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Welcome Fall and Enjoy the Glow of a Campfire at County Parks

Kick off the fall season with an evening campfire. The Park Authority offers several to choose from. Take the kids as you learn about the Autumnal equinox, hear American Indian stories or get an astronomy lesson and s'mores in Fairfax County parks.

Riverbend Park celebrates the official start of fall with an equinox campfire on Thursday, September 22, 2016, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Learn about the scientific, astronomical, and cultural significance of this special day in a beautiful outdoor setting. This campfire program is for participants age three to adult, and children must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$7 per person. The program will be canceled in the event of rain. Riverbend Park is located at 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls, VA. For more information, call 703-759-9018 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/>.

On Friday night, September 23, Lake Fairfax Park and Hidden Oaks Nature Center host campfires with an American Indian theme.

Enjoy Native American tales and eat s'mores around the campfire at Lake Fairfax from 6 to 8 p.m. This program for participants age three to adult costs \$10 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered for the event. Lake Fairfax Park is located at 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston, VA. For more information, call 703-471-5414 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lakefairfax/>.

Traditional American Indian stories will be shared at Hidden Oaks from 7:30 to 8:30 as visitors toast marshmallows around the campfire. This program is for participants age four to adult. The cost is \$6 per person, and children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Hidden Oaks Nature Center is located at 7701 Royce Street, Annandale, VA. For more information, call 703-941-1065 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-oaks/.

Round out the weekend on Saturday, September 24, with an astronomy-themed campfire at Burke Lake Park from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Learn what ancient cultures saw in the stars and hear tales about the constellations as you gobble up s'mores. This event is aimed at those age four and older. The cost is \$8 per person, and adults must attend with children. Burke Lake Park is located at 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, VA. For more information, call 703-323-6600 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burkelakepark/.

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