June 2019

Saturdays, June 1, 8 & 15

**Weekend Fun on the Farm** (7-12 yrs.) When all the farm chores are done - the eggs have been collected and goats have been milked - then it's time to play and relax! We'll be wading in the creek, making mud pies, building forts, and just relaxing under the shade of the magic oak tree with a popsicle and a comic book. Lunches will be picked from the vegetable garden or roasted around the campfire. Learn how to shell peas, shuck corn, and spit watermelon seeds! Campers will vote on and create an ongoing project together to work on each week. The program at Frying Pan Farm Park runs from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is $60 per child. For more information, call 703-437-9101.

Saturdays, June 1 & 22

**Kayak Tour/Wildlife of the Potomac** (14-Adult) Watch for deer foraging on the islands, osprey and bald eagles searching for fish and other animals as we paddle through this wildlife-rich section of the Potomac River. No previous experience is required. Kayaks are provided; one person per kayak. Download a waiver and bring the completed form to the tour: [https://go.usa.gov/xnJUB](https://go.usa.gov/xnJUB). This tour will be canceled in the event of inclement weather or hazardous river conditions. The program at Riverbend Park runs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is $41 per person. Download a waiver and bring the completed form to the tour: [https://go.usa.gov/xnJUB](https://go.usa.gov/xnJUB)

Saturday, June 1

**Orienteering Workshop** (8-Adult) Orienteering is the sport of navigation with map and compass. It's easy to learn, but always challenging. Participants learn how to use a compass, read a topographic map and navigate orienteering courses. A compass is required. The program at Burke Lake Park runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is $40 per person. For more information, call 703-323-6600.

**Beautiful Handmade Arts** (6-Adult) Gather friends and family together to create art inspired by history. The art reflects the season or month. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. For info, call 703-631-0013.

Sunday, June 16

**Antique Car Show** (All ages) Take Dad for a stroll down memory lane this Father's Day with a visit to the Antique Car Show at Sully Historic Site. See more than 300 antique cars and watch the Century Car Parade at 2 p.m. featuring vehicles more than 100 years old and costumed ladies of the early 20th century. Visit the Car Corral to buy the car of your dreams and find treasures in the flea market. Buy lunch and enjoy toe-tapping music by The Andrew Acosta Band. A historic house tour is included in the price of admission. The car show runs from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tickets cost $10 for adults, $8 for seniors, and $6 for children and will be sold at the gates. For more information, call 703-437-1794.

Saturday, June 1

**Alien Invaders** (6-Adult) Learn about invasive species and their effects on the environment, how to identify them and how to remove them. The outdoor program at Lake Fairfax Park runs from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. Please dress for the weather. For more information, call 703-471-5414.

**Frog Karaoke Campfire** (4-Adult) Bring your best frog voice as you learn about our native frogs while enjoying refreshments at a campfire. Hop along with a naturalist to our vernal pools and streams to sing with the chorus. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 8:30 to 10 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Saturday, June 2

**Geocaching Workshop** (8-Adult) Students learn to use hand-held GPS units to locate hidden treasure caches. After learning how to enter latitude and longitude coordinates, students follow the coordinates to find a hidden object, container or unique geological feature in the park. Bring your own GPS; a limited number are available at class. The program at Burke Lake Park runs from 2 to 4 p.m. The cost is $22 per person. For more, call 703-323-6600.

**Campfire Saturdays: Stargazing class** (3-Adult) Enjoy a stroll along the lakeshore and learn about the constellations, their stories and other night-sky features. Our astronomical naturalist identifies the stars for you and will have some telescopes for you to use. The program concludes with a campfire. S'mores ingredients will be provided; hot dogs are welcome. The program at Burke Lake Park runs from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is $12 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-323-6600.

**Fungus Among Us** (4-Adult) Get down and dirty with a naturalist and see how another kingdom lives! Investigate how one of our most common decomposers survives and thrives in our own woods. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

**Summer Entertainment Series**

Enjoy free concerts, movies and children's shows all summer long. Get details at: [https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/)

Please note: Programs may fill or be canceled after the calendar is printed. Please register at [Parktakes online](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks) or confirm with the park.
Saturday, June 1

**Intro to Blacksmithing**
*(16-Adult)* Learn basic blacksmithing skills including shop safety, fire management, hammering techniques, forging a taper and bending and twisting hot steel. Complete a project such as an "S" hook, "J" hook, rose-headed nails, or a lid lifter. Personal protective equipment and all other forging materials are provided. The program at Frying Pan Farm Park runs from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is $75 per person. Call 703-437-9101.

**Hypertufa Garden Trough Workshop**
*(Adults)* Create a stone trough of hypertufa for a natural-looking container that's ideal for succulents, conifers and rock garden plants. Green Spring staff member Susan Eggerton explains the process and leads you through construction. The cost is $43 for the program, plus a $25 supply fee. The program at Green Spring Gardens runs from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 703-642-5173.

**Bitters Tasting Party**
*(21-Adult)* Botanical bitters add flavor and zest to much more than cocktails. Learn about these aromatic flavorings that evolved from ancient medicines and experience many flavors they impart. A few drops can add zest to myriad foods and drinks, from summertime seltzers and ice creams, to savories, coffee and desserts. (The tasting will not include cocktails.) The program at Green Spring Gardens runs from 3 to 5 p.m. The cost is $35 per person. Call 703-642-5173.

**Woodland Wildlife Tree Carving Kickoff**
*(2-Adult)* Due to lightning strikes, a centerpiece tree had to be felled to protect the Hidden Oaks Nature Center. Join us in raising awareness and funds to convert a 10-foot tulip poplar snag into a work of art. Chainsaw artist Andrew Mellon shares his vision of woodland animals scampers around a snag at this free family festival celebrating natural animal habitats. Enjoy a guided hike and puppet show and contribute to the tree carving fund with soap whittling, tree cookie art and animal meet and greets. Go to Hidden Oaks’ website to see the artist’s rendering of the tree. The program runs from 1 to 3 p.m. and is supported by the Friends of Hidden Oaks. Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

**Wetland at Dusk Walk**
*(Adults)* Join naturalists at Huntley Meadows Park for a relaxing stroll through the park’s forest and wetland paths. Look and listen for wildlife settling down or waking up during the transition of day to night. The program runs from 8 to 10 p.m. The cost is $9 per person. Call 703-768-2525.

Sundays, June 2, 9 & 30

**Intro to River Kayaking**
*(14-Adult)* Get prepped for paddling on the Potomac. This introductory level course covers river hazards, water safety and paddling basics. The program at Riverbend Park runs from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. The cost is $32 per person, and the fee includes equipment and half-day kayak rental (same day only). This event will be canceled in the event of inclement weather or hazardous river conditions. For more, call 703-759-9018.

**Wagon Ride – Birds, Butterflies & Blossoms**
*(2-Adult)* Take a scavenger hunt wagon ride through the meadow. Search for birds and butterflies and meet a friendly animal up close. The program at Riverbend Park runs from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The cost is $7 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

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*(2-Adult)* Take a scavenger hunt wagon ride through the meadow. Search for birds and butterflies and meet a friendly animal up close. The program at Riverbend Park runs from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The cost is $7 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

**Grinding Demonstration**
*(All ages)* See and hear 19th century technology at work at Colvin Run Mill. The miller will be grinding, conditions permitting, from noon to 3 p.m. Please call the site to confirm. No reservations are required. Tours of the mill cost for $7 for adults, $6 for students 16 and up with ID, and $5 for children and seniors. Call 703-759-2771.

**Wood Carving Lessons**
*(12-Adult)* Enjoy free wood carving lessons with the Northern Virginia Carvers at Colvin Run Mill from noon to 3 p.m. No reservations are required. There is a nominal charge for wood blanks. For more information, call 703-759-2771.

**Blacksmithing Demonstration**
*(All ages)* Watch as the blacksmith fires up his forge and works with hammer and tongs to make iron tools and utensils. This free demonstration at Colvin Run Mill runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., conditions permitting. Please call the site to confirm. No reservations are required. For more information, call 703-759-2771.

**Discovery Days**
*(3-Adult)* Discover Ellanor C. Lawrence Park with our wonderful historians or naturalists. During this hands-on interpretive hour you may search for animals, make biscuits and butter, explore a stream or more. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost is $7 per person. Contact the park for program topics. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

**Cardboard Boat Regatta**
*(All ages)* See who will sink and who will float as fearless craftsmen and crews take to the water at Lake Accotink Park for the annual Cardboard Boat Regatta. Cheer courageous crews on to victory or enter a boat of your own. On race day, you also can enjoy a ride on the carousel, play a round of mini-golf or indulge at the food stands that will be open all day. Admission to the race is free. There is a $5 per car parking fee. Judging begins at 9 a.m. The racing starts at 11 a.m. There is a nominal fee to enter a boat in the contest. To register a boat or get more details, go to https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink/ or call 703-569-0285.

**Stream Life**
*(4-Adult)* Search for stoneflies, hellgrammites, water pennies and crayfish. Explore Big Rocky Run with a naturalist, use dip nets and kick nets to catch and release these creatures and learn about their role in the environment. Learn stream monitoring techniques and the impact humans have on these fragile ecosystems. Wear shoes that can get wet and meet at the pond. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 6 to 7 p.m. The cost is $6 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

**The Crown: Fact or Fiction**
*(Adults)* The British series, The Crown, portrays the public and private life of Queen Elizabeth II, but how much is dramatic license? Find out at this traditional English tea at Green Spring Gardens from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is $32 per person; $12 for the program only. Call 703-941-7987.

**Tea Rex Tea Party**
*(4-Adult)* How fun would it be to have a dinosaur friend over for tea? Maybe more complicated than you planned. Join us for a ferociously fun tea party highlighting Cretaceous creatures, a puppet show and a sit-down tea. The program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center runs from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is $15 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult who is registered in this program. For more, call 703-941-1065.

**Little Hands on the Farm**
*(2-5 yrs.)* Come to the Visitor Center Classroom and learn about animals, farm chores and how farms change with the seasons. Enjoy activities such as stories, crafts, or games. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The program at Frying Pan Farm Park runs from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. for children ages two and three. Children ages three to five meet from 11 to 11:45 a.m. The cost is $8 per child. Call 703-437-9101.
Monday, June 3  
**Garden Sprouts Spring-Nature Playgroup**  
(3-5 yrs.) Your preschooler enjoys nature-themed toys and puzzles while you meet other playgroup parents one Monday a month. Through games, songs, activities and a garden walk, we will explore the topic of ponds in June. The program at Green Spring Gardens runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is $8 per child. Call 703-642-5173.

Tuesday, June 4  
**Birding on the Boat**  
(8-Adult) Enjoy a naturalist-led bird program aboard a tour boat at Burke Lake Park. This voyage gives you a closer look at some of the birds and animals that call Burke Lake home. Bring binoculars and dress for the weather. The program runs from 8 to 10 a.m. The cost is $12 per person. Children age 12 and younger must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-323-6600.

**Votes For Women**  
(12-Adult) On the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, walk around Walney and learn about the women’s suffrage movement and the struggle for U.S. women’s right to vote. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 6 to 7 p.m. The cost is $6 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

**Totally Turtles**  
(3-Adult) Join us for this exciting program to meet and learn about our native turtles. Give a turtle a bath or feed a turtle its next meal. Learn about turtle behaviors, diet and more. The program at Hidden Pond Nature Center runs from 5 to 6 p.m. The cost is $7 per person. For more information, call 703-451-9588.

Wednesday, June 5  
**Spy Walk**  
(12-Adult) Join us for a spell-binding tale of espionage, secret payments and the Russians as we walk and talk about a spy who used Ellanor C. Lawrence Park as a drop-off location during the end of the Soviet Union in the 1980s. The program meets at Walney Pond and runs from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is $7 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

**Getaway—Maymont & Lavendar Fields, Richmond, VA**  
(16-Adult). Enjoy a day steeped in beauty, tradition, and history. Begin with a tour of the Gilded Age mansion of Maymont and the surrounding gardens, including the elaborate Italianate and sublime Japanese gardens. We will enjoy lunch, stop at Lavender Fields Farm for an herb class, and indulge in lavender lemonade or lavender ice cream. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. The trip departs Green Spring Gardens at 8 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. The cost is $113, which includes motor coach and admission. For more, call 703-642-5173.

**Wednesday, June 5**  
**Meet Reptiles & Amphibians**  
(2-Adult) Let our naturalists give your child a guided introduction to the snakes, frogs, salamanders and other slippery and scaly friends that make Burke Lake Park their home. The program runs from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is $7 per person. For more information, call 703-323-6600.

**Pond Life**  
(2-Adult) Meet a naturalist by Walney Pond and join the search for catch-and-release tadpoles, dragonfly nymphs, water scorpions and other pond creatures. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 6 to 7 p.m. The cost is $6 per person, and children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Please bring old shoes that can get wet and muddy. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

**Saturday, June 8**  
**Pond Fest**  
(3-Adult) Explore the Pohick Stream Valley with a twilight pond and stream study, a swamp walk, fishing and a campfire. Celebrate with the family the variety of life our watershed has to offer. The program at Hidden Pond Nature Center runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. For more information, call 703-451-9588.

**Birds Around Us**  
(4-Adult) Beaks, feathers, nests and talons are examined to explore the avian world that surrounds us. Find out about bird life cycles, migration patterns and adaptations that make these creatures fascinating. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is $6 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

**Home Made Bird Feeders**  
(2-Adult) Bring your empty milk jugs and/or two-liter soda bottles to make bird feeders. We discuss tips for feeding birds and learn to identify common birds that visit home feeders. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is $8 per person. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

**Floral Design—Contemporary Pave Arrangement**  
(16-Adult) Come to Green Spring Gardens, where Certified Floral Designer Betty Ann Galway will show you techniques for constructing and balancing a beautiful, contemporary, pave floral arrangement of grouped flowers. Pavé design groups flowers in a grid for a gorgeous, modern effect. Make your own arrangement to enjoy at home. The class runs from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is $39 per person, and materials are provided for a $30 supply fee. Call 703-642-5173.

**Tree Trek**  
(8-Adult) Trek into the woods to explore the basics of forestry. Aid naturalists to sample vegetation and assess the health of our woods. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is $6 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

**Summer Scramble**  
(8-Adult) Teams of two compete in a nine-hole golf scramble format (captain’s choice) at Jefferson District Golf Course, beginning at 1 p.m. The cost per team is $75, which includes food and prizes. The rain date is June 15. For more information, call 703-573-0444.
Saturday, June 8

**Bread and Butter Tea**
(4–Adult) The Huntley villa most likely never hosted a tea like this where guests are asked to make their own fresh butter while we share stories about families who lived here. Teddy bears and favorite dolls or trucks are welcome to join in as we partake of the simple fare of bread and butter, fruit, homemade pot cheese, and a selection of teas. The program at Historic Huntley runs from 11 a.m. to noon. The cost is $8 per person, which includes a Huntley House and grounds tour. For more, call 703-768-2525.

**Ancient Plants Sketch Hike**
(13–Adult) Huntley's forests are home to certain plants whose ancestors have been with us since dinosaur times. Join artist and naturalist Margaret Wohler to learn about and sketch ferns, moss and more on a 1.5-mile walk. Keep the complimentary sketch book and drawing materials provided by the RunningBrooke Fund. The program at Huntley Meadows runs from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is $15 per person. For more, call 703-631-0013.

**Fishing Workshop—Tackle**
(10–Adult) Hone your fishing skills in this hands-on workshop. Topics include tackle, rods and reels. The program at Lake Fairfax Park runs from 4 to 5 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. For more information, call 703-471-5414.

**History for Small Fries**
(1–5 yrs.) Share with your child a story and craft to discover how things were in the olden days. Through their senses, children can experience how different things smelled, looked or worked. The program at Sully Historic Site runs from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is $6 per child. For more information, call 703-437-1794.

**Sundays, June 9 & 30**

**Wagon Ride—Journey to the Potomac River**
(2–Adult) Enjoy riding through the woods and along the Potomac River while finding out about Riverbend Park’s wildlife and the American Indians who once lived here. The program runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is $7 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

**Sunday, June 9**

**A Butterfly Tea Party**
(8–Adult) Sip sweet tea as you learn about the beautiful pollinators in Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Explore the butterfly garden and native plants. Make a butterfly-inspired craft to take home. The program runs from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The cost is $15 per person. For more, call 703-631-0013.

**Sunday, June 9**

**Cruising the Past**
(Adults) Come to Green Spring Gardens and explore the glamorous heyday of ocean travel when passenger liners sped across the Atlantic with cargoes of celebrities and millionaires. View archival photos contrasting the luxury of first class with the discomfort of steerage, and compare the elegance of those bygone ships with their present-day counterparts. This tea program runs from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is $36 for the program and tea; $15 for the program only. Programs are by reservation only. Call 703-941-7987.

**Monday, June 10**

**Women of Walney Walking Tour**
(4–Adult) From the Brown family in the 1740s until Ellanor C. Lawrence in the 1970s, women have defined Ellanor C. Lawrence Park’s cultural history. Hike around the park, learning about the women whose lives and work helped shape our land. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 11 a.m. to noon. The cost is $7 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more, call 703-631-0013.

**Wednesday, June 12**

**Night Flyers Campfire**
(Adult) Come "mothing" with a naturalist and then gather around the campfire, make smores and learn why moths are drawn to light. Learn how to conserve moths and support Earth Day’s theme, "Protect Our Species." The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

**Astronomical Seminar & Telescope Viewing**
(8–Adult) The roll-top observatory at Turner Farm holds a classroom seminar and nighttime observing session focused on a specific astronomical topic each month. Topics include planets, comets, open clusters, galaxies, nebulae and more. Telescopes are used to view the objects discussed (weather permitting). Check the Analemma Society site for monthly topics at: www.analemma.org. Advance registration is required. The program at Turner Farm Park runs from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. For more information, call 703-324-8618.

**Thursday, June 13**

**Invasive Plant Identification Walk**
(8–Adult) Identify some of Fairfax County’s common invasive plant species. Explore ways to lessen these plants around your home. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is $8 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

**Thursday, June 13 & 27**

**Fishing for Parent and Child**
(6–17 yrs.) Learn how to fish together with your child. This introductory fishing course starts you with the basics, including how to rig and use a fishing rod, safety tips and environmental awareness. Rod and bait are provided in class. The program at Riverbend Park runs from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on June 13 and from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on June 27. The cost is $12 per person. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

**Thursday, June 13**

**Summer Garden Tour and Tea**
(Adults) Tour the vibrant demonstration gardens with a Master Gardener docent who highlights summer’s standout plants and tells stories of Green Spring Gardens past and present. Afterward, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea. The program runs from 1 to 3 p.m. and costs $36 per person. Programs are by reservation only. For more information, call 703-941-7987.

**Women & Golf Reception**
(Adults) Looking for a fun, unintimidating atmosphere to meet new friends and learn more about golf? Whether you have never held a club or are a seasoned pro, you’re invited to this free event at Twin Lakes Golf Course. Enjoy mini clinics, vendors, guest speakers, goody bags, food and networking. Become part of a growing social network of women with drive. The fun takes place at Twin Lakes Golf Course from 4 to 8 p.m. For more information, call 703-631-9039.

**Fridays, June 14 & 28**

**Kayak Tour—Sunset over Riverbend**
(14–Adult) Experience day’s end with an upper Potomac River tour. Start with the basics and in a short time maneuver through the water. This is not a whitewater tour. No previous experience is required. Kayaks are provided; one- and two-person kayaks are available. Download the waiver from https://go.usa.gov/xnJUB and bring to the tour. The program at Riverbend Park runs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is $41 per person. This tour will be canceled in the event of inclement weather or hazardous river conditions. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

**Friday, June 14**

**Cooking Biscuits**
(4–Adult) Try cooking the old-fashioned way over a fire, the way many Virginians before us did. Cook biscuits with jelly and make fresh butter to sample. Learn about the tools and safety required when cooking with open flames. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is $10 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.
Saturday, June 15
Design a Family Flag
(8-Adult) Make your own family flag while learning the historic art of vexillography. Use themes from your family’s past and future, local nature, and favorite hobbies to create a graphic craft to display in your home. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is $10 per person. Call 703-631-0013.

Botany Walk
(8-Adult) Take a walk to explore the plants of Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Each week will emphasize a different topic, such as wild flowers, trees, ferns, mosses, grasses, sedges, rushes, plants at the pond and plants in the meadow. The program runs from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. For more, call 703-631-0013.

Meadow Bug Hunt
(4-Adult) The meadow is a buzz with bug life. Come capture and release amazing insects and other arthropods. Learn the secret of this special meadow habitat. Insect jars and nets will be provided. Wear long pants and closed shoes; insect repellent is optional. Bring a field guide if you have one. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 6 to 7 p.m. The cost is $6 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more, call 703-631-0013.

Wild for Photography
(8-Adult) Join a nature photographer and learn the basics while exploring Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Experiment with landscapes, critter close-ups, and aquatic abstracts. The program runs from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is $9 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Gardening with Climate Change
(Adults) Horticulturist Brenda Skarpohl highlights ideas from “Climate-Wise Landscaping” by Sue Reed and Ginny Stibolt so you can make your garden better-adapted to our changing climate. Learn about some of the best-performing native and non-native plants and trees that adapt to erratic climate conditions. Discover ways to manage rainwater for better drainage. The class takes place outdoors at Green Spring Gardens and runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is $18 per person. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

Campfire Safety for Families
(4-Adult) Families learn how to safely build and enjoy a campfire, plus make s’mores. The program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center runs from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost is $7 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult who is registered in the program. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

Saturday, June 15
Exploring Nature Series-Summer
(6-Adult) Students explore Virginia’s ecosystem in this monthly nature program that takes place both outdoors and indoors, so dress accordingly. The topic in June is animals. The program at Lake Fairfax Park runs from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. For more information, call 703-471-5414.

Native Pollinators
(6-Adult) Honeybees aren’t the only pollinators. Explore and learn about the different pollinators in the park. Please dress accordingly as this program takes place outdoors. The program at Lake Fairfax Park runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. For more information, call 703-471-5414.

Father’s Day Golf Tournament
(7-Adult) Two-player teams compete in an 18-hole scramble format at Burke Lake Golf Course in three divisions: Father/Jr. 7-12; Father/Jr. 13-17; Father/Adult partner. The tournament runs from 8 a.m. to noon with closest-to-the-pin contests and prizes for the top three places in all three divisions. This tournament is limited to the first 48 teams, and registration begins May 16. The cost is $75 per team, which includes lunch. The rain date is June 22. Call 703-323-1641.

Sunday June 16
Father’s Day Celebration
(All ages) Celebrate Father’s Day at Colvin Run Mill by treating Dad to a free wood carving lesson with the Northern Virginia Carvers from noon to 4 p.m. There is a nominal charge for wood blanks. While you’re at the mill, take a tour. Dads and grandads tour for free on Father’s Day when accompanied by a paying child. For more information, call 703-759-2771.

Animal Dads
(2-6 yrs.) Pretend to be a penguin, wolf and beaver dad as you learn about these doting fathers. Meet live animals and make a craft for your favorite father/grandfather. The program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center runs from 1 to 1:45 p.m. The cost is $8 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more, call 703-941-1065.

Father’s Day Family Fishing
(4-Adult) Celebrate Father’s Day fishing in the parks. Supplies and equipment will be provided, or you can bring your own rod and reel. All fish caught will be released, and we’ll give you some fishing tips. The program at Riverbend Park runs from 2 to 3:30 p.m. and again from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The cost is $12 per person. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

Sunday, June 16
Father’s Day Campfire
(2-Adult) Celebrate Father’s Day with a hike, campfire and s’mores. Learn about some of nature’s best fathers, take a hike near a stream and eat s’mores. Moms are invited, too. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 6 to 7 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Lizard Survey
(8-Adult) Watch a short movie on our native lizards and see our lizards up close at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Join a naturalist on a short hike to find these elusive reptiles. The program runs from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is $6 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Meet at Cabell’s Mill, 5235 Walney Road. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Monday, June 17
Full Moon Boat Tour
(6-Adult) Enjoy a picturesque night under the full moon aboard the Burke Lake Park tour boat. Test your listening and observation skills to spot local wildlife with one of our naturalists. The program at Burke Lake Park runs from 9 to 10:30 p.m. The cost is $10 per person. Call 703-323-6600.

Are You Going to Eat That?
(12-Adult) Enjoy a naturalist-led hike and identify plants that are safe to eat and which ones to avoid. Other helpful plants are identified for uses such as rope making and folk remedies with connections to Eastern woodland Indians. Wear sturdy shoes for walking. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is $8 per person. Meet at the pond. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Full Moon Nature Hike & Campfire
(6-Adult) Enjoy nature’s tranquil beauty and winter’s bright skies under the full moon. Your naturalist guide points out signs of creatures that glide, fly and tiptoe through the woods in the dark. Enjoy a campfire after the hike with s’mores provided. The program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center runs from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. The cost is $7 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more, call 703-941-1065.

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**Summer Solstice Campfire**

(6-Adult) Come celebrate the longest day of the year when the earth wears a green cloak. Learn to separate fact and fiction regarding midsummer and its celestial events. Head out on a hike as we wait for the sun to set and enjoy roasting marshmallows around a campfire. This program is being offered at three parks, and the minimum age to attend is six years. The program runs at:
- Ellanor C. Lawrence Park from 8 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. Call 703-631-0013.
- Hidden Oaks Nature Center from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. The cost is $7 per person. Call 703-941-1065.
- Burke Lake Park from 9 to 9:55 p.m. The cost is $7 per person. Call 703-323-6600.

**Burke Lake Sunset Cruise**

(2-Adult) Join us for an early evening tour of the lake. Enjoy the sounds and sights of sunset at the park while taking in the views from aboard the Burke Lake Park tour boat. The tour includes interpretation of the lake and any animals and flora that are seen. The cruise begins half an hour before sunset and returns half an hour past sunset -- from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is $6 per person. For more information, call 703-323-6600.

**Basic Pruning Workshop for Azaleas & Rhododendrons**

(Adults) Learn to prune like a pro with this hands-on workshop led by Peter Deahl of The Pruning School. Gain skills and insight into shaping and rejuvenating your azaleas to make them more beautiful and healthy. Learn how to care for and sharpen your pruning equipment. The program at Green Spring Gardens runs from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is $23 per person. Meet at the Green Spring Horticulture Center. Bring gloves and pruners. For more, call 703-642-5173.

**Finding Fireflies!**

(2-11 yrs.) Meet at the pond boardwalk for a walk and talk about fireflies in this catch-and-release program. Hike to a meadow with a naturalist. Bring a plastic jar with a lid. Wear long pants, socks and closed toe shoes, and one flashlight per family is recommended. The program at Mason District Park runs from 8 to 9 p.m. The cost is $7 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 703-541-1065.

**Stand-Up Paddleboarding II**

(13-Adult) Prerequisite: Stand-Up Paddleboarding I or equivalent experience. After a quick review of skills and safety, new strokes, board maneuvers and safety topics are taught and developed. All equipment is provided. The program at Riverbend Park runs from noon to 2 p.m. The cost is $50 per person. Class will be canceled in the event of inclement weather or unsafe water conditions. For more, call 703-759-9018.
Sunday, June 23

Colonial Games and Ice Cream (4-Adult) Start your summer with historic fun and games at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Join us for a tournament of hoop and stick, the game of graces and other childhood games of yesteryear. Take historic scavenger hunt challenges as you race to buy cows for the historic Walney Farm, and try to escape the farm. End your day by relaxing with some ice cream. The program runs from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is $10 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Stream Monsters (7-Adult) Enter Big Rocky Run stream and see what monsters live in the water at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Hellgrammites, water scorpions and water snakes are just some of our stream monsters. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is $7 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Birding for Beginners (12-Adult) Interested in birding? We can get you started at Huntley Meadows Park. Learn about the park’s birds and some basic identification skills. The program begins with an indoor discussion. The program runs from 8 to 11 a.m. The cost is $12 per person. Children age 12 to 16 must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-769-2525.

Kayak Tour-Seneca to Riverbend (14-Adult) This eight-mile river journey begins in the lazy waters above the old Seneca Dam. The pace quickens through riffles and small rapids as we weave through Seneca Breaks, glide past Watkins Island and finally turn the bend to Riverbend Park. Previous kayaking experience is required for this tour. Kayaks are provided; one person per kayak. Download the waiver and bring completed forms to the tour: https://go.usa.gov/xnjUB. The program at Riverbend Park runs from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is $89 per person. This tour will be canceled in the event of inclement weather or hazardous river conditions. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

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Sunday, June 23

Real Housewives of Jamestown (Adults) In 1619 the first “bride ship” arrived at the Jamestown colony, bringing single English women to marry, start families, and stabilize the community. Attend our program at Green Spring Gardens and hear fascinating stories of America’s first mail order brides and discover that many found enrichment, empowerment and liberation in their new lives. This tea program runs from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is $36 for the program and tea; $15 for the program only. Programs are by reservation only. For more, call 703-941-7987.

Tuesday, June 25

Concert in the Garden (All ages) Join us for live music, food and fun amidst the beauty of Green Spring Gardens. Enjoy dinner from the food truck or bring a picnic dinner to enjoy on the lawn. Fun, interactive activities for kids begin at 5 p.m., with music from 6 to 8 p.m. Our traditional complimentary cake and lemonade service starts at 6 p.m. along with the music. This event is free. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

Animal Feeding (3-Adult) It’s dinner time at Hidden Pond Nature Center and worms and insects are on the menu. Help our naturalist care for and feed the nature center’s animals. The program runs from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The cost is $6 per person. For more information, call 703-451-9588.

Wednesday, June 26

Getaway–Hershey Gardens & High Glen, Hershey, PA (16-Adult) Visit Hershey, Pennsylvania, to explore Hershey Gardens. Enjoy the expansive rose garden, whimsical children’s garden, butterfly house and conifer collection. Then, head to Frederick, Maryland to tour the private High Glen estate gardens. The cultivated perennial, annual and edible gardens, including the Japanese garden, Mediterranean garden, English cottage garden and restored natural areas, span 10 acres. From there we go to Surreybrooke to view the beautiful English-style display gardens and browse the plant and garden items in the shop and nursery. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. The trip departs Green Spring Gardens at 6:30 a.m. and returns at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the trip is $113 per person, which includes motor coach, admission and lunch. The trip cancellation date is June 12. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

Wednesday, June 26

Fireflies in the Meadow (4-Adult) As dusk approaches, the meadow at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park is lit with fireflies. Join us in illuminating the world of small night creatures. Bring a plastic jar with a lid to catch and then release. Wear long pants, socks and closed shoes. Flashlights and insect repellent are useful. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 8 to 9 p.m. The cost is $6 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Meet at Cabell’s Mill. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Thursday, June 27

Wild Women (12-Adult) They heard the call! Hear how women preserved and protected parks, open spaces and the natural world. Hike with a naturalist to see how past women shaped the field of ecology, land management and preservation. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is $8 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Friday, June 28

Native American Skills-Tool Making (6-Adult) What tools do you use each day? People living in this region 500+ years ago made tools with natural materials. Listen to the compelling history of human tool making and then get some hands on experience with tools that are surprisingly similar to the ones we still use today. Finally, try your hand using a pump drill and shooting a bow and arrow. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is $9 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Wonderful Wildlife at Mason District (2-11 yrs.) Fairfax County may not be home to lions and tigers and bears, oh my, but we are home to many strange and interesting wild animals. Learn about native snakes, turtles, amphibians, birds and even a few friendly insects. Meet and greet several animals and release live native ladybugs. The program at Mason District Park runs from 10 to 10:55 a.m. and will be presented by naturalists from Hidden Oaks. The cost is $6 per child. For more information, call Hidden Oaks Nature Center at 703-941-1065.

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Saturday, June 29

Workshop—Terra Cotta Succulent Container (Adults) Put up a table-top terracotta container with eye-catching succulents for your garden. A Green Spring horticulturist shows you how to mix balance, scale, proportion, contrast and rhythm to make dynamic container designs for these fascinating plants. Learn about best soil types and how to care for your new container. The program at Green Spring Gardens runs from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The cost is $39 per person, plus a supply fee of $25. For more information about the workshop, call 703-642-5173.

Canoeing Tour (16-Adult) Experience the upper Potomac’s beautiful scenery and wildlife from the water. Start with an introduction to canoeing basics and then head out onto the river with an instructor. This is not a whitewater tour and no previous experience is required. It will be three people per canoe, one of whom must be age 16 or older. Paddling and safety gear is provided. The program at Riverbend Park runs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is $41 per person. This program will be canceled in the event of inclement weather or hazardous river conditions. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

Obliged to Cook—The Legacy of Enslaved Cooks (5-Adult) The voices and stories of the enslaved men and women who labored in Virginia’s 18th century kitchens are often hidden in their recipes and oral history. Their legacy is found in the lasting presence of African-American foodways in American cuisine. The program at Sully Historic Site runs from noon to 2 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. For more information, call 703-437-1794.

Jailhouse Rock on the Range (All ages) Enjoy an evening of live music, food and drink deals, and family fun at Laurel Hill Golf Club. The event will feature Skeleton Crew & Rusty Cage. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the music begins at 6 p.m. Bring your own chair or blanket, but no outside food or alcohol is permitted. The cost is $15 for adults and $10 for kids. First Tee Kids are admitted for free. For more information, call 703-493-8849.

Firefly Walk (5-Adult) Join us on a magical evening walk in the park to learn about and see the different colors and signal patterns of this fascinating insect. The program at Huntley Meadows runs from 8 to 10 p.m. The cost is $9 per person. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

Saturday, June 29

Campfire Saturdays—Stargazing (3-Adult) Enjoy a stroll along the lakeshore and learn about the constellations, their stories and other night-sky features. Our astronomical naturalist identifies the stars for you and will have some telescopes for you to use. The program concludes with a campfire. S’mores ingredients will be provided; hot dogs are welcome. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. The program at Burke Lake Park from 9 to 10 p.m. costs $7 per person. Call 703-323-6600.

Campfire with the Constellations Class (4-Adult) Meet at Cabell’s Mill and talk about stars around a warm campfire. Then head out into the meadow with a naturalist to learn how to identify the early summer constellations. Return to the campfire to make s’mores. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 8:30 to 10 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Sunday, June 30

Run of the Mill (6-Adult) Visit historic Colvin Run Mill to learn about the grain milling process from beginning to end. This hands-on program teaches you how we clean, mill and sift grains using our antique equipment. All participants will get to take home a souvenir sample bag of what is milled during class. The program at Colvin Run Mill Historic Site runs from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is $20 per person. Children younger than 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-759-2771.

Bears in our Backyard Campfire (4-Adult) Have you seen a bear in Fairfax County? Learn to identify bear habitats, life cycles, sights and sounds and find out how to be a good bear neighbor. This program concludes with a s’mores campfire. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. The minimum age to attend is four years old. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Farmers Market Schedule

Wednesdays

Annandale
April 17-Oct. 30 • 2-6 p.m.
Wakefield Park
8100 Braddock Rd.

*McCutcheon/Mount Vernon
May 1 – Dec. 18 • 8 a.m. – Noon
Sherwood Library
2501 Sherwood Hall Lane

Vienna/Oakton
May 1-Nov. 13 • 8 a.m.-Noon
Oak Marr REC Center
3200 Jermanstown Rd.

Thursdays

Annandale
May 2-Nov. 7 • 8 a.m.-Noon
Mason District Park
6621 Columbia Pike

*Herndon
April 18-Nov. 14 • 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Old Town
777 Lynn St., by the Red Caboose

Fridays

Kingstowne
May 3-Oct. 25 • 4-7 p.m.
5870 Kingstowne Towne Center
In the Giant parking lot

McLean
May 3-Nov. 21 • 8 a.m.-Noon
Lewinsville Park
1659 Chain Bridge Rd., McLean
(Closed May 17 for McLean Day)

Saturdays

Burke
April 13-Dec. 21 • 8 a.m.-Noon
VRE Parking Lot
5671 Roberts Parkway

*Snap accepted, bonus dollar program

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