Gift-Giving Made Easy!

Skip the long lines at the mall and choose from many unique gifts in the relaxed atmosphere of Park Authority shops. Gifts for nature lovers, gardeners, history buffs and children on your list can be found at Green Spring Gardens, Frying Pan Farm Park and Sully Historic Site gift shops. Toys, Books, CDs and DVDs are among the offerings as well as history-themed gifts for all ages. For the golfer on your list, check out the selection of apparel and other items at our golf course pro shops. Locations are listed on page 11.

HAPPY TRAILS FOR BIKE WINNERS

Four lucky participants in this year’s Discovery Trail Map summer fun promotion are all smiles after winning a new bicycle and safety helmet donated by Spokes, Etc. and Trek through the Fairfax County Park Foundation. This year’s grand prize winners were among 1,300 people who qualified for the bike drawing by visiting eight of the 12 featured parks. They are Yun Kang, 47, of Arlington; Tanner Polsgrove, 13, of Vienna; Liv Holm, 2, of Alexandria and Omar Ziadeh, 11, of Springfield. The winners received their bikes on Oct. 14, 2019 during a presentation at the Spokes, Etc. store in Fairfax.

This year’s transportation-themed Discovery Trail Map led to more than 18,000 park visits from people ranging in age from 2 to 92. Everyone who entered the drawing received a prize packet valued at $93, which included tickets to park amusements such as camping, mini golf and boat, train and carousel rides. Participants also enjoyed their encounters with our Park Authority astronaut and rocket ship commemorating this year’s 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing.

Park Authority Gift Cards

Is there a hard-to-shop-for someone on your holiday gift list? Park Authority gift cards are the perfect solution, and one size fits all! Gift cards purchased at Fairfax County RECenters, nature centers and historic sites can be used for classes, camps, RECenter memberships, merchandise and anything else offered at the parks. Golf gift cards are available at all seven FCPA golf courses and can be used to purchase everything from golf rounds to meals and merchandise at any Park Authority golf course. For address information, see page 11.

Snow Day Camps to the Rescue!

Keep Old Man Winter from sidelining your work schedule by enrolling your children in Park Authority Snow Day Camps. When schools are closed for multiple days, our Snow Day Camps provide a fun and safe place for campers to enjoy supervised arts and crafts, sports activities, various cooperative games and swim time. Snow Day Camps operate from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Audrey Moore, Lee District, Oak Marr and Spring Hill RECenters. Campers should bring a snack, lunch, drink and swimsuit/towel (pool use may be available). Snow Day Camps operate only when schools are closed for multiple days due to inclement weather. To sign up for email notifications and to register for Snow Day Camp, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/camps/snow-day.

Honoring America’s Veterans

Salute your military service on Veterans Day with a complimentary day of fun in Fairfax County RECenters! Veteran and active-duty service members and their families are invited to enjoy all RECenter amenities on Nov. 11 including pools, spas, fitness rooms, drop-in group fitness classes, gyms and racquetball courts at Fairfax County’s nine RECenters. The complimentary visits are courtesy of the Fairfax County Park Foundation in partnership with the Park Authority and our way of saying thank you for your service.