

Winter/ Spring 2024 Youth Programming

Youth Services offers a variety of drop in and year round programs.

Our Opportunities

Pre School

During the school year we offer a morning preschool for 3 & 4 year olds.

Elementary

For K - 5 grade we provide an afterschool program for students enrolled in Harrisonburg City Schools and summer camp in the summer months.

Family Programs

Through out the winter and spring there are multiple opportunities for families to participate in activities together.

Toddler Programs

From Baby Explorers to our weekly toddler programs there is something each day for children 0-5.



Youth Program Registration & Information:

For more information about our Youth Services programs visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/youth-services or call 540-433-2474 . Registration must take place in person at 305 South Dogwood Drive, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

2024-2025 PRESCHOOL

Through creative and meaningful play activities, the program promotes the healthy social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development of each child. A positive self-concept will be developed, with creativity and self-expression being encouraged. The program is offered to City resident's children who are or will be three years of age by September 30 and are fully potty trained in the 3-year-old classroom, and to children who are or will be four years of age by September 30 of the current year in the 4-year-old classroom. For more information visit www.harrisonburgva.gov/youth-services
Register in person at the Community Activities Center. Please have child's birth certificate with you.

Registration opens February 12 for returning. February 26 for new participants

3-Year-Olds

City Res Only \$35 per month | \$315 for the year
#510234A | Ages 3 | Tu, Th | Sep - May | 9:30am - 12:00pm

4-Year-Olds

City Res Only \$50 per month | \$450 for the year
#510234A2 | Ages 4 | M,W,F | Sep - May | 9:30am - 12:00pm

OUT OF SCHOOL TIME

Kids' Night Out

Join us for Kid's Night Out! Participants will eat pizza, make a craft, and play games! Registration opens November 28 for City Residents. December 12 for non-residents.

Location: Community Activities Center Youth Services

City Res \$10| Non Res \$12 | K - 5th grade

#110950A2 | F | Jan 26 | 5:45pm - 8:00pm

#110950A3 | F | Feb 16 | 5:45pm - 8:00pm

#110950A4 | F | May 17 | 5:45pm - 8:00pm

SOAR Summer Camp

Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation offers recreationally based programs for children who have completed kindergarten through age twelve for City Residents only. Through a balance of free play and organized activities we strive to provide the best possible care for your child. It is our mission to always put the safety and security of your child above all else. Register in person at the Community Activities Center.

Registration Dates:

Summer 2023 participants and siblings - March 11

After School 2023-2024 participants and siblings - March 18

New participants - March 25

Location: Community Activities Center Youth Services

City Res \$50/ week | K - age 11

BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGES

Coming Soon, stay tuned!

TODDLER

Baby Explorers

Instructor: Sarah Selznick

Baby Explorers is a joyful and interactive class for babies and their caregiver. In this class we will utilize play, song, breath, and movement to engage with baby and support their development towards reaching, rolling, and moving. Caregivers will gain confidence, knowledge, and support to engage with their baby and support their infant's unique development.

No class on March 28.

Location: Community Activities Center Tumbling Room
City Res \$45 | Non Res \$50 |

Ages 6 weeks to pre-crawling

#110615A1 | Th | Mar 7 - Apr 18 | 9:00am - 10:00am

Ages 6 months to early-walkers

#110615A2 | Th | Mar 7 - Apr 18 | 10:00am - 11:00am

Tumbling/ Free Movement

Bring your child to get moving in our tumbling room full of tumbling mats, wedges, and fun obstacles! Members use the space for free!

Location: Community Activities Center Tumbling Room

\$0 Members | \$1 Non-Member | Ages 5 and younger

M, F, Sa | Jan 5 - May 31 | 9:00am - 12:00pm

M, Tu, W, Th, F | Jan 2 - May 31 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Parent Tot Playtime

Parks and Recreation staff provide mats, tricycles, bouncy balls, and obstacles galore to give toddlers and their parents the chance to play. Starts September 6.

\$0 Members/\$1 Non-Member | Ages 5 and younger

Location: CAC and Simms Center

Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm - Community Activities Center

Thursdays 12:00pm - 2:00pm - Simms Center

Fridays 10:00am - 12:00pm - Simms Center

Parent Tot Free Play

Instructor: Harriet Flynn

Parks and Recreation staff provide building blocks, art supplies, and other free play materials.

\$0 Members/\$1 Non-Member | Ages 5 and younger

Location: Simms Center Art Room

Tuesdays 9:30am - 11:00am

Parent Tot Enrichment

Join our staff as they lead you through an organized story and craft time. There will also be time for some free play. This will take place the 2nd Thursday of the month.

\$0 Members/\$1 Non-Member | Ages 2-5

Location: Community Activities Center Preschool Room

Th | Jan 11 | 1:00pm - 1:45pm

Th | Feb 8 | 1:00pm - 1:45pm

Th | Mar 14 | 1:00pm - 1:45pm

YOUTH & FAMILY

EVENTS

Sweetheart Dance

Spend a fun filled evening with your sweetheart! Music, refreshments, and a special photo will all be included in your evening. One adult may bring multiple children, but each child must be registered. Registration ends February 9th or once registration capacity is reached. There is an event limit of 75 couples.

Location: Community Activities Center Gymnasium
\$5 per child | Ages Kindergarten to 5th grades
#110805A1 | Sa | Feb 10 | 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Superhero Party

Bring your superhero to the Community Activities Center for a fun filled superhero party! Superhero themed music, games, crafts, inflatable obstacle course, and photo opportunity. One adult may bring multiple children, but each child must be registered. Registration ends March 1 or once registration capacity is reached. There is an event limit of 50 couples.

Location: Community Activities Center Gymnasium
\$5 per child | Ages 3 to 11
#110800A1 | Sa | Apr 20 | 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Egg Hunt

Join us for our annual egg hunt! This year we will be holding the egg hunt at both the Simms Center and the Community Activities Center. Drop in any time between 10am and 12pm and find 10 eggs to collect your prize!

Location: Simms Center & Community Activities Center
Free | Ages 0 to 5th grade
Sa | March 23 | 10:00am - 12:00pm

Eggstraordinary Egg Hunt

Join us for our an adaptive egg hunt. This egg hunt will be located inside the Simms Center gymnasium and is open to any individual with physical or cognitive disabilities. Drop in any time between 10am and 12pm and find 10 eggs to collect your prize!

Location: Simms Center Gymnasium
Free | Ages 0 to adult
Sa | March 23 | 10:00am -12:00pm

Bike Rodeo

May is National Bike month! Bring your bike to Hillandale Park for a fun morning of obstacle courses, riding, and tune-ups! We will make sure your tires are inflated, helmets fit, and seats are adjusted to help you make the most out of your bike and the community trails this summer. Helmets are required by law in Harrisonburg for anyone 14 years of age or younger.

For more information visit harrisonburgva.gov/pop-up-parks-hillandale

Sa | May 4 | 9:30am - 12:00pm | Hillandale Park

PROGRAMS

Lego Club - Youth

Instructor: Harriet Flynn

Let's get together and build some Legos! We will have blocks available for free building as well as kits to choose from.

Parents must stay in the building.

No club March 26

Location: Simms Center Art Room

City Res \$5| Non Res \$10 | Ages 8 - 12

#110940A1 | Tu | Jan 9 - Feb 13 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm

#110940A2 | Tu | Feb 27 -Apr 9 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Creator Space

Instructor: Harriet Flynn

Let your creative side show! Join us on the second Wednesday of the month for this drop in program. Youth can pick from our supplies to create whatever their imagination can think of.

Parents may help or sit to the side but may not leave the building.

We will meet the second Wednesday of the month.

Location: Simms Center Art Room

\$0 Members/\$1 Non-Member | Ages 5 and older

W | Jan 10 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm

W | Feb 14 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm

W | Mar 13 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm

W | Apr 10 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Family Movie Night

It's movie night! Bring your favorite blanket and we will provide the popcorn. First Friday of the month.

Location: Simms Center Auditorium

Membership or daily fee

F | Jan 5 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

F | Feb 2 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

F | Mar 1 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

F | Apr 5 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

F | May 3 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Board Game & Video Game Night

Switch up the Friday routine and bring the family to the Simms Center for Family Game Night and Video Game Night. We will have a variety of board games for you to pick from as well as PS5 games like NBA2K, Madden, MLB the Show, and more! Come out and have some fun!

Location: Simms Center Conference Room

Membership or daily fee

F | Jan 19 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

F | Feb 16 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

F | Mar 15 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

F | Apr 19 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

F | May 17 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm