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School's Ending, but Learning is Going Strong at Fairfax County Parks

From tadpoles to turtles to quill pens, start your child's summer off with a hands-on learning experience at Fairfax County parks.

At Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, meet a naturalist by Walney Pond on Wednesday evening, June 22, 2016, to learn about pond life from 7 to 8 p.m. This isn't a textbook class. Bring shoes than can get wet and muddy so you can get a real feel for the pond. Participants age two to adult will search for catch and release tadpoles, dragonfly nymphs, water scorpions and other pond critters. The cost is \$5 per person, and all family members must register. 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.

Children age 5 to 12 can say good-bye to smart boards and hello to slate boards at Sully Historic Site's program on 19th Century School Days. Modern students will get a taste of how students learned years ago by getting a chance to cypher on a slate board, write with quill pens, and read stories in an 1820s school house. The program runs from 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, and again on Thursday, June 30. The cost is \$5 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, Va. For more information, call 703-437-1794 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site/>.

Hidden Pond Nature Center hosts a Flora-Fauna series with a naturalist on Thursdays this summer for children age three to six. The series begins with a focus on turtles on June 23. There's a different topic each week, including such subjects as fish, flowers, frogs and toads, insects, and snakes. Programs run for 30 minutes, beginning at 10 or 11 a.m. Sign up for one session or the whole series of summer learning experiences. The cost is \$2 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Hidden Pond Nature Center is located at 8511 Greeley Boulevard, Springfield, Va. For more information, call 703-451-9588 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-pond/.

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