

Helping All Kids Have a Successful Summer at Camp!

Summer is coming soon, and FCPA's Access and Inclusion team is thrilled to make it a memorable one for all children! We are dedicated to ensuring that every child, including those with disabilities, has a fun-filled and safe summer. Our goal is to provide equal opportunities for all our customers so that they can participate in recreation programs and camps independently.

With a focus on their strengths, interests and needs, we strive to plan and provide various levels of support to ensure that every child has the best experience. Our support services are designed to make sure that kids and families have the best time possible. We offer a range of options to suit your needs, including accommodation plans, jump starts and inclusion specialists. Our accommodation plans provide staff with strategies to help you get the most out of your camp experience.

Need a little extra help? Our jumpstart program provides direct support for a couple of days, giving the extra boost kids need to thrive. If you're looking for ongoing support and guidance, our inclusion specialists will provide the direct support your child needs, including working closely with our camp staff to ensure their success. So, let's unleash the summer spirit and make it unforgettable for every child!

If you have questions about our services, please email fcpaaccess@fairfaxcounty.gov

For more information, scan the QR code or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ada-inclusion.



JOIN THE COMPOSTING CRAZE

Food is the largest category of material placed in municipal landfills. You may think, why is that so bad? It's just food, doesn't it decompose? Sadly, it's a bit more complicated. There is very little oxygen in landfills meaning food and other organic matter does not decompose as it should. As a result, food scraps in landfills produce a harmful greenhouse gas called methane. Methane is 28-times more potent than carbon dioxide and significantly contributes to climate change.

What can you do to keep your food scraps out of the landfill? You can drop them off at any of our 10 Fairfax County Park Authority Farmers Markets and we'll compost them for you! Composting is a process by which organic waste – anything derived from animal or plant sources -- is broken down naturally into nutrient-rich soil through the addition of oxygen and water. This natural decomposition process produces significantly less methane and helps enrich the soil we live off of.

Last year, FCPA Farmers Markets diverted over 120,000 pounds of food scraps from ending up in a landfill.

Let's top that in 2024. Join the composting craze by bringing your food scraps to any of the 10 FCPA Farmers Markets. You can collect scraps in old coffee cans, plastic bags – anything will do.

For a full list of what you can drop-off, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/composting or call 703-642-0128. To find a Farmers Market, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

