July 2019

Monday, July 1
Stand Up Paddleboarding for Fitness (14-Adult) Experience a new way to get fit while enjoying the sun and water from our new SUPs on the Potomac River. This class begins with basic maneuvers and techniques while building skills and increasing fitness. All equipment is provided. The program at Riverbend Park runs from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is $150 per person. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

Thursday, July 4
Red, White, and Blue Tournament (7-Adult) Teams of two players compete in an 18-hole scramble format from 8 a.m. to noon in three divisions at the Burke Lake Golf Course: Father/Jr. 7-12; Father/Jr. 13-17; Father/Adult partner. Teams alternate tees depending on the score of the previous hole. Prizes will be awarded for the top three spots in all three divisions. The cost is $75 per team, which includes lunch. Limited to first 48 teams. Registration begins 30 days prior to the event and is limited to the first 48 teams. There is no rain date. To register for the tournament, call 703-323-1641.

Friday, July 5
Creek Adventure Wagon Ride (2-Adult) Bring shoes that can get wet and an adventurous spirit to explore the Rocky Run. This wagon ride program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost is $7 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Fridays, July 5 & 19
River Fishing by Boat (5-Adult) Fish for smallmouth bass and sunfish from a canoe or jon boat. Get started with an introduction to boating and fishing basics. Previous experience rowing or paddling is not required. Boats, PFDs, fishing rods and bait are provided. There is a maximum of three participants per boat, one of whom must be 16 or older. Each participant must register. The program at Riverbend Park runs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is $16 per person. This program will be canceled in the event of inclement weather or hazardous river conditions. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

Fridays, July 5 & 19
Walking on the Moon (8-Adult) To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first moon walk, eat s’mores and learn scientific and historical facts about the moon and what it meant to Virginia’s Native Americans and colonists. 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, July 6
Moon Landing Campfire (8-Adult) Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing with a campfire at Lake Accotink Park. Enjoy s’mores while learning about space travel and the moon using telescopes. The program runs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. For more information, call 703-569-3464.

Nocturnal Hunters (4-Adult) Join a naturalist on a hike to learn about Ellanor C. Lawrence Park’s nocturnal animals. Catch and release fireflies, use a bat detector, and search for other animals. Roast marshmallows at the campfire. The program runs from 8 to 9 p.m. The cost is $6 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Sunday, July 14
Radical Raptors (5-Adult) Join a naturalist on the trail as we search for signs of raptors and explore what makes raptors different from other birds. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Saturday, July 20
Beautiful Handmade Arts (6-Adult) Gather friends and family together to create art inspired by history. The artwork will reflect the season or month. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. Call 703-631-0013.

Saturday, July 20
Wild for Photography (8-Adult) Join a nature photographer and learn the basics while exploring the park. Experiment with landscapes, critter close-ups, and aquatic abstracts. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The cost is $9 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Please note: Programs may fill or be canceled after the calendar is printed. Please register at Parktakes online or confirm with the park.
**Calendar of Events**

**Saturdays, July 6 & 20**

**Kayak Tour-Wildlife of the Potomac**  
(14-Adult) Watch for deer foraging on the islands, osprey and bald eagles searching for fish and more as we paddle through this wildlife-rich section of the Potomac River. This is not a whitewater tour. No previous experience is required. Kayaks are provided; one person per kayak. Download the waiver and bring completed to your 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. For more, call 703-759-9018.

**Sundays, July 7 through August 4**

**Intro to Kayaking**  
(6-12 yrs.) This introductory-level class is perfect for beginners or for those who want to learn how to paddle more efficiently. Learn about different kayaks, paddles, personal flotation devices and safety gear. On the water, learn to move the boat in every direction using forward and reverse strokes, a turning stroke, a slice stroke and stopping maneuvers. The program at Lake Fairfax Park runs from 11 to 11:55 a.m. The cost is $71 per person. For more info, call 703-471-5414.

**Sundays, July 28**

**Kayaking for Fitness**  
(14-Adult) Get fit, relieve stress and have fun soaking up the water's natural beauty. This beginner kayaking class teaches flat and moving-water kayaking basics while increasing fitness. Students progress from flat water to navigating riffles and small rapids. Kayaks are recreational/touring types. Helmets, PFDs, paddles, and kayaks are provided. The program at Riverbend Park runs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is $134 per person. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

**Saturday, July 6**

**Firefly Walk**  
(5-Adult) Take a magical evening walk to learn about and see the different colors and signal patterns of this fascinating insect. The program at Huntley Meadows Park runs from 8 to 10 p.m. The cost is $9 per person. Call 703-768-2525.

**History for Small Fries**  
(1-5 yrs.) Bring your child for a story and craft to discover how things were in the olden days. Through their senses, children can experience how things smelled, looked or worked. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The program at Sully Historic Site runs from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is $6 per child. Call 703-437-1794.

**Sundays, July 7, 14 & 28**

**Intro to River Kayaking**  
(14-Adult) Get prepared 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, which includes equipment and half-day kayak rental (same day only). This program will be canceled in the event of inclement weather or hazardous river conditions. For more info, call 703-759-9018.

**Sunday, July 7**

**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. Call 703-759-2771.

**Sunday, July 7**

**When Life Gives you Lemons...**  
(6-Adult) Join us on a hot day in the park to learn how to make lemonade. Discuss the history of the popular beverage and how people would chill their drinks in summers throughout history. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

**Sunday, July 7**

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

**Mondays, July 8 & 22**

**Little Hands on the Farm**  
(2-5 yrs.) Join us for fun at the Kidwell Barn and learn about animals, farm chores and how farm life changes with the seasons. Children 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 and from 11 to 11:45 a.m. for children ages three to five. The cost is $8 per child. Call 703-437-9101.

**Mondays, beginning July 8**

**Yoga for Gardeners**  
(Adults) This class features a gentle introduction to the Vinyasa method which helps participants increase the strength, flexibility and endurance necessary for gardening. The eight-class series meets indoors. Sessions run from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is $91 per person. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

**Monday, July 8**

**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.

**Sundays, July 7 & 21**

**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 $8 for adults, $7 for students 16 and up and with ID, and $6 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.
Monday, July 8
Garden Sprouts Summer-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 explore the topic of camping in July. The program at Green Spring Gardens runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is $8 per child. For more information, call 703-642-5173.

Tuesday, July 9
Exploring the Moon
(8-Adult) The moon is as old as the Earth, and its surface is marked by craters and lava flows billions of years old. Explore these lunar features through a high-powered telescope and learn about their origins. See where the Apollo lunar landings occurred, and discuss what the astronauts found. Class meets rain or shine with alternate viewing sessions available for cloudy days. Advance registration is required; no walk-in registration is available. The program at Turner Farm Park runs from 8 to 9 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. For more information, call 703-324-8618.

Wednesdays, July 10 to July 31
Nature’s Sensations
(3-5 yrs.) A parent/child interactive experience in which participants discover nature through art including song, dance, drama and art media. The majority of the class is outdoors. Plan on getting dirty! The program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center runs from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is $32 per child. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

Wednesday, July 10
Handwriting Styles Through Time
(12-Adult) Want to improve your handwriting or write your own invitations? Each session, practice writing various script styles while learning about the history of calligraphy and enjoying simple refreshments. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is $10 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Dragons and Damsels at the Pond
(4-Adult) In the summer, dragonflies and damselflies dart above the surface of Walney Pond. Learn myths and facts about these beautiful insects. Discover their secret lives under the water. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost is $6 per person. Meet at Walney Pond. For more, call 703-631-0013.

Wednesday, July 10
Kayaking for Fitness
(14-Adult) Get fit, relieve stress and have fun soaking up the water's natural beauty. This beginning kayaking class teaches flat and moving-water kayaking basics while increasing fitness. Students progress from flat water to navigating riffles and small rapids. Kayaks are recreational/touring types. Helmets, PFDs, paddles, and kayaks are provided. The program at Riverbend Park runs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is $134 per person. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

Wednesday, July 10
Snake Feeding
(7-Adult) Join us at the nature center for a behind-the-scenes look at the Hidden Pond snakes. Visitors observe the unique methods snakes use to feed. Get a glimpse at something few people get to see in the wild while learning about our local serpents and their importance to our ecosystem. Please consider that this program is not for everyone and may be graphic. The program at Hidden Pond Nature Center runs from 5:15 to 6 p.m. The cost is $6 per person. For more information, call 703-451-9588.

Wednesday, July 10
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, double stars, stellar color spectrum and globular clusters. Telescopes are used to view the objects discussed in the classroom (weather dependent). Check the Analemma site for monthly topics at www.analemma.org. Advance registration is required; no walk-in registration is available. The program at Turner Farm Park runs from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. For more, call 703-324-8618.

Thursday, July 11 & 25
Fishing for Parent and Child
(6-17 yrs.) Learn how to fish together! This introductory course starts you with the basics including how to rig and use a fishing rod, safety, environmental awareness and fishing. Rod and bait are provided. The program at Riverbend Park runs from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The cost is $12 per person. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

Thursday, July 11
Predators at Night
(9-Adult) Not all predators are sleeping. Enjoy a night hike to learn about nocturnal hunters. Listen to taped calls of owls and coyotes and try to catch a glimpse of them in the forest. End the evening with s’mores round the campfire. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is $6 per person. For more info, call 703-631-0013.

Friday, July 12
Painting at the Pond
(9-Adult) Take a short walk around the pond with a naturalist. Then, enjoy a peaceful time in nature painting with watercolors. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is $10 per person. Call 703-631-0013.

Campfire Night Hike-Predators at Night
(4-Adult) Not all predators are sleeping. Enjoy a night hike to learn about nocturnal hunters. Listen to taped calls of owls and coyotes and try to catch a glimpse of them in the forest. End the evening with s’mores round the campfire. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is $6 per person. For more info, 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. This program is presented by naturalists from Hidden Oaks Nature Center at Mason District Park from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is $6 per child. For more information, call Hidden Oaks Nature Center at 703-941-1065.

Saturday, July 13 & 27
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.
Saturday, July 13
**Modified Stableford Tournament**  
(8-Adult) Participants compete in a nine-hole, individual stroke play tournament utilizing the Modified Stableford scoring system that awards points for good scores (double eagles, eagles and birdies) and deducts points for poor scores (bogeys and double bogeys). The participant with the most points wins. The competition at the Jefferson District Golf Course begins at 1 p.m. The cost is $35 per person, which includes food and prizes. Call 703-573-0444 to register.

**Geocaching Workshop**  
(8-Adult) Students learn to use hand-held GPS units to locate hidden treasure caches within Burke Lake Park. After learning how to enter latitude and longitude coordinates, students will follow the coordinates to find a hidden object, container or unique geological feature. Bring your own GPS; a limited number are available to borrow. The program at Burke Lake Park runs from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is $22 per person. For more information, call 703-323-6600.

**Native American Skills-Tool Making**  
(6-Adult) Listen to the compelling history of human tool-making and get some hands-on experience with tools that are surprising similar to the ones we use today. Try using a pump drill and shooting a bow and arrow. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is $9 per person. Call 703-631-0013.

**Tea with the Ladies**  
(12-Adult) Sip tea as you learn about the incredible suffragists. Hear about the marches on Washington D.C. and the suffragists at Lorton prison. Finish by blending your own tea. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 3 to 5 p.m. The cost is $20 per person. Call 703-631-0013.

**Women of Walney Walking Tour**  
(6-Adult) From the Brown family in the 1740s to Ellanor C. Lawrence in the 1970s, women have defined the cultural history of Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. On this park tour, learn about the women whose lives and work helped shape our land. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. The program runs from 11 a.m. to noon. The cost is $7 per person. Call 703-631-0013.

**Workshop-Casting Concrete Leaves**  
(Adults) Capture the beauty of ornamental leaves by casting them in concrete to decorate your home or garden. Green Spring Gardens staff demonstrate the casting and painting techniques and assist participants in making a treasure to take home. The program runs from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The cost is $43 per person, plus a $25 supply fee. For more info, call 703-642-5173.

Saturday, July 13
**Watercolor Workshop: Monet & Water Lilies**  
(Adults) Be inspired by Monet's style and create your own water lily paintings using techniques like glazing, dry-brush, wet on wet, washes and more with the help of instructor Dawn Flores. The workshop at Green Spring Gardens runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and the cost is $93 per person. A supply list will be e-mailed. Call 703-642-5173.

**Animal Crackers and Me**  
(3-8 yrs.) What if your animal cracker cookies came alive? Learn about animal adaptations while you munch on cookies and lemonade. Enjoy a story, craft and trail activity along a short hike. The program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center runs from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. The cost is $8 per child. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

**Wagon Ride-Birds, Butterflies & Blossoms**  
(2-Adult) Take a scavenger hunt wagon ride through the meadow at Riverbend Park. 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 info, call 703-759-9018.

**Canoeing Tour**  
(16-Adult) Experience the upper Potomac's beautiful scenery and wildlife by canoe. This is not a whitewater tour; no previous experience is required. 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. For more information, call 703-759-9018.

**Campfire Saturdays-Stargazing**  
(3-Adult) Enjoy a stroll along the lake 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. Munch on s'mores by the campfire. The program at Burke Lake Park runs from 9 to 10 p.m. The cost is $7 per person. Call 703-323-6600 for more information.

Sunday, July 14
**Run of the Mill**  
(6-Adult) Visit historic Colvin Run Mill to learn about the milling process from beginning to end. This hands-on program covers how we clean, mill and sift grains using antique equipment. Everyone gets a sample bag of what is milled during class. Children younger than 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult. The program from 1 to 3 p.m. costs $20 per person. Call 703-759-2771.

Sunday, July 14
**Pancakes at the Mill**  
(4-Adult) Enjoy a morning around the campfire and make corn pancakes with honey while discovering the little-known history of the place we now call Cabell's Mill. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is $8 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Meet at Cabell's Mill. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

**A Taste of Scotland**  
(Adults) It’s not just haggis and shortbread. Discover the diversity of Scottish food and how it reflects Scotland’s history, land and people in this tea program at Historic Green Spring. Hear about traditional dishes linked to national celebrations, and sample authentic Scottish fare. Afterwards, the culinary theme continues at the tea table. The cost is $42 for the program and tea; $18 for the program only. For more info, call 703-941-7987.

**Legends & Lore Night Hike & Campfire**  
(5-Adult) Spark your interest in Walney history through legends, lore and stories of the supernatural on a night hike. Then, gather around the campfire for s'mores. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. For more, call 703-631-0013.

**Pooh Bear's Friends' Tea Party Class**  
(3-Adult) Enjoy honey, tea and snacks in a Winnie-the-Pooh style tea while learning about Virginia's black bears and whether heffalumps and woozles are native to Fairfax County. Bring your favorite stuffed animal and join us for a story, craft, short hike and game of Pooh sticks. 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 a registered adult. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

**Fishing Workshop-Reading Water**  
(10-Adult) Hone your fishing skills in this workshop. Learn how to identify bodies of water and develop techniques to increase your chances of catching fish. 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.

Tuesday, July 16
**The Moon and the Stars Campfire**  
(4-Adult) Meet at Cabell’s Mill and talk moon and stars around a warm campfire. Then, head to the meadow with a naturalist to learn to identify the constellations. Enjoy s'mores around the campfire. 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. Call 703-631-0013.
Tuesday, July 16

Duck, Duck, Goose
(2-5 yrs.) Waddle on over to learn about our feathered friends. Honk like a goose, quack like a duck and find Mrs. Goose’s lost eggs. The program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center runs from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is $8 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

Wednesday, July 17

Growing and Protecting a Park Forest
(4-Adult) Walk with the Resource Manager as you are given insights into how a 650-acre park of forests, meadows and streams is kept healthy and thriving. Learn about native plants and invasive species in the park’s wildlife habitat. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 6 to 7 p.m., and the walk is seasonally based. The cost is $8 per person. Call 703-631-0013.

Thursday, July 18

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 past and present. Afterward, enjoy a traditional English tea at Historic Green Spring. The program runs from 1 to 3 p.m., and the cost is $36 per person. For more, call 703-941-7987.

Meadow Bug Hunt
(4-Adult) Capture and release amazing insects and other arthropods at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. 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 runs from 6 to 7 p.m. The cost is $6 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-631-0013.

Friday, July 19

Who Left That Behind?
Identifying Scat
(4-Adult) Learn park critters by the signs they leave behind, such as tracks and scat. Join a naturalist on a hike to look for these signs, then complete a craft to help you learn to identify animal scat. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is $8 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more, call 703-631-0013.

Saturday, July 20

Lichens Hike & Sketch
(10-Adult) What happens when a fungus and an algae take a lichen to each other? Join local artist and naturalist Margaret Wohler to learn all about this hybrid organism found on trees and rocks, and learn to draw the textures defining lichen colonies. Keep a complimentary field sketch book and drawing materials, courtesy of the Run-ningBrooke Fund. The program at Huntley Meadows Park runs from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is $15 per person. For more, call 703-768-2525.

Stand-Up Paddleboarding II
(13-Adult) 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. Prerequisite: Stand-Up Paddleboarding I or equivalent experience. Call 703-759-9018.

Burke Lake Sunset Cruise
(2-Adult) Enjoy the sounds and sights of sunset 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 Burke Lake cruise runs from 8 to 9 p.m., and the cost is $6 per person. For more information, call 703-323-6600.

Sunday, July 21

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 runs from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is $7 per person. Meet at Walney Pond. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Invasive Plant Identification Walk
(8-Adult) Identify some of Fairfax County’s common invasive plant species, and explore ways to lessen these plants around your home. 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.

Become an IMA VOLUNTEER!
Get involved with our Invasive Management Area (IMA) program and make a big difference!
Learn more and find IMA workdays listed online at https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/invasive-management-area.
Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 21
Children's Tour
(6-Adult) Great for kids and the young at heart, this tour is interactive and fun. Ponder the clues, explore and investigate, play games, and take a selfie with your favorite Huntley character. The program at Historic Huntley runs from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. Call 703-768-2525.

Kayak Tour-Seneca to Riverbend
(14-Adult) This eight-mile river journey runs from the lazy waters above the old Seneca Dam, through the riffles and small rapids at Seneca Breaks, past Watkins Island to Riverbend Park. Previous kayaking experience is required. Kayaks are provided; one person per kayak. The program at Riverbend Park runs from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is $89 per person. Download the waiver at: https://go.usa.gov/xnJUB. This tour will be canceled in the event of inclement weather or hazardous river conditions. Call 703-759-9018.

Monday, July 22
Paw-Paw Prowl
(14-Adult) Go off trail with a naturalist to learn about the Paw-Paw’s historical and ecological importance to Virginia. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. Call 703-631-0013.

Tuesday, July 23
Intro to Telescopes
(8-Adult) This class covers astronomy basics and how to set up and use your telescope. Observe selected objects in the sky using the roll-top observatory, weather permitting. You can bring your own telescope to class. Advance registration is required. The program at Turner Farm Park runs from 8:30 to 9:55 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. For more, call 703-324-8618.

Wednesday, July 24
Pond Life
(2-Adult) Meet a naturalist by Walney Pond. We search for catch-and-release tadpoles, dragonfly nymphs, water scorpions and other creatures. Bring old shoes that can get wet and muddy. 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 information, call 703-631-0013.

Friday, July 26
Insect Symphony Campfire
(4-Adult) Enjoy time around the campfire eating s'mores and listening to the sounds of nature at night. Learn how and why katydids, crickets and grasshoppers make their songs. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 7 to 8 p.m., and the cost is $6 per person. Call 703-631-0013.

Saturday, July 27
Walney Creek Walk
(8-Adult) Take a one-mile walk along Walney Creek from the Spring House to Big Rocky Run. Learn about plants and animals that call this watershed home, and observe evidence of how humans have interacted with Walney Creek throughout history. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Sunday, July 28
Sundaes in the Park
(2-Adult) Bring the family for a Sunday stroll along the paths around Hidden Oaks Nature Center with a vanilla ice cream sundae. The woodland walk and visit to Nature Playce are free. Sundaes cost $2 each. Preregistration is preferred but not required. The program runs from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is $2 per person. For more information, call 703-941-1065.

Delicious Dairy at Historic Huntley
(2-Adult) Churn your own delicious butter and taste fresh cheese you can make at home. Discover how Huntley, once a summer home for the wealthy, became a dairy farm. The program at Historic Huntley runs from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost is $8 per person, which includes a house tour. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

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 runs from 8 to 11 a.m. and begins with an indoor discussion. The cost is $12 per person. Children age 12 to 16 must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-768-2525.

Tuesday, July 30
Flying Squirrel Campfire
(4-Adult) Enjoy an evening around the campfire making s’mores and learning about the flying squirrels that live in our area. The program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park runs from 8 to 9 p.m. The cost is $8 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

Toddler Time-Terrific Turtles
(2-4 yrs.) Explore nature through outdoor activities and meet one of our turtles. The program at Hidden Oaks Nature Center runs from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is $8 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 703-941-1065.

Register for programs at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes

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