



CITY OF HARRISONBURG
**PARKS
 & REC**

Winter/ Spring 2025 Youth Programming

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

Our Opportunities

Preschool

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

Out of School Time

For K - 5 grade we provide an afterschool program for students enrolled in Harrisonburg City Schools as well as Kids' Night Out.

Toddler Programs

Check out the different opportunities we have for 0-5 year olds.

Youth Programs & Events

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



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.

2025-2026 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 1st 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. 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.

Registration opens February 10 for returning. February 24 for new participants

3-Year-Olds

City Res Only \$50 per month

#510234A | Ages 3 | Tu, Th | Sep - May | 9:00am - 12:00pm

4-Year-Olds

City Res Only \$75 per month

#510234A2 | Ages 4 | M,W,F | Sep - May | 9:00am - 12:00pm

TODDLER PROGRAM

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.

Location: Community Activities Center Tumbling Room

City Res \$45 | Non Res \$50 | Ages 6 weeks to pre-crawling

#110615A1 | Th | Feb 6 - Mar 13 | 10:00am - 11:00am

#110615A2 | Th | Apr 17 - May 22 | 10:00am - 11:00am

TODDLER DROP IN

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

Tu, F, Sa | Jan 3 - May 31 | 9:00am - 12:00pm

M, Tu, W, Th, F | Jan 2 - May 30 | 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.

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

Location: CAC and Simms Center

Mondays 9:00am - 11:00am - Community Activities Center

Wednesdays 9:00am - 11:00am - Community Activities Center

Fridays 12:15pm - 2:00pm - Simms Center

Parent Tot Free Play

Parks and Recreation staff provide building blocks, art supplies, and other free play materials. Materials available weekly will change.

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

Location: Simms Center Art Room

Tuesdays 9:30am - 11:00am

Parent Tot Enrichment

Join our preschool staff as they lead you through an organized 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 9 | 1:00pm - 1:45pm

Th | Feb 13 | 1:00pm - 1:45pm

Th | Mar 13 | 1:00pm - 1:45pm



OUT OF SCHOOL TIME

Kids' Night Out

Join us for Kids' 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 31 | 5:45pm - 8:00pm

#110950A3 | F | Mar 14 | 5:45pm - 8:00pm

#110950A4 | F | May 16 | 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 2024 participants and siblings - [March 10](#)

After School 2024-2025 participants and siblings - [March 17](#)

New participants - [March 31](#)

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) or Hillandale Park Shelter 12 (Hillandale). Registration is helpful but not required.

#111201A1 | M | Jan 6 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Crafts | Simms

#111201A2 | Tu | Jan 21 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Yoga | CAC

#111201A3 | M | Mar 10 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Crafts | Simms

#111201A4 | F | Mar 28 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Legos | Simms

#111201A5 | M | Mar 31 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Yoga | CAC

#111201A6 | F | Apr 4 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Jr Ranger | CAC

#111201A7 | M | Apr 21 | 10:00am - 11:00am | Animal ID | Hillandale

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 1-3pm 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. Registration ends January 20 or once registration capacity is reached. There is an event limit of 50 participants.

Location: Community Activities Center Gymnasium

\$5 per child | Ages 3 to 11

#110800A1 | Sa | Jan 25 | 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Sweetheart Dance

Spend a fun filled evening with your sweetheart! Music and refreshments 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 3 to 11

#110805A2 | Sa | Feb 15 | 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 10am and 12pm and find 10 eggs to collect your prize!

Location: Simms Center & Community Activities Center

Free | Ages 0 to 5th grade

Sa | Apr 12 | 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 10am and 12pm and find 10 eggs to collect your prize!

Location: Simms Center Gymnasium

Free | Ages 0 to adult

Sa | Apr 12 | 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 3 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Hillandale Park

DROP IN PROGRAMS

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

Free

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

F | February 7 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

F | March 7 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

F | April 4 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

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

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 8 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm

W | Feb 12 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm

W | Mar 12 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm

W | Apr 9 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm

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

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 April 1.

Location: Simms Center Art Room

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

#110940A1 | Tu | Mar 4 - Apr 15 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Bike Lesson - One Day

Ready, set, pedal! Is your child ready to learn to ride a bike?

During this two hour class we will help your child learn the basics of balance, steering, breaking, and pedaling. This class will provide your child with the foundations to continue learning to ride a bike.

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 8 - 12

#111319 A2 | Tu | Feb 18 | 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Bike Lesson - 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 4.5 - 6 and 7 - 11

#111319A3 | Tu-Th | Apr 1 - Apr 3 | 1:00pm - 1:45pm (4.5-6 years)

#111319A4 | Tu-Th | Apr 1 - Apr 3 | 2:00pm - 2:45pm (7-11 years)