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Residents Invited to Campout in the Park

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation Department will join thousands of families across the nation by hosting a simple night of camping for city residents.

On Saturday, June 27, the city will open Hillandale Park to residents as part of the **Great American Backyard Campout**, which is presented by the National Wildlife Federation. This is the first time the city will be participating but it is the 11th annual event.

The Great American Backyard Campout is part of the National Wildlife Federation’s 10 Million Kids Outdoors Campaign, which is an initiative to get kids to spend time outside each day.

“We offer a variety of outdoor activities for city residents to enjoy on a daily basis,” said Matt Little, special events coordinator with Parks and Recreation. “It is our department’s mission to expose kids to the benefits of outdoor recreation so we are excited to participate in the backyard campout.”

There will be a limit of 50 tents for this year’s event so campers must register in advance. A registration form and camp rules can be found online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/great-american-campout.

Questions? Contact Matthew Little at matthew.little@HarrisonburgVA.gov or call 540-433-9168.

More information about the Great American Backyard Campout is available at www.backyardcampout.org.

*Who will notify you if an emergency-related event is happening in Harrisonburg or Rockingham County? Sign up to receive free alerts through the **Harrisonburg and Rockingham County Emergency Alert System** by visiting www.HREmergencyAlert.com.*



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