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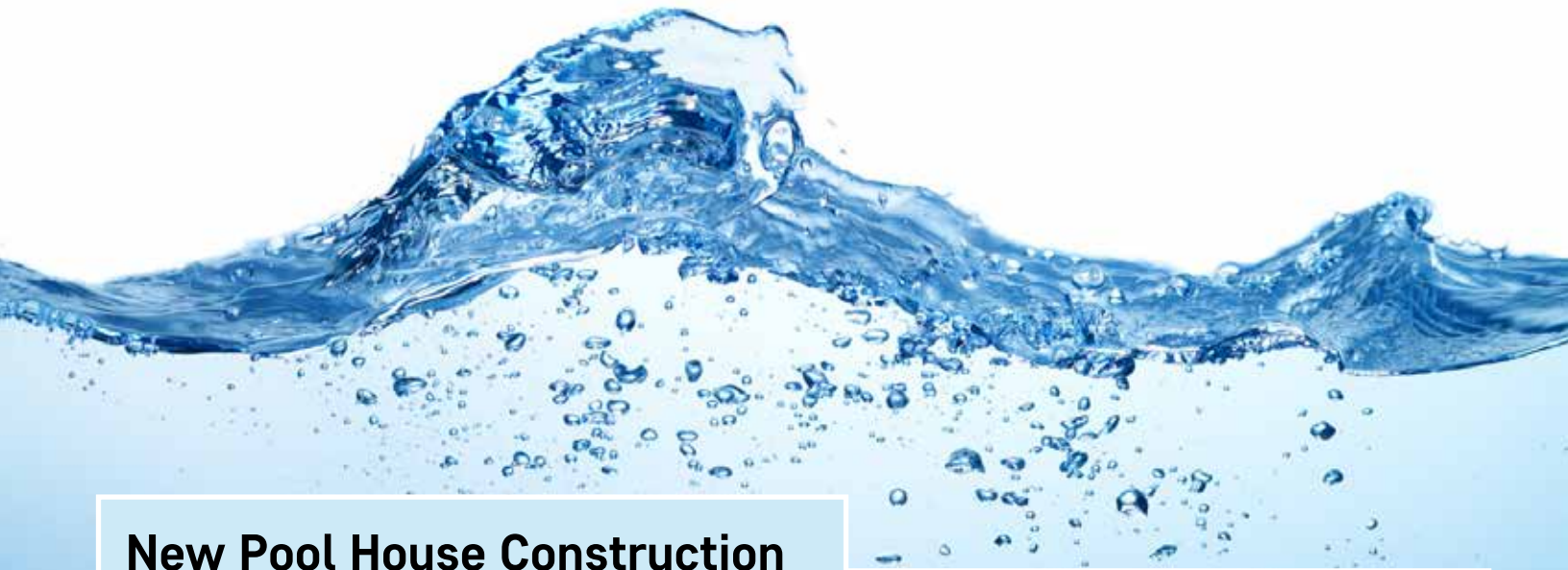
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Employee Spotlight

Meet Assistant Superintendent of Parks, Dontate Diggs

Dontate started as part-time seasonal help in 2021, and quickly became full time as an equipment operator. He went on to earn two promotions as crew leader and current Asst. Superintendent of Parks. Dontate is an integral part of our parks team and can be found leading various operations that keep our parks beautiful. He enjoys spending time with his family, making music, and fishing.



New Pool House Construction at Gypsy Hill Park Pool

The previous pool house, built in 1958, had served our community for decades. The old facility required visitors to navigate steep stairs or a long ramp to reach restrooms and changing areas, creating barriers for families with young children, seniors, and individuals with mobility challenges.

Our new facility will be accessible at ground level, ensuring that all can enjoy the Gypsy Hill Park Pool comfortably and safely. Construction started in August 2025 with completion planned for May 2026.

What's Changing?

- Ground Level Access - Direct walkway from parking to pool deck
- Individual Restrooms - Private, unisex facilities providing security and convenience for families
- Covered Concession Area - Improved kitchen facilities and shaded space
- Enhanced Storage - More space for pool equipment and maintenance, improving operational efficiency



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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.

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

540.332.3947

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Community Events

The Gypsy Yard Sale

Saturday, February 7, 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, February 6. No items brought in Saturday morning. Pre-registration and pre-payment for tables required. Please register online or in person at the Recreation department. Registration begins early January.

Snow Ball

In Partnership with Valley Program for Aging Services (VPAS)
Friday, February 20, 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 14, Frontier Culture Museum
In partnership with the 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 you will select your tee time when registering. Wearing Green and fun St. Patrick's Day clothing is encouraged. 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. Online Registration available soon. Thank you to event Sponsor McDonough Toyota.

Eggstravaganza

Saturday, March 28, 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



Staunton Senior Health EXPO

Friday, April 17, 9am-1pm, Gypsy Hill Park Gymnasium
Staunton Parks and Recreation's 4th 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 Hummel or email at fugatear@ci.staunton.va.us



Earth Day Staunton

Saturday, April 25, 11am-3pm, Bandstand at Gypsy Hill Park
Celebrate Earth Day with us! 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

32nd Annual YOUTH Fishing Derby

Saturday, May 2, 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 9, 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.



Master Gardeners

Winter Sowing

Indoor seed sowing got you grumpy and glum? Tired of trying to imitate mother nature? Welcome to the wonderful world of winter sowing. Together, we will start our seeds indoors and learn the proper techniques and care, in order for them to survive and thrive, until it is time to be planted. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a guardian. Instructor: Master Gardeners. MHPA, 10am-11:30am, January 31. Price: \$10. Register by: January 26

Teas from the Garden

This class offers a detailed look at the art of tea making. Several common plants are featured for their edible and medicinal history and use. Some you may know, some may be a surprise! Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a guardian. Instructor: Master Gardeners. MHPA, 10am-11:30am, February 28. Price: \$5. Register by: February 23

Indoor Composting-Vermicomposting

Want to create a compost indoors? This class will take away the confusion of vermicomposting as well as show you the science behind it all. You will leave prepared to keep your compost indoors with a vermicomposting bin and all the knowledge you will need to successfully create rich compost. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a guardian. Instructor: Master Gardeners. GHPGC, 10am-11:30am, March 21. Price: \$12. Register by: March 16



Athletics

Youth

Augusta United Spring 2026 Recreational Soccer

Augusta United Soccer Club strives to provide all youth superior, comprehensive soccer programming emphasizing player development, enjoyment, and character. The rec program prioritizes providing a Fun, Fair, and Safe environment for players of all skill levels. Registration will be open in January for all programs U4 (2023) - U19 (2008). Practice will start at the beginning of March. Games are on Saturdays. More competitive travel league play available too. *Learn more at <https://www.augustaunitedsc.org/> or call 540.466.1581.*

Kiwanis Youth Baseball

Spring baseball is right around the corner. Registration Fee \$40. Second child \$30. Family maximum \$80, regardless of number of children. Any child aged 4-12 is eligible to play. Most games played at the Kiwanis Baseball Complex in Gypsy Hill Park. Registration will open January 1, 2026. *For more information see stauntonkbb.com. Questions? Call the Staunton Recreation Office at 540.332.3945.*

Junior Pickleball Clinic

Interested in Pickleball or wanting to improve your game? We have the solution! This fun-filled, two-hour session is designed for our younger players looking to receive expert coaching, enhancing your skills and enjoying the dynamic game of pickleball. It will be a perfect setting for young players to make friends and improve their game in a supportive environment. Course is designed for all levels from beginners to advanced players. Space is limited so register early! Instructor: Devon Engleman of Shenandoah Valley Pickleball. *Held at Montgomery Hall Park, Saturday, March 7, 9am-11am. Ages: 8-15. Price: \$20. Deadline to register: March 2*



Adult

Adult Co-Ed Spring Softball League

Batter Up! Co-Ed Spring Softball is back! Grab your bat bag and glove and meet us at the ball park! League play will begin on May 12. Game nights will be on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Montgomery Hall Park. Three (3) ladies required on the field. League fee will be \$380. 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 26. Once you register, you will receive a team roster that must be completed by opening day!*



Staunton GOLD CUP Futsal Tournament

It's back! Local soccer and futsal players have been asking when we are going to hold a World Cup or Champions League style league or tournament? Well, the answer is NOW! The 4th Annual Staunton Gold Cup is open to any team, old or new. Teams will be placed in groups and all teams will be guaranteed a minimum of six group games. The top teams in each group will advance to the knockout stages with Staunton crowning its 2025 GOLD CUP champion. Here is more cool stuff! All teams will receive Staunton Gold Cup uniform shirts and the winning team will receive the Staunton GOLD CUP trophy; team members will also receive individual tournament champion medals! This tournament will be limited to 16 teams. Registration on a first-come, first-serve basis. *Deadline to register is March 20. Tournament play will begin on April 2. Tournament fee will be \$250 per team. For any additional information call Ken Jacobsen at 540.332.3945.*

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Players may only play on one tournament team
- Teams can have a maximum of 10 players on roster
- Teams will be placed in groups randomly

Skills and Drills Pickleball Clinic

Whether you are looking to sharpen your techniques or improve your gameplay strategy, this clinic is for you! Enhance your skills in a fun, engaging environment with personalized coaching and targeted drills. Improve your pickleball skills and knowledge. This series is designed for advanced beginners and above looking for an opportunity to elevate their game! Instructor: Devon Engleman of Shenandoah Valley Pickleball. *Held at Montgomery Hall Park, 5:30pm-6:30pm, Wednesdays: April 8, 22 & 29. Price for the three-date series: \$20. Register by: April 1*

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

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 6
- Late Winter session begins March 3
- Spring session begins April 14

Flame Fitness – Fit Fridays

Start your day off right with a Flame Fitness morning workout. Join us at 6am on Friday mornings in the Garden Center for a high intensity interval training workout (HIIT). These workouts are welcome to anyone at the beginner and intermediate levels and is a great environment to challenge yourself physically. Instructor: Jocelyn Jazwinski with Flame Fitness. Ages: 18+. *GHPGC, 6am-7am, Friday Mornings beginning in March. Price: \$20/month*

Adapted Open Gym

We want to create an open environment for individuals with disabilities or special needs to have the opportunity to participate in physical activity, make new friends, and have a great time. We encourage everyone to bring a packed lunch so we can enjoy a meal together after all the fun has concluded. *GHPG, 11am-12pm, Thursdays beginning January 8 through March. If required, please be accompanied by a caregiver or chaperone. Price: Free!*

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, 10:15am-11am, Tuesdays January to March. No fee for the program but registration is required*

Japanese Swordsmanship

Two styles of Japanese Swordsmanship are offered!! Kendo & Seiteigata laido. Kendo is a form of Japanese fencing with lots of sparring and paired training. Kendo is more than just learning to swing a sword. It is also about proper discipline and spirit. Iaido is the Japanese sword art of drawing and cutting in one motion. This is a solo art and is a great martial art for mental concentration. Equipment will be provided. Instructor: John Smitka. *GHPGC, Iaido 6pm-7pm, Kendo 7pm-8:50pm. Tuesdays. Join monthly sessions beginning 1st Tuesday of each month. Price: \$65/month*





We welcome all visitors to play 'The Hill'!

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.

CONTACT: Phone: 540.332.3949

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Gypsy Hill Golf Course 2026 Tournament Schedule

MARCH 21	Ice Breaker 2-person captain's choice 9am shotgun start
MARCH 23-26	Spiking Greens
APRIL 11-12	Member-Member 2-person captain's choice both days 9am shotgun start
MAY 9	Staunton High Boosters 4-person captain's choice 9am shotgun start
MAY 23	Middlebrook Fire Dept. 4-person captain's choice 8am start
JUNE 6-7	Dave Miller Memorial, 8:30am shotgun both days
JUNE 13	Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta Boys and Girls Club Tourney, shotgun start 8am and 1pm
JUNE 27-28	Deaver 2-person team championship 8am shotgun start both days
JULY 11-12	Gypsy Hill 2-person team championship, 8am shotgun start
JULY 18	Sherando United Methodist Church Tourney 4 person CC, 8am start
AUGUST 8-9	Gypsy Hill 2-person team club championship 8am shotgun start
SEPT 12-13	The Shootout 2-person captain's choice 8:30am shotgun start
SEPT 21-24	Spiking Greens
NOV 21	Turkey Tournament (teams drawn), 10am shotgun start
DEC 12	Christmas Bowl (teams drawn), 10am shotgun start

For the Kids



Camp Staunton 'Let's Celebrate!'

June 1 - July 24

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 2026! 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 Tuesday, February 10, 8am at the recreation office in Montgomery Hall Park. Registration for Non-City Residents begins Tuesday, February 17, 8am at the recreation office in Montgomery Hall Park.*

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 (CASH ONLY) each visit. *Please note: this program will be unavailable on the fourth Wednesday of every month.*

Explorers Club

Who wants to have some fun? Join the Explorers Club for a variety of fun experiences, visiting exciting sites or having a great outdoor adventure. Let your child become a young adventurer with monthly journeys to new locations and making new memories with friends. The Explorers Club will have planned trips from February to November. Ages 5 and under (parents must remain present on all adventures). Trips held 10am-noon on the second Friday of each month. *Price: \$15 for the year (fee includes an Explorers Club t-shirt). Register anytime!*

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 need and take care of all the cleanup. Ages 2-5 (with adult). Instructor: Samantha Campbell of "Hey-Ho-Lets Grow". *NSC, 10am-11am, Price: \$38. Register a week in advance*

- Six Tuesday beginning January 13 (no class on February 10)
- Six Wednesdays beginning March 18

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 3-6. Instructor: Riva Mains. *GHPGC. Price: \$38. Register a week in advance*

- 5pm-5:45pm, six Mondays beginning February 16 & April 13
- 10am-10:45am, six Thursdays beginning February 19 & April 09

Little Movers & Me!

A creative movement class for you and your little one to do together! Bond with your little one as we play engaging dance games, feel the beat, and discover the joy of dance. Ages 1-2 (standing independently) for parents and kids to dance together. Instructor: Riva Mains. *GHPGC, 11am-11:30am, six Thursdays beginning February 19. Price: \$38. Register by: February 16*

Rock Hopper Hiking Club

Do you want to get outside with your little one and explore more? We will give you the tips and tricks to feel confident heading out with your child while we explore 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 7 and under (with adult). Instructor: Samantha Campbell of "Hey-Ho-Lets Grow". *MHP, 1:30pm-3pm, six Tuesdays beginning March 24. Price: \$55. Register by: March 20*

Youth/Teen

Makerspace: Cos-Prop Shop

Love cosplay? Gain and grow your skills in this series of workshops in sewing, foam construction, and more to create costumes of your favorite characters. Your child will get to utilize machines and techniques that are unique to Staunton Makerspace! Ages 12+. Instructor: Sean Psujek. *Staunton Makerspace, 5:30pm-7pm, Four Thursdays beginning January 22. Price: \$115. Register by: January 15*



Handprints: Intermediate

Same formula, older kiddos. Children will explore a wide range of materials and techniques including clay, watercolor, mixed media, and more. Ages 5-7 (with adult). Instructor: Samantha Campbell of "Hey-Ho-Lets Grow". *NSC, 12:30pm-1:30pm, Price: \$38. Register by a week in advance*
 • Six Tuesday beginning January 13 (no class on February 10)
 • Six Wednesdays beginning March 18

Galentines: 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, 5pm-7:30pm, January 30. Price: \$25. Register by: January 26*

Chess for Beginners

New to the game of chess? This class will start with the basic rules of the game, board orientation, and parts of the game like castling, checkmates, and stalemates. Students will also learn basic tactics/strategy, chess notation, pawn promotion, and a brief introduction to en passant. Good sportsmanship, etiquette, and enjoyment for the game will be modeled and stressed during each class. Instructor: George Gruner. *MHPA, 4:15pm-5pm, Eight Tuesdays beginning April 7. Price: \$32. Register by: March 31*



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. Register by a week in advance*
 • Six Tuesday beginning January 13 (no class on February 10)
 • Six Wednesdays beginning March 18

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 Sunday, 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 *Twelfth Night* at the American Shakespeare Center. Instructor: Lia Wallace of American Shakespeare Center. *Ages 8-13. NSC, 1pm-3pm, 14 Sundays beginning January 25. 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 Sunday, 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 *Twelfth Night* at the American Shakespeare Center. Instructor: Lia Wallace of American Shakespeare Center. *Ages 14-18. NSC, 4:30pm-6:30pm, 14 Sundays beginning January 25. Price: \$185. For more information, contact Lia Wallace at lia.wallace@americanshakespearecenter.com or by phone at 540.885-5588 ext. 110.*



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 5+. MHP, 4:30pm-6pm, six Tuesdays beginning March 24. Price: \$57. Register by: March 20*

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. Program will include Archery safety workshop for all students. MHP, 4pm-5:15pm, five Mondays beginning April 13. Price: \$45. Register by: April 6*

Schools Out, Trips On

Join Vivid Earth Adventures for spring break trips across the Shenandoah Valley! Big thrills, fresh air, friendship, and memories are in store! All trips meet at Montgomery Hall upper pavilions at 8am. Pickup is at 5pm. Participants should pack a lunch, water, and a backpack. Full packing list and detailed info will be sent to participants closer to the trip. Vivid Earth will provide all equipment necessary for the adventure and 2 snacks for the day. Vivid Earth youth programs are tech free, so leave the phones and screens at home to connect with nature and friends. *Price: \$85/day. Register by: One week in advance*

March 30, Ages 8-10. Rock Climbing

March 31, Ages 8-10. Caving

April 1, Ages 11-15. Rock Climbing

April 2, Ages 8-10. Hiking & Outdoor Skills

April 3, Ages 11-15. Caving



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". *NSCB, 5pm-7pm, March 20. Price: \$20. Register by: March 13*

Body Butter Creation & Natural Exfoliation

Remove the old with the natural exfoliation of your handmade sugar scrub and make your own body butter using shea butter, mango butter and essential oils. All ingredients and supplies will be provided by Simone & Tuesday. You will leave this work shop with your own natural products and some insider knowledge on keeping things natural. A fun, relaxing, and engaging session with fellow community members. *Ages 6 and up (Children must be supervised and good listeners to ensure a safe and fun experience) Instructor: Simone McKelvey of Simone & Tuesday. MHPA, 2pm-4pm, February 21. Price: \$35. Register by: February 16*

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. *MHPA, 2pm-4:30pm, March 21. Price: \$40. Register by: March 16*

Spring Wreath Making for Beginners

Do you want to bedazzle your home (or someone else's) with something you made? Enjoy a fun evening out and learn how to make a beautiful wreath just in time for the Spring. Everything you need will be provided: wreath frame, mesh, florals, welcome sign, etc. If you want to bring your own personal touches, please do! *Ages 12+. Instructor: Ana Hummel. MHPA, 5:30pm-6:30pm, February 24. Price: \$35. Register by: February 17*



Community Classes



Cards & Coffee (Bring Your Own Mug)

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, 10:30am-12pm, Mondays beginning January through March (No program on January 19, February 2, February 16, and March 16). Price: \$5/season*

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 12. Price: \$70. Register by: March 6*

Living off the Grid

Come learn the ins and outs of off-the-grid living. This class offers lessons on handy crafts, sustainable farming, renewable energy, water purification, and more! Whether you are looking to lower your carbon footprint at home or just learn some new skills, this class has much to offer. Instructor: Paul Tucker. *MHPC, 5:30pm-6:30pm. Price: \$10 per class.*

- January 15 - History and impact of off-grid living. Register by: January 12
- February 12 - Renewable Energy and applications. Register by: February 9
- March 12 - Off-grid skills and sustainable farming. Register by: March 9
- April 16 - Hands-on workshop with instructor's crafts and gear. Register by: April 13



First Time Homebuying

Join us for an hour-long seminar providing tips and insight into navigating the home buying process. This class is designed for those who have never bought a home or have not purchased in quite some time. Knowing what to expect and what the terms, fees, and costs mean allow buyers to feel confident when they begin this process. A Spanish interpreter is available for this class and a real estate agent will be in attendance. Instructor: Diana Sample with ALCOVA. *MHPC, February 11 & April 8, 6pm-7:30pm. Price: Free! ALCOVA Mortgage LLC | NMLS#40508 | (www.nmlsconsumeraccess.org) | 308 Market St SE, Roanoke, VA 24011*

Reverse Mortgage

Come learn the ins and outs of reverse mortgages from an expert in the field. The reverse mortgage process could provide you more financial flexibility if you are nearing retirement. This class will cover the pros and cons of reverse mortgages and clear up any misinformation you may have gotten about this process. A Spanish interpreter is available for this class. Instructor: Diana Sample with ALCOVA. *MHPC, March 18, 10am-11:15am. Price: Free. ALCOVA Mortgage LLC | NMLS#40508 | (www.nmlsconsumeraccess.org) | 308 Market St SE, Roanoke, VA 24011*



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. *MHPC, 4:30pm-6:30pm, three Tuesdays beginning March 3. Price: \$60. Register by: February 26*

Senior Chess Club

Research suggests that cognitive exercises like chess helps maintain brain plasticity, enhances neural connections, and reduces the risk of neurodegenerative diseases like dementia, AND IT'S FUN! Never played? Haven't played in years? Do you want to improve your game? If you answered yes to any of these questions, this class is for you! Instructor: George Gruner. *MHPA, 5pm-6pm, Eight Tuesday's beginning April 7. Price: \$32 Register by: March 31*

Free Income Tax Preparation Service

United Way of Central Shenandoah Valley will be offering free tax preparation of both federal and state income tax returns for eligible taxpayers with household income of \$68,000 or less through Central Valley VITA. Preparers are IRS trained and certified. This service will be available at the Booker T. Washington Community Center in Staunton starting in February by appointment. Please visit www.uwhr.org on February 1 for ways to schedule an appointment.

Dance

Dance Thru the Decades: Movie & Broadway Edition

Step into the spotlight with Dancing Thru the Decades, a high-energy musical-theatre-inspired class that celebrates music and dance from your favorite films and Broadway hits! Each week features a different classic such as Grease, Dirty Dancing, Footloose, Chicago, West Side Story, and more. This class is all about having fun, building confidence, and mastering the signature moves that defined each era. Dancers will explore stylized movements and memorable routines—without any partnering—making it perfect for advanced beginners and intermediate dancers who want to grow their technique while enjoying the nostalgia. Get ready to dance, sweat, and perform like you're in the movie. Lights up—your decade awaits! Ages: 18+. Instructor: Maria Guertler. *NSC, 6:30pm-8pm, Six Tuesdays beginning February 10. Price: \$60. Register by: February 5*

Line Dancing

Curious about line dancing but not sure where to begin? Join us for this 4-week series to learn some BASIC steps, line dance etiquette, and several BEGINNER dances to country and pop music! Each class in the series will build on the information taught in the previous class, offering you a great foundation to get you on the dance floor. Wood floor available. Leather or suede-soled shoes are recommended; tennis shoes are acceptable. No high heels or sandals. Instructor: Emilie Mehrtens. *GHPG, 6:30pm-8pm, four Fridays beginning March 6, skipping March 20. Price: \$40. Register by: February 27*



Outdoor Adventures

Community Gear Library

A gear library is just like a regular library but for outdoor gear! We will have items such as tents, sleeping bags, camping stoves, hiking poles, and child carrier backpacks. You can borrow the equipment for one week at a time. The best part is that it is free! Borrowers need to have a current Valley Libraries (Staunton, Augusta County, or Waynesboro libraries) card in good standing, be 18+, and be willing to take a 10-minute Zoom or in-person orientation about the gear. They can borrow up to 20 items on one card free-of charge at SPL, and the loan time is for one week. To check an item's availability or for more information, please call Staunton Public Library at 540.332.3902.



Wintergreen: Discounted Lift and Rental Prices for February 9th

Schools out? No problem; enjoy the day off by hitting the slopes for a discounted price! Date: February 9. Prices: Lift Tickets-\$64; Rentals-\$54; Helmets-\$10. Register by: February 2

**Exclusively offered through Staunton Parks and Recreation*

Guided Nature Walk w/ Sancta Natura

Let's begin the Earth Day Staunton celebration by learning about some flora and fauna we encounter. We may observe some notable butterflies, migrating 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 activity, as we will cover approximately 1.3 miles. Things to bring: Sun protection-insect repellent-water-binoculars/camera (highly recommended). Instructor: Tom Wyatt of Sancta Natura. GHP, 9am-10:30am, April 25. Price: FREE. Register by: April 16



Family Canoeing Excursion

Join us for a family friendly, beginner focused canoe trip in the George Washington National Forest. You'll learn the basics of canoeing, play some exciting games, and circumnavigate Elkhorn Lake. Spring is in the air, and what better way to experience it than floating over the water on a beautiful afternoon! Casey Tucker & Vivid Earth Adventures. Vivid Earth will supply all boats, paddles, & PFDs. Ages 5+. 1pm-3pm, April 4. Price: \$35. Register by: March 25

Beginner Wild Caving near Bridgewater, VA

We will learn basic caving safety, underground navigation, and some limestone cave geology. We will also get good and muddy! 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. February 28, 8:30am-noon. Price: \$35. Register by: February 18

Beginner Rock Climbing at Waterfall Mountain in the George Washington Ntl. Forest

A full day of learning to climb and belay; 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. March 28, 9am-5pm. Price: \$65. Register by: March 18

Intermediate Rock Climbing at Hidden Rocks in the George Washington Ntl. Forest

This is a rock climbing adventure for folks who have been on a WGA Beginner Rock Climbing Day, and are ready for a little more physical challenge. 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. April 25, 8:30am-5pm. Price: \$65. Register by: April 15



For ages 50+:

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 overweightedness 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;
- meeting and being with others who like movement and fun;
- adding to your learning about outdoor safety and activity skills;
- and possibly some new clothing! Participate in 3 or more of these Senior Adventures during 2026 and receive the WILD GUYde Adventures OLD MOUNTAIN GOAT* t-shirt, along with all the rights, privileges, and adulation pertaining thereto! (*Gets Out And Tries Stuff!)

Canopy Tour at NROCKS, WV

Harnessed up and clipped in, enjoy 7 ziplines down through the forest in Wild Wonderful West Virginia; a 90 min. drive from Harrisonburg VA to get there, with the actual experience lasting 2-3 hours. Thrilling fun, and only moderately strenuous. 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. March 26, 9am-noon. Price: \$100. Register by: March 16

High Knob Fire Tower Hike

An afternoon hike to a summit and restored stone fire tower in the George Washington Ntl. Forest, along with some learning about basic outdoor safety. 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. April 23, 1pm-5pm. Price: \$35. Register by: April 13

Via Ferrata at NROCKS WV

The Via Ferrata ("way of iron" or "steel trail") is a strenuous non-technical climbing and hiking experience on natural rock, but also with rungs and a safety cable. Participants are harnessed up and clipping into the cable throughout this 3-5 hour event. Wildly scenic and physically challenging experience over breath-taking West Virginia terrain. A 90-minute drive from Harrisonburg VA to get there. 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. May 6, 9am-2pm. Price: \$150. Register by: April 27





Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival

The quilt festival's renowned Merchants Mall includes vendors from across the country offering machines, textiles, quilting supplies, books, sewing-related craft items, kits, clothing, and more! Also featured at MAQF are the quilt and wearable art competition entries and a number of wonderful special exhibits. We will end the day with an early dinner at Olive Garden in Short Pump. *Thursday, February 26. Depart GHPG at 7am; return around 7:30pm. Price: \$55 (includes transportation and admission). Register by: February 17*

Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races

Come try your luck at the casinos in Charles Town WV! This casino has over 5,000 slot machines, 100 tables, and seven dining options offered inside. This trip is great for gamers of all levels who want to fun with a day at the casino. Transportation is provided. *February 25. Depart GHPG at 8am; return around 8pm. Price: \$30. Register by: February 17*

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 Monterey for its shopping and dining options and taking a tour of an authentic sugar camp! Transportation is provided. *Saturday, March 21. Depart GHPG at 8:30am; return around 3:30pm. Price: \$30 (includes transportation to both sites only). Register by: March 11*

Historical Trip to Manassas, VA

This historically immersive trip will focus on the first and second battles of Bull Run in the American Civil War including time with a professional guide. There will be a 45min movie showing, interactive maps, and battlefield visits with ample opportunities for discussion and discovery with a local historian. Additionally, there will be a pause for lunch at The Winery at Bull Run. *An optional informative class and itinerary will be offered to trip participants prior to the trip. *May 14, Depart GHPG at 8am; return around 8pm. Price: \$60 (price does not include meals). Register by: May 4*

Washington DC - The National Mall

Enjoy all the historic sites, museums, monuments, and the nature during peak bloom of the Cherry Blossoms at Washington DC's National Mall. You can visit any of the 10 Smithsonian Museums such as Natural History Museum, American History Museum, National Air and Space or the Holocaust Museum. Maybe you prefer visiting some monuments such as Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument or even seeing the White House. The options are endless at the National Mall and the perfect way to spend a scenic, memorable day in DC. *Tuesday, March 31. Depart GHPG at 7:30am; return around 8pm. Price: \$48 (includes transportation). Register by: March 25*

Museum of the Shenandoah Valley & Bonnie Blue Restaurant

Explore the seven-acre MSV gardens and observe the impressive thought that went into creating these formal gardens. Check out all of the indoor exhibits that are filled with unique pieces and galleries. All of this followed by a late lunch at Bonnie Blue Southern Market & Bakery, where they have perfected their traditional, handcrafted methods of Southern cooking. *Tuesday, April 14. Depart GHPG 8:15am; return around 4:30pm. Price: \$50 (includes transportation and admission). Register by: April 6*

Three Cities: New York, Atlantic City, Philadelphia

Enjoy this amazing package where you will explore three amazing cities for one price! This trip provides transportation, four nights lodging, eight meals (4 breakfasts and 4 dinners) and two guided tours. Be ready to tour New York City, "The Big Apple" where you will visit sites such as Rockefeller Center, Times Square, Central Park and much more! Also, included is a guided tour of historic Philadelphia to see the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and other historic sites. All this topped off with 3 consecutive nights in an Atlantic City Casino Hotel to enjoy the iconic Boardwalk and all the gaming action in Atlantic City! *Price: \$780 (based on double occupancy). November 1-5, 2026.*

Payment Options:

- Reserve your spot with a \$400 deposit at the Parks and Rec office
- Pay for the trip in-full on our online registration system. **Balance due by August 24.**

Registration



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

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 space available. 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 expenses 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 (above check in lieu of signature) that you have read, understand and accept this addition to our registration process.

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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Our success is because of you! Staunton Parks and Recreation needs new lifeguards to join our pool staff this summer. Please contact Thomas by email at hannontp@ci.staunton.va.us or call **540.332.3945**.

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Schools Out, Trips On

Join Vivid Earth Adventures for spring break trips across the Shenandoah Valley! Big thrills, fresh air, friendship, and memories are in store! All trips meet at Montgomery Hall upper pavilions at 8am. Pickup is at 5pm. Participants should pack a lunch, water, and a backpack. Full packing list and detailed info will be sent to participants closer to the trip. Vivid Earth will provide all equipment necessary for the adventure and 2 snacks for the day. Vivid Earth youth programs are tech free, so leave the phones and screens at home to connect with nature and friends. *Price: \$85/day . Register by: One week in advance*

- March 30, Ages 8-10. Rock Climbing
- March 31, Ages 8-10. Caving
- April 1, Ages 11-15. Rock Climbing
- April 2, Ages 8-10. Hiking & Outdoor Skills
- April 3, Ages 11-15. Caving

