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Make Father's Day Memories in Fairfax County Parks

Dads are busy guys. They work hard to help provide for their families while striving to be role models for their children. They spend hours in traffic each week and come home every day to their other full-time job as handyman of the house. But dads were once kids too, and sometimes a little fun in a park is all they really want for Father's Day. This year, forget the ties and tools and, instead, spend some quality time in a park with your family's patriarch. The memories made will mean more to him than a gift card ever will.

The Fairfax County Park Authority has a number of programs planned to celebrate Father's Day. Nature's best fathers will be discussed around the campfire from 7 to 8 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park Thursday, June 12. A naturalist will lead the group on a hike to the stream before returning for s'mores cooked over the embers. The cost is \$6 per person. Registration is available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence/calendar.htm. For more information, please call 703-631-0013.

Dads who enjoy angling for fish are invited to Hidden Pond Park Sunday, June 15, 2014 for a family fishing program from 3 to 4:15 p.m. The park will provide supplies and equipment for families that don't have their own gear. The cost is \$4 per person. Registration is available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-pond/events.htm. For information, call 703-451-9588.

Most dads aren't born with the skills to carve beautiful works of art from a block of wood or sticks. Wood carving requires practice, and dads with an interest in learning this satisfying pastime are invited to Colvin Run Mill Historic Site Sunday, June 15. The Northern Virginia Woodcarvers will be there from noon to 4 p.m. to share what they know. The lesson and a tour of the restored grist mill are free for dads accompanied by their kids. A nominal charge is assessed for wood blanks. Hand-cranked ice cream will be available for \$1.50 a cup. For more information, call 703-759-2771.

The Park Authority offers endless opportunities to make memories with Dad this Father's Day. Take him golfing at a nationally ranked course, or hit the trails for a refreshing bike ride or hike. For more ideas, visit the Park Authority's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.

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