

**NPG C Mocha Moms**  
**C ommunity C alendar**

This calendar is a listing of family friendly events in and near northern Prince George's County. These events are not sponsored by Mocha Moms. Click the website links to get more details about the event. Please send additional events to be added to the calendar to Mocha Damita Coats Wray [damitac@aol.com](mailto:damitac@aol.com).

### Ongoing Events

#### @ Bickford Natatorium – Largo

**PRIDE Year-Round Swim Team.** Following the success of its summer swim season, the Prince George's PRIDE swim team is beginning a year-round program for the first time. Registration opens in November. Open to ages 6-18. PRIDE will be training at the Robert I. Bickford Natatorium at Prince George's Community College between September 2010 and May 2011. The team will practice Tuesdays and Fridays from 6:00pm-7:00pm and Sundays from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Register at your local community center, using SMARTlink barcode #346814 for team training and #380264 for competitions.

PRIDE plans to compete in meets beginning in January 2011 and will require any swimmers interested in competition to register with Potomac Valley Swimming (PVS). By joining PVS, you will automatically be registered with USA Swimming and be eligible to participate in a wide variety of local, state, and national competitions. For more information about PVS, visit <http://www.pvswim.org/>.  
PG Community College Bickford Natatorium - 301 Largo Rd, Largo, MD 20774.

#### @ Bowie Boys and Girls Club

**Spring Baseball - County Tryouts** Dates: February 26, February 27, March 2, March 3, March 6, March 10, March 12, March 13, March 15, March 19. This is for advanced baseball players that want to play at the next level. Please try to make all tryouts – County age cut off is May 1<sup>st</sup>. There are two tryout locations depending on the date:

Market Place – 15505 Annapolis Road Bowie 20715 – (Old CVS Location)

Foxhill Park - 5001 Collington Rd, Bowie, MD 20715

Please feel free to call Joe Bechtel at 202-367-1952 with any questions and check out the Bowie Boys and Girls Club website at <http://www.bbhc.com/>

#### @Maryland Science Center - Baltimore

<http://www.mdsci.org/events-calendar/index.html?eventtype=families>

**@ NASA Goddard Space Center - Greenbelt**

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/visitor/events/index.html>

**Family Science Night** once a month until May. Call NASA Goddard Visitor Center for details: 301-386-3978. Designed for middle school students and their families, families work with NASA volunteers to explore various themes through two hours of hands-on activities and even take home resources to perform their own experiments at home. At least one participant must be in middle school. Special activities will be held for much younger visitors, so bring the whole family!

**@ National Building Museum – Washington DC**

**LEGO Architecture Exhibit** through Sept 5. You don't have to be a kid to know all the cool things you can build with LEGOs. The cool-factor is off the charts at this exhibit, featuring model skyscrapers and other structures made with up to 450,000 LEGO "bricks." But what good is a LEGO exhibit if you can't get your hands on some of them? Well, kids who can't resist the urge to touch will be glad to know that a LEGO play area has been set up on site at the museum. Admission is \$5 and timed-tickets are sold only at the museum's information desk, Monday - Saturday 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Children 3 and under are free. National Building Museum - 401 F St NW, Washington, DC 20001. Phone: (202) 272-2448.

<http://www.nbm.org/exhibitions-collections/exhibitions/lego-architecture.html>

**@ PG County Memorial Libraries**

Storytimes: <http://www.pgcmlls.org/Current/Storytimes.html>

All Upcoming Events: <http://www.pgcmlls.org/Current/Current.html>

**@ Publick Playhouse - Cheverly**

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**@ Xtreme Teens – PG Parks & Recreation**

The Department of Parks and Recreation's Xtreme Teens and Pre-Teens programs have lots of cool activities and events for young people ages 10-17 happening all the time. Whether you like art, sports, the environment, history or just playing around, we've got something for you!

<http://www.mncppcapps.org/calendar/xtremeteens/>

**@ YMCA Prince George's County - Bowie**

**Summer Camp - Open Houses**

February 23, 4:30 to 7:30 pm

March 19, 10 am to 12 Noon

April 16, 10 am to 2 pm

May 21, 10 am to 12 Noon

Sports, dance, science, arts, modeling, acting and traditional camps available. YMCA Bowie - 3501 Moylan Drive, Bowie MD. Phone – (301) 262-4342. Camp Registration begins January 31. Scholarships available. <http://ymcadc.org>

## February

### **Saturday, Feb 26, 9 am**

Registration begins for PG Parks and Recreation Summer Camps  
<http://pgparks.com>

### **Saturday, Feb. 26, 10 am to 2 pm**

**Chesapeake Family Magazine Camp Fair** @ 716 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401  
(Annapolis Area Christian School)

Don't miss this one-day only free event designed to provide parents with a wide range of summer camp options, including University of Maryland camps in College Park, Bowie Baysox [baseball camp](#), sailing camp in Pasadena, [kids spy camp](#) in Washington and many more. View directories online: [Residential/Overnight Camp directory](#) and [Day Camp directory](#). Directories also are available at the camp fair. Free admission, free parking. Phone: (410) 263-1641  
<http://www.chesapeakefamily.com/Family-Fun-Events/Summer-Camp-Fair/become-a-summer-camp-fair-2011-vip-attendee>

### **Saturday, February 26, 9 am to 4 pm**

**African American Festival** @ Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex

Take an African dance class or stop by for workshops, performances and storytellers. Vendors will be selling a variety of reasonably priced items. Free admission. Call for vendor fees. Phone: (301) 583-282. PG Sports & Learning Complex - 8001 Sheriff Rd, Landover, MD <http://www.pgparks.com>

### **Saturday, Feb 26, 9 am to 11 am**

**Dr. Seuss Storytime** @ Target stores.

### **Saturdays, Feb. 26 and March 12 & 26 1 pm**

**Chess Club** @ Laurel Library

Learn to play or improve your game.

### **Saturday, February 26, 1 pm to 3 pm**

**Free Kids Workshops** @ Smithsonian National Museum of African Art  
950 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20560

The Feb. 26 workshop will introduce the indigo *adire* cloth of the Yoruba. Wearing old clothes is recommended. The Yoruba of southwest Nigeria make the popular indigo *adire* cloth by drawing intricate designs in starch paste and when dry,

dipping the cloth in dark blue dye. Learn the technique of resist dyeing, create your own symbols and meanings, and make a head-tie.

**Saturday, Feb. 26, 2 pm**

**Happy Birthday Elmo!** @ Borders Books

Special Kids Event. Storytime, games, music, giveaways and more.

**Tuesdays (except March 29), 7 pm**

**Chess Club** @ Largo-Kettering Library

Instructor: Lawrence Scott. Learn to play or improve your game.

**February 26, 2011, 6:00pm–8:30pm**

**Racing Through the Ages Remote Control Mini Car and Reality Racing** @ Peppermill Community Center

Racing Through the Ages is an interactive program in which youth can participate in a live Pinewood Derby Miniature Car Race and Micro Reality Racing, where a remote control car is driven around a banked oval track. Youth can also compete in the PS3 "Need for Speed" challenge and see a live S car on display. Open to ages 10-17. Peppermill Community Center - 610 Hill Rd, Landover, MD

Phone: (301) 350-8410. Price: \$10 per team.

<http://www.pgxtremeteens.com/page28304.aspx>

## March

**Tuesday, March 1**

**National Pancake Day** @ IHOP

Join IHOP on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m., for National Pancake Day and receive one complimentary short stack!\* In return for the free flapjacks, we ask you to consider leaving a little something behind for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and other designated local charities. <http://www.ihoppancakeday.com>

**Tuesday, March 1, 4 pm**

**Christylez Bacon Live!** @ New Carrollton Branch Library

A GRAMMY nominated Progressive Hip-Hop artist and multi-instrumentalist from Washington, DC, Christylez multi-tasks between various instruments such as the djembe drum, acoustic guitar, and the human beat-box.

**Sundays, March 6 and April 3 (every first Sunday of the month), 1 pm**

**Model Rocket Launches** @ NASA Goddard Visitor Center

Model rocket launches are held at the Goddard Visitor Center the first Sunday of the month. Launches start at 1 p.m. and are brought to you by the NARHAMS Model Rocket club (<http://www.narhams.org>).  
<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/visitor/events/index.html>

**Thursday, March 3, 4 pm**

**Children's Garden: Making Simple Terrariums and the Water Cycle** @ New Carrollton Branch Library

**Saturday, March 5, 9 am to 12 Noon**

**Home Depot Kids Workshop** @Home Depot - 4700 Cherry Hill Rd, College Park, MD 20740

The free how-to workshops are designed for children ages 5-12. The hands-on sessions are offered on the first Saturday of each month between 9 a.m. and noon at all Home Depot stores, including locations in Bowie, College Park, and Lanham. All kids get to decorate and keep their crafts along with a kid-sized Home Depot apron and achievement pin. Phone: (301) 345-6774

<http://www.homeimproverclub.com/workshops.aspx?Type=2&date=2010-9-1>

**Thursday, March 10, 10:15 am & 12 Noon**

**DinoRock's Dinosaur Babies** @ Publick Playhouse

Enjoy this fantastic musical fossil fantasy about a boy's dream, musical dream weavers and a bunch of singing baby dinosaurs. Recommended for grades Pre-K-2. Tickets: \$3/person

[http://arts.pgparks.com/Our\\_Facilities/Publick\\_Playhouse/Events\\_and\\_Performances.htm](http://arts.pgparks.com/Our_Facilities/Publick_Playhouse/Events_and_Performances.htm)

**Wednesday, March 16, 7 pm**

**Family Game Night** @ Bowie Library

Come and play board games. Bring one of your own or play one of ours

**Saturday, March 19, 10 am to 12:30 pm**

**Capital Magazine Camp Fair** @ Bowie Library

Local Camps want to share their Information with you! Come for Light Refreshments, Goodie Bags, and GIVEAWAYS!! Advance Registration is required for this FREE Event. Bowie Library - 15210 Annapolis Rd, Bowie, MD 20715. Phone: 202-717-2369. <http://www.capitalfamilymagazine.blogspot.com>

**Sundays, March 20, April 17 and May 15, 1 pm to 3 pm**

**Sunday Experiments** @ NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

The Sunday Experiments are designed for elementary school students and their families. Gather at the Goddard Visitor Center on the third Sunday of every month, from September to May, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., for a free afternoon of eye-opening, hands-on activities that will help you experience what it's like to be a NASA engineer. Build all types of little rockets and hover-crafts, designing your own

planets and stars, and even trying your hand at being part of the manned spaced program.

**Monday, March 21, 7 pm**

**Family Game Night @ Laurel Library**

All ages. Come play board games at the library! Bring your own or play one of ours. Snacks will be provided

**Saturday, March 26, 1pm**

**Herbs to Grow & Cook @ Glenarden Library**

Learn how to grow your own herbs at this presentation sponsored by the Master Gardener's of Prince George's County. It is part of the spring gardening program being offered at several local libraries. Free. Glenarden Library - : 8724 Glenarden Pky, Glenarden, MD 20706. Phone: (301) 772-5477.

<http://www.prge.lib.md.us/Current/Jan-Mar2011/Family.html#gardening>

**Saturday March 26 to Sunday April 10**

**The National Cherry Blossom Festival**

Kicks off with Family Day activities held opening day, 10-3 p.m, at the National Building Museum. The full line up of events includes fireworks and cultural performances. [www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org)

**Sunday, March 27**

**National Black Marriage Day**

More than 300 communities and neighborhoods across the country will organize events to celebrate marriage in the Black community. For more information, email [info@blackmarriageday.com](mailto:info@blackmarriageday.com) or call 202-544-1936. [www.blackmarriageday.com](http://www.blackmarriageday.com)

**Sunday March 27, 10 am to 4 pm**

**Blossom (formerly Smithsonian) Kite Festival @ the Washington Monument**

Spring is in the air – literally! Participate in a day featuring hand-made kite-making competition for kids, flight demonstrations by Master Kite-makers from across the country, and the popular Hot Tricks Showdown and Rokkaku Battle.

Located on the grounds of the Washington Monument - Constitution Ave and 17th Streets NW, Washington DC. Call 202-633-3030. <http://kitefestival.org/>

## April

**Friday, April 1, 10:15 am & 12 Noon (County Schools Closed)**

**There's An Alligator under My Bed @ Publick Playhouse**

Omaha Theater Company's original production of Three Classics by Mercer Mayer: There's An Alligator Under My Bed, A Nightmare in My Closet, and Something in My Attic is a fun, musical production full featuring colorful costumes, fun music and loveable big creatures. Recommended for grades Pre-K-4. Tickets: \$6/person; \$5/person in groups of 15 or more.

[http://arts.pgparks.com/Our\\_Facilities/Publick\\_Playhouse/Events\\_and\\_Performances.htm](http://arts.pgparks.com/Our_Facilities/Publick_Playhouse/Events_and_Performances.htm)

**Saturday, April 30, 10 am to 4 pm**

**Maryland Day 2011 – Explore Our World! @ University of Maryland**

Kids events include hands-on science and technology, kids carnival, football clinic, instrument petting zoo, meet Jeff Kinney, author of Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, and more. [http://www.marylandday.umd.edu/audiencecat/audi\\_kids.cfm](http://www.marylandday.umd.edu/audiencecat/audi_kids.cfm)