 28. Register by: March 24*

Chess: Need-to-Know End Games

In this specialty chess class students will study many end game principals. We will review lone king mates, explore mates with only pawns, mates with minor pieces (knights and bishops) and seeking a draw when it is the best (only?) option. Students will also work on the middle game by working through a variety of combinations that the advanced player should seek and execute while playing chess. Tournament play will also be covered in this class. Ages 8-18 or younger if the student has completed a previous chess class or with the permission of the instructor. Instructor: George Gruner. *N7-197-1 MHPA, 5pm-6pm, Four Wednesdays beginning March 8. Price: \$24. Register by: March 3*



TODDLER/PRE-K



MUSIC

Molly's Musikgarten

Family Music for Babies and Toddlers

Designed for the whole family, these weekly classes help you learn how to play musically with your little one through activities that bridge the natural connection between music and movement. Together we sing, chant, move, dance, listen, and play simple instruments all through one of the four wonder-filled semesters. Enjoy the wonderful lessons that include Dance with Me, Sing with Me, Play with Me, and Clap with Me. Each lesson features movement activities for coordination, body awareness and control, exploration of space. Instruments such as rhythm sticks, jingles, rattles, drums and resonator bars will be introduced. Instructor: Molly Murphy. *NSC, 11am-11:30am, Ten Thursdays beginning February 16. (An additional \$40 due for supplies on first day). Ages Birth-3yrs. Price: \$150. Register by: February 9*

K8032-23 Birth-18 months 10:15am-10:45am

K8032-25 Toddlers-Up to 3years 11am-11:30am

Molly's Musikgarten

Family Music for Preschoolers-First Grade

This class is developed to build your child's attention and self-expression through singing, chanting, moving, focused listening, musical games, exploring musical instruments, creative movement, and storytelling. This family class will nurture your growing child's ability to use language and participate in dramatic play with a musical context. Fun family packets, along with rhythm sticks, a Musikgarten rattle, or colorful scarf will increase family movement to the learning process you can share in class or at home. Ages 4-6yrs. Instructor: Molly Murphy. *K8032-24 NCS, Ten Thursdays beginning February 16 (An additional \$40 due for supplies on first day). Price: \$150. Register by: February 9*



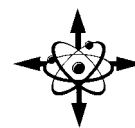
Toddler/Pre-K Open Gym

As the weather cools down and the snow begins to fall, we find ourselves cooped up with not many options to run and play. Join us Wednesday mornings at the Gypsy Hill Park Gymnasium. We will have balls, toys, and games available for little ones, as well as plenty of open space for running and being silly. Parent/ guardian must remain present with their children. Ages 5 and under. *GHPG, 9:30am-11:30am, Wednesdays November to March. Price: \$3/child each visit. *Please note: this program will be unavailable on the fourth Wednesday of every month.*

Explorers Club

Who wants to have some fun? Join the Explorers Club for new experiences, visiting exciting sites or having a great outdoor adventure. Let your child become a young adventurer with monthly journeys to a variety of locations. The Explorers Club will have planned trips from February-June. Ages 5 and under (parents must remain present on all adventures). Trips held 10am-noon on the third Friday of each month. *N8021-17 Price: \$10 for the season. Register anytime!*

EXPLORERS



Rock Hopper Toddler Hiking Club

Do you want to get outside with your toddler and discover more? We will give you the tips and tricks to feel confident heading out with your child while we hike the variety of trails at Montgomery Hall Park. Over this session we will cover the basics of getting family outside like how to choose the right trail, dressing for success, and packing properly. Our instructor will go over trail safety, "leave no trace", choosing the best trail depending on your child's abilities, and how to make each adventure fun and engaging even if you only make it a short distance with your child. Instructor: Samantha Campbell of "Hey-Ho-Lets Grow". *N83-194-1 MHP, 1:30pm-3pm, Ages 2-5 (with adult), Six Tuesdays beginning March 28. Price: \$34. Register by: March 17*

Handprints

Handprints is a child-centered art program where our youngest artists are free to explore and be creative. Children will enjoy a variety of materials and techniques at their own pace: play dough, easel painting, and a special project each week. Emphasis will be on the imaginative process and not the final product, building essential cognitive skills along the way. Best of all we supply everything you and your child need and take care of all the cleanup. Ages 2-5 (with adult). Instructor: Samantha Campbell of "Hey-Ho-Lets Grow". *N84-171-4 NSC, 2:30pm-3:30pm, four Wednesdays beginning January 11. Price: \$22. Register by: January 6. N84-171-5 NSC, 2:30pm-3:30pm, Six Wednesdays beginning March 1. Price: \$34. Register by: March 8. N84-171-6 MHPA, 10:30am-11:30am, Six Wednesdays Beginning April 5. Price: \$34. Register by: March 29*

ADULT CLASSES

**LEARN
SOMETHING
NEW**



EDUCATIONAL

American Sign Language

This course teaches the basic communication skills in American Sign Language. There will be many hands-on activities and games, discussions, vocabulary development, and conversational skills. Any individual who has had basic or no experience at all may benefit from this course. A fun opportunity to learn a new language in a stress-free environment outside of a classroom! Ages: 9+. Instructor: Amy Ashworth. *K1052-25 MHPA, 7:15pm-8:15pm, eight Thursdays beginning March 16. Price: \$65. Register by: March 10*

Get Your Ducks in a Row

The Ducks in a Row workshop helps each person give the gift of planning by getting affairs in order! Participants develop a plan for making decisions, organizing records, and preparing for the future to ensure personal wishes will be met. The workshop includes topics such as wills, medical directives, family memorabilia, and distribution of belongings, as well as plans for funeral, financial and legal matters. Save time, headaches and confusion for your loved ones by getting your Ducks in a Row! Some parents and children attend together! Instructor: Mary Ann Stripling. *K6123- 24 MHPC, 4:30pm-6:30pm, three Tuesdays beginning March 28. Price: \$50. Register by: March 21*



Backcountry Navigation Clinic

An afternoon of learning and practicing map and compass skills out in the George Washington Ntl. Forest; for day-hikers, backpackers, mountain bikers, hunters, scout leaders, and anyone else who likes to wander off the beaten path; ages 14 and older (teens may attend unaccompanied, but their transportation must be provided by parent or guardian). A personal suggested clothing list, Medical Form/Participant Agreement, and driving directions to the activity meetup will be provided by Wild Guyde Adventures after registration; *K7047-25, 1pm-5pm, Sunday, March 19. Price: \$36 per person. Register by: March 10*

Prominent First Ladies

In the East Wing of the White House, many of history's most impactful and world-changing decisions have been hidden from view, made by America's charismatic, complex and dynamic first ladies. In this class we will investigate and discuss eight of the most prominent First Ladies who have served our country. Do you know the First Lady who is known as a 18th century feminist? Which First Lady has been referred to as our first female president? The First Lady whose life was influenced by being involved in a fatal car accident? Join us for a fascinating look at some of the women who helped shape our nation. Ages 16+. Instructor George Gruner is a local historian and educator with over 40 years of experience teaching. *N4186-10-2 MHPC, 5pm-6:30pm, three Thursdays beginning April 13. Price: \$36. Register by: April 7*

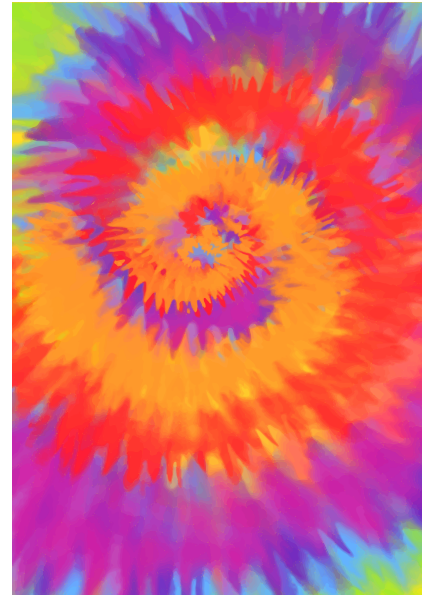
ART

Pop-Up Art Shop: Tie Dye

Let's get groovy! Tote bags and handkerchiefs will be available to tie dye. If participants would like to tie dye something specific, they're welcome to bring one item of their own (nothing larger than a pillowcase). Create unique designs with different binding, twisting, and folding and dipping techniques. No artistic experience is necessary. Registration is open to all age groups. *N2-196-1 MHPA, 10am-12pm, March 25. Price: \$20. Register by: March 11*

Paint with gARTzia GALLERY ON THE GO with KATHLEEN

Time to unleash your inner Artist in this fun painting class. No experience necessary for this class as our instructor Kathleen Garcia will walk you through simple instructions that will transform anyone into an artist for the day! Have a great time and amaze your friends and family with your personal masterpiece! *K9191-01 GHPGC, 6:30pm-8:30pm, Thursday, April 27. Price: \$25. Register by: April 20*



TRIPS



Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races

Take a trip to Hollywood Casino in West Virginia and try your luck! *K5015-27 Friday, March 31, Depart GHPG parking lot at 9am; return around 8pm. Price: \$28 (Includes transportation only). Register by: March 24*

National D-Day Memorial

This national memorial in Bedford, Va. offers a wonderful opportunity for visitors to better understand the history behind the D-day memorial. This heartfelt landmark is surrounded by the beautiful majestic blue ridge mountains and serves as a remembrance to our American soldiers, sailors and airmen capped by a tribute to our troops sacrifice on D-Day. *K5190-01 Tuesday, April 25. Depart 9am; return 4pm (we will stop for lunch: On your own) during trip. Price: \$37. Register by: April 7*

National Zoo

Lions, Tigers, Bears ... Oh My! That is only the start of an exciting day at the National Zoo in Washington D.C. ... Amazing exhibits include the Giant Panda Habitat, the Elephant Outpost, the Great Apes exhibit and so much more! You are guaranteed a great day of visiting the animals and seeing all the National Zoo has to offer. *#K5069-22 Saturday, March 25. Depart GHPG at 8am; return around 6:30pm. Price: \$30 (Includes transportation, admission and tours are Free). Register by: March 17*



WOHLFAHRT HAUS TRIP – BACK TO THE 50's

Turn back the clock to the 1950's with Wohlfahrt Haus' energy filled show "Back to the 50's". Follow a group of friends as they go back in time to their high school days revived through song and dance! This retro show will include beloved songs and entertainment and include a pre-show dinner. We will be attending a Thursday matinee show (tentatively June 1). Space will be limited! *For more information and to reserve your space, please call the recreation department at 540.332.3945.*

Beginner Wild Caving near Franklin WV

An afternoon of learning basic caving safety, underground navigation, and some elementary limestone geology; ages 12 and older (children and teens may attend unaccompanied, but their transportation must be provided by a parent or guardian); all technical gear is provided; a personal suggested clothing list, Medical Form/Participant Agreement, and driving directions to the activity meetup will be supplied by WILD GUYde Adventures after registration; *K7014-19 Sunday, February 26, 1-5pm, Price: \$30 per person. Register by: February 16*



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 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



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 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

Winter/Spring covers January-April

Summer covers May-August

Fall covers September-December

DISTRIBUTION DATES

Beginning of January

End of April

End of August

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

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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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Need A Summer Job?

Each year Staunton Parks and Recreation hires multiple seasonal positions for the community pools, park maintenance, and summer camps. If you are interested in working for Staunton Parks and Recreation this summer as a lifeguard, pool staff, summer camp counselor, or helping maintain the parks then give us a call at the recreation office at 540.332.3945.



STAUNTON PARKS & RECREATION

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Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 1, Montgomery Hall Park

Join us for our Annual Egg Hunt and Eggstravaganza Festival complete with moon bounce, old-fashioned egg coloring, refreshments, arts and crafts activities, face painting, and surprise entertainers. BYOB (bring your own basket). *Free event!*



Eggstravaganza!