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## Naturalists Share Knowledge at Campfire Programs in Parks

Dusk arrives early at this time of year and with it chilly autumn air. Fall is perhaps the best season for gathering around a crackling campfire and experiencing a park after dark. This November, Fairfax County Park Authority naturalists will feed you fun facts and sticky s'mores at campfire programs held throughout the county. Bring your family and sense of adventure to one of these exciting, outdoor events under the stars.

On Wednesday, November 12, enjoy a brisk, midweek wagon ride through the Rocky Run Stream Valley and discover who Ellanor C. Lawrence was and learn about the area's local and natural history. After the ride, participants will enjoy a sweet chocolate treat around a warming campfire. The *S'more Wagon Ride & Campfire* runs from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park in Chantilly, Va. The cost is \$6 per person.

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park is also the site of the *Coyotes Campfire* on Saturday, November 15. Listen to coyote calls, take a short hike, and make s'mores as you learn about this wily canine from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person. For more information about either program, call the park at 703-631-0013.

Enjoy a campfire and learn what ancient cultures saw in the stars at Hidden Oaks Nature Center's *Astronomy Campfire* on Saturday, November 15. Make s'mores over the embers after hearing tales of the constellations and get advice on how to enjoy the Geminids meteor shower on December 13. This one-hour program in Annandale, Va., starts at 7 p.m. and the cost is \$6 per person. For information, call 703-941-1065.

Explore the woodlands and lakefront spots where wildlife hides and resides with a naturalist at Lake Accotink Park's *Campfire Saturday* program from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on November 15. The program ends with a cozy campfire and s'mores. The cost is \$7 per person. For information about this program held in Springfield, Va., call Hidden Pond Park at 703-451-9588.

Registration for the programs listed above is available online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes) (use keyword CAMPFIRE) or by calling 703-222-4664. Find more campfire programs online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wagon-rides.htm#campfires](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wagon-rides.htm#campfires).

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