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## Get Ready For Pirate Fun at Lake Fairfax Park

Pirate Fest is Coming!

On Saturday, May 2, 2015 pirates will be coming ashore at Lake Fairfax Park in Reston for Pirate Fest from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. but don't worry - they're friendly pirates. The Moody Crewe, a group of pirate living history interpreters from Virginia Beach, will shiver your timbers and blow you down with stories about the "Golden Age of Piracy."

The Crewe's namesake, Christopher Moody, was active in the early 18th Century and flew a distinctive red flag, indicating no quarter would be given to his victims. Never Fear! The men and women of this Moody Crewe will discuss life on land and aboard ship and will have on display period weapons, shipwright's tools, navigation instruments, surgical equipment and much more. For the wee ones there's the always popular "School of the Pirate" where you can haul a line and hoist a sail. The Moody Crewe will also be overseeing the Pirate Skills Challenge. See if you're fit enough to roll a water barrel, drag the ammunition chest or carry a cannonball.

Joining The Moody Crewe will be Ship's Company Chanteymen, the musical branch of a Maryland-based historical naval reenacting group, and John Durant, the Old World Troubadour, to play and sing broadside ballads and seafaring tunes from 200 years ago.

There will be historic fencers, puppets, hands on activities for all.

Meet author Robert Prather, whose book, *The Strange Case of Jonathan Swift and the Real Long John Silver*, delves into the mystery and intrigue of *Treasure Island* and the possible basis for the fictional Long John Silver.

For more information about Pirate Fest and to purchase tickets in advance visit the webpage at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lakefairfax/pirate-fest.htm>.

Don't be a scallywag! Step back in time and visit us at Pirate Fest on May 2!



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