



WINTER/ SPRING 2026 YOUTH SERVICES

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

OUR WINTER/ SPRING OPPORTUNITIES YOUTH SERVICES

Youth

Check out the different opportunities we have for elementary and middle school ages children, Legos, art, and even bike lessons!

Toddler Programs

Attend Parent Tot Playtime or head to the Tumble Room.

Events

Join us for the Sweetheart Dance, Super Hero Party, and the Egg Hunt!



Youth Services Registration & Information:

For more information about our Youth Services programs visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/youth-services

Or call 540-433-2474

City Resident Registration November 24 | Non Resident Registration December 8

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PROGRAMS

Lego Club - Youth

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 or they may participate.

No Lego Club February 16 or March 30

Location: Simms Center Art Room

City Res \$5 | Non Res \$10 | Ages 6 - 12

#110940A1 | M | Jan 26 - Apr 13 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Creator Space

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.

This program is for elementary and middle school-aged-children but younger siblings may attend.

We will meet the second Wednesday of the month.

Location: Simms Center Art Room

\$0 Members | \$1 Non-Member | Ages 6 - 14

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

W | Feb 11 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm

W | Mar 11 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm

W | Apr 8 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm

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

Bike Lessons - Spring Break

Ready, set, pedal! Is your child ready to learn to ride a bike? During this three-session class we will help your child learn the basics of balance, steering, breaking, and pedaling. By the end of the third session our goal is that your child will be able to ride a bike independently.

This program will take place for 45 minutes for three consecutive days.

Your child does not need a bike to participate in this program. Please let us know during registration if we need to provide a bike for your child.

Depending on the weather, this class may take place outdoors or indoors.

Location: Community Activities Center

City Res \$5 | Non Res \$10 | Ages 6 - 12

#111319A1 | M-W | Mar 30 - Apr 1 | 1:00pm-1:45pm (4 - 5 years)

#111319A2 | M -W| Mar 30 - Apr 1 | 2:00pm-2:45pm (6-9 years)

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

Location: Hillandale Park

Sa | May 2 | 10:00am - 12:00pm

TODDLER

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.

Location: Community Activities Center Gymnasium

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

M | Sep - May | 9:00am-11:00am

W | Sep - May | 9:00am-11:00am

Tumbling/ Free Movement Room

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

Please check in at the front desk.

Location: Community Activities Center Tumbling Room

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

Call for the most up-to-date hours

2026-2027 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.

We follow a daily schedule that incorporates language arts, STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics), art, music and movement, practical life skills, and gross motor activities through developmentally appropriate lessons.

The 3-year-old program is offered to City resident's children who are or will be three years of age by September 30, 2026 and are fully potty trained.

The 4-year-old program is offered to City resident's children who are or will be four years of age by September 30, 2026. This program is licensed under the VA Department of Education. For more information visit www.harrisonburgva.gov/youth-services.

Please register in person at the Community Activities Center and have your child's birth certificate with you.

Registration opens February 9 for returning students and February 23 for new students.

3-Year-Olds

City Residents only. \$50 per month

Ages 3 | Tu, Th | Sep - May | 9:00am - 12:00pm

4-Year-Olds

City Residents only. \$75 per month

Ages 4 | M,W,F | Sep - May | 9:00am - 12:00pm

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OUT OF SCHOOL TIME

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 2025 participants and siblings - March 9

After School 2025-2026 participants and siblings - March 23

New participants - April 13

Location: Community Activities Center Youth Services

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

School's Out Drop-in Programs

Are the kids tired of being stuck at home when there is no school? Join us for our School's Out Drop-in Programs. Each session will be different and will be appropriate for elementary and middle schoolers. Parents must stay for the program but are welcome to work on their laptops off to the side. Younger siblings may join if parents are engaged with the program. This program will take place at the Simms Center (Simms), Community Activities Center (CAC), Hillandale Park Shelter 12 (H12), or Purcell Park Pond (Pond). Registration is helpful but not required.

#111201A1 | M | Jan 5 | 10:00am - 11:00am | Crafts | Simms

#111201A2 | Tu | Jan 20 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Lego | Simms

#111201A3 | Tu | Feb 17 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Jr Ranger | CAC

#111201A4 | F | Mar 20 | 10:00am - 11:00am | Crafts | Simms

#111201A5 | Th | Apr 2 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Fitness | CAC

#111201A6 | M | Apr 6 | 10:00am - 11:00am | Fishing | Pond

#111201A6 | F | May 1 | 10:00am - 11:00am | Animal ID | H12

Flurries & Fun

School is cancelled but the City and Parks and Rec are still open! We will be holding pop-up programs on weather related school closing days that the City of Harrisonburg Government is still open for. Make sure to check social media to see what pop up programs are happening! Movie and hot chocolate, arts and crafts, Legos - the possibilities are endless. These program will take place from 1:00pm-3:00pm and will be announced after checking road conditions.

EVENTS

Superhero Party

Bring your superhero to the Community Activities Center for a fun filled superhero party! Enjoy superhero themed music, games, crafts, inflatable obstacle course, and photo opportunity. One adult may bring multiple children, but each child must be registered. Adults do not register. Registration ends January 20 or once registration capacity is reached. There is an event limit of 50 participants.

Location: Community Activities Center

City Res \$5 | Non Res \$10 | Ages 3 - 11

#110800A1 | Sa | Jan 31 | 3:00pm - 5:00pm

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 7 or once registration capacity is reached. This event is limited to 75 couples.

Location: Community Activities Center

City Res \$5 | Non Res \$10 | Ages 3 - 11

#110805A1 | Sa | Feb 14 | 5:00pm - 6:30pm

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 10:00am and 12:00pm and find 10 eggs to collect your prize!

Location: Simms Center & Community Activities Center

Free | Ages 0 - 5th grade

Sa | Mar 28 | 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 or those who may need a low sensory environment. We have the following adaptations/ accommodations:

- Beeping eggs for visually impaired participants
- Easy to reach eggs at varying heights
- Magnetic eggs with "wand" so participants can collect eggs without having to grasp or bend over
- Small number of participants in the gym at a time
- Flat gym floor for easy maneuvering
- Enclosed space with doors that can be shut
- Please let us know if there are other accommodations you need.

Drop in any time between 10:00am and 12:00pm and find 10 eggs to collect your prize!

Location: Simms Center Gymnasium

Free | All Ages

Sa | Mar 28 | 10:00am - 12:00pm