CITY OF HARRISONBURG
PARKS & REC

WINTER/SPRING 2027 YOUTH SERVICES

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

OUR WINTER/SPRING OPPORTUNITIES

Toddler Programs

Attend Parent Tot Playtime or head to the Tumble Room.

Youth

Looking for an afterschool activity for your child? Sign them up for Lego Club, Art Club, or one of our one-off programs.

Teen

Be sure to check out the multiple brand new teen programs available this Winter/Spring!

Family

Bring the whole family and join us at the Sweetheart Dance, Egg Hunt, or Superhero Party!







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 23 | Non-Resident Registration December 7

YOUTH SERVICES

YOUTH

Kids' Night Out

Join us for Kids' Night Out! Participants will eat pizza, make a craft, and play games!

Location: Community Activities Center
City Res $5| Non Res $10 | K - 5th grade
#110950A1 | F | Mar 5 |5:45pm - 8:00pm
#110950A2 | F | Apr 23 |5:45pm - 8:00pm
#110950A3 | F | May 21 |5:45pm - 8:00pm

Lego Club

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 January 18 & February 15.

Location: Simms Center Art Room
City Res $5| Non Res $10 | Ages 6 - 11
#110940A1 | M | Jan 11 - Mar 1 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Art Club

Art club is a fun, supportive space to explore creativity through drawing, painting, crafts, and hands-on art projects. Participants can build artistic skills, express themselves, and enjoy creating with friends in a welcoming group setting.
Parents must stay in the building.
No Art Club March 15

Location: Simms Center Art Room
City Res $10| Non Res $15 | Ages 6 - 11
#110921A1 | M |Mar 15 - Apr 26| 5:00pm - 6:00pm

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. Don't have a bike but still want to participate? Come to the event and borrow one of ours!

Location: Hillandale
Sa | May 1 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Hillandale Park

OUT OF SCHOOL TIME

Youth Home Alone Workshop

NEW!

Help your child take the next step toward independence! This interactive workshop teaches youth how to stay safe and act responsibly when home alone for short periods. Participants will learn safe habits, how to recognize and respond to emergencies, when to seek help, and how to follow household rules and expectations.
Students who complete the workshop will receive a certificate of completion recognizing their safety and readiness training. Whether your child is preparing to stay home alone or already does, this workshop builds practical skills and knowledge while helping parents and guardians make informed decisions about their child's readiness.
Participants must register.

Location: Community Activities Center
Free | Ages 9 - 12
#110909A1 | W | Mar 10 | 10:00am - 11:30am

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.

Location: Community Activities Center
Free | Ages 5-12
#111201A1 | F | Jan 15 | 10:00am - 11:00am | Maker Space
#111201A2 | W | Mar 10 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Maker Space
#111201A3 | F | May 7 | 10:00am - 11:00am | Maker Space

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.

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 2026 participants and siblings - March 8
After School 2026-2027 participants and siblings - March 22
New participants - April 12

Location: Community Activities Center Youth Services
City Res $50/ week | K - age 11

YOUTH SERVICES

YOUTH & TEEN FITNESS

Afterschool Teen Workouts

Teen Afterschool Workouts is a free 6-week fitness program designed for all middleschoolers. This program provides teens with a positive and structured afterschool activity that promotes physical fitness, confidence, discipline, and healthy habits.

Participants do not have to be athletes to join. This program is a great opportunity for fitness beginners, teens interested in becoming stronger or faster, or those simply looking for a fun and active way to spend time after school. Workouts will include age-appropriate exercises that challenge participants both physically and mentally in a supportive environment.

Sessions will be led by a certified instructor and will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30pm to 3:30pm for 6 weeks. Registration is free, but early registration is recommended.

Location: Community Activities Center
Free | Registration Required | Middle Schoolers
#110250A1 | M, W | Mar 8 - May 26 | 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Youth Fitness Boot Camp

A positive, high-energy program designed to help students build strength, discipline, confidence, and perseverance. Through structured physical challenges and motivational guidance, participants will learn the value of hard work, accountability, teamwork, and making positive choices at home, in school, and in the community. This once-a-month program is great for athletes looking to improve and for students who just need an extra boost of encouragement, structure, and support.

We will meet the fourth Saturday of the month.
Feburary 27, March 27, April 24, May 22
Location: Community Activities Center
Free | Registration Required | Ages 8 - 15
#111450A1 | Sa | Fourth Saturdays | 10:15am - 11:30am

TEENS PROGRAMS

Teen Media Team (TMT Group)

NEW!

Turn your teen's creativity into something they can share! The Teen Media Program introduces participants to photography, video production, and podcasting through fun, hands-on activities. Teens will learn how to capture strong images, record quality video and audio, conduct engaging conversations, and share their ideas with confidence. Along the way, they will build communication skills, explore creative storytelling, and discover how media can be used to express themselves and connect with their community. No previous experience is required, just curiosity and a willingness to create!

Location: Community Activities Center
City Res $5| Non Res $10 | Ages 11-16
#110905A1 | W | Apr 7 - Jun 2 | 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Family Photography Workshop for Teens and Adults

NEW!

Discover how to capture better photos and use a camera with greater confidence! This hands-on workshop introduces teens and adults to camera settings, lighting, focus, composition, creative storytelling, and simple editing techniques. Participants are encouraged to bring their own cameras so they can become familiar with their equipment and receive more hands-on practice. Don't own a camera? You can still participate, a few workshop cameras will be available for shared use. No previous photography experience is required, and each participant who completes the workshop will receive a certificate of completion. Space is limited.

Location: Community Activities Center or Simms
City Res $5| Non Res $10 | Ages 11-99
#130950A1 | Sa | Feb 20 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | CAC
#130950A2 | Sa | Mar 6 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Simms

Artificial Intelligence for Teens

NEW!

Discover how artificial intelligence is changing the way we learn, create, and live! This interactive workshop introduces teens to AI's history, everyday uses, and future possibilities while exploring a variety of AI tools and software. Through guided interactive activities, participants will practice asking effective questions, brainstorming ideas, solving problems, and using AI to support learning and creativity. Along the way, teens will learn to protect personal information, check accuracy, recognize bias and misinformation, and use AI responsibly while developing their own ideas and skills. Build confidence, think critically, and prepare for a world where AI plays a growing role!

Location: Community Activities Center
Free| Ages 11 - 16
#110907A1 | W | Mar 10 | 12:00pm - 1:30pm

YOUTH SERVICES

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
Membership or Daily Fee | Ages 5 and younger
M | Aug 31 - May | 9:00am-11:00am
W | Sep 2 - 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! Use of the Tumbling Room is strictly for children 5 and under. All users must check in at the front desk.

Location: Community Activities Center Tumbling Room
Membership or Daily Fee | Ages 5 and younger
Call for the most up-to-date hours

2027-2028 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 residents' children who are or will be three years of age by September 30 and are fully potty trained (no pull ups, must toilet independently) 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.

This program is licensed under the VA Department of Education. 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.

Preschool Registration:
Previous Participant Registration and siblings: February 8, 2027
New Participant Registration: February 22, 2027

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

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 60 participants.

Location: Community Activities Center
City Res $5| Non Res $10 | Ages 3 - 11
#110800A1 | Sa | Jan 23 | 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 13 | 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 20 | 10:00am - 12:00pm

Eggstraordinary Egg Hunt

Join us for our 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 adaptions/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 20 | 10:00am - 12:00pm