

# Kids & Family

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### Eighth Annual Capitol Hill Fourth of July Parade Comes to Barracks Row

This July Fourth, at 10 a.m., Barracks Row will again host the annual Capitol Hill Fourth of July Parade and the Fourth of July Family Festival. This will be the eighth year for the celebration. Parade participants congregate at Eighth and I streets SE at 9 a.m., and everyone will begin marching at 10 a.m., finishing at the Eastern Market Metro plaza at Pennsylvania Avenue and 8th Street SE, where a family festival will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with food and fun provided by Naval Lodge No. 4 on Capitol Hill. All proceeds from the day's activities will go to benefit the Arts Education Fund for DC Public Schools on Capitol Hill.

"Naval Lodge is delighted that we will be able to again host the Capitol Hill Fourth of July Parade. Here in the heart of our nation's capital, we remember the humble beginnings of our nation while we try to raise money for its future," said Michael Webb of Naval Lodge No. 4. "We look forward to a great parade and festival and hope that the community gets as much enjoyment out of this Fourth of July as we have putting it together."

This event is sponsored by Naval Lodge No. 4, Rob Bergman, Tiber Creek Associates of Capitol Hill Inc., The Office of Councilmember Tommy Wells, Barracks Row, and The Hill Rag.

To participate in the parade, or for more information, please visit [tiberdc.com/4thofjuly](http://tiberdc.com/4thofjuly) or contact Sharon Boesen at [sharonboesen@gmail.com](mailto:sharonboesen@gmail.com).

### Boy Scouts from Troop 380 to Attend National Scout Jamboree

Five Boy Scouts from Troop 380 chartered at St. Peter's Catholic Church on Capitol Hill plan to attend the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., from July 26 to Aug. 4.

Capitol Hill scouts Calvin Wineland, Patrick Merkle, Richard Merkle, Jacob Owens, Drew Rivera and John Tanner plan to join more than 43,000 scouts from around the nation, Canada and Mexico at the National Scout Jamboree. This year, the participants are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

The scouts will be participating in a program that reflects



The Capitol Hill July 4 parade. Photo by Andrew Lightman.

the skills of scouting: physical fitness, mental awareness and moral values. Among the activities that the Boy Scouts plan to join are the Opening Ceremony, the 5K walk/run, religious services and finally the Closing Ceremony.

There are other activities that scouts individually select. Most of the scouts at the Jamboree aren't from the Washington area, so some might make a trip to the nation's capital.

Events such as the Jamboree provide an opportunity for scouts from all over the country to meet each other and to become friends. It also is an opportunity for scouts to learn about other parts of the nation firsthand from other scouts. Watch this space for a recap of the event in a future Hill Rag. – Submitted by Drew Rivera

### DC Youth Orchestra Program Moves East

The DC Youth Orchestra Program (DCYOP) announced that this year, the program's 50th anniversary, it will be moving operations from Coolidge High School in Northwest DC, where DCYOP has operated for the past 50 years, to Eastern Senior High School (1700 East Capitol St. NE). Upon learning of DCYOP's move to Eastern, Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells said, "The Youth Orchestra is a terrific asset for our city's youth, and it is fantastic we are getting the program at Eastern High School."

DCPS Chancellor Michelle Rhee has been working in tandem with the DCYOP to support the move of the area's largest out-of-school-hours music program. Rhee

said, "This is a wonderful opportunity for Eastern Senior High School and contributes to the future success of our students."

Ava Spece, executive director of DCYOP, said, "We are so excited to be able to provide this new environment for our students, including improved Metro and freeway access and a more central location. The new facility will enable DCYOP's incredible faculty to better serve the youth of the Washington region."

Physical relocation will occur sometime in August, and the program will hold its regularly scheduled Open House, Petting Zoo, and Orchestra Day on Sept. 11, in the new location. In celebration of the program's 50th birthday, the organization will also have a day-long celebration on Aug. 21, which will include bringing together some of the program's 50,000 alumni from around the country to perform at the Kennedy Center at 6 p.m. followed by a VIP reception. The esteemed Marvin Hamlisch will host the event and conduct one of the pieces in the program. To learn more about DCYOP, call 202-723-1612 or visit [www.dcyop.org](http://www.dcyop.org).

### Casey Trees High School Summer Crew Program Kicks Off June 28

Each summer, over 100 students apply for 11 spots on the Casey Trees Summer Crew, which helps care for Casey Trees-planted trees in Bloomingdale, Columbia Heights, Dupont Circle, Eckington Park, Downtown, Embassy Row, Georgetown, Mount Pleasant and other areas as needed. This year's program begins June 28, and as in years past, the crew's responsibilities will include watering, weeding, mulching, pruning and tracking the condition and mortality of trees. Two teams work out of trucks, and one team makes up a "Water By-Cycle" crew, the nation's first bicycle-powered tree care program. Summer crew members also engage in professional development opportunities to learn careers in the green industry. For many crew members, this is their very first job. Activities change each year, but students in the past have climbed 100-foot trees at the US National Arboretum,

planted trees on Dangerfield Island and built a rain garden with the Anacostia Watershed Society. To learn more about this program, contact Casey Trees at 202-349-1894 or visit [www.caseytrees.org](http://www.caseytrees.org).

### Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Pony Express

The Pony Express is roaring down the trail this summer, and the Postal Museum needs help to get the mail through! This two-day festival, July 9 & 10, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Pony Express and has something for everyone, including a trivia relay race, tall tales and your chance to star in a puppet show. Free. 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE. 202-633-5533, [www.postalmuseum.si.edu](http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu).

### DCPS Students Score at this Year's Jamboree!

The 15th annual DC SCORES Jamboree! celebration was held June 5 on Trinity University's athletic fields. The event highlights the conclusion of the nonprofit after-school program's spring season. DC SCORES uses soccer, poetry and service-learning to inspire over 700 public elementary and middle school students in the District.

The Jamboree! kicked off with the best of the elementary school Westside and Eastside teams facing off to decide the City Cup Championship. In hard-fought games, the Burrville Elementary School girls, representing the Eastside, and the Westside's Bancroft Elementary School boys prevailed. Meanwhile on the upper fields, middle school teams battled for a spot in the championship games. And the Lincoln Middle School boys and Oyster-Adams Bilingual School girls came out on top.

Each SCORES team competed in at least three soccer matches, all against teams they never saw in the regular season. Throughout the day, nine fields were occupied by SCORES students completing give-and-gos or making diving saves, with parents and friends cheering from the sidelines.



DCPS participants in this year's DC SCORES Jamboree!



There were also a number of activities for students. Washington Freedom players led soccer drills, a local graffiti artist displayed his talents in creating a "Leadership" piece, volunteers painted students' faces with soccer balls, and the DC Fire Department sent over a few trucks to let the students explore. Kids also enjoyed looking at bones and other artifacts at the Celebra la Ciencia (Celebrate Science) booth, and learning about the importance of maintaining healthy lungs with UDC's 4-H program.

"It was so much fun," said one student as she gathered her belongings. For more information on DC SCORES, visit [www.dcscores.org](http://www.dcscores.org).

### DC Neighborhood Library Schedule Northeast Library

Preschool Summer Splash video "Preschool Power," ages 3-5, July 1, 10 a.m. Children's Book Club discussing Gary Paulsen's "Harris and Me: A Summer Remembered," July 1, 4 p.m. Baby/toddler story time, ages birth to 3 years, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m. Splash into Stories preschool story time, ages 3-5, July 6, 10 a.m. Washington National Opera, ages 6 and up can attend an engaging presentation of "The Flying Dutchman," complete an arts and crafts project and receive a Washington National Opera family activ-

ity guide, July 8, 10:30 a.m. Make a Splash Stories and Craft, ages 3-8, July 12, 19 & 26, 4 p.m. Teen movie night, ages 12-19, July 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Teen gaming night, ages 12-19, July 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Signs Under the Sea, ages 3 and up can explore the world of underwater animals and learn sign language with Kathy MacMillan, July 22, 1:30 p.m. 330 Seventh St. NE. 202-698-3320, [www.dclibrary.org](http://www.dclibrary.org).

### Northwest One Library

Washington National Opera, ages 6 and up can attend an engaging presentation of "The Flying Dutchman," complete an arts and crafts project and receive a Washington National Opera family activity guide, July 6, 10:30 a.m. Splash the Water Dude, ages 3 and up participate in songs and activities with Ray Owen, July 21, 4 p.m. Game night for all ages, every Tuesday, 5 p.m. Story times for children on Wednesday mornings: baby/toddler lap time, 10 a.m.; tales for 2's and 3's, 10:30 a.m. 155 L St. NW. 202-939-5946, [www.dclibrary.org/northwest](http://www.dclibrary.org/northwest).

### Southeast Library

Preschool story time, ages 3-5, Wednesdays, 10-10:30 a.m. Baby/toddler story time, ages 3 and under, Wednesdays, 11-11:30 a.m. Tales for 2's and 3's Fridays, 10-10:30 a.m. 403 Seventh St. SE. 202-698-3377, [www.dclibrary.org/southeast](http://www.dclibrary.org/southeast).

### Southwest Library

Preschool story time, ages 2-5, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. 900 Wesley Place SW. 202-724-4752, [www.dclibrary.org/southwest](http://www.dclibrary.org/southwest).

### The Family Room Schedule for July

The Family Room, located at 411 Eighth St. SE, has the following schedule for July. The calendar is subject to change, so please call to confirm dates. Visit the website for detailed class descriptions.

- Spanish story time, Tuesdays, 1:30-1:45 p.m.; French story time, Thursdays, 12:30-12:45

p.m.

- Music for infants, Tuesdays, noon-12:30 p.m.; Music and movement story time, Wednesdays, 9:15-9:30 a.m.; Music for 1's and 2's, Wednesdays, 10-10:30 a.m., Fridays, 11-11:30 a.m.
- Activity time, Wednesdays, 2-2:15 p.m.

Please call 202-640-2855 for the most up-to-date information. Check out [www.thefamilyroomdc.com](http://www.thefamilyroomdc.com) for pricing and more details.

### Children's Programs at NCM

The National Children's Museum will host the following activities for children in July at the National Harbor's Launch Zone:

- Fireworks and Patriotic Fun: June 28, 30 & July 2, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 10. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Celebrate Independence Day with astonishing firework art. Designs feature images of the Washington Monument, so kids can create art that looks like the firework spectacle you might see in and around the nation's capital. Free.
- Community Heroes: July 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23 & 24. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Explore the role of community heroes and make community hero puppets. Don't miss out on special community hero visits throughout the week. Free.
- Earth Day Every Day: July 26, 28, 30 & 31. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Discover ways to preserve the planet with eco-friendly, fun family activities. Free.

NCM is located at 112 Waterfront St., National Harbor, Md. 301-686-0225, [www.ncm.museum](http://www.ncm.museum).

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