



**Snow Ball • Gypsy Yard Sale • Dancing through the Decades • Eggstravaganza
American Shakespeare Center's Drama Clubs • Painting and Pottery
Outdoor Education • Summer Camp • Youth Programs**

Kiwanis Baseball

The Kiwanis Club of Staunton has added four new plaques to the Jerry May monument park at the Kiwanis Baseball Complex in Gypsy Hill Park. Three of the plaques recognize the generosity of participants in the Kiwanis Baseball Program who assisted in fund raising efforts for the last major renovation of the baseball complex. The fourth plaque recognizes the long-term partnership between the Kiwanis Club and the City of Staunton; partners who have worked together to provide a youth baseball program for the local community since 1946.



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Building Codes

MHP- Montgomery Hall Park, MHPC- Montgomery Hall Park Conference Room, MHPA- Montgomery Hall Park Activity Room, GHPG- Gypsy Hill Park Gym, GHPGC- Gypsy Hill Park Garden Center, NSC- Nelson Street Center, BTWCC- Booker T. Washington Community Center

Seeking Instructors

Our success is because of you! Staunton Parks and Recreation is continuously in search of new program ideas and quality community instructors. Have a good program idea? Want to make some extra money? Call the rec office at 540.332.3945.

***Looking for dance instructors- If interested, please contact Staunton Parks and Recreation at 540.332.3945 and ask for Ana*

Register Online

Go to www.ci.staunton.va.us/departments/parks-recreation and click "Register For Activities". See page 16 for registration information.

Event & Weather Cancellation Line

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Snow BALL

February 28
 5:30pm-8pm

In Partnership with Valley Program for Aging Services (VPAS)

Shake off those winter blues with music from the 50s, 60s, 70s and more. Enjoy a night filled with good times, great food, and even better company! We encourage ticket purchase (in office or online) prior to the event but will also offer tickets at the door. Participants under the age of 45 must be a plus one.

Price: \$10 for individual, \$15 for couple
 Gypsy Hill Park Gymnasium



Community Events

The Gypsy Yard Sale

Saturday, February 1, 8am-12pm, Gypsy Hill Park Gymnasium
Thirty-five 10'x10' spaces are available for rent. Price: \$20 per space, tables \$5 each. Set up for vendors will be 2pm-7pm on Friday, January 31. No items brought in Saturday morning. Pre-registration and pre-payment for tables required. Please register online or in person at the Recreation department.

Snow Ball

In Partnership with Valley Program for Aging Services (VPAS)
Friday, February 28, 5:30pm-8pm, Gypsy Hill Park Gymnasium
Shake off those winter blues with music from the 50s, 60s, 70s and more. Enjoy a night filled with good times, great food, and even better company! We encourage ticket purchase (in office or online) prior to the event but will also offer tickets at the door. Participants under the age of 45 must be a plus one. Price: \$10 for individual, \$15 for couple

Irish Road Bowling

Saturday, March 8, Frontier Culture Museum
Join us for a wee bit o' fun and try Road Bowling. This St. Patrick's Day event is full of fun and (family) friendly competition with our own spin on the original game played on the Irish country roads. Teams are comprised of either 3 or 4 people and will begin at their pre-set tee times to ensure proper spacing, safety and integrity of the game. Wearing Green and fun St. Patrick's Day clothing is encouraged. NEW LOCATION for 2025. We have partnered with the Frontier Culture Museum and are excited to have a new location and road bowling course for this event! The Irish Road Bowling tradition will continue with a new opportunity for more growth. Team entry fee: \$40 for a three or four person team (Price includes one road bowl per team and admission to the Museum). Bowling tee times are between 10am-1:30pm. Call the Recreation office for more details at 540.332.3945, or scan the QR code for online registration available soon. Thank you to event Sponsor McDonough Toyota.



Staunton Senior Health EXPO

Friday, April 11, 9am-1pm, Gypsy Hill Park Gymnasium
Staunton Parks and Recreation's 3rd Annual "50 & Better" Senior Health Expo combines complimentary health screenings and informational booths on a broad variety of senior wellness needs. Attendees at this free, public event can enjoy coffee and refreshments, a gift basket raffle throughout the event, and wind their way through booths specially designed to promote the health and well-being of seniors. Staunton Parks and Recreation supports a strong aging lifestyle and healthy & active opportunities. We encourage our local "50 & Better" population to stay active, stay engaged and never stop becoming a better you! Interested in participating in this event as an exhibitor? Please call the rec office at 540.332.3945 and ask for Ana Fugate or email at fugatear@ci.staunton.va.us

Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 19, Montgomery Hall Park Soccer Complex
Join us for our Annual Egg Hunt and Eggstravaganza Festival complete with moon bounce, old-fashioned egg coloring, refreshments, arts and crafts activities, face painting, and surprise entertainers. BYOB (bring your own basket). Free event!

Egg Hunt Ages/Times:

- 2 & 3 years: 10am
- 4 & 5 years: 10:30am
- 6 & 7 years: 11am
- 8 to 10 years: 11:30am



Earth Day Staunton

Saturday, April 26, 11am-3pm, Bandstand at Gypsy Hill Park
Celebrate Earth Day with us on Saturday, April 26 from 11am-3pm. Earth Day Staunton will take place at the Gypsy Hill Park Bandstand. Enjoy kid-oriented activities, live native wildlife shows, live beehive, face painting, native plant sale, and more. Food on site. Bring a refillable water bottle. Admission is free. In the event of rain, Earth Day Staunton will be in the Gypsy Hill Park Gym. For more information, please visit earthdaystaunton.org

30th Annual YOUTH Fishing Derby

Saturday, May 3, 8am-11am, Lake Tams in Gypsy Hill Park
Open to youth 4-15 years of age. Prizes awarded in various categories. FREE on-site registration begins at 7:30am.

Kids Matter Day

Saturday, May 10, 10am-1pm, Gypsy Hill Park Gym
Don't Miss out on all the FUN! Kids Matter Day has provided as many as 500 kids and families in a single day with local resources. Children and parents from Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County are invited to visit safety and resource stations provided by local community organizations to receive dental imprints, first aid information and much more. FREE, for more information call committee member Staunton Parks and Recreation at 540.332.3945. SPONSORS NEEDED! Help us keep this event free to the community! Businesses and individuals are encouraged to contact Jennifer Morris at jmorris@staunton.k12.va.us.

Athletics

Adult

Co-Ed Spring Softball League

Batter Up! Co-Ed Spring Softball is back! Grab your bat and glove and meet us at the ball park! League play will begin on May 7. Game nights will be on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Montgomery Hall Park. Three (3) ladies required on the field. League fee will be \$300. Teams will be guaranteed 12 games. Ball requirement is 12", .44 core, .375 for men, and any 11", .44 core ball for women. Deadline to register is April 19. Once you register, you will receive a team roster that must be completed by opening day!

Seeking Referees & Umpires

Staunton Parks and Recreation needs new members to join our referee and umpire teams for our adult leagues. Please contact Ken Jacobsen by email at jacobsenk1@ci.staunton.va.us or call 540.332.3945.

Youth

Augusta United Spring 2025 Recreational Soccer

Augusta United Soccer Club strives to provide all youth superior, comprehensive soccer programming emphasizing player development, enjoyment and citizenship. The rec program prioritizes in providing a Fun, Fair, and Safe environment for players of all skill levels. Registration will be open January 1st for all programs U4 (2022) - U19 (2007). Practice will start at the beginning of March. Games are on Saturdays. Learn more at <https://www.augustaunitedsc.org/>.

Kiwanis Youth Baseball

Spring baseball is right around the corner. Registration Fee \$40. Second child \$30. Family maximum \$80, regardless of number of children. All games played at the Kiwanis Baseball Complex in Gypsy Hill Park. Questions? Call the Staunton Recreation Office at 540.332.3945.



Fitness and Wellbeing

Morning Warmups

This class is great for seniors with tired muscles and as a follow up for physical therapy. Bring hand weights, exercise mats, and resistance bands. Learn chair exercises, healthy eating, and diet tips. Men and women invited! Ages 50+. Instructor: Brenda Powell. *GHPG, Tuesday and Thursday, 9am-10am. Price: \$28.80 per 12 classes (Price has already been adjusted for senior rate). Register a week in advance*

- Early Winter session begins January 7
- Late Winter session begins February 25
- Spring session begins April 15

Staunton Steppers-Indoors

Too cold to get your steps in outdoors? We have the perfect solution-indoor walking club! You get all the benefits of walking without worrying about that pesky weather. Plus, joining our club will allow you to connect with others on a routine basis. *GHPG, 10:30am-11:30am, Tuesdays September to March. No fee for the program but registration is required.*

Staunton Kendo & Iaido (monthly)

Choose between two different styles of Japanese sword arts. Kendo is a modern form of Japanese fencing. It comes from the sword arts of ancient Japan. Kendo is more than just learning to fence. It is also about proper discipline and spirit. Iaido is the Japanese sword art of drawing and cutting in one motion. This is a great martial art for mental concentration. We teach Seiteigata Iaido. Instructor: John Smitka. *GHPGC, Iaido 6pm-7pm, Kendo 7pm-8:45pm, Wednesday. Join monthly sessions beginning 1st Wednesday of each month. Price: \$65/month*

- January Session begins Jan. 8
- February Session begins Feb. 5
- March Session begins March 5
- April Session begins Apr. 2



Community Classes

Dancing Through the Decades

Get ready to move and groove with a dance class that takes you on a rhythmic journey from the Roaring Twenties to the energetic beats of today. The class is designed for dance enthusiasts of all skill levels. You will explore a variety of dance forms, each representing the spirit of its decade. Join us in this exciting celebration of dance history, where you'll not only learn iconic steps but also understand the cultural context behind each style. No partner needed but bring your friends. Comfortable clothing and closed-toed shoes that you can move in. Ages: 18+ Instructor: Maria Guertler. *NSC, 7pm-8pm, six Thursdays beginning January 16. Price: \$40. Register by: January 10*

American Sign Language

This course teaches the basic communication skills in American Sign Language. There will be many hands-on activities and games, discussions, vocabulary development, and conversational skills. Any individual who has had basic or no experience at all may benefit from this course. A fun opportunity to learn a new language in a stress-free environment outside of a classroom! Ages 9+. Instructor: Amy Ashworth. *MHPA, 7:15pm-8:15pm, eight Thursdays beginning March 13. Price: \$70. Register by: March 6*

Adult & Pediatric CPR/AED

Learn to perform lifesaving care for adults, children, and infants in this hands on Red Cross course. Participants will learn to administer CPR and use an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) which can save lives. Successful course completion results in a 2 year certification from the American Red Cross. Be prepared for a health emergency! Instructor: Casey Tucker of Vivid Earth Adventures. *GHPGC, 6pm-8:30pm, March 13. Price: \$90. Register by: March 7*

First Aid

Learn to give first aid and lifesaving care in an emergency in this hands-on Red Cross course. Participants will learn to treat patients and administer basic first aid which can save lives. Successful course completion results in a 2-year certification from the American Red Cross. Be prepared for first aid emergencies! Instructor: Casey Tucker of Vivid Earth Adventures. *GHPGC, 6pm-8:30pm, March 20. Price: \$90. Register by: March 14*

Get Your Ducks in a Row

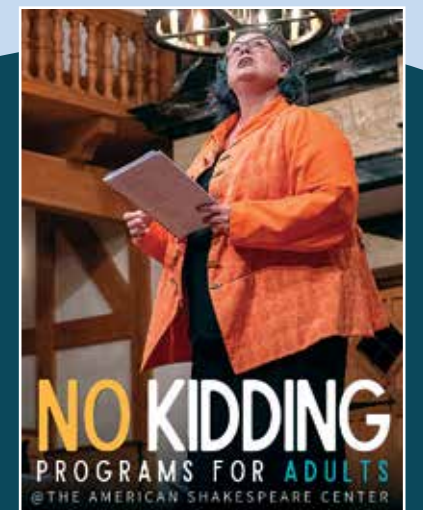
The Ducks in a Row workshop helps each person give the gift of planning by getting affairs in order! Participants develop a plan for making decisions, organizing records, and preparing for the future to ensure personal wishes will be met. The workshop includes topics such as wills, medical directives, family memorabilia, and distribution of belongings, as well as plans for funeral, financial and legal matters. Save time, headaches and confusion for your loved ones by getting your Ducks in a Row! Some parents and children attend together! Instructor: Mary Ann Stripling. Class held at *MHPC, 4:30pm-6:30pm, three Tuesdays beginning March 18. Price: \$60. Register by: March 11*

Cards & Coffee (Bring Your Own Mug)

On select Fridays, we will turn our space into a card players paradise! Join us for some fresh brewed coffee and a variety of card games. This will be an open environment, where friends can learn new games or stick to the classics. We will provide everything you need but encourage participants to bring their own mugs/coffee cups. *MHPA, 10am-11am, Dates: January 31, February 28, and March 7. Price: \$5/season*

ASC's No Kidding Drama Club (for Grown Ups!)

Why let the kids have all the fun? The No Kidding Drama Club is American Shakespeare Centers Drama Club designed to let adults get in on the fun too! It will rehearse on four consecutive Saturdays, and the program will conclude with a Sunday staged reading at the Blackfriars Playhouse. Classes are "low stakes, high fun" with the primary aim of building a community around enthusiasm for all things theatrical. Included in the cost of the No Kidding Drama Club is a ticket for each participant to join the group on a field trip to the Blackfriars Playhouse. All skill levels are welcome. Join us! Instructor: Aubrey Whitlock of American Shakespeare Center. Ages 18+. *Program held at NSC, 11am-2pm, four Saturdays beginning March 22. Performance held on Sunday April 13. Price \$140. For more information contact Aubrey Whitlock at aubrey.whitlock@americanshakespearecenter.com or by phone at 540-885-5588 ext. 111*



Outdoor Education



Introduction to Predator Hunting

Come learn the ins and outs of keeping your property safe from predators. This workshop will cover predator hunting (Foxes, Bobcat, Raccoon, and Coyote) in Virginia. Legal hunting methods, hunting equipment (calling equipment, night vision, and firearms), and how to hunt predators will be covered. Demonstration of the above equipment will also be provided. Please visit <https://dwr.virginia.gov/hunting> for further questions and to get registered! Ages: 12+ Instructor: Department of Wildlife Resources. MHPA, 7pm-9pm, January 29. Price: Free. Register by: January 19

Boater Safety DWR

This course will teach you everything you need to know about running a boat safely. The class covers a range of topics like; boating fundamentals, requirements, person watercrafts, laws, and different operations. You will leave the course with a boating safety certificate card that allows you to operate a boat on the waters of Virginia. Ages: 14+. Instructor: Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources. MHPA, 9am-3pm, March 22. Price: FREE! Register by: March 14

Introduction to Archery and Bow Hunting

This educational Archery class is designed for individuals interested in learning about archery as it applies to hunting. Students will learn the terms associated with archery and techniques needed to successfully and safely engage targets with a bow and arrow. Students will be introduced to the various bows used for target shooting and hunting. This is classroom only. Youth and Apprentice Spring Turkey Weekend is April 6th and 7th this year. Please visit <https://dwr.virginia.gov/hunting> for further questions and to get registered! Open to all ages. Instructor: Department of Wildlife Resources. MHPA, 8am-12pm, April 5. Price: Free. Register by: March 26

Nature Walks W/ Sancta Natura-Family Walks

Join us for a fun, informative Nature Walk through diverse ecosystems. We may encounter notable butterflies, birds, and we'll learn about important plants of mountainous parts in Virginia along the way. This walk is for naturalists of all levels and ages, including accompanied children. It is for those able to handle moderate strenuous activity, as we will cover approximately under 1 mile, and much of the walk will be sloped. Things to bring: Sun protection-insect repellent-water-binoculars/camera (highly recommended). Instructor: Tom Wyatt of Sancta Natura. Price: Free

- Augusta Springs Wetlands, 8am-10am, March 1. Register by: February 24
- Betsy Bell Park, 8am-10am, May 3. Register by: April 28

An Evening with Bats

Come to Montgomery Hall Park on Friday, May 16, 7:30pm-8:45pm, to learn about local bat species and where they live. Watch the bats fly, and eavesdrop on their ultrasonic calls with several types of bat detectors. Leslie Sturges of the Bat Rescue of Virginia will share her expertise and equipment to shed light on our local nighttime flyers. Program recommended for ages 5+. If interested, we will meet just outside the Parks and Recreation office at MHR. Simply show up on May 16th to enjoy this FREE program!



Trips

Wintergreen-Tubing Night

What's taller than a ten-story building and longer than three football fields? THE PLUNGE, Virginia's largest tubing hill. With all thrills and chills without the spills at the speeds of 30 mph. The Plunge brings you and your tube comfortably and quickly back up the hill so you can do it again and again for some tubular fun. Sunday, March 2, 4:15pm-5:45pm. Get your discount tickets online or at the rec office. \$30/person

Highland County Maple Festival

Join us in attending the 65th annual Maple Festival in rustic Highland County Virginia. Enjoy a wide variety of food, products, and crafts as we celebrate this year's harvest of maple trees. Along with satisfying your sweet tooth, enjoy the beautiful scenery and rich history that Highland County has to offer. We will be visiting McDowell and Monterey on our trip; both destinations offering various food and shopping options throughout the day. Transportation is provided. Saturday, March 8. Depart GHPG at 8:30am; return around 3:30pm. Price: \$25 (includes transportation to both sites only). Register by: February 28

Charles Town Hollywood Casino

Take a trip to Hollywood Casino in West Virginia and try your luck! Friday, March 28. Depart GHPG at 9am; return around 8pm. Price: \$30 (Includes transportation only). Register by: March 21

Agecroft Hall & Gardens Tour and Carytown

Walk among the freshly bloomed daffodils and admire the history of this unique home in a guided tour of Agecroft Hall & Gardens. Together we can learn the history and beauty of Agecroft Hall. Afterwards, we will explore downtown Richmond by hitting the Carytown, the mile of style, for shopping and unique dining experiences! Friday, April 4. Depart GHPG at 8am; return around 5pm. Price: \$35 (includes transportation and admission for the Hall and Gardens). Register by: March 13

Historical Trip to Gettysburg

Learn about the battle and visit the battlefield that many consider to be the turning point of the Civil War. The three-day battle took place between July 1st and July 3rd 1863. The trip will include a two-hour guided bus tour by a professional tour guide, self-guided tour of the museum, visiting the Cyclorama, and walking Pickett's Charge (weather and your health permitting). Good eats and the opportunity to visit the site's extensive gift shop will be part of your experience. Thursday, April 17. Depart GHPG at 7am; return around 7pm. Price: \$75 (includes guided tour and transportation). Register by: March 17

**An optional 2-hour introductory session with a local historian (and host of the trip) will give the historic background to the battle, an overview of the battle, the Gettysburg Address, and what occurred after the battle. Instructor: George Gruner. MHPC, 5pm-7pm, April 10.



Creativity

Paint4fun w/ Diane

Join Diane for a fun day of learning how to paint "Full Bloom Beauty" a design by DecoArt. A green field with a beautiful mountain landscape featuring a cascading tree in full bloom painted on a 16 X 20 canvas using acrylic paints. Please bring snack or lunch, drink, and wear old clothes. For beginners or the fun at heart. All supplies included. Instructor: Diane Ricketson of Paint4FUN™. GHPGC, 10:30am-2pm, March 1. Price: \$48. Register by: February 24

Fairy and Gnome Home

Create your own whimsical fairy and gnome home. We will use natural materials, fairy lights and other trinkets to craft our own unique creations. You will be able to pick out your own gnome or fairy and feel free to bring any extra materials to add to your home. All ages are welcome anyone under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult. Instructor: Samantha Campbell of "Hey-Ho-Lets-Grow". NSC, 5pm-7:30pm, March 7. Price: \$30. Register by: March 1

Paint Your Own Plant Pot!

Spring officially begins on March 20! What better way to welcome it in than by decorating a new plant pot? Come join us on March 18 to paint a ceramic plant pot, handmade for you at our local pottery studio, the Staunton Clayground (www.stauntonclayground.com). Come with a friend or bring your kids along. This workshop is for people age 12+, but ages 6+ are welcome if working side-by-side with an adult participant. A Staunton Clayground instructor will lead the workshop, and they will provide all materials. Take your new pot home the same day, ready for your new spring planting! GHPGC, 4:30pm-6:30pm, March 18. Price: \$55. Register by: March 12

Soap Making

Be a maker! Learn to create your own natural soap during this sensory experience in the lost art of soap making. Attend on your own or make it an event for family, friends, or dates. All ingredients and supplies will be provided by Simone & Tuesday. You will leave this work shop with 5 bars of your own, handmade soap. All Ages (Children must be supervised and good listeners to ensure a safe and fun experience). Instructor Simone McKelvey of Simone & Tuesday. GHPGC, 1:30pm-4pm, March 22. Price: \$48. Register by: March 14

Spring Window Accents

Spring has almost sprung! Come paint three colorful seasonal window accents, handmade for you by our local pottery studio, the Staunton Clayground (www.stauntonclayground.com). Choose from a variety of shapes including flowers, bunnies and Easter eggs. Come with a friend or bring your kids along. This workshop is for people age 12+, but ages 6+ are welcome if working side-by-side with an adult participant. A Staunton Clayground instructor will lead the workshop, and they will provide all materials, including ribbons, so that you can take your handmade window accent home to hang the same day. GHPGC, 4:30pm-6pm, April 15. Price: \$45. Register by: April 9



Pre-K/Toddler

Toddler/Pre-K Open Gym

As the weather cools down and the snow begins to fall, we find ourselves cooped up with not many options to run and play. Join us Wednesday mornings at the Gypsy Hill Park Gymnasium. We will have balls, toys, and games available for little ones, as well as plenty of open space for running and being silly. Parent/guardian must remain present with their children. Ages 5 and under. GHPG, 9:30am-11:30am, Wednesdays through March. Price: \$3/child each visit. *Please note: this program will be unavailable on the fourth Wednesday of every month.

Handprints

Handprints is a child-centered art program where our youngest artists are free to explore and be creative. Children will enjoy a variety of materials and techniques at their own pace: play dough, easel painting, and a special project each week. Emphasis will be on the imaginative process and not the final product, building essential cognitive skills along the way. Best of all we supply everything you and your child need and take care of all the cleanup. Ages 2-5 (with adult). Instructor: Samantha Campbell of "Hey-Ho-Lets Grow". NSC, 9:30am-10:30am, Price: \$38.

- Five Tuesdays beginning January 7. Register by: January 3
- Five Tuesdays beginning February 25. Register by: February 18

Explorers Club

Who wants to have some fun? Join the Explorers Club for new experiences, visiting exciting sites or having a great outdoor adventure. Let your child become a young adventurer with monthly journeys to a variety of locations. The Explorers Club will have planned trips from February-June. Ages 5 and under (parents must remain present on all adventures). Trips held 10am-noon on the third Friday of each month. Price: \$10 for the season. Register anytime!



Rock Hopper Toddler Hiking Club

Do you want to get outside with your toddler and discover more? We will give you the tips and tricks to feel confident heading out with your child while we hike the variety of trails at Montgomery Hall Park. Over this session, we will cover topics like choosing the right trail, dressing for success, and packing properly. Our instructor will go over trail safety, "leave no trace", selecting the best trail depending on your child's abilities, and how to make each adventure fun and engaging even if you only make it a short distance with your child. Ages 5 and under (with adult). Instructor: Samantha Campbell of "Hey-Ho-Lets Grow". MHP, 1:30pm-3pm, six Tuesdays beginning April 1. Price: \$36. Register by: March 25

Little Movers

Let's get our groove on! This creative movement class is made for pre-school age kids who like to move and dance. Through fun activities and structured play, your child will exercise their mind and body. This environment allows those creative juices to start flowing and helps provide a positive outlet that promotes health and self-confidence. Ages 3-5. Instructor: Riva Mains. GHPGC. Price: \$38. Register a week in advance

- 4:30pm-5:15pm, six Mondays begins February 3 (no class on Feb. 17)
- 10am-10:45am, six Thursdays begins February 13
- 4:30pm-5:15pm, six Mondays begins April 7
- 10am-10:45am, six Thursdays begins April 10



Youth/Teen

Camp Staunton

Theme: 'All Aboard!'

June 2 - July 25

Your child will benefit from warm days outside in our beautiful city parks, swimming, fun and games with friends, and some of the best staff and care in our area. We hope you will join us for an amazing summer at Camp Staunton in 2025! Qualified and Mature staff, Park Setting Outdoors with acres of green space, Creativity through free play, Enrichment and Group Activities, Choices and Interests: Your child will choose from many activities like pickleball, archery, hiking, arts/crafts, outdoor games, fishing, and much more. Does your child need Exercise? Whether it is organized or unorganized play, there is no way around it. The Staunton Parks and Recreation summer camp program has been in operation for over 40 years. Our reputation precedes us; just ask any previous summer camp parent or camper about this program. Register for the entire eight-week program, or pre-register for certain weeks. *Space is limited! Registration for City of Staunton residents ONLY begins Monday, February 10, 6:30pm at the Gypsy Hill Park Gym. Registration for non-city residents begins Tuesday, February 18, at the recreation office in Montgomery Hall Park.*

Denim Paint Party-Your Era

In Partnership with the Art Hive

Calling all Swifties! Together, we can get down to some sick beats while painting our own denim. All art materials will be provided, just bring whatever denim you want to paint. Whether its pants, shirts, or jackets; you can make it your own! We will have snacks, drinks, and the tunes to help make your era fabulous. All ages. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. *GHPG, 10am-1pm, January 25. Price: \$5. Register by: January 20*

Drama Club Junior

Join the American Shakespeare Center Drama Club (Junior) to build confidence and expand creativity with the ultimate team sport: theatre. The ASC Drama Club's 14-week class will explore Shakespeare's language and stagecraft through play, culminating in a final performance of an original, abridged Shakespeare play at the Blackfriars Playhouse on Saturday, April 26. Included in the cost of the ASC Drama Club is a ticket for each participant to join the group on a field trip to see King Lear at the American Shakespeare Center. Instructor: Lia Wallace of American Shakespeare Center. Ages 8-13. *NSC, 1pm-3pm, 14 Sundays beginning January 26. Price: \$185. For more information, contact Lia Wallace at lia.wallace@americanshakespearecenter.com or by phone at 540.885-5588 ext. 110.*

Drama Club Senior

Join the American Shakespeare Center Drama Club (Senior) to develop a deeper understanding of Shakespeare's language and stagecraft through performance. Participants will work on a variety of pieces throughout the 14-week class, culminating in a final performance of scenes at the Blackfriars Playhouse on Friday, April 25. Included in the cost of the ASC Drama Club is a ticket for each participant to join the group on a field trip to see King Lear at the American Shakespeare Center. Instructor: Lia Wallace of American Shakespeare Center. Ages 14-18. *NSC, 4:30pm-6:30pm, 14 Sundays beginning January 26. Price: \$185. For more information, contact Lia Wallace at lia.wallace@americanshakespearecenter.com or by phone at 540.885-5588 ext. 110.*

Corky Creature Creations

Is your youngster interested in art but you don't know where to start? The Art Hive has provided the perfect stepping stone for kids to start their creative journey with easy art kits. We will make a 'Corky Monster' that will show your child how to use different materials to create their own unique piece of artwork! Ages: 9-12. Instructor: Ana Fugate. *MHPA, 4:30pm-5:15pm, February 6. Price: \$10. Register by: January 31*



GIRLS NIGHT OUT!

Spend a night out with the girls, make new friends, and enjoy an evening of fun! Celebrate Galentines Day in an environment that encourages creativity and connection. This night will include crafting lanterns and valentines, treating ourselves to manicures, and indulging in self-care. We will provide snacks and everything the girls will need to have a safe, fun night! Ages 8+. Instructor: Samantha Campbell of "Hey Ho Let's Grow". *NSC, 5:30pm-8:30pm, February 7. Price: \$30. Register by: February 1*

Chess for Beginners

This is a beginner course to introduce students to the game of chess and build their critical and strategic thinking. Students will learn the rules of chess, basic strategy/tactics, and develop a love of the game. As both a game and an intellectual exercise, playing chess furthers many important goals, including improving students' concentration, self-discipline, logical thinking, short- and long-range planning, and understanding the consequences of making good and bad decisions. Ages 5-8. Instructor: George Gruner. *MHPA, 4:15pm-5pm. Eight Tuesdays beginning March 4. Price: \$35. Register by: February 25*

Advanced Chess

We will work on chess endgame strategy and tactics. Topics will include pawn endings, the king is in jeopardy, using the king as an offensive weapon, when and how to attempt to get a stalemate, and mastering numerous checkmates (by training one's mind to look for them). Playing time will be part of each session. The class will be limited to students who have a strong understanding of the game of chess. Ages 8-18 or younger if the student has completed a previous chess class. Ages 8-18 or younger if the student has completed a previous chess class or with the permission of the instructor. Instructor: George Gruner. *MHPA, 5pm-6:15pm. Eight Tuesdays beginning March 4. Price: \$40. Register by: February 25*

Art-Ventures-Afterschool

A fun and creative program where kids can uncover their inner artist each week! Kids will explore new mediums and methods of painting, drawing, sculpting, etc. coming home with master pieces of their own. Students will use a variety of clay, wood, paint, fabric, and charcoal to create their own unique art pieces. Ages 6+. Instructor: Samantha Campbell of "Hey-Ho-Lets-Grow". *NSC, 4:30pm-5:30pm, four Tuesdays beginning February 25. Price \$55. Register by: February 20*

Adventure Bound After School Hiking Club

Participants will gather after school, make a healthy snack, and venture outside. Some of the topics we will explore: Learn how to set up a tent and the concept of "leave no trace", read a topographical map, general compass use, do an "urban hike" downtown and explore a variety of trails in and around the city. Instructor: Samantha Campbell of "Hey-Ho Lets Grow" is a Shenandoah Valley native and dedicated early childhood educator with over 10 years of experience. She has a passion for nurturing creativity in children and the outdoors. Ages 6+. *MHP, 4:30pm-6pm, Six Tuesdays beginning April 1. Price: \$40. Register by: March 26*

Rock Climbing Club-After School

A 4 week after school program for youth to learn the basics of rock climbing & belaying in a safe environment. Vivid Earth Adventures staff will set new routes each week to challenge climbers and will encourage growth and fun for the group. Helmets, harnesses, and climbing shoes provided. Participants should wear comfortable and weather appropriate clothing. All registrants must have Acknowledgement of Risk and Health forms signed and submitted in order to participate. Using "Monkey Hardware," Vivid Earth will utilize trees for rock climbing routes, in addition to other elements that will aid in classes. Ages 9-13. The class will meet at Gypsy Hill Park-Golf Pavilion in Staunton for drop off (4:15) and pickup (6pm). Lead Instructor, Casey Tucker, is a Top Rope Climbing Instructor certified through PCIA and brings 14+ years of experience in outdoor & adventure recreation and youth development. *GHP-Golf Pavilion, 4:15pm-6pm. Four Tuesdays beginning April 22. Price: \$120. Register by: April 17*

Archery Club

This club is designed for youth to participate in a weekly archery program at Montgomery Hall Park. Students will learn archery basics and develop their knowledge and skills so that they are comfortable shooting bow and arrow, become familiar with archery equipment, and follow safety guidelines on the shooting range. This program is made possible by an equipment loan program through a grant received by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR). Ages 8+. Instructor: Liz Hadley. Five-week program beginning April 14. Program will include Archery safety workshop for all students. *Mondays from 4pm-5:15pm, MHP. Price: \$45. Register by: April 4*



Outdoor Adventures



Fly Fishing 101

Warm weather is coming so grab your gear and get ready to fish. This class will introduce the basics of fly-fishing including casting, knot tying, and angling techniques. Each class will consist of classroom learning, hands-on casting, and being able to assess fish habitats and which fly will be most effective. All necessary equipment will be provided but bringing your own is encouraged. Each participant is responsible for acquiring a fishing license with a trout stamp. Ages 15+. Instructor: Justin Fischbach of Middle River Outfitters. *GHPG, 5:30pm-6:45pm, four Wednesdays beginning March 19. Price: \$60. Register by: March 12*

Fly Fishing-Intermediate/Advanced

Warm weather is coming so grab your gear and get ready to fish. This class will go over advanced techniques and their applications. You will have the opportunity to refine your skills and expand your knowledge beyond the basics. Each class will consist of classroom learning, hands-on casting, and being able to assess fish habitats and which fly will be most effective. Our last class will include a 2-hour session on a private stream. All necessary equipment will be provided but bringing your own is encouraged. Each participant is responsible for acquiring a fishing license with a trout stamp. Must have previous experience or completion of the basics course to participate in this class. Ages 15+. Instructor: Justin Fischbach of Middle River Outfitters. *GHPG, 7pm-8:30pm, four Wednesdays beginning March 19 (No class on April 9) and final class (April 16) location is at a private stream from 6pm-8pm. Price: \$100. Register by: March 12*

Parent-Kid Beginner Wild Caving near Bridgewater VA

An afternoon of learning basic caving safety, underground navigation, and some elementary limestone geology; ages 7-11 (each child must be accompanied by a registered parent/guardian). All technical gear is provided; a personal suggested clothing list, Medical Form/Participant Agreement, and driving directions to the activity meetup will be supplied by WILD GUYde Adventures after registration; *Saturday, February 1, 1-5pm. Price: \$42/person. Register by: January 22*

Intermediate Wild Caving Near Bridgewater VA

This is a wild caving trip for individuals who have been on a WGA Beginner Caving trip in the past, and are ready to go a little more strenuous and adventurous; ages 12 through adult (teens may attend unaccompanied, but their transportation must be provided by a parent or guardian); all technical gear is provided; a personal suggested clothing list, Medical Form/Participant Agreement, and driving directions to the activity meetup will be supplied by Wild GUYde Adventures after registration; *Saturday, February 15, 8:30am-Noon. Price: \$42/person. Register by: February 5*

Parent-Kid Beginner Rock Climbing in the George Washington Natl. Forest

Enjoy a full day of learning to climb and belay in the George Washington National Forest. Let WILD GUYde Adventures lead you on an outdoor adventure! This experience is open to ages 7-11 (each child must be accompanied by a registered parent/guardian). All technical gear is provided; a personal suggested clothing list and a Medical Form/Participation Agreement will be supplied after registration. *Location: George Washington National Forest, Saturday, March 29, 9am-5pm. Price: \$75/person. Register by: March 19*

For Ages 50 and Wiser:

BENEFITS OF OUTDOOR PROGRAMS FOR 50+ POPULATION

The events below are paced and scaled to be age-appropriate. They do not require super-athletic ability, but participants should be reasonably active, without significant movement limitations (significant overweightness or low fitness, mobility or Musculo-skeletal restrictions). We will enjoy being together in the outdoors, and we will not be comparing ourselves to twenty-somethings!

Benefits to jumping aboard:

- Spending time in our gorgeous and local outdoors
- Being with others who like movement and fun
- Adding to your learning about outdoor safety and activity skills
- Possibly some new clothing! Participate in 3 or more of these Senior Adventures during 2025 and receive the WILD GUYde Adventures 2025 OLD MOUNTAIN GOAT* t-shirt, along with all the rights, privileges, and adulation pertaining thereto! (*Gets Out And Tries Stuff)

Indoor Climbing at the EMU Climbing Wall

Come hang with us and explore the vertical world at a beginner level at EMU's state of the art climbing facility. Learn how to harness up, belay, and try your hand at getting up off the ground on some moderate climbs. All technical gear and instruction provided; a personal suggested clothing list, Medical Form/Participant Agreement, and driving directions to the activity meetup will be supplied by Wild GUYde Adventures after registration. Ages: 50+. *Location: Eastern Mennonite University, Tuesday, March 4, 1pm-4pm. Price: \$36. Register by: February 21*

High Knob Fire Tower Hike

Enjoy the great outdoors with an afternoon hike to a summit and restored stone fire tower in the George Washington Natl. Forest. Along our hike learn some basic outdoor safety. All technical gear and instruction is provided; a personal suggested clothing list, Medical Form/Participant Agreement, and driving directions to the activity meetup will be supplied by Wild GUYde Adventures after registration. Ages: 50+. *Location: George Washington National Forest, Thursday, April 24, 1pm-5pm. Price: \$30. Register by: April 14*

Paddling at Lake Shenandoah

Test your sea-legs with an afternoon session of learning basic paddle-strokes, partnering, and boat-handling skills (canoe and kayak) on flatwater. Enjoy some peaceful paddling in this beautiful setting. Come early and enjoy your bag lunch on the lake-bank. All technical gear and instruction provided; a personal suggested clothing list, Medical Form/Participant Agreement, and driving directions to the activity meetup will be supplied by Wild GUYde Adventures after registration. Ages: 50+. *Location: Lake Shenandoah, Wednesday, May 14, 1pm-4pm. Price: \$54. Register by: May 2*





GYPSY HILL
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WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS TO PLAY AT GYPSY HILL GOLF COURSE:

FEES

- 18 hole cart fee: \$15
- 18 hole green fee: \$15 Monday through Thursday, \$20 Friday through Sunday
- 9 hole cart fee (1-7, 13&14): \$10
- 9 hole green fee (1-7, 13&14): \$10
- Monday through Thursday after 2pm: \$20 includes cart and green fee or \$10 green fee only
- Monday through Thursday after 5pm: \$15 includes cart and green fee or \$10 green fee only
- Friday through Sunday after 2pm: \$25 includes cart and green fee
- VSGA rate (only 4 plays annually) Monday through Thursday after 10am: \$25
- VSGA rate (only 4 plays annually) Friday through Sunday after 12pm: \$25

MEMBERSHIP RATES

- Adult member fee: \$450
- All-inclusive member plan: \$1400
- Junior member fee (17 and under): \$100
- Cart Plan \$950

WINTER HOURS: 9am - 4pm Sunday through Saturday

SPRING HOURS: 8am - 5pm Sunday through Saturday

Wesley Allred, PGA

Lessons by appointment only

Adults one hour lesson: \$50

Seniors one hour lesson: \$40

Juniors one hour lesson: \$25

Playing lessons: \$80

Gypsy Hill Golf Course offers an easy online tee time booking platform.

No need to call the shop, just book online at gypsyhillgolfcourse.com.

Gypsy Hill Golf Course is an official First Tee site. To register for classes, go to thefirstteeharrisonburgva@gmail.com or simply call 540-437-4239 to register.

Gypsy Hill Golf Course Tournament Schedule for 2025

MARCH 22	Ice Breaker 3 best ball of 4, 9am shotgun start
MARCH 24-27	Spiking Greens
APRIL 19-20	Member-Member Texas Scramble, 9am shotgun start
APRIL 26	Eagles Tournament, 9am shotgun start
MAY 10	Staunton High Boosters 4person captain's choice, 9am shotgun start
JUNE 7-8	Dave Miller Memorial, 8:30am shotgun both days
JUNE 21	Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta Boys and Girls Club Tourney, shotgun start 8am and 1pm
JUNE 28-29	Deaver 2person Team Championship, 8am shotgun start
JULY 12-13	Gypsy Hill 2person Team Championship, 8am shotgun start
JULY 26	Sherando United Methodist Church Tourney, 4 person CC, 8am start
AUGUST 9-10	Gypsy Hill Club Championship, 8am shotgun start
SEPT 20-21	The Shootout 2person captain's choice, 9am shotgun start
SEPT 22-25	Spiking Greens
NOV 15	Turkey Tournament (teams drawn), 10am shotgun start
DEC 13	Christmas Bowl (teams drawn), 10am shotgun start

ONLINE REGISTRATION

www.staunton.va.us/recreation

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION

NAME _____ Date of Birth _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE AM/PM _____ EMAIL _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT ADDRESS _____

Program/Class/Trip _____ Program Date/Time _____ \$ Price _____

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Program/Class/Trip Total (Do not include materials fee) _____

Adults (Over 55) 10% Discount (excludes trip & special event prices) _____

Non-City Residents Fee add \$2.00 per program/class/trip per person _____

Total sent: _____

Travel Policy:

All trips are to be paid in full when signing up unless another specific option is available where a minimum of 50% deposit is required for each person. Once a payment is received from a patron they are considered to have an official spot on the trip if there is available space. All patrons understand that there is a no refund policy in effect unless the Recreation department decides to cancel a trip. It is at the Recreation department's discretion on the cancellation of trips and most will be done in a timely manner. In some extreme cases such as death or serious medical conditions a refund may be available to a patron of a trip minus any expense the Recreation department may incur. Name changing fees may occur on trips involving plane flights. In cases regarding deposits; if the balance isn't paid by the deadline, patron may lose full deposit and spot on the trip.

Before registration form is complete, you will be required to sign and date on the reverse side of this form that you have read, understand and accept this addition to our registration process. If registering for a trip, please list EMERGENCY CONTACT (name, address, and phone number).

WALK-IN: Irene Givens Admin Building - Montgomery Hall Park
1000 Montgomery Ave - Staunton, VA 24401

MAIL-IN: Mail your completed registration form & check to:
Staunton Parks & Recreation Department - PO Box 58 - Staunton, VA 24402-0058

www.staunton.va.us/recreation - www.facebook.com/StauntonRecreationParks



PARENT'S AND PARTICIPANT'S INFORMED CONSENT, AUTHORIZATION, AND RELEASE

(This is a legal document. Read carefully before signing.)

To the fullest extent permitted by law, in consideration of the person noted below being allowed to participate, with each and all person/s acknowledging the opportunity to ask questions, be aware and receive full information, understanding and give voluntary consent regarding the potential risks in any physical or other activity/ies involved generally and particularly and inherently in parks and/or recreation programs, including those inherent related to a trip or travel, the undersigned individual/s VOLUNTARILY AND UNCONDITIONALLY on behalf of the undersigned and as well as by the participant personally, if the participant is at least 18 years of age, and for successors in interest AGREE that the undersigned:

- **ASSUMES ALL RISKS**, and
- **FOREVER WAIVE/S AND RELEASE/S** the City of Staunton, its departments and agencies, officials, employees, agents, representatives and volunteers (individually and collectively the "City") from any claims and liability of any nature whatsoever, for **ANY KIND OF PERSONAL INJURY, ILLNESS, DEATH, EXPENSE, COST, AND DAMAGES** except those not subject to waiver or release under the law, and
- **FOREVER WAIVE/S AND RELEASE/S ALL PROPERTY DAMAGE, LOSS AND/OR DAMAGES** that may relate, directly or indirectly, to the program and activity/ies connected with the City in any aspect of it/them at any time and at any place whether before, during or afterwards, and
- **FOREVER AUTHORIZE/S** the City to seek and obtain **CARE, MEDICAL ATTENTION AND TREATMENT** of any kind for the participant whether the treatment occurs without knowledge of the quality of care or treatment provider or facility, and ACCEPTS FULL RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR ANY CHARGES OR EXPENSES AND/OR COSTS incurred or related to such care and treatment, including EXPENSE related to transportation or early return home, whether or not it is covered by any insurance policy, plan or program or agreement of any kind.

* Pursuant to the City's Travel Policy (See Reverse Side), which is incorporated by reference and may be changed at any time, once payment is made for the program or activity, including any required deposit or payment in full, there is NO REFUND unless an authorized City person cancels the trip entirely, with such a decision being within the sole discretion of the City. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE in making any payment by the designated time. The failure to make timely payment strictly as specified completely waives the opportunity to participate in the program or activity without further notice. Each provision of this document is separable, and each such provision, including each clause, stands on its own. The City does not waive and expressly preserves any immunity of any kind as allowed by law.

Participant Signature: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Witness _____

Date: _____

If participant is a minor under the age of 18

Participant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Name/s: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature/s: _____

Our Mission:

To provide a variety of quality leisure opportunities for the purpose of improving Stauntonian's quality of life via well maintained historic parks housing superior facilities paired with innovative recreation programs, athletic leagues, trips, and outstanding child-minding programs.

Our Parks and Recreation Brochure

This publication is our way to directly connect with the citizens of Staunton and share our most current listing of recreational offerings. This includes enrichment programming, trips, special events, childcare, athletic leagues, Gypsy Hill Golf information, park and project updates.

Brochure Schedule:

BROCHURE CYCLE	DISTRIBUTION DATES
Winter/Spring covers January-April	Beginning of January
Summer covers May-August	End of April
Fall covers September-December	End of August

Ways to Register

Online, by mail or in person at 1000 Montgomery Hall Avenue, Staunton VA 24401

Online Registration

Visit our new and improved city website to register for classes, trips, and leagues through our new software system. Individuals must create a customer profile on the portal which will allow for easy access and a simple, customer friendly experience! www.staunton.va.us/recreation

Register by mail:

Send a completed registration form to:
Staunton Parks and Recreation
PO Box 58
Staunton, VA 24402-0058

Early Registration

Whether or not we can hold a class usually depends on the number of registered program participants we have by a certain deadline. Please register soon and early to avoid having to cancel a program or workshop.

Office Information:

1000 Montgomery Avenue
Staunton, VA 24401

Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm
Main office: 540.332.3945
Weather cancellation line: 540.332.3947
Fax: 540.332.3983
Park Maintenance: 540.332.3945
Gypsy Hill Golf Shop: 540.332.3949

Overnight Travel Policy

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Program and Day Trip Refund Policy

In the case of a cancellation by Parks and Recreation staff, the refund will be issued in the form of a check through the City's Finance Department. Check will be mailed to the address on file. Please allow a minimum of 2-3 weeks for refunds by check.

No refunds or credits will be given for any program or activity sessions missed by the participant.

If adequate advance notice is provided, we will refund the full amount of the program less any non-recoverable expenses, as listed below. If there is a waiting list and we are able to fill your spot on a day-trip or in a program, you will receive a full refund.

General Program or One-Day Trip: Full refund prior to the registration deadline, less any non-recoverable expenses (pre-paid meals, lodging, tickets, etc.)

If adequate advance notice prior to the registration deadline is not given, and your space cannot be filled, all fees are forfeited.

Inclusion Statement

It is the goal of Staunton Parks and Recreation to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for all individuals of all abilities who wish to participate in recreational activities and programs and experience the benefits and opportunities provided through the services offered by Staunton Parks and Recreation.

Staunton Parks and Recreation will accommodate any reasonable request to assist people with disabilities and special needs and support various learning styles. Individuals who require additional support are encouraged to complete the Accommodation Request Form two weeks in advance of the program or activity in which they plan to participate, to assist Parks and Recreation staff in its efforts to create a positive recreation experience for the participant. For questions, please call 540.332.3945. The Accommodation Request form can be found here: www.staunton.va.us/Accommodation.

Notice and Prohibition Against Discrimination

The City of Staunton is committed to equal opportunity and compliance otherwise with all nondiscrimination laws. The City of Staunton is an inclusive locality and environment.

The City of Staunton does not discriminate and prohibits unlawful discrimination and harassment against any person on the basis of race, creed, religion or religious belief, color, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, age, sex or gender, sexual orientation, disability, military or veteran status or on any unlawful basis.

No qualified person on the basis of disability will, on the basis of disability, be denied the benefits of local government services, programs, or activities. If any person has a disability or otherwise needs special consideration, the City welcomes contact and will provide information and address special needs in compliance with the law.

Any unlawful discrimination should be reported immediately to any City-designated person and any City department director, or to the City Manager or designee, or to any member of the Staunton City Council. Such discrimination also may be reported to any state or federal agency which is responsible for compliance with nondiscrimination laws, such as the U.S. Justice Department, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or any other federal or state agency with jurisdiction.

The City of Staunton also prohibits unlawful retaliation against any person who files a report or complaint about discrimination.

To contact the City Manager's office to report any unlawful discrimination or retaliation or to request special arrangements because of disability, please call 540.332.3814.





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Wintergreen-Tubing Night

What's taller than a ten-story building and longer than three football fields? THE PLUNGE, Virginia's largest tubing hill. With all thrills and chills without the spills at the speeds of 30 mph. The Plunge brings you and your tube comfortably and quickly back up the hill so you can do it again and again for some tubular fun. March 2, 4:15pm-5:45pm. Get your discount tickets online or at the rec office. \$30/person

