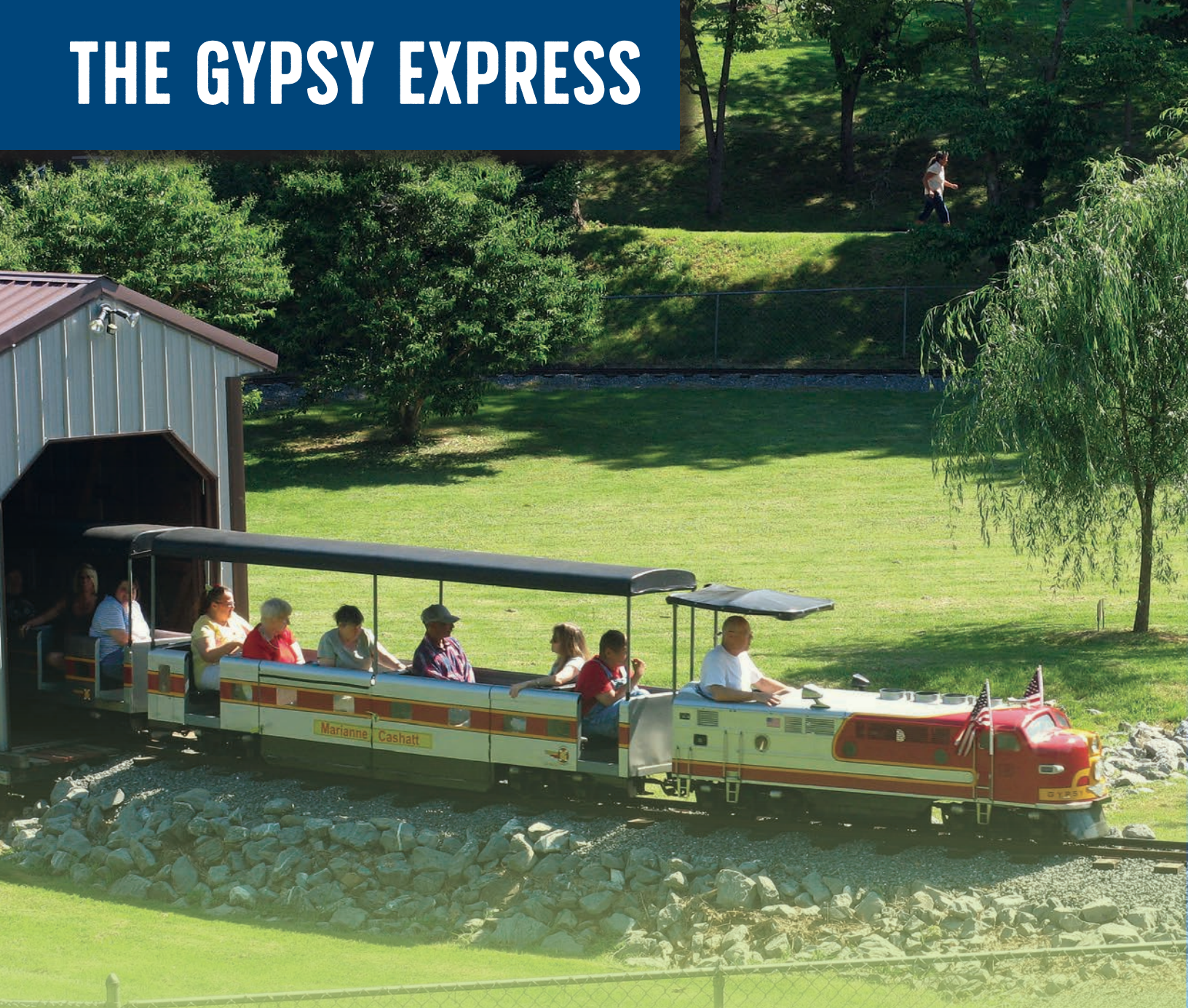




THE GYPSY EXPRESS



The Gypsy Express is a short, fun ride around a scenic area of Staunton's Gypsy Hill Park. Today's riders are frequently the children and grandchildren of those who first rode the mini train more than a half-century ago. The Gypsy Express has been sharing fun and adventure with the young and young at heart for 60 years. Get in on the great Staunton train adventure!

Hours & Tickets

- **HOURS:** 1 to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, May through October. The Gypsy Express does not run in the rain.
- **TICKETS:** \$1 per person. All rides are free on July 4 and Labor Day.

The train closes for the season on the Sunday of the last full weekend in October. On that Sunday, all rides are free and the hours are 1-3pm. The train can accommodate people with physical disabilities. The Gypsy Express Incorporated, a non-profit group of enthusiastic volunteers, serve as the train's drivers.

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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 16 for registration information

Event & Weather Cancellation Line

540.332.3947

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AQUATICS



Pools Open Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday, May 27th!

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 Sunday and Wednesday mornings from 9am-11am, beginning on June 5 ending on Sunday, August 6. Season Pass \$20

General Pool Rules:

- Outside food and drink are welcome, however glass containers are prohibited.
- Smoking, and alcoholic beverages are not allowed inside the pool fence.
- Children 12 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult (18+) to the pool. Any non-swimming child must be accompanied by an adult in the water.
- Any inappropriate language or behavior will result in dismissal from the pool for the day.

Splash-in Movie @ Montgomery Hall Park Pool

Staunton Parks and Recreation is offering an alternative to its Movies in the Park series by moving the cinema to the pool. Swim at night and watch a fun family movie. All ages welcomed! 3 yrs. and younger can come, and they're free, but they must be within arms' reach of their grownup the entire night. (Safety first!) Montgomery Hall Park Pool, Price: \$3 for ages 4 and up, 7:30pm- End of Movie. The summer 2023 line-up will be available in late spring on the city website.





SWIM LESSONS

Group Lessons

We offer American Red Cross small group lessons so each swimmer gets the chance to hear from an instructor, have an instructor work with them on specific movements and techniques and learn by watching peer swimmers. Being in a small group setting gives children the chance to learn from each other and have reassurance if they're hesitant about trying a new skill. Preschool Aquatics levels 1-3 (ages 3-5) maximum enrollment 4 children per class. Learn to swim Levels 1-6 (ages 6-15) Maximum enrollment is 6 children per class. *\$50 per session - 8 Classes per session - 30min per class.*

Semi-Private Lessons

For families who want a guaranteed time slot for siblings to swim together at the same time. Up to 3 siblings can be enrolled together. *\$65 per session - 8 Classes per session - 30min per class.*

Private Lessons

Don't be shy about your swimming ability! Our one-on-one, individualized instruction makes it easy for you to relax and enhance the skills you want to focus on. Ideal for non-swimmers, fitness swimmers, and those who want to improve competitive skills. Children must be at least 3 years old to participate. All private lessons are 30 minutes long. We schedule them throughout the week and on Sa/Sun mornings. *\$30 per Lesson - \$150 per 6 class session*

Please call the recreation office at 540.332.3945 for more information and registration details



COMMUNITY EVENTS



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

Presented by Elliott's Knob FOE Aerie No. 680 and Augusta Health

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.

THANK YOU SPONSORS:

American Freestyle Karate
Augusta Co-Op Farm Bureau
Augusta Health
Blue Ridge Community College
Charlie Obaugh Auto Group, RV and Outdoors
Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge
Elliott's Knob Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 680
EyeOne
Kiwanis Club of Staunton
People Places, Inc
United Way of Greater Staunton
Valley Childrens Advocacy Center
Valley Pediatric Group

18th Annual Senior Fishing Derby

Saturday, May 20, 8am-11am, Lake Tams in Gypsy Hill Park

Open to all adults 50+ years of age. FREE on-site registration begins at 7:30am. Prizes awarded in various categories.



Juneteenth Celebration

presented by Shenandoah Valley Juneteenth Organization

Saturday, June 17, Montgomery Hall Park

Open House from 11am-5pm: View a display on the history of Montgomery Hall Park, a former plantation, and its significance to the local African American community. Montgomery Hall was later established as a community park for African American citizens during the segregation era.

Historical Presentation from 3pm-4:15pm: After the Underground Railroad, Harriet Tubman was commissioned by Governor Andrew of Massachusetts to aid the Union Army during the Civil War. Moonyene Jackson recounts the triumphs of Harriet Tubman, especially her lesser-known part of the Union Army as the first and only woman then and now to lead military men into a bold raid into enemy territory.





X-Mas in July @ Gypsy Hill Park Pool

Friday, July 21, 6pm-8:30pm, Gypsy Hill Park Pool

It is never too early to enjoy the holidays. Join us as we celebrate our 3rd Annual 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



Bark Park Day

Saturday, August 5, 9:30am-12pm, Gypsy Hill Park Bark Park, Sponsored by The Well Balanced Paw

Are you ready for a DOGGONE good time! Make Bark Park Day the best day of your dog's summer! Let your dog be the star at Staunton's 4th Annual Bark Park Day. This event is FREE. Prizes and great information about your pet and pet care will be available! Call the Rec Department at 540.332.3945 for more information. There are several fun events for your dog including:

- **Doggie Obstacle Course** – Teach your dog to run through a series of obstacles for the best time (Check in 9:30am)
- **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



Wheels for Wilson Bike-A-Thon

Saturday, August 19, 7:30am at Gypsy Hill Park

We've done it! The perfect day for area bike riders! The morning of August 19th, Gypsy Hill Park will become our very own bike trail for the 2nd Annual Wheels for Wilson Bike-A-Thon. All ages are invited to join us at Gypsy Hill Park for a morning devoted to bike riders and designed to help the community. Wheels for Wilson Bike-A-Thon is so much more than just taking a bike ride. All proceeds of the event will help fund a scholarship that will make a difference for area students and adults who are seeking to continue their education! You can bring your bike over to Staunton's Gypsy Hill Park or a bike can be provided by the Office on Youth. Then simply enjoy riding laps around beautiful Gypsy Hill Park and in support of this great cause. The scholarship fund is in honor of Rita S. Wilson. Rita served Staunton in many roles with a strong passion for the city and its citizens. Now you can help our community members too with a few simple laps. Join us! Take a ride and help make a difference! *Pre-registration is available online for only \$10. Onsite-registration fee (\$12) will be available the day of the event. For more information call Staunton Parks and Recreation at (540) 332-3945.*



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

SUMMER HOURS: 8am - 6pm Monday through Friday
7am - 6pm Saturday and Sunday

Wesley Allred, PGA

Lessons by appointment only

Adults one hour lesson: \$50

Seniors one hour lesson: \$40

Juniors one hour lesson: \$25

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

SUMMER BANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT



MONDAY

Stonewall Brigade Band

All concerts start at 8pm

The Stonewall Brigade Band is making preparations for their summer concert series. Visit their website for more information: www.stonewallbrigadeband.com

TUESDAY

20th Annual Praise in the Park

Hosted by Linden Heights Church

Two Free Gospel Concerts on Tuesdays

June & July at the Bandstand in Gypsy Hill Park.

Concessions Available, Bring lawn chairs

JUNE 6	6:30pm 7pm	20th Anniversary Celebration Faithful Praise, The Crestmen Southern Gospel Music and Missions Displays
JUNE 13	7pm	Heaven's Mountain Band Blue Mountain Sunrise Band
JUNE 20	7pm	Brian Buchanan & Sax player Just Us Country Gospel Band
JUNE 27	6pm 7pm	Children come early free picnic Music, Crafts, Singing & Surprise St. James Church Gospel Choir One Voice Band
JULY 11	7pm	Glen Shelton & Shannon Wickline* Virginia Rain Band <i>*Keyboardist for Charlie Daniel's Band</i>
JULY 18	7pm	Ed Pettersen Streets of Gold Gospel Quartet
JULY 25	7pm	Bridge Church Youth Band Bridge Church Collective Band Season closes with Teen Night Free slice pizza for teens while it lasts youth groups welcome!

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday Night Bluegrass

All concerts start at 7pm and 8pm, June and July

Free Rain or shine! Hosted by Staunton Parks and Recreation. The summer 2023 line-up will be available in late spring on the city website.

THURSDAY

Jazz in the Park

All concerts start at 7pm

Jazz in the Park features a top-quality jazz group every Thursday at Staunton's Gypsy Hill Park Bandstand. This annual summer concert series has been going on since 1988. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Concessions available, Family friendly, Pet friendly. Free. Rain or shine! For more information, call Lew or Lisa Morrison 540-280-4321

JULY 6	Sentimental Journey Big Band
JULY 13	Robert Jospe Quartet
JULY 20	Bob Russell Quartet
JULY 27	Kurt Crandall & True Story
AUGUST 3	Zu Zu's Hot Five
AUGUST 10	Jazz Infuzion
AUGUST 17	Joseph Henson Quintet
AUGUST 24	Jstop Latin Soul
AUGUST 31	Butterbean Jazz Burt Bacharach Tribute

FRIDAY

Family Night Flix

All movies start at dusk usually between 8:30pm & 9:15pm. Movies will be family oriented and held on Friday nights at the Gypsy Hill Park bandstand. Food and snacks will be available each night for purchase. Weather cancellation line is 540.332.3947. The summer 2023 line-up will be available in late spring on the city website.

FITNESS AND WELLBEING



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!

K6031-29 Spring Session begins May 2 (Held at GHPG/NSC)

K6031-30 Summer Session begins June 20 (Held at NSC)

Staunton Kendo, Iaido and Jodo (Monthly)

Choose between two different styles of Japanese sword arts. Kendo is a modern form of Japanese fencing. It comes from the sword arts of ancient Japan. Kendo is more than just learning to fence. It is also about proper discipline and spirit. Iaido is another Japanese sword art that emphasizes being aware and capable of quickly drawing the sword and responding to sudden attacks. This is a great martial art for mental concentration.

We teach ZNKR Seiteigata Iaido. Instructor: John Smitka. GHPGC, Iaido 6:30pm-7:30pm, Kendo 7:30pm-9:15pm Wednesday. Join monthly sessions beginning 1st Wednesday of each month. Price: \$50/month

K9036-45 (May Session)

K9036-46 (June Session)

K9036-47 (July Session)

K9036-48 (Aug Session)



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

An Evening with Bats

Come to Montgomery Hall Park on Friday, June 2nd from 7:30pm-8:45pm, 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. K9150-24

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 12 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. K7047-24 George Washington National Forest, 9am-5pm, Saturday, June 24. Price: \$69/person. Register by: June 14

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 wander 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 to fill out. K7115-24

George Washington National Forest,

9am-4pm, Saturday, July 22.

Price: \$84/person. Register by: July 12



ATHLETICS



SOFTBALL

Men's Fall Softball League

Let's Play Ball! Don't let your softball season come to an end, join us for another exciting season of softball. League is open to teams consisting of players 16+ years of age to compete in Men's slow pitch softball at Montgomery Hall Park. Teams will play a minimum of 10 games over a six-week season. Game nights will be on Monday's and Wednesday's beginning August 21. *League fee is \$300. Deadline to register is August 11.*

Co-Ed Fall Softball League

Batter Up! Co-Ed Fall Softball is back! Grab your bat bag and glove and meet us at the ball park! League play will begin on August 22. Game nights will be on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Montgomery Hall Park. Three (3) ladies required on the field. *League fee will be \$300. Teams will be guaranteed a minimum of 10 games over the six-week season. Deadline to register is August 11. Once you register, you will receive a team roster that must be completed by opening day!*

SOCCER

Co-Ed Adult Summer 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 Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Rosters are limited to 15 players any combination of male/female players. *League fee is \$380 per team. Jerseys will be provided. Deadline is May 19 to enter, league will start June 5.*

Fall Co-Ed Soccer League!

Soccer Fans unite! Don't let the soccer season come to an end just yet. Join us for our Fall 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. Games will be played 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 August 18 to enter, league will start August 28.*



FOR THE KIDS



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 in February - Camp is currently full and we are no longer taking registrations.*

HEART: Healthy Environmental Afterschool Recreation Time

Registration opens the evening of June 12, 6:30pm at the Gypsy Hill Park Gym

The HEART afterschool program is a latchkey program that provides a home away from home to children of working parents. Concerns about safety and being home alone or under-supervised is a good reason to enroll your child in this program. The HEART program has quite a tradition with its roots beginning 37 years ago with the first pilot program at McSwain Elementary School. We have since branched out to each elementary school in Staunton and have developed a credible and professional reputation. Space is limited. Registration for the new school year, Fall 2023, begins on June 12. *Afternoon HEART is \$150 per month. For any questions regarding the HEART program, please contact Steven Taetzsch at taetzschst@ci.staunton.va.us or 540.332.3945.*





PRE-K/TODDLER

“Hey Ho Let’s Grow” Little Seedlings Nature Camp

This camp is designed for kids to discover the outdoors one mud-puddle, bird sound, or quiet step in the forest at a time. The flow of each day will include morning circle, music, storytelling and movement, a nature walk, art activity, and a picnic lunch before pick up at 1pm. Children will learn how to work within a group of peers, enhance listening skills with music exercises, and do hands on crafts and nature exploration with skilled teachers. Please pack a bagged lunch, water bottle, and extra change of clothes for your child/ren each day. Children must be potty trained in order to attend this program. Instructor and Lead Counselor, Samantha Campbell is a dedicated early childhood educator with over 10 years of experience. Ages 3-5. MHPA, 9am-1pm, Monday-Friday. Price: \$120/week
N8179-4 June Session: June 19-23. Register by: June 9
N8179-5 July Session: July 17-21. Register by: July 10

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 July-November. Ages 5 and under (parents must remain present on all adventures). Trips held 10am-noon on the third Friday of each month. Price: \$10 for the season. Register anytime!



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. Instructor Samantha Campbell 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 arts. N84-171-1 MHPA, 9:30am-10:30am, Ages 2-5 (with adult), Six Wednesdays beginning August. Price: \$32.

YOUTH/TEEN

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 June 19, 9am-10:30am (included in price). Club dates next four Mondays (9am-10:15am) beginning June 26, K7135- 34 MHP. Price: \$45. Register by: June 13

RETURNING MEMBERS: To be eligible for this class you must have completed the Intro to Archery Workshop or been a past student. K7135-35 MHP, 9am-10:15am, Four Mondays starting June 26. Price: \$30. Register by: June 13



Kids ‘N Canvas - SLOW MOE

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. K7170-09 MHPA, 1pm-2:30pm, June 22. Price: \$20. Register by: June 15



Nature Art-Mini Summer Camp

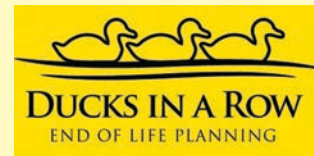
Art-Ventures is a fun and creative program where kids can uncover their inner artist each week! Kids will explore new mediums and methods of painting, drawing, sculpting, etc. coming home with master pieces of their own. Instructor Samantha Campbell of “Hey Ho Let’s Grow” is a dedicated early childhood educator with over 10 years of experience. She has a passion for nurturing creativity in children and the arts. This session 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. N7192-4, NSC, 9am-1pm, Ages 6-10, July 10-12. Price: \$65. Register by: June 30

Teens and Tweens Canvas: Gallery on the Go! - Sea Turtle

Don't let Summer Teen Boredom settle in! Let your creative spirit run wild by joining Gallery on the Go's Teens and Tweens painting class. A great class for teens looking for a new experience or to try something new. No experience needed. Designed for ages 13-18 to use their imagination, have fun and create their very own work of art! Our instructor will help you make your canvas come to life with your own personal painting. Come give it a try! Instructor: Kathleen Garcia. K7170-10 MHPA, 1pm-3pm, July 13. Price: \$20. Register by: July 6



50 & WISER



Back in the Groove: Precision Dance

Not ready to give up on dancing? Are you ready to have some fun? Join Back in the Groove. This precision dance group may be exactly what you are looking for. Members will learn exciting new group dances, meet new friends and even enjoy the thrill of performing for others. Back in the Groove performs at local events such as the 4th of July Parade and now you can be part of its team! K6200-01 NSC, 7pm-8pm, Ages 50+, May-June session begins Tuesday nights beginning May 2. Price: \$20. Join anytime!

K6200-01 May-June Session

K6200-02 July-August session

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 come together! Instructor: Mary Ann Stripling. K6123-25 MHPC, 4:30pm-6:30pm, three Tuesdays beginning August 15. Price: \$50.

Register by: August 8

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!

K6031-29 Spring Session begins May 2 (Held at GHPG/NSC)

K6031-30 Summer Session begins June 20 (Held at NSC)

LEARN SOMETHING NEW

Paint with gARTzia: GALLERY ON THE GO with KATHLEEN

It is time to unleash your inner Artist in this fun painting class. No experience necessary 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! We will be painting a wonderfully welcoming wooden sign you will gladly display for all your guests. K9191-02 MHPA, 6:30pm-8:30pm, Thursday, August 3. Price: \$25. Register by: July 21

Introduction to Sewing

Ever wish you could make a pillow, apron or even your own quilt? Let us help you make that dream become a reality. Whether you've never sewn on a machine or just need a refresher to get you reenergized, our experienced instructor, Tracey Garrett, is here to help. This introductory class will guide you through identifying common parts as well as general maintenance of your sewing machine. You'll get great tips on needles, bobbins, notions, thread and fabric. Please bring your portable sewing machine for hands-on learning. If you don't have one, we will have several available to use. We hope this class will give you the knowledge and kindle your interest to proceed to your next sewing project with confidence. N4197-02 MHPA 6pm-8pm, Tuesday, August 22. Price: \$20. Register by: August 11

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. K1052-26 MHPA, 7:15pm-8:15pm, eight Thursdays beginning August 24. Price: \$65. Register by: August 11



TRIPS



Udvar-Hazy Center

Not even the sky is the limit at the amazing UDVAR-HAZY CENTER. Explore two enormous hangars displaying thousands of aviation and space artifacts, including a 1903 Wright Brothers Flyer, the Spirit of St. Louis and Lunar Space Modules. Flyers, Planes, Military Jets and even the Space Shuttle Discovery will all be yours to view and enjoy in this incredible Air and Space Museum that will include countless exhibitions, demonstrations and information. You may even want to cap off your day on the observation tower watching planes take off or land at nearby Dulles International Airport. *K5140-8 Friday, June 23. Depart GHPG at 8am; return 6pm. Price: \$40. Register by: June 15*

Arundel Mills Shopping Mall / Maryland LIVE Casino

Never been there? What are you waiting for? Arundel Mills is the largest Mall in Maryland with over 225 stores. But Arundel Mills offers so much more with great food options, Medieval Times dinner theater, Dave and Busters game room and on the same grounds is Maryland LIVE Casino. Whether you'd love to test your luck at the Casino, enjoy a day of shopping or just explore all Arundel Mills has to offer, this is the trip for you! *K5070-22 Saturday, July 15. Depart GHPG at 7:30am; return 9pm. Price: \$39 (Includes transportation only). Register by: July 6.*

Short Pump Town Center

Short Pump Town Center is an open-air premier shopping mall in the Richmond, Virginia area. The center offers some of the best shopping and dining in Richmond, VA, with the hottest fashion and beauty brands and the tastiest Richmond restaurants. If you're looking for a wide array of restaurants and shopping in Richmond, VA, Short Pump Town Center is the place to be! *K5201-1 Wednesday, July 26. Depart GHPG at 9am; return 5pm. Price: \$28. Register by: July 16*

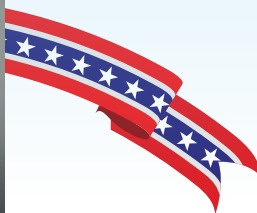
Old Town Winchester

An eclectic mix of shops, dining, and architecture is exactly what you'll find in the Old Town Winchester Pedestrian Mall. With more than 30 restaurants and 60 shops, the 250-year-old pedestrian mall is a beautiful centerpiece to Winchester's historic downtown. If you want you can stop by Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters Museum, George Washington's Office Museum, and the Old Courthouse Civil War Museum or just enjoy a day of food and shopping. *K5198-01 Wednesday, August 9. Depart GHPG at 9am; return 4pm. Price: \$28 (includes transportation only). Register by: July 30*





IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A SMALL-TOWN, BIG TIME 4th of July celebration with music, food, fun, a parade, a Beauty Pageant, a Vesper service, a Country Music show, and some end-the-night-light-up-the-sky fireworks, then make your way out to Gypsy Hill Park for a wonderful family 3 day event. And it's all FREE! The only thing you need to bring is your lawn chair. Happy Birthday America, which is centered around giving back to the community, as well as remembering and celebrating America's favorite holiday, was started in 1970 by Staunton's favorite sons, The Statler Brothers. Second generation country music duo, Wilson Fairchild, now headlines the event with their show on the night of the 4th with their special music guest, Grand Ole Opry member and Country Music legend, Gene Watson. A big thanks to our presenting sponsors, First Bank and Charlie Obaugh Auto Group for their support. Come wave your red, white, and blue, and we'll see you in the park!



Sunday, July 2, 2023

1pm: Happy Birthday America Beauty Pageant
(Rec building by golf course)

Monday, July 3, 2023

12pm: Vendors open for business (on Main lot)

6:30pm: Vesper Service begins (Main Stage on ball field)

Keynote speaker: Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Mark Tinsley

8 pm: Entertainment (Main Stage)

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

***6am:** Gates open to bring in lawn chairs

7:30am: Firecracker 5K run by Sole Focus (Gypsy Hill Park)

10am: Parade begins (Gypsy Hill Park)
Following parade: Parent/Child Baseball game (Kiwanis field)

12pm: Main lot open with Food, Vendors, & Carnival

12pm: US Army National Guard 29th Division Rock Band
(Bandstand Stage)

2pm: Stonewall Brigade Band concert (Bandstand Stage)

3pm: Entertainment – Music begins (Main Stage on ball field)

7:30pm: Wilson Fairchild concert (Main Stage)

8:30pm: Gene Watson concert (Main Stage)

9:45pm: Veteran Salute (Main Stage)

10pm: Fireworks show to close-out the event

**For the rules and considerations for this event, please visit HappyBirthdayAmerica.org and Happy Birthday America Facebook page.*

This is a non-alcoholic, family friendly event provided by the community for the community. Thank you for your support and respect to all, involved and participating, to make this celebration enjoyable for everyone!



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



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

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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STAUNTON BRAVES SCHEDULE

HOME

All single games start at 7:30

(Thu) June 1 vs Covington Lumberjacks
(Sat) June 3 vs Culpeper Cavaliers
(Wed) June 7 vs Front Royal Cardinals
(Thu) June 8 vs Strasburg Express
(Sat) June 10 vs Woodstock River Bandits
(Sun) June 11 vs Harrisonburg Turks
(Thu) June 15 vs New Market Rebels
(Fri) June 16 Waynesboro Generals
(Tue) June 20 vs Strasburg Express
(Wed) June 21 vs Charlottesville TomSox
(Fri) June 23 vs Purcellville Cannons
(Sat) June 24 vs Winchester Royals
(Wed) June 28 vs Covington Lumberjacks
(Fri) July 7 vs Front Royal Cardinals
(Sun) July 9 vs New Market Rebels
(Mon) July 10 vs Winchester Royals
(Thu) July 13 vs Charlottesville TomSox
(Sat) July 15 vs Waynesboro Generals
(Sun) July 16 vs Purcellville Cannons
(Thu) July 20 vs Culpeper Cavaliers
(Fri) July 21 vs Woodstock River Bandits
(Sun) July 23 vs Harrisonburg Turks

AWAY

All games start at 7:00pm Except where noted

(Fri) June 2 vs Waynesboro Generals
(Sun) June 4 vs New Market Rebels
(Tue) June 6 vs Charlottesville TomSox
(Tue) June 13 vs Winchester Royals
(Wed) June 14 vs Covington Lumberjacks
(Sat) June 17 vs Culpeper Cavaliers
(Sun) June 18 vs Front Royal Cardinals
(Thu) June 22 vs Harrisonburg Turks
(Thu) June 29 vs Charlottesville TomSox
(Fri) June 30 vs Woodstock River Bandits
(Sat) July 1 vs Waynesboro Generals
(Sun) July 2 vs Winchester Royals
(Mon) July 3 vs Strasburg Express
(Thu) July 6 vs Culpeper Cavaliers
(Sat) July 8 vs Purcellville Cannons
(Tue) July 11 vs Woodstock River Bandits
(Wed) July 12 vs Covington Lumberjacks
(Fri) July 14 vs Harrisonburg Turks
(Tue) July 18 vs Strasburg Express
(Wed) July 19 vs New Market Rebels
(Sat) July 22 vs Front Royal Cardinals

All games at Harrisonburg start at 7:30