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Enjoy Water, Sky and Land Programs Next Weekend

There are a variety of ways for families to tap into nature next weekend.

If you're ready to say good-bye to winter, join the Park Authority on a salamander excursion and get an early dose of springtime by observing salamanders and red-spotted newts breeding in vernal pools. Come to Elizabeth Furnace in Front Royal, Virginia, on Saturday, March 5, 2016, from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. to see these harbingers of spring, visit a real fossil wall and climb wood stock tower. Bring flashlights and dinner to cook on a grill. Be sure to dress for the weather. This program is for participants age eight and older. Register the whole family for \$45 or sign yourself up for \$20. For more information, call 703-631-0013.

If you would rather look up than down, Burke Lake Park is the place to be for stargazing, also on March 5. From 6:30 to 8 p.m., you can stroll on the shores of the lake, warm yourself by a campfire, and learn about the constellations and other features of the night sky with the help of an astronomical naturalist. Telescopes will be available so you can get a closer look at the stars, and ingredients for s'mores will be available so you don't get hungry. Bring your own hot dogs to roast, too, if you like. This program is designed for families with children three and older. The cost is \$8 per person, and children must be accompanied by a paid, registered adult.

Burke Lake Park is located at 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, VA. For more information, call 703-323-6600 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burkelakepark/.

On Sunday, March 6, it's time to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. Children age 2 to 12 are invited to come to Ellanor C. Lawrence Park to celebrate the birthday of the children's author with a reading of "The Lorax." The Lorax is famous for speaking for the trees, and participants will have the chance to make a Lorax craft and learn how trees help people. The event runs from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 per child.

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park is located at 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, VA. For more information, call 703-631-0013 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence.

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