

# 2025-2026 Abington Township Activities Guide

## Fall & Winter



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# GENERAL INFORMATION

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Township Administration Building  
1176 Old York Road  
Abington, PA 19001

Parks & Recreation Administration Office  
515 Meetinghouse Road  
Jenkintown, PA 19046

Briar Bush Nature Center  
1212 Edge Hill Road  
Abington, PA 19001

Alverthorpe Park  
498 Forrest Avenue  
Jenkintown, PA 19046

Abington Free Library  
1030 Old York Road  
Abington, PA 19001

Roslyn Branch Library  
2412 Avondale Avenue  
Roslyn, PA 19001

# PARKS & RECREATION REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## REGISTER EARLY FOR PROGRAMS

Nothing stops a program in its tracks faster than everyone waiting until the last minute to register. Many of our programs need a minimum number of participants to run, so a program may be canceled if there are not enough registrants. A minimum number of participants must be reached at least one week prior to the program beginning. Please note, registration is open for Soccer Shots at [www.soccershots.org](http://www.soccershots.org) and I9 Basketball at [www.i9sports.com](http://www.i9sports.com).

## REGISTRATION POLICY

Please complete the registration and waiver forms on PAGES 28 - 29 or [REGISTER ONLINE](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/PRregistration) at [www.abingtonpa.gov/PRregistration](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/PRregistration). You will be considered registered for a program only after the proper forms and fees are received by the Parks and Recreation Department before the stated deadline. You will not receive a confirmation unless otherwise noted. Registrations without accompanying fees and waivers will NOT be accepted. If you mail a registration in, the registration will be entered at the end of the work day. Non-residents may have a delayed registration start date and/or a higher registration fee.

## MAIL-IN OR IN-PERSON REGISTRATION

**Abington Parks & Recreation Office:** 515 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046

- Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 4:30 PM
- 215-576-5213

**Briar Bush Nature Center:** 1212 Edge Hill Road, Abington, PA 19001

- Business Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM
- 215-887-6603

## PAYMENT FOR PROGRAM

Payment is due at the time of registration. You may pay by Visa, Master Card, Discover, American Express, branded debit card, cash, or check. Checks should be made payable to "ABINGTON TOWNSHIP". All returned checks will be assessed a fee of \$25. If it is a Briar Bush Nature Center program (pages 15 - 17), please make checks payable to: "FRIENDS OF BRIAR BUSH". Separate checks are encouraged. List all participants in the family on one form but send a separate check for each program. This way if one program is full, it does not affect everyone, since payment must be processed in order to be considered registered in a program.

## CANCELLATION OF PROGRAM

Weather and other conditions may force us to cancel or postpone a program. The Department will make every effort to make the decision as early as possible. If there is any question about the status of a program, please call our office at 215-576-5213 between 8 AM and 4 PM.

## REFUND POLICY

A 20% service fee will be charged for ALL refund requests. Requests must be made at least five (5) business days before a program or thirty (30) days before a trip is scheduled to begin. There will be no service fee if the refund amount is applied to a future program within the calendar year or the program is cancelled by the Township. Refunds will not be issued once the program begins, or within the date range specified above. ALL refunds will be returned by check.

## TOWNSHIP PHOTO POLICY

On occasion, we may take photos or video of individuals enrolled in programs or using parks facilities. Please be aware that these images are for Township use and may be used in future promotional materials.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT DISCLAIMER

The Abington School Board of Directors assumes no responsibilities for the opinions, information, and possible typographical errors and omissions, etc., that may be reflected in this flyer/brochure.

## RECEIPTS

Receipts needed for tax or child care credit must be requested at the time of payment. Receipts will not be provided after the initial transaction.

# YOUTH PROGRAMS

## SOCCER SHOTS

Soccer Shots is the premier intro to soccer program in the United States teaching children soccer and character development through the innovative and imaginative curriculum and games. Soccer Shots is offering several fall soccer programs to children 2 - 8 years old.

**Soccer Shots Mini (2 - 3 yrs old)** is a high-energy program introducing children to fundamental soccer principles, such as using your feet, dribbling, and the basic rules of the game. Through fun games, songs, and positive reinforcement, children will begin to experience the joy of playing soccer and being active.

**Soccer Shots Classic (3 - 5 yrs old)** utilizes creative and imaginative games to focus on basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting. We also highlight a positive character trait in each session, such as respect, teamwork, and appreciation.

**Soccer Shots Premier (5 - 8 yrs old)** focuses on individual skill, fitness, and sportsmanship, providing children an opportunity to be challenged through fun games and interaction. Children will also be introduced to competition in a developmentally appropriate manner.

Please register **ONLINE** at [www.soccershots.org](http://www.soccershots.org). Please note, there is a \$35 annual registration fee.

### SESSION I

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesdays, September 10 - October 22, 2025
<b>Age:</b>	2 to 3 years old
<b>Time:</b>	4:30 PM - 5 PM
	5:20 PM-5:50 PM
<b>Age:</b>	3 to 5 years old
<b>Time:</b>	4:30 PM - 5:10 PM
	5:10 PM - 5:50 PM
	6 PM - 6:40 PM
<b>Age:</b>	5 to 8 years old
<b>Time:</b>	6 PM - 6:40 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Ardasley Community Center
<b>Cost:</b>	\$158
<b>Make Up Dates:</b>	October 29 & November 5

### SESSION II

<b>Date:</b>	Saturdays, September 6 - October 25, 2025
<b>Age:</b>	2 to 3 years old
<b>Time:</b>	8:45 AM - 9:15 AM
	9:30 AM - 10 AM
	10:05 AM - 10:35 AM
	10:50 AM - 11:20 AM
	11:25 AM - 11:55 AM
<b>Age:</b>	3 to 5 years old
<b>Time:</b>	8:45 AM - 9:25 AM
	9:20 AM - 10 AM
<b>Age:</b>	5 to 8 years old
<b>Time:</b>	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM
<b>Location:</b>	Ardasley Community Center
<b>Cost:</b>	\$180
<b>Make Up Dates:</b>	November 1 & 8





## AIKIDO

Aikido is a Japanese martial art developed by Morihei Ueshiba; his goal was to create an art that practitioners could use to defend themselves while also protecting their attackers from injury. Aikido is often loosely translated as “the way of peace and harmony.” Because the Aikido curriculum consists of throws, beginners learn how to safely fall or roll. The specific techniques for attack include both strikes and grabs; the techniques for defense consist of throws and pins. After basic techniques are learned, students study freestyle defense against multiple opponents, and techniques with weapons. Physical training goals pursued in conjunction with Aikido include controlled relaxation, flexibility, and endurance, with less emphasis on strength training. Aikido-related training emphasizes the use of coordinated whole-body movement and balance similar to yoga or pilates.

### CHILDREN'S AIKIDO

<b>Days:</b>	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and/or Thursdays
<b>Session I:</b>	September 16 - October 30, 2025
<b>Session II:</b>	November 4 - December 18, 2025
<b>Session III:</b>	January 6 - February 19, 2026
<b>Session IV:</b>	February 24 - April 9, 2026
<b>Session V:</b>	April 14 - May 28, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 7:20 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Ardsley Community Center
<b>Age:</b>	7 - 11 years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$75 for 1 class per week \$95 for 2 or more classes per week

### ADULT AIKIDO

<b>Days:</b>	Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays
<b>Session I:</b>	September 16 - October 30, 2025
<b>Session II:</b>	November 4 - December 18, 2025
<b>Session III:</b>	January 6 - February 19, 2026
<b>Session IV:</b>	February 24 - April 9, 2026
<b>Session V:</b>	April 14 - May 28, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Ardsley Community Center
<b>Age:</b>	12+ years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$75 for 1 class per week \$95 for 2 classes per week

### LITTLE NINJAS

Our Little Ninjas program is designed to teach children important life skills in a fun, exciting, and enriching manner. Topics such as: good manners (which include keeping hands and feet to themselves), respect for one's self and others, following directions the first time and more! We focus on one major life skill each week: *Memory, Control, Teamwork, Coordination, Fitness, Balance, Focus, and Discipline.*

<b>Days:</b>	Tuesday and/or Thursdays
<b>Session I:</b>	September 16 - October 30, 2025
<b>Session II:</b>	November 4 - December 18, 2025
<b>Session III:</b>	January 6 - February 19, 2026
<b>Session IV:</b>	February 24 - April 9, 2026
<b>Session V:</b>	April 14 - May 28, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	6 PM - 6:30 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Ardsley Community Center
<b>Age:</b>	4 - 6 years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$75 for 1 class per week \$95 for 2 classes per week

**Registration for the  
Summer Playground Program is  
March 2, 2026.  
Please check our website for  
additional information.**



# YOUTH PROGRAMS

## I9 BASKETBALL

This league focuses on learning new skills, practicing good sportsmanship, and having fun! Children are generally grouped with other children of similar size and abilities. In this league, everyone plays, every game! Practices are conveniently held just before the game. There are no tryouts, drafts, or fundraisers. Start times may rotate from week to week. Age divisions will be created after the registration deadline, based on the number of registrations.

- Ages 4-5 years: Age-instructional leagues will teach the fundamentals of the game through play.
- For participants 6-14 years of age: Divisions will be created based on the age of the child and teams will consist of 7-10 players. Practices are conveniently held on game day- just prior to the game.
- 4-9 year olds will play for 60 minutes in a 5 on 5 format and 10-14 year olds will play up to 75 minutes.

Please register **ONLINE** at [www.i9sports.com](http://www.i9sports.com). An official i9 Sports® Reversible Basketball Jersey is provided and included in your fee.

<b>Date:</b>	Saturdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7 & 14, 2026
<b>Age:</b>	4 - 7 years old
<b>Time:</b>	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
<b>Age:</b>	8 - 14 years old
<b>Time:</b>	11 AM - 3 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Ardsley Community Center Gymnasium
<b>Cost:</b>	\$175 per person if registered by 11/14 \$195 if registered after 11/14 Deadline to register is 12/5



## BABYSITTING WORKSHOP

This certification course provides teens with the confidence and skills to care for youngsters. Prospective employers will be happy to hire babysitters who have acquired this official certification. Upon completion of the course, you will receive an ARC Certification Card, as well as child care concepts. You must attend the entire course, pass the evaluations, and show the maturity to properly care for children. Please bring a lunch, snack, water bottle, and a pen or pencil.

<b>Date:</b>	Sunday, January 11, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	9 AM - 3 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Crestmont Clubhouse
<b>Age:</b>	11 - 15 years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$85 R/\$105 NR

## ORNAMENT MAKING & COOKIE DECORATING

Come join us in the holiday and winter spirit! This children's only workshop will allow children ages 5-12 years old to decorate their own ornament and cookies. The ornaments are perfect as a holiday gift or decoration around the house, and children will be able to take home their delicious cookie creations. We supply the materials, you supply the creativity! Parents/Guardians are encouraged to stay during the decorating.

<b>Date:</b>	Friday, December 12, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6 PM - 7:30 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Ardsley Community Center Cafeteria
<b>Age:</b>	5 - 12 years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$20 per person



## COUNTDOWN TO NOON KIDS CRAFT DAY

Please join our amazing Summer Playground Program staff for a day of arts and crafts celebrating the New Year! Participants will make a New Year's Eve themed craft, followed by a "Countdown to Noon" party and dancing. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, December 30, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Crestmont Clubhouse
<b>Age:</b>	6 - 12 years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$40 R/\$50 NR





## STEM CHALLENGE CAMP

### Geoventures School's Out Program

In STEM Challenge Camp get ready for building challenges, new inventions, teamwork and problem solving! Use science, technology, engineering, and math to expand your brain and race the clock in this hilarious and action packed camp day!

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, October 2, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	9 AM - 3 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Crestmont Clubhouse
<b>Age:</b>	7 - 12 years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$65 R/\$85 NR

## STEM SURVIVAL CAMP

### Geoventures School's Out Program

Tackle exciting survival games and challenges using the Engineering Design Process. This camp introduces the world of wilderness survival using scientific thinking and invention. Campers are challenged to build natural shelters, navigate using GPS, and practice the science-based secrets of tracking and stealth.

<b>Date:</b>	Friday, November 28, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	9 AM - 3 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Crestmont Clubhouse
<b>Age:</b>	7 - 12 years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$65 R/\$85 NR

## STEM TOYMAKERS WORKSHOP

### Geoventures School's Out Program

Winter is the perfect time for our festive STEM Toymakers Camp! Use Newton's Laws and iterative design to create games, toys, and even cuddly stuffies to take home to your family!

<b>Date:</b>	Monday, December 29, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	9 AM - 3 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Crestmont Clubhouse
<b>Age:</b>	6 - 12 years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$65 per person

## SPY TRAINING CAMP

### Geoventures School's Out Program

Become an expert in the art of disguise, code-breaking, surveillance, stealth and leaving no trace. As a team, you and the other cadets will solve crimes, navigate obstacle courses and try to discover the double-agent. Join us for unforgettable skills and mystery!

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, April 2, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	9 AM - 3 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Crestmont Clubhouse
<b>Age:</b>	7 - 12 years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$65 R/\$85 NR



## ZOMBIE SURVIVAL CAMP

### Geoventures School's Out Program

Survive a zombie apocalypse using creativity and wilderness skills in this playfully spooky camp! Participants are introduced to outdoor navigation.

<b>Date:</b>	Monday, April 6, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	9 AM - 3 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Crestmont Clubhouse
<b>Age:</b>	7 - 12 years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$65 R/\$85 NR

## ALVERTHORPE PARK FUN RUN

Hop into spring with Abington Parks and Recreation! This 1.2 mile run will happen following the Egg Hunt at Alverthorpe Park and be full of fun obstacles and activities! Run or walk the trails of Alverthorpe, jump a hopscotch, do a visual scavenger hunt, follow along with the silly runs, and finish your race with an Egg and Spoon challenge! Best for pre-k through elementary school ages with a parent/guardian, but open to the whole family! Pre-registration is required.

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, March 28, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	11 AM
<b>Location:</b>	Alverthorpe Park
<b>Age:</b>	Pre-K through Elementary
<b>Cost:</b>	12 & under \$10 / R, Adults \$15 / \$20 NR

# ADULT PROGRAMS



## TENNIS PROGRAM

If you're looking to sweat, have fun and improve your game, this tennis program is for you. This year we are very excited to have Hyacinth Yorke as our instructor. Hy will cultivate a systematic approach that can help participants of any level and age enjoy the game. She has excited the tennis community with her energetic teaching style and electric game. Hy is the founder and director of the Hy Intensity Tennis Academy, one of the Philadelphia region's premier academies, and has immense success as a nationally ranked player.

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesdays, September 17, 2025 - November 5, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	10:30 AM - 12 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Alverthorpe Park
<b>Age:</b>	18+ years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$250

## INDOOR PICKLEBALL CLUB

Do you want to play pickleball but do not have a regular partner? Do you want to meet new people that enjoy the same sport as you? Beginners to advanced players can join us at Ardsley Community Center Gymnasium on Thursday mornings in the fall and Tuesday mornings in the winter for indoor Pick-up Pickleball! Two games will be able to be played simultaneously for three hours a day, so there should be plenty of opportunity to play with residents! This is a resident only program and a great way to stay active throughout the colder months. Please bring your own equipment, nets will be provided. During the sessions, our Recreation Program Supervisor will be present to facilitate games being played and anything else that is needed.

<b>Session I:</b>	Thursdays, October 9 - November 13, 2025
<b>Session II:</b>	Tuesdays, January 13 - February 17, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	9 AM - 12 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Ardsley Community Center Gymnasium
<b>Age:</b>	18+ years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$30 per person

## WALKING CLUB

Come on over to Alverthorpe Park and join the Walking Club! Beginning on Tuesday, September 16 at 9 AM we will have a weekly walking club to meet other residents of the township who also enjoy staying active and walking through the park to admire its beauty. This club is free to residents of Abington and is all about forming new connections and building upon old ones. There is no end date to this club. As the weeks go on, we hope more people will join and we can keep it going throughout the year. Make sure to tell your friends if you plan on going!

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesdays beginning September 16, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	9 AM
<b>Location:</b>	Alverthorpe Park
<b>Age:</b>	18+ years old
<b>Cost:</b>	Free



## YOGALATES

A fun and engaging 5 week class that combines Yoga and Pilates-called Yopalates! This class blends the flexibility and mindfulness of Yoga with the core-strengthening and toning benefits of Pilates. It's a great way to bring the community together while promoting health and wellness. Each session will be 45 minutes long held at Crestmont Clubhouse and participants will need to bring their own mats. Class will be led by an experienced instructor from The Den Yoga & Wellness Studio located in Philadelphia. Yopalates helps improve flexibility, build core strength, and boost overall body awareness. Plus, it's a great way to relieve stress and unwind!

<b>Date:</b>	Sundays, October 5 - November 2, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	9:15 AM - 10 AM Please arrive by 9 AM
<b>Location:</b>	Crestmont Clubhouse
<b>Age:</b>	18+ years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$120



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<b>Session V:</b>	April 14 - May 28, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Ardsey Community Center
<b>Age:</b>	12+ years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$75 for 1 class per week \$95 for 2 classes per week



## FINANCIAL PLANNING AND DANGER OF SCAMMING SEMINAR

Abington Parks and Recreation will be hosting a seminar for our community with valuable information regarding the dangers of scamming in today's digital world and financial help for the future. A staff member from the Police Department will be coming and speaking about scamming and the threat it poses. A financial advisor will also be coming to speak about planning and helpful steps/tips to know for planning your future. This event is free of charge and open to all township residents. It will be hosted during the ARCAts final general meeting of 2025 at the Crestmont Clubhouse.

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, September 11, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	1 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Crestmont Clubhouse
<b>Age:</b>	18+ years old
<b>Cost:</b>	Free



## FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CLASS

Create your own floral design for the fall. Kremp Florist will open their workroom and provide a hands-on design class. The class will include a tour of the facility and instruction by a top floral designer. All flowers, foliage, design accents, and tools needed for the event will be provided. At the end of the class, there will be a question and answer period and discounts on Kremp products. Bring your own light food and refreshments.

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, November 6, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 8 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Kremp Florist, 220 Davisville Road, Willow Grove, PA
<b>Age:</b>	18+ years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$50 R / \$65 NR

## NATIVE PLANT GARDENING SEMINAR

Want to add a vibrant landscape to your home, no matter your space limitations? Join us at Briar Bush Nature Center with Director Mark Fallon for a hands-on container gardening workshop. Discover how easy it is to create stunning container gardens using beautiful native perennial plants. These tiny gardens are perfect for small spaces like patios, decks, or balconies, brightening areas without traditional garden beds, or simply adding a touch of flexible greenery you can easily move. Mark, with his 20+ years of native plant expertise, will guide you through basic design, explain how native plants benefit local pollinators, and share essential care tips. All materials are provided, and you'll take home your very own fully planted native garden to instantly enhance your outdoor space.

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, April 14, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	5:30 PM - 7 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Briar Bush Nature Center 1212 Edge Hill Road, Abington, PA
<b>Age:</b>	18+ years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$50 R / \$65 NR

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## COOKING WITH ZACH BREEDING-LEVIN UNIQUE HOLIDAY SIDES

Jazz up this holiday season with an eclectic lineup of side dishes that will leave your guests hungry for more! Join chef and registered dietitian Zach Breeding-Levin for a fun and immersive cooking class meant for any skill level. You'll learn how to whip up a delicious galette, a twist on a classic vegetable dish, and a unique stuffing recipe you'll bring back every year. Whether you bring a friend or come alone, you'll learn new recipes that will make the upcoming holiday a memorable one!

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, December 11, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Ardsley Community Center Cafeteria
<b>Age:</b>	18+ years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$60 R / \$75 NR



## COOKING WITH ZACH BREEDING-LEVIN COUPLE'S PASTA MAKING NIGHT

Whether you bring your bestie or your spouse, this class is a fun time for all! Learn how to make fresh pasta noodles and stuffed pasta by hand with chef and registered dietitian Zach Breeding-Levin. In just 2 hours, you'll master the art of pasta making – from crafting the perfect dough to shaping each piece, and everything in between. You will start with a detailed demonstration, then it's your turn to shine! Pair these delicious pastas with easy to learn pasta sauce recipes so you can savor what you made together.

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, February 12, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Ardsley Community Center Cafeteria
<b>Age:</b>	18+ years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$60 R / \$75 NR

## ADULT WATERCOLOR

Watercolor painting with Melissa Olson is open to all levels. Learn fundamental watercolor techniques and discover the lively and expressive possibilities of watercolor within a friendly and supportive community. Independent painting with critique of ongoing work encourages students to explore their own artistic style. Note: Before purchasing watercolors supplies, please bring what you have to the first class, and receive recommendations for additional materials.

<b>Session I:</b>	Tuesdays, September 16 - December 9, 2025
<b>Session II:</b>	Wednesdays, September 17 - December 10, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	9:45 AM - 12 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Crestmont Clubhouse
<b>Age:</b>	18+ years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$240 R / \$265 NR



## WATERCOLOR EXPLORATION NIGHT CLASSES

These 4-week sessions are open to curious beginners and experienced watercolorists alike. Learn fundamental watercolor techniques and discover the lively and expressive possibilities of watercolor. Demonstrations will get you started, and independent painting with personalized guidance will encourage you to explore your own artistic style.

Melissa Olson is an accomplished watercolor artist and a master teacher. She meets students where they are, whether beginner or expert, in a positive and encouraging way. There is always something new to learn in her class.

### Note about supplies:

- New-to-Watercolor students: A starter set of materials for first class may be purchased from the instructor for \$15. A recommended materials list will be handed out in class.
- Returning-to-Watercolor students: Bring whatever watercolor supplies you already have to the first class, and receive recommendations before purchasing additional materials.

<b>Session I:</b>	Wednesdays, September 24, October 1, 8, & 15, 2025
<b>Session II:</b>	Wednesdays, October 22, 29, November 12 & 19, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 9 PM (Session I) 6 PM - 8:30 PM (Session II)
<b>Location:</b>	Crestmont Clubhouse
<b>Age:</b>	18+ years old
<b>Cost:</b>	\$120 R / \$130 NR



## A.R.C.A.T. INFORMATION

ARCATs (Alverthorpe Retired Citizens of Abington Township) is a senior group for those who live in Abington Township and the surrounding area and who are at least 55 years old. ARCAT began over 50 years ago and is run by a staff of volunteers under the sponsorship of Abington Township Parks and Recreation. Members have the opportunity to enjoy trips and tours designed with seniors in mind. There is an annual fee of \$5 to join the group and members will be put on the ARCAT mailing list to receive newsletters, which will include the details of upcoming trips. To join, simply mail in the application found at the bottom of this page with the annual \$5 fee. For more information, visit our website at [www.abingtonpa.gov/PR](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/PR) or call Abington Township Parks and Recreation at 215-576-5213. For questions regarding trips, please contact Bernie Sandruck at 410-562-4838 or [Bernie@sandruck.com](mailto:Bernie@sandruck.com).



### 2026 Program Includes:

- General meetings at the Crestmont Clubhouse
- Spring luncheon at Sandy Run Country Club
- Holiday Luncheon
- One-day bus trips

**ARCATs 2026 Membership Application**  
**\$5 per person (Memo section write ARCAT dues 2026)**  
**Mail to: Abington Township - Department of Parks and Recreation**  
**515 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

## DRESS YOUR PET CONTEST FOR HALLOWEEN

Send in a picture of your pet all dressed up for Halloween for the chance to be featured in a future activity guide and other township promotional media. The winner will also receive a rental at Alverthorpe Park's mini-golf pavilion with a maximum of 25 people (other restrictions may apply). Submissions can be sent to [parksinfo@abingtonpa.gov](mailto:parksinfo@abingtonpa.gov) and will be posted on township social media pages. **Submissions will begin October 6 and end on October 24.** Voting will begin October 27 and end on October 30. The picture with the most votes at the end of the voting period will be our Dress Your Pet winner! Winner will be announced via social media pages during the day on October 31. Winner will be contacted by the Parks and Recreation office once contest concludes.

\* The prize can be redeemed by calling the park and setting up a reservation. Rental must be used by September 27, 2026.

## NEW YORK ON YOUR OWN

Looking to catch a Broadway show? Do some shopping or sightseeing? Enjoy a day in New York City without the hassle of driving or parking. We will be traveling by motor coach to New York City where you will have the option of two drop-off points: The Theatre District (W. 48th Street) or The Metropolitan Museum of Art (E. 82nd Street). There will be one pick up point, The Paramount Plaza (between 50th and 51st Streets on Broadway). We will leave from the main parking lot of Alverthorpe Park at 8 AM (sharp) and travel non-stop to New York. We will leave New York at 6 PM from the Paramount Plaza and return to Alverthorpe Park around 8 PM.

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, October 15, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	8 AM - 8 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Leave from Alverthorpe Park Main Parking Lot
<b>Cost:</b>	\$65

## HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Please join Abington Township Parks and Recreation for *The Nightmare Before Christmas Sing-Along* on the big screen! Please bring your own lawn chairs and blankets. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. Costumes are encouraged!

<b>Date:</b>	Friday, October 24, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Abington Art Center
<b>Cost:</b>	Free

## ALVERTHORPE PARK EGG HUNT

Bring your basket and hunt for filled eggs! Get your pictures taken with the Bunny!

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, March 28, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	10 AM SHARP
<b>Location:</b>	Alverthorpe Park
<b>Age:</b>	Preschool - 4th grade
<b>Cost:</b>	Free

## DAY TRIP TO CHRISTMAS CITY

Have some holiday shopping that needs to be done? Want to explore the beautiful and historic City of Bethlehem? Enjoy a lovely day in the Lehigh Valley without the hassle of driving or parking. First, we will be travelling by motor coach to the Bethlehem SteelStacks where the famous Chriskindlemarkt is located to do some holiday shopping and eating at the many vendors located within the market. Tickets to get into the market are generally around \$15. Other activities are walking distance if you would like to do something else. After a few hours, we will board the motorcoach again and go across the bridge to the historic side of Bethlehem where we can walk around Main St where Christmas City Village is located. Trip-goers can shop, grab a bite to eat, and see some historical buildings all while the area is decorated in beautiful holiday décor. We will leave from Spring St parking lot which is only a short walk from Main St at 6 PM to return to Alverthorpe Park around 8 PM.

<b>Date:</b>	Friday, December 5, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	8:30 AM - 8 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Leave from Alverthorpe Park Main Parking Lot
<b>Cost:</b>	\$45

## WASHINGTON DC CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Join Springfield Township and Abington Township for our 2026 Spring Bus Trip to the Washington DC Cherry Blossom Festival! Experience the beauty of our nation's capital during springtime as our comfortable luxury bus takes us through the city and drops us off at Union Station for a leisurely day of fun! All meals and activities must be covered on your own. View the various free activities in the city to help plan your day here: <https://washington.org/visitors-guide>. Registration fee covers bus fare and driver tip. Skip the parking fees and tolls and don't miss out on this wonderful day in DC!

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, April 2, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	7 AM - 9 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Depart from Springfield Township Administration Building (1510 Papermill Road, Wyndmoor, PA)
<b>Cost:</b>	\$90

## SPORTS EQUIPMENT SWAP

Looking to clean out some of your children's sports equipment? Look no further! Abington Parks and Recreation will be collecting and distributing used sports equipment back into the community. Bring your new and gently used (in good condition) sports equipment to the drop-off and pick out some other equipment. You do not need to donate in order to take items.

<b>Date/Time:</b>	Drop off: Thursday, March 19, 2026, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Shop: Saturday, March 21, 2026, 9 AM - 12 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Ardsley Community Center
<b>Cost:</b>	Free





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## **5K & KIDS' DASH**

8 AM & 8:30 AM, REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
ROSLYN PARK, 2726 FERNWOOD AVE.

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## **FALL FESTIVAL TOUCH A TRUCK - TRUNK OR TREAT**

12 - 3 PM  
CRESTMONT PARK, 2595 RUBICAM AVE.

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## **PARENT-CHILD GOLF TOURNAMENT**

10 AM, REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
ALVERTHORPE PARK, 498 FORREST AVE.

[abingtonpa.gov/abingtonfest](https://abingtonpa.gov/abingtonfest)



# PUBLIC WORKS UPCOMING EVENTS

## TRASH CLEAN OUT WEEK

During trash clean-out weeks, the Township will collect everything you place in your trash cans PLUS any additional normal trash placed in store bought refuse bags you put out with your regular trash on your SCHEDULED trash collection day. The bags should weigh no more than 30 lbs. NO electronics, hazardous waste, construction material or large items will be accepted.

<b>Date:</b>	October 6 - October 10, 2025 April 13 - April 17, 2026 On scheduled trash collection day
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## SHREDDING EVENT

Residents of Abington Township are encouraged to bring personal and confidential documents and files to Abington Township’s FREE shredding event. No need to remove binder covers, paper clips or staples. All material will be recycled. NO businesses. Abington Township residents ONLY.

<b>Location:</b>	2201 Florey Lane, Abington, PA 19001
<b>Date:</b>	October 18, 2025 and April 25, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	9 AM - 12 PM
<b>Cost:</b>	FREE. ABINGTON RESIDENTS ONLY. NO BUSINESSES.

## ELECTRONICS COLLECTION

Abington Township is proud to offer their residents the opportunity to responsibly recycle obsolete electronics. We partner with eForce Compliance for this event. This service is available to residents of Abington Township ONLY. PLEASE NOTE: There is a cost for TVs and monitors.

<b>Location:</b>	2201 Florey Lane, Abington, PA 19001
<b>Date:</b>	November 15, 2025 and February 28, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	9 AM - 12 PM
<b>Cost:</b>	FREE. ABINGTON RESIDENTS ONLY.



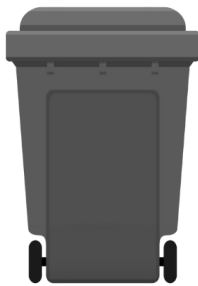
## CONTAMINATION LEADS TO MORE WASTE.

PLEASE SORT YOUR BINS BEFORE ROLLING TO THE CURB.



### Blue Bin: Recyclable glass, metal, & plastic

**NO** plastic bags/wrappers, broken glass, light bulbs, straws, 6-pack rings, coat hangers, bubble wrap, styrofoam, or TRASH



### Gray Bin: Recyclable paper & cardboard

**NO** waxed/glitter/metallic paper, waxed cardboard, greasy pizza boxes, soiled paper, or TRASH



### Green Bin: Trash

**NO** medical waste, building and construction debris, furniture, appliances, or auto parts



# PAL/FIRE COMPANY OPEN HOUSES

## ABINGTON POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PAL)

**Abington Police Department's #1 Juvenile Crime and Violence Prevention Program!**

Check out everything we offer at [www.abingtonpal.org](http://www.abingtonpal.org) – including weekly activities, special events, and secure online donations. Follow us on [Facebook](#) (AbingtonPAL) and [Instagram](#) (abingtonpal29) for updates throughout the activity year!

**Location:** Salem Baptist Church/School, 2801 Woodland Road, Roslyn: Enter on Pershing Avenue.

**Hours:** Fridays & Saturdays, 7 - 10 PM  
(Closed on holiday weekends. No entry after 8:30 PM.)

**Eligibility:** For boys and girls **ages 10** through high school graduation. Membership expires on your **19th birthday**. Must be an **Abington Township resident** or attend school in Abington Township.

**Join Anytime!** A parent or guardian must accompany the child to register at the PAL site. Forms are available online or in person. All applications are processed through the Abington Township Police Department for approval.

## FALL/WINTER OFFERINGS

Abington PAL offers an exciting mix of on-site activities and off-site trips throughout the season.

**TRIPS:** Annual Snow Tubing, Bowling, Laser Tag, Movie Theater Outings, And More!

**SPORTS & GAMES:** Cops vs. PAL Members Events – Basketball, Dodgeball, Kickball, Ping Pong, Pool Tournaments, Gaming Consoles - PlayStation 5, Nintendo Switch, Air Hockey, Cornhole, Bumper Pool

**CRAFTS & CREATIVITY:** Weekly Rotating Crafts – Painting, Jewelry Making, Wreath Making, Baking, Mug Meals, Always trying new things!

**EDUCATIONAL & ENRICHMENT:** Book Club, Life Skills Camp, Trivia Nights

**MISCELLANEOUS FUN:** Bingo, Pictionary Challenge, Jigsaw Puzzles, Movie Nights, Nail Salon Night, Holiday-Themed Events

**Special Annual Community Fundraising Event:**  
**All adults are welcome and encouraged to attend!!**

Abington PAL receives NO tax dollars and relies entirely on contributions and fundraisers for support. Abington PAL is **COPS and YOU** Helping Kids! For more Information, contact us:  
Phone: 267-536-1083  
Email: [PAL@abingtonpa.gov](mailto:PAL@abingtonpa.gov)  
Website: [www.abingtonpal.org](http://www.abingtonpal.org)

## FIRE COMPANY OPEN HOUSES

Open Houses are held each year during Fire Prevention Week inviting residents to come to one of our five (5) all-volunteer fire houses to meet their neighbors who serve as volunteers with the Abington Township Fire Department (ATFD). Residents will be able to see the trucks and equipment that our firefighters use to respond to emergency incidents every day. Additionally, they can meet the staff from the Abington Township Fire Marshal's Office to learn about fire prevention and fire safety. For our littlest residents, there is always plenty of fun giveaways to reinforce the safety messages that they get from the firefighters they meet at the open houses.

The Fire Department Open Houses are also a great way to learn how you can volunteer to serve your community. The ATFD is an all-volunteer fire department that provides all training and personal protective equipment to our members. If you are interested in learning more about how to join, please visit [www.abingtonfd.org](http://www.abingtonfd.org).

### ABINGTON FIRE COMPANY



<b>Address:</b>	1920 Horace Ave., Abington
<b>Date:</b>	October 6, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6 PM - 8 PM

### MCKINLEY FIRE COMPANY



<b>Address:</b>	893 Jenkintown Rd., Elkins Park
<b>Date:</b>	October 7, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6 PM - 8 PM

### ROSLYN FIRE COMPANY



<b>Address:</b>	1128 Bradfield Rd., Roslyn
<b>Date:</b>	October 8, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6 PM - 8 PM

### WELDON FIRE COMPANY



<b>Address:</b>	412 N. Easton Rd., Glenside
<b>Date:</b>	October 9, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6 PM - 8 PM

### EDGE HILL FIRE COMPANY



<b>Address:</b>	2843 Limekiln Pike, North Hills
<b>Date:</b>	October 10, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6 PM - 8 PM

# BRIAR BUSH NATURE CENTER

Briar Bush Nature Center is a rich oasis in the middle of suburban Abington. Our 12.5 acres have about a mile of trails winding through a beautiful woodland.



**Briar Bush**  
NATURE CENTER

*Welcoming you to a world of wonders!*



## BECOME A MEMBER!

Friends of Briar Bush (FOBB) Membership is available at many levels. Visit our website for more information.

### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP INCLUDE:

- Discounts on programs
- Early registration and discounts for summer camps
- Discounts in the Nature Shop
- A subscription to our newsletter
- Invitations to Friends of Briar Bush members-only events
- Ability to rent our facility for parties/celebrations
- And more!

## COME EXPLORE OUR:

<b>Dede Long Nature Museum</b>	Houses a collection of live animals, interactive exhibits, touch table, children's reading area, and Discovery Den play space.
<b>Forested Trails</b>	12 acres with quiet winding woodland trails.
<b>Griscom Bird Observatory</b>	A peaceful cabin with a panoramic window overlooking a bird habitat with exhibits that highlight bird identification, migration, citizen science, and children's activities.
<b>Nature Playscape</b>	A play area complete with tunnel, stream, and other natural features to explore!
<b>Pond</b>	A vibrant aquatic habitat filled with diverse wildlife and native plants. Discover what's active as the seasons change.
<b>Pollinator Garden</b>	A space to see diverse native plant species and their pollinators interacting throughout the year.
<b>Group and Public Programs</b>	For all ages! Abington residents receive a 10% program discount. Friends of Briar Bush Members receive a 20% program discount.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Address:** 1212 Edge Hill Road  
Abington, PA 19001

**Phone:** 215-887-6603

**Email:** info@briarbush.org

### MUSEUM HOURS

**Office:** Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM

**Dede Long Nature Museum:** Open Daily, 10 AM - 4 PM

**Griscom Bird Observatory:** Open Daily, 10 AM - 4 PM

**Pond:** Open Daily, 10 AM - 4 PM

**Trails:** Open Daily, Dawn - Dusk

**Pollinator Garden:** Open Daily, Dawn - Dusk

**Playscape:** Open Daily, Dawn - Dusk

Facility access is subject to change to accommodate private programs/events. For your safety, remain aware of trail closures. Call before you visit for updates.

### MUSEUM ADMISSION

Abington Residents: FREE

Friends of Briar Bush Members: FREE

Others: Donations Accepted

Admission fees are subject to change.





# BRIAR BUSH NATURE CENTER

## REGISTRATION

Most programs require registration for participants ages 2+. Children under 2 years of age are free of charge.

To review all program details and register, visit [www.briarbush.org](http://www.briarbush.org) or scan the QR code.

Questions or need help registering? Call 215-887-6603 daily from 10 AM - 4 PM.



## PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

### FAMILY NATURE NIGHT

Bring the whole family for a fun night complete with live animal encounters and interactive stations relating to the theme of the night - all at your own pace. Family Nature Nights feature a forest sensory experience! Light snacks will be provided.

<b>Date:</b>	Friday, September 19, 2025 - The Color of Nature
<b>Age:</b>	Children Pre-K to Elementary with Sensory Processing Disorders and Their Families
<b>Time:</b>	6 PM - 7:30 PM
<b>Cost:</b>	FREE (Registration is required.)

### CREEPY CRAWLIES - CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

Some have six legs, some have eight, and some have no legs at all! Discover Briar Bush's resident creepy crawlies up close before heading out on the trails for a creepy crawly scavenger hunt. Then, enjoy s'mores around the campfire.

<b>Date:</b>	Friday, October 24, 2025
<b>Age:</b>	All Ages
<b>Time:</b>	7 PM - 8 PM
<b>Cost:</b>	Participant: \$15 Abington Resident: \$13.50 Briar Bush Member: \$12

### BEAVER MOON AND STARLAB

Join a Briar Bush educator at the Crestmont Clubhouse for a night of full moon fun! Explore the night sky and search for animal constellations projected in our StarLab inflatable planetarium. Then, head outside and learn how to use a telescope to view the Beaver Moon.

<b>Date:</b>	Friday, November 7, 2025
<b>Age:</b>	All Ages
<b>Time:</b>	7 PM - 8 PM
<b>Cost:</b>	Participant: \$15 Abington Resident: \$13.50 Briar Bush Member: \$12

### WINTER SURVIVAL

When it's cold outside, animals don't have mittens or hot chocolate to keep them warm. Instead, some sleep through the winter, some have thick fur to stay active, and others just pack up and leave! Explore the various winter survival strategies of plants and animals and learn how nature beats the cold in this cool program.

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, December 13, 2025
<b>Age:</b>	All Ages
<b>Time:</b>	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
<b>Cost:</b>	Participant: \$12.50 Abington Resident: \$11.25 Briar Bush Member: \$10

## WINTERFEST 2026

Celebrate the magic of the winter season at our annual WinterFest! Enjoy a variety of activities including guided hikes, animal encounters, games, crafts, and more.

<b>Date:</b>	Sunday, January 25, 2026
<b>Age:</b>	All Ages
<b>Time:</b>	1 PM - 4 PM
<b>Cost:</b>	FREE (Registration is NOT required.)

### YOU SHOW OFF! - CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

Briar Bush Members, it's your time to show off! From songs to fights and flashy costumes to elaborate dances, animals do all sorts of amazing, wonderful, and downright funny things to impress a potential mate. Explore and try out animal courtship techniques through hands-on activities involving sound, music, dancing, color, and toughness. Then, wind down with s'mores around the campfire.

<b>Date:</b>	Friday, February 6, 2026
<b>Age:</b>	All Ages (Briar Bush Members Only)
<b>Time:</b>	7 PM - 8 PM
<b>Cost:</b>	FREE (Registration is required.)

## PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

### MAGIC MORNINGS

Hey, toddlers! Bring your favorite adult to join a Briar Bush educator for walks, animal encounters, activities, and more. Each week features a new nature-themed lesson, which repeats throughout the week. Register for one day per week.

<b>Date:</b>	MOST Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays September 30, 2025 - May 28, 2026
<b>Age:</b>	2-5-year-olds with Adult
<b>Time:</b>	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
<b>Cost:</b>	Participant: \$12.50/session Abington Resident: \$11.25/session Briar Bush Member: \$10/session Discounts for additional child in same home.

### NATURE PIONEERS

Children are invited to join us on their own for age-appropriate activities, walks, animal encounters, crafts, games, and more! Each week features a new nature-themed lesson.

<b>Date:</b>	MOST Thursdays October 9, 2025 - May 28, 2026
<b>Age:</b>	4-6-year-olds
<b>Time:</b>	1 PM - 2:30 PM
<b>Cost:</b>	Participant: \$15/session Abington Resident: \$13.50/session Briar Bush Member: \$12/session

# BRIAR BUSH NATURE CENTER

## SCHOOL'S OUT, GET OUTSIDE!

When school is not in session, students can spend a day at Briar Bush exploring the outdoors, meeting live animals, making crafts, playing in nature, and more! Be sure to pack a lunch, snacks, water bottle, and full change of clothes.

<b>Date:</b>	Select Holidays and In-Service Days
<b>Grade:</b>	K - 5
<b>Time:</b>	Full Day Sessions: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Half Day Sessions: 1 PM - 3:30 PM After Care Sessions: 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
<b>Cost:</b>	Full Day Session: - Participant: \$75 - Abington Resident: \$67.50 - Briar Bush Member: \$60 Half Day Session: - Participant: \$30 - Abington Resident: \$27 - Briar Bush Member: \$24 After Care Session: \$12

## SUMMER CAMP 2026 - UPDATES

Looking for Summer Camp 2026 information? Visit our website ([www.briarbush.org](http://www.briarbush.org)) frequently or join our [mailing list](#) for:

- Summer Camp Program Offerings and Important Dates
- Camp Scholarship Information and Application
- Summer Camp Registration
- Camp Aide Information and Application

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

### PRE-COLONIAL PENNSYLVANIA

Join Senior Naturalist Carter Johnson in a presentation on how our landscape has changed since European colonists arrived. Learn about forest composition, extinct and extirpated animals, and the indigenous people responsible for making Pennsylvania what it is today and continue to steward the land.

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, September 17, 2025
<b>Age:</b>	Adults
<b>Time:</b>	7 PM - 8:30 PM
<b>Cost:</b>	Participant: \$12.50 Abington Resident: \$11.25 Briar Bush Member: \$10

### WOODFORD CEDAR RUN WILDLIFE REFUGE

Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge is a 171-acre non-profit wildlife refuge on the edge of the New Jersey Pinelands. Cedar Run includes the Woodford Nature Center, a Wildlife Housing Area with more than 50 native residents, and a Wildlife Rehabilitation Hospital that sees more than 7,000 wild animals each year. Join us for a tour of the Wildlife Housing Area, a short hike focusing on the Pine Barrens, and an Animal Meet and Greet. Then, we'll stay for lunch and explore the gift shop.

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, October 18, 2025
<b>Age:</b>	Adults
<b>Time:</b>	8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
<b>Cost:</b>	Participant: \$40 Abington Resident: \$36 Briar Bush Member: \$32

## READING THE LAND

Nature is full of stories, but can you read its language? Bite marks on leaves, animal scat, footprints, and subtle changes in plant life give us clues as to what is going on in the natural world around us. Join us for a one-hour "Nature Duolingo" session with a presentation and short guided hike.

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, November 15, 2025
<b>Age:</b>	Adults
<b>Time:</b>	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
<b>Cost:</b>	Participant: \$12.50 Abington Resident: \$11.25 Briar Bush Member: \$10

## WINTER TREE ID

When trees have shed their leaves by winter, telling one from another can be tricky. Learn to identify trees by using year-round features such as bark, buds, and branching. You'll then be able to identify backyard trees at any time of year!

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, December 6, 2025
<b>Age:</b>	Adults
<b>Time:</b>	10:30 AM - 12 PM
<b>Cost:</b>	Participant: \$12.50 Abington Resident: \$11.25 Briar Bush Member: \$10

## BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS

Start your morning off right with breakfast and birdwatching! Join us at the Bird Observatory to learn the basics of birdwatching, explore bird biofacts and apps such as Merlin and eBird, and observe songbirds at the feeders, all while enjoying bagels, fruit, and coffee.

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, January 10, 2026
<b>Age:</b>	Adults
<b>Time:</b>	9 AM - 10:30 AM
<b>Cost:</b>	Participant: \$15 Abington Resident: \$13.50 Briar Bush Member: \$12

## AMOROUS ANIMALS

It's Valentine's Day, and love is in the air—for animals, too. Bring a date, a group of single friends, or go stag for an explicit and hilarious evening at Briar Bush Nature Center! Start the night off by tantalizing your taste buds with decadent desserts. Then, Briar Bush Educator and Animal Curator Katie Fisk will regale you with the bizarre behaviors and natural histories of amorous animals. We'll talk bizarre endowments, courtship methods (how do porcupines mate?), and yes, we'll find out who really is the biggest in the animal kingdom (hint: it's not you). You'll meet some live animals up close and personal as well!

<b>Date:</b>	Friday, February 13, 2026
<b>Age:</b>	Adults Ages 21+
<b>Time:</b>	7 PM - 8 PM
<b>Cost:</b>	Participant: \$15 Abington Resident: \$13.50 Briar Bush Member: \$12



# ABINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

## EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Library programs for all ages are currently being offered by both the Abington Free Library (1030 Old York Road) and the Roslyn Branch Library (2412 Avondale Avenue). **Register for events and stay up to date on offerings online at [abingtonfreelibrary.org/events](https://abingtonfreelibrary.org/events).**

### CONTACT US!

**Online:** [abingtonfreelibrary.org/contact](https://abingtonfreelibrary.org/contact)

**Email:** [abingtonlibrary@mcclinc.org](mailto:abingtonlibrary@mcclinc.org)

**Phone:**

- Abington Free Library: 215-885-5180
- Roslyn Library: 215-886-9818

For general questions or information, please visit our website at [abingtonfreelibrary.org](https://abingtonfreelibrary.org). Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [TikTok](#) @AbingtonLibrary!

### ROSLYN LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Unless otherwise noted, programs are held at the Roslyn Library: 2412 Avondale Ave., Roslyn, PA.

#### Roslyn Adult & Teen Programs

Registration required, unless noted.

#### STITCH AND CHAT

Drop-in and bring your project to work on with others.

<b>Date:</b>	Fridays
<b>Time:</b>	1 PM - 3 PM

#### ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP

Call 215-886-9818 for availability.

Discover personalized tech assistance with our empathetic tutors.

#### BIRDSEED WREATHS

<b>Date:</b>	Monday, February 16, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	1:30 PM - 2 PM
<b>Age:</b>	All ages 8 and up

#### COOKBOOK CHATS

Registration encouraged. Drop-ins welcome.

<b>Date:</b>	Thursdays, September 25, October 23, and November 20
<b>Time:</b>	2 PM - 3 PM

#### VIRTUAL ART CLASSES

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, January 21, 2026 Wednesday, February 18, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	7 PM - 8:30 PM
<b>Age:</b>	Adults and teens ages 14 and up

### Roslyn Children's Programs

#### PLAYDATE ON AVONDALE

Drop in.

<b>Date:</b>	Friday mornings
<b>Time:</b>	10:30 AM - 12 PM

#### PLAY & GROW

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesdays, September 23 & 30, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	10:15 AM - 10:45 AM
<b>Age:</b>	6 months - 2 years

#### TODDLER PLAYDATE

Drop-in.

<b>Date:</b>	October 7 & 14, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	10:15 AM - 10:45 AM
<b>Age:</b>	1 - 3

#### TODDLER TIME

See website for 2026 dates.

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesdays, October 21 – November 25
<b>Time:</b>	10:15 AM - 10:45 AM
<b>Age:</b>	18 - 36 months

#### ROSLYN STORYTIME

See website for 2026 dates.

<b>Date:</b>	Thursdays, September 11, 18, 25 October 9 – December 11, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	10:30 AM - 11 AM
<b>Age:</b>	3 - 5 years

#### MEXICAN HOJALATA TIN ART

<b>Date:</b>	Monday, September 29, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
<b>Age:</b>	7 and up

#### WOODLAND WITCHES

<b>Date:</b>	Monday, October 6
<b>Time:</b>	7 PM - 8:30 PM
<b>Age:</b>	Adults and Teens ages 14 and up.



## Roslyn Children's Programs

### MAGNETIZED

Drop-in.

<b>Date:</b>	Monday, October 20, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	1:30 PM - 3 PM
<b>Age:</b>	4 - 10

### SLIGHTLY SPOOKY

<b>Date:</b>	Monday, October 27, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 7:15 PM
<b>Age:</b>	4 - 10

### STUFFED ANIMAL VILLAGE

<b>Date:</b>	Monday, November 10, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 7:15 PM
<b>Age:</b>	4 - 8

### BRICK BUILDERS

Drop-in.

<b>Date:</b>	Saturdays, December - March
<b>Time:</b>	10 AM - 12 PM
<b>Age:</b>	4 - 10

## ABINGTON FREE LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Unless otherwise noted, programs are held at the Abington Free Library: 1030 Old York Rd., Abington, PA.

## Abington Adult Programs

### ADULTS READ YA BOOK CLUB

Adults, YA isn't just for teens! Join YA Librarian Sara Huff for a monthly book club.

<b>Date:</b>	First Thursday of every month
<b>Time:</b>	7 PM - 8 PM

### TALES OF FRIENDSHIP BOOK CLUB

Inspired by the "Stories of Exile" reading group. Find the list titles on our website.

<b>Date:</b>	Thursdays, September 11, November 13, February 12
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

### DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

For book details, head to our website events calendar at [abingtonfreelibrary.org/events](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/events).

<b>Date:</b>	Thursdays, September 4, October 9, November 6, December 4
<b>Time:</b>	1 PM - 3 PM

## Abington Adult Programs

### VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

For discussion details, head to our website events calendar at [abingtonfreelibrary.org/events](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/events).

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesdays, September 3, 10, & 17
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### ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP

Call 215-885-5180 ext. 113 or sign up at [abingtonfreelibrary.org/events](http://abingtonfreelibrary.org/events). Discover personalized tech assistance with our empathetic tutors.

<b>Date:</b>	Mondays
<b>Time:</b>	10, 10:30, 11, or 11:30 AM



### STITCH AND CHAT

Drop-in with your knitting or crochet project.

<b>Date:</b>	Thursdays
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

### THE ELAINE WOLFSON MAGILNER MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES - RUTH MERTENS THOMPSON - HARP PERFORMANCE

Join us for an evening of solo harp performance by Ruth Mertens Thompson!

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, September 4
<b>Time:</b>	7 PM - 8 PM

### HEALTHCARE IN RETIREMENT WITH WEALTHBRIDGE FINANCIAL

This Healthcare in Retirement seminar educates participants on how to plan for healthcare expenses, so they are able to live a long and healthy retirement while protecting their savings.

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, September 16, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 8 PM

### CHARTING CONFIDENCE IN RETIREMENT WITH WEALTHBRIDGE FINANCIAL

An engaging presentation exploring how inflation, taxes, and market fluctuations impact your retirement savings. Learn practical strategies to help navigate today's financial environment and build confidence in your future plans—whether retirement is soon or still years away.

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, September 23, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM



## Abington Adult Programs

### MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

<b>Date:</b>	Saturdays, September 20, October 18, November 15, & December 13, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	11 AM - 12 PM

### COFFEE, TEA, & TALK

<b>Date:</b>	1st and 3rd Thursdays
<b>Time:</b>	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM



### LOCAL AUTHOR EXPO

Support local authors and learn about book publishing from local experts.

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, September 27, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	12 PM - 4 PM

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FALL BOOK AND PLANT SALE

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, September 27, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	10 AM - 3 PM

### JANE AUSTEN BIRTHDAY PARTY

Austen-ites are invited to celebrate our favorite author's birthday with tea, crafts, and general swooning over Mr. Darcy.

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, December 3, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 8 PM

### WINTERFEST

WinterFest is back for another year of winter-themed fun! Enjoy a choral concert by the Abington Senior High School Choir, a Friends of the Library sale, themed crafts, a photo booth, a vendor fair, and more!

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, December 13, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	2 PM - 4 PM



## Adult Art Classes

### WATERCOLOR GRAPES PAINTING

Virtual Art Class with Anita Thompson. Registration starts September 3.

<b>Date:</b>	Monday, September 29, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	7 PM - 8:15 PM

### SEASONAL LANDSCAPES

In-Person Art Class with Taylor Rae-Cole. Registration starts October 2.

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, October 23, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

### WINTER BIRD DRAWING

Virtual Art Class with Anita Thompson. Registration starts October 13.

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, November 11, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	7 PM - 8:15 PM

## Abington Teen & Adult Programs

### PUZZLEPALOOZA!

Think you're a fast puzzler? Put your skills to the test! Program sponsored by Ravensburger.

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, September 18, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

### BOOK BEDAZZLING

Teens and adults are invited to bedazzle their books with diamond art! Bring your favorite book (don't worry, you can practice on one of our testers first) and turn it into a piece of art with ease!

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, October 16, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

### DAY OF SERVICE FOR ALL-AGES

Join us for our second-annual Day of Service. Come by any time to participate in activities that will benefit local organizations.

<b>Date:</b>	Monday, January 19, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	1 PM - 5 PM

### FOLDED BOOK ART: VASE

Just in time for Valentine's Day – learn to make a beautiful vase from a book. Bring your own hardcover book or use one of ours.

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, February 12, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 8 PM

## Abington Teen Programs

### AB-TAB

Tweens and teens are invited to join the Library's Teen Advisory Board. Help plan programs and earn service hours.

<b>Date:</b>	Third Monday of every month
<b>Time:</b>	6 PM - 7:30 PM
<b>Age:</b>	Grades 6 - 12

### Q CREW

For LGBTQ+ tweens and teens. Hang out, meet new friends, and enjoy crafts in a safe space.

<b>Date:</b>	Second Tuesday of every month
<b>Time:</b>	6 PM - 7:30 PM
<b>Age:</b>	Grades 6 - 12

### FREE SENIOR PHOTOS

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, September 13, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	2 PM - 4 PM

### MATH WITH A MUTT

Kids and teens are welcome to get math help from our patient teen tutors. Plus, Chloe the Therapy Dog will be on-hand (on-paw?) for relaxing pets. Interested in volunteering as a tutor? Sign up on our website.

<b>Date:</b>	Mondays, October 6, 13, & 20, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	3:30 PM - 5 PM

### TEEN VOLUNTEER EVENTS

Need service hours for school? Join us for volunteer events! We will have different activities, such as writing letters to seniors and making toys for local animal shelters.

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, September 24, 2025 Monday, October 20, 2025 Tuesday, November 4, 2025 Tuesday, December 30, 2025 Friday, February 13, 2026
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### PAYING FOR COLLEGE: WHAT'S CHANGING & WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH MY COLLEGE PLANNING TEAM

Teens and parents, join us for a virtual presentation and Q&A with My College Planning Team on the cost of college.

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, October 9, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom

### MURDER MYSTERY PARTY

Can you figure out who the murderer is before it's too late? Put your detective skills to the test at our murder mystery party!

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, October 29, 2025 Thursday, October 30, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6 PM - 8 PM

### BABYSITTER'S TRAINING

For tweens and teens – get certified in Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED by the American Red Cross. Courses are funded by a grant from CHOP Community Cares.

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, November 22, 2025 Saturday, December 6, 2025 Saturday, February 21, 2026 Saturday, May 16, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	9 AM - 5:15 PM

### DIY DROP-INS

School's out early, so come by the library for crafts in the Teen Space!

<b>Date:</b>	Monday, November 24, 2025 Tuesday, November 25, 2025 Wednesday, November 26, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	12 PM - 2 PM

## Abington Children's Programs

Unless otherwise noted, programs are held at the Abington Free Library: 1030 Old York Rd., Abington, PA.

### FALL ALL AGES STORYTIMES

Join us for stories, music, movement, and fun!

<b>Date:</b>	Mondays & Wednesdays
<b>Time:</b>	10:30 AM - 11 AM
<b>Age:</b>	For kids up to age 5 and their families.

### FALL SCIENCE STORYTIMES IN THE PARK

Join Jungle Annie (a.k.a. Miss Andrea) for exciting science-based stories and activities! Registration required.

<b>Date:</b>	Thursdays, September 11, 18, 25, October 9, 16, & 23, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
<b>Age:</b>	For kids ages 3 to 5 and their families.
<b>Location:</b>	Alverthorpe Park, Mini Golf Pavilion

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES

Stories, songs, movement activities and a take-home craft with children and caregivers ages 3-5. Registration required.

<b>Date:</b>	Thursdays, November 13 - December 18, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
<b>Age:</b>	3 - 5

## Abington Children's Programs

### LEGO CLUB

No registration required. You do not need to attend every session. Come whenever you're free!

<b>Date:</b>	Every other Tuesday in the fall
<b>Time:</b>	3:30 PM - 5 PM
<b>Age:</b>	5 and up

### MAKER CLUB MONDAY

Design, build, and create at Maker Club Monday with Miss Susie! This program promotes creativity and ingenuity by presenting a new engineering challenge.

<b>Date:</b>	September 8, October 6, November 3, & December 1, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	2 PM - 3 PM
<b>Age:</b>	Grades 3 - 8

### BOLLYWOOD DANCE WORKSHOP!

Join Miss Swati from Community Bollywood Dance Project for a Bollywood dance workshop to celebrate the Hindu festival of lights, Diwali! Good for all skill levels ages 5 and up. No registration required.

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, October 15, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
<b>Age:</b>	5 and up

### DOGGONE GOOD READERS

Doggone Good Readers gives children in grades 1-5 the opportunity to practice reading aloud to registered therapy dogs!

<b>Date:</b>	Saturdays, September 13, October 4, November 1, & December 6,
<b>Time:</b>	10 AM & 10:45 AM Sessions
<b>Age:</b>	Grades 1 - 5

### ANIMATION WITH KEVILLE BOWEN

Learn how to animate with artist Keville Bowen! Register once to attend both sessions. Space is extremely limited.

<b>Date:</b>	September 17 & 18, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6 PM - 8 PM
<b>Age:</b>	9 - 12

### HOMESCHOOL STEAM: DASH ROBOT WORKSHOP

<b>Date:</b>	September 15, 16, & 17, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	2 PM - 4 PM

### HOMESCHOOL STEAM

<b>Date:</b>	October 13 & 15, 2025 November 10 & 12, 2025 December 15 & 17, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	2 PM - 3 PM

### RAINBOW CONNECTIONS

Meet new friends and talk about LGBTQ+ themed books and topics in a safe space.

<b>Date:</b>	Second Mondays monthly
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
<b>Age:</b>	LGBTQ+ kids in grades K - 5
<b>Location:</b>	Via Zoom. Link will be sent after registering.

## Adult Literacy Programs

### Adult Literacy Office

Contact Erica for questions and to register.

Call: 215-885-5183, Text: 484-841-9446

Email: [abingtonliteracy@mclinc.org](mailto:abingtonliteracy@mclinc.org)

### CONVERSATION CLASSES FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

All new students must register before attending classes.

### INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED

<b>Date/Time:</b>	Monday Evenings: 7 PM - 8:30 PM Tuesday Mornings: 10:30 AM - 12 PM
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### BEGINNERS

<b>Date/Time:</b>	Tuesday Evenings: 6 - 7:30 PM Thursdays: 12:30 PM - 2 PM
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### NEW TUTOR TRAINING

Would you like to help an adult improve their literacy skills?

Our volunteer tutors help adults:

- Improve their English skills.
- Increase their reading, writing, or math skills.
- Prepare to pass a test – such as a high school equivalency test.
- Pass the U.S. citizenship test.

### FALL 2025 NEW TUTOR TRAINING

Three-part training session to become a volunteer tutor with the Adult Literacy Program.

<b>Date:</b>	October 8, 9, & 13, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 PM - 8:45 PM

### TUTOR SUPPORT MEETINGS

These are professional development workshops to introduce new strategies and materials to tutors as well as give tutors opportunities for them to share with each other.

<b>Date/Time:</b>	September 25, 2025: 1 – 3 PM or 7 - 8:45 PM November 11, 2025: 1 PM – 3 PM November 12, 2025: 7 PM - 8:45 PM
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For more information or to register, please call or email the Adult Literacy Office at 215-885-5183 or [abingtonliteracy@mclinc.org](mailto:abingtonliteracy@mclinc.org).



# LOCAL PARKS

	Dog Park	Walking Path/Trails	Tennis Courts	Pickleball	Swimming Pools	Basketball Courts	Football/Soccer	Baseball/Softball	Nature Areas	Playgrounds	Grills	Ice Skating
<b>ALVERTHORPE</b> 498 Forrest Ave.		X		X(L)	X	X(L)	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>ARDSLEY</b> Tennis & Jefferson Ave.		X	X			X(L)	X	X		X		
<b>ARDSLEY COMMUNITY CENTER</b> 2828 Spear Ave.							X	X		X		
<b>ARDSLEY WILDLIFE SANCTUARY</b> Maple & Jefferson Ave.		X							X			
<b>BAEDERWOOD</b> Highland Ave.		X							X	X	X	
<b>BOY SCOUT GAME PRESERVE</b> Meadowbrook & Valley Rd.									X			
<b>BRIAR BUSH</b> 1212 Edge Hill Rd.		X							X			
<b>COATES PRESERVE</b> Highland Ave.		X							X			
<b>CONWAY</b> 911 G Ave.							X(L)	X(L)				
<b>CRESTMONT</b> 2595 Rubicam Ave.				X(L)	X(L)	X(L)	X(L)	X		X		
<b>CROSSWICKS BIRD SANCTUARY</b> Crosswicks Rd.									X			
<b>EDGE HILL WOODS</b> 749 Roslyn Ave.		X							X			
<b>EDMUND R. MICCIOLO MEMORIAL PARK</b> 1001 Old York Rd.									X			
<b>ELK STREET</b> 419 Elk Ave.										X		
<b>ETHEL JORDAN</b> Jenkintown Rd. & Osceola Ave.						X		X		X		
<b>EVERGREEN MANOR</b> Osbourne & Phipps Ave.									X	X		
<b>FOX CHASE MANOR</b> 717 Fox Chase Rd.									X			
<b>GROVE PARK</b> 1383 Easton Rd.	X	X										
<b>HALLOWELL</b> 1900 Kenmore Ave.							X	X				
<b>JACKSON</b> Sherwood Ave.		X							X			
<b>KAREBROOK</b> Cox & Valley Rd.									X			
<b>LORIMER PARK</b> 183 Moredon Rd.	Montgomery County Park, please visit <a href="http://www.montcopa.org/972/Lorimer-Park">www.montcopa.org/972/Lorimer-Park</a> for more information.											
<b>MANOR WOODS</b> Forrest & Douglass Ave.									X			
<b>MEADOWBROOK BIRD SANCTUARY</b> Relevation & Meadowbrook Rd.		X							X			
<b>NORTH HILLS/ DENNIS DOUGHERTY</b> Tennis & Pine Ave.								X		X		
<b>PENBRYN</b> 300 Houston Ave.		X		X(L)	X(L)	X(L)	X(L)	X(L)		X		
<b>ROCKWELL</b> Rockwell & Stratford Ave.										X		
<b>ROSLYN</b> 818 Anzac Ave.		X				X(L)	X(L)	X(L)		X		
<b>ROYCHESTER</b> 1837 Harding Ave.			X			X(L)	X(L)	X		X		
<b>RUBICAM</b> Rubicam & Franklin Ave.		X				X(L)				X		

(L) Indicates facility is night lighted.

## Patrick Kerr Memorial Skateboarding Facility

Located in Roslyn Park, Patrick Kerr Skate Park is open everyday, weather permitting, from 11 AM to dusk. If the gates are locked, the park is closed. All users must wear a helmet at all times while in the skate park. Use of the facility is at your own risk. For more information regarding the park including skate and bike park rules and its history, please visit [www.abingtonpa.gov/skatepark](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/skatepark).



## Ardsey Park



## Baederwood Park



## Crestmont Park



# ALVERTHORPE PARK

**LOCATION:** 498 Forrest Avenue, Jenkintown, PA 19046

## HOURS:

- SUMMER: 4/21/25 - 9/1/25, 8 AM - 10 PM
- FALL: 9/2/25 - 10/5/25, 8 AM - 8 PM
- WINTER: 10/6/25 - 3/1/26, 8 AM - 5 PM
- SPRING: 3/2/26 - 4/5/26, 8 AM - 8 PM

**CONTACT:** 215-884-6538

**Please Note:** Alverthorpe Park is open to Township residents ONLY. To access the park, a form of identification showing residency is required. Residents are able to bring non-resident guests.

## Bike Pike

The 1.7 mile bike pike travels around the park's activity areas and through its natural areas, providing a scenic and pleasant trip. The bike pike is open year-round weather permitting.

## Fishing

Resident fishing tags are available for purchase - \$4. For more information, please contact the Control Building in Alverthorpe Park, Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM at 215-884-6538.

## Wading Pool

The facility located in Alverthorpe Park's preschool area is available to Abington Township residents 5 years of age and under at no charge. The wading pool area opens for daily use beginning Saturday, June 20, 2026, and closing Labor Day, September 7, 2026. The hours of operation are from 11 AM to 5 PM daily. There is a maximum of 35 people allowed inside the pools fenced in area.

## Miniature Golf

The 18-hole miniature golf course is open to Abington residents and their guests. The course is open weekends from 10 AM to 9 PM beginning Memorial Day weekend (May 23, 2026). It opens daily from 10 AM to 9 PM beginning Monday, June 15, 2026 and ending on September 7, 2026. Weekend operations (10 AM to 7 PM) will continue through the month of September ending on September 27, 2026. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

<b>Weekdays (10 AM - 5 PM)</b>	\$4
<b>Weeknights, Weekends, &amp; Holidays</b>	\$4



## Par-Three Golf

The Par-3 golf course remains open year round for a fee, weather permitting. Greens fees are as follows:

		Player	Senior
<b>Weekdays (8AM- 5 PM) Fees</b>	9 - holes	\$7	\$4
	18 - holes	\$9	\$5
<b>Weekends &amp; Evenings Fees</b>	9 - holes	\$8	\$8
	18 - holes	\$10	\$10
<b>Additional 9-holes</b>		\$2	\$1 (weekday only)

NOTE: Golfers MUST be 7 years of age or older to play. Golfers 7-13 years may play, but MUST be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older and must have their own golf clubs. Children under 7 years of age are not permitted on the course.

## Tennis Courts

Weeknights: Court reservations may be made after 5 PM in person or by phone at Alverthorpe Park. Courts will be held for 15 minutes past starting time unless a call is made stating party will be late (no reservation fee).

Weekends/Holidays: Court reservations will be taken after 12 PM on Wednesdays. Non-refundable Weekend/Holiday reservation fee: \$1. Court time limited to 1.5 hours. One resident must accompany each non-resident guest. Those wishing to use courts prior to scheduled time will be charged the full court fee.

### Times and Fees:

Each time period will be limited to 1.5 hours beginning at 8:15 AM.

	Player		Child* /Senior	
Type	Singles	Doubles	Singles	Doubles
<b>Everyday (10 AM - 5 PM) Fees</b>	\$5/crt	\$8/crt	\$2/crt	\$3/crt
<b>Reservation Fee</b>	\$1			

\* Children ages 12 years and younger

# FACILITY RENTALS

Please call 215-576-5213 for rules and regulations related to the use of each facility.

## ALVERTHORPE PARK

498 FORREST AVENUE, JENKINTOWN, PA 19046

**Contact Information:** 215-884-6538

Reservations for 2026 will be accepted starting January 2 at 8 AM. Reservations may be made in person at the Alverthorpe Control Building or by phone at 215-884-6538. **Please note, reservations must be made by an Abington Township adult resident. The guests attending a reservation do not need to be Abington residents.** For questions, please call 215-884-6538.

	Time	Cost	Bathrooms on-site	Private Parking
Picnic Shelter	Full Day (9 AM - 9:30 PM)	\$300 (\$275*)	Yes	Yes, 50 spaces
	Half Day (9 AM - 3 PM and 4:30 PM - 9:30 PM)	\$270		
Mini-Golf Pavilion	Full Day (10 AM - 7 PM)	\$230 (\$205*)	No	No
	Half Day (10 AM - 2 PM and 3 PM - 7 PM)	\$200		
Pre-School Pavilion	Full Day (10 AM - 7 PM)	\$205 (\$180*)	Yes	No
	Half Day (10 AM - 2 PM and 3 PM - 7 PM)	\$175		
Camp Sites (approx. 8 available)	Check-out is by 4 PM Max of 4-day stay	\$15 per site, \$20 deposit required for camping keys **	No	Yes
Picnic Tables (approx. 60 available)	Rentable during current park hours	\$5 per table	No	No

\* A discounted rate is available between 9/2/25 - 10/5/25 & 3/2/26 - 4/5/26.

\*\*No charge for bonafide scout organizations; deposit is returned when keys are returned to control building.



Mini-Golf Pavilion



Picnic Shelter



Pre-School Pavilion



## ARDSLEY COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER

2828 SPEAR AVENUE, ARDSLEY, PA 19038

**Contact information for availability, pricing and questions:** 215-576-1630 or [parksinfo@abingtonPA.gov](mailto:parksinfo@abingtonPA.gov)

### CLASSROOMS

**Size:** Vary, classrooms hold up to 25 people.

**Availability:**

- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays: 9 AM to 8:45 PM

**Pricing:** \$12/hour



### CAFETERIA

**Size:** 20 x 50 sq. ft., can fit approximately 80 people

**Availability:**

- Year-round
- Monday - Sunday: 9 AM to 11 PM

**Pricing:**

- \$100 cleaning fee
- Large events such as birthday parties, baby showers, etc.: \$75/hour
- Weekly rentals such as organizational rentals, 1-time rentals: \$13/hour
- Kitchen rentals: \$40/day



### GYMNASIUM

**Size:** 50 x 80 sq. ft., capable of seating 400 - 500 people

**Availability:**

- Monday-Sunday: 9 AM to 11 PM

**Pricing:**

- Large events such as weddings, concerts, etc.: \$95/hour
- Weekly rentals such as organizational rentals: \$15/hour

Activities held in the gym include sports leagues, concerts, classes and more!



## CRESTMONT CLUBHOUSE

2595 RUBICAM AVENUE, WILLOW GROVE, PA 19090

**Contact information for availability and pricing:** 215-576-5213

### CLUBHOUSE

Rentals of the clubhouse are exclusive to Abington Township residents ONLY.

This beautiful space can be used for events such as birthday parties, bridal showers, workshops, networking parties, etc.

**Size:** The facility can hold up to 85 people.

**Availability:**

- Monday - Sunday: 12 PM - 10 PM

**Pricing:**

- \$100/hour plus \$100 cleaning fee per rental and \$100 key deposit due at time keys are picked up. \$100 key deposit is returned once building is inspected and keys have been returned.

**Learn more by watching this video:**

[www.abingtonpa.gov/crestmontclubhouse rental](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/crestmontclubhouse rental)



# RECREATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The following groups along with area colleges and churches, provide organized recreation in Abington Township. If you would like your organization to appear on our list, please contact our office at [parksinfo@abingtonpa.gov](mailto:parksinfo@abingtonpa.gov).

## Local Scouts Groups

Group	Contact	Phone/Email
Boy Scout Troop 437 Roslyn	Patrick Kelly	pkelly1776@gmail.com
Abington Troop 1		trooponeabington@gmail.com
Abington Troop 7	Jenn Vincent/ Jim Amons	jenntwontz@verizon.net/ jamins@bensalemsd.org
Girl Scouts of Southeastern PA (www.gsep.org)		215-564-2030
Glenside Pack 48	Keith Galle	pack48glenside@gmail.com 267-625-8838
Glenside Troop 48	Matthew Frey	matthew-frey@comcast.net
Boy Scout Troop 72	Glenn Arizini	Troop72overlookhills@gmail.com
Overlook Hills Pack 72	Sherry Sutton	charlaynesutton@comcast.net



## Athletic Organizations

Organization	Website	Phone/Email	Address
Abington Bulldogs Youth Wrestling Club (K-8)		bulldogsabington@gmail.com	
Abington Fall Softball		razz663@aol.com, 215-663-9440	733 Seminole Avenue, Jenkintown, PA 19046
Abington Girls Lacrosse Club	<a href="http://www.abingtongirlslax.org">www.abingtongirlslax.org</a>	Dennis Condon abingtongirlslax@gmail.com	
Abington Raiders Football & Cheer	<a href="http://www.abingtonraiders.org">www.abingtonraiders.org</a>	Joe Reid, 610-787-0553 AbingtonRaidersfootball@gmail.com	
Abington-Roychester Baseball	<a href="http://www.abington-roychesterbaseball.com">www.abington-roychesterbaseball.com</a>		
AC United Soccer Club	<a href="http://www.acunited.org">www.acunited.org</a>	info@acunited.org JC Escobar, acunitedsc@gmail.com, 215-385-2825	P.O. Box 1065, Roslyn, PA 19001
Ardsley- North Hills Athletic Association	<a href="http://www.anhaa.org">www.anhaa.org</a>		Conway Field, 911 G Avenue, Ardsley, PA 19038
Crestmont Community Summer Basketball League (ages 8-16)		215-432-3177	P.O. Box 74, Glenside, PA 19038
Dolphins Community Aquatics Association (DCAA)	<a href="http://www.dcaaswimming.org">www.dcaaswimming.org</a>	Shelly Spooner shelly@dcaaswimming.org	
Jenkintown Youth Activities (JYA)	<a href="http://www.jenkintownjya.com">www.jenkintownjya.com</a>	Joe Duffey, 215-279-0670 jenkintownjya@gmail.com	
Glenside Gaelic Club	<a href="http://www.glensidegaelicclub.com">www.glensidegaelicclub.com</a>	glensidegaelicclub@gmail.com	P.O. Box 824, Glenside, PA 19038
Glenside Youth Athletic Club	<a href="http://www.gyac.org">www.gyac.org</a>	gyac@gyac.org	
Hunter Soccer Club	<a href="http://www.huntersc.com">www.huntersc.com</a>	Fifi Bertl, Huntersctravel@gmail.com	220 Houston Avenue, Glenside, PA 19038
Abington Area Womens Softball League		Brittany Kohler, 267-888-1451 aawsl19038@gmail.com	
Roslyn Boys and Girls Club	<a href="http://www.rbclub.org">www.rbclub.org</a>		P.O. Box 1043, Roslyn, PA 19001
Saint John of the Cross Crusader Football	<a href="http://www.crusaderfootball.org">www.crusaderfootball.org</a>		2812 Phipps Avenue, Willow Grove, PA 19090

# ABINGTON TOWNSHIP PROGRAM PARTICIPANT LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE

**READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING- THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED FOR EACH PARTICIPANT. ONE PARTICIPANT PER FORM. EACH PARTICIPANT AGE 18 AND OVER MUST SIGN THIS FORM. PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST SIGN ON BEHALF OF ANY MINOR PARTICIPANT.**

I acknowledge that I voluntarily have applied, for myself and/or any additional family members or minors in my care, to participate in program(s) and/or events offered by the Township of Abington.

I understand that participation in such program(s) involves risk of injury. I understand these risks are entirely my responsibility. I expressly assume these risks. In particular, I am aware of the risks and hazards inherent upon entering the program area(s) and I choose to voluntarily enter the premises, knowing the conditions might become more hazardous and/or dangerous for myself and I voluntarily assume all such risks, loss, damages, or injury that may be sustained by my participation.

By signing this release of liability and participating in the program(s), and in consideration for being permitted to participate in the program(s), I do hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and/or for any additional family members and minors in my care for whom I am submitting a registration, fully and forever release, indemnify, and discharge Abington Township and their officers, officials, departments, and other representatives and their heirs, administrators, successors and assigns, from any and all manner of action, cause of action, suits, debts, accounts, controversies, damages, claims and demands whatsoever, which I or my legal representative, and/or any minors in my care may have or acquire against Abington Township and their officers, agents and other representatives, by reason of any loss resulting from personal injury or damage to personal property belonging to me and/or any minors in my care which may occur during or by reason of my, and/or any additional family members' or minors' in my care, participation in the program(s), whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated. I fully and forever release and discharge Abington Township and their volunteers and vendors, employees and agents from any and all negligent acts and omissions in the same. I hereby grant Abington Township and any of its officials, officers, agents and other representatives full authority to take whatever action they may consider to be warranted regarding my, and/or any additional family members' or minors' in my care, health and safety, and I fully release Abington Township, its officials, officers, agents and other representatives from any liability for such actions taken on my behalf or on behalf of any additional family members or minors in my care.

I understand that no health and/or accident insurance is provided by Abington Township. I also understand and agree, for myself, and/or for any minors in my care, that I am solely responsible for the cost and expense for furnishing medical or other insurance to cover any expenses related to any such personal injuries or property damage.

Please check each program the participant is registering for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Aikido                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Arrangement Class            | <input type="checkbox"/> STEM Challenge Camp                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alverthorpe Park Fun Run                        | <input type="checkbox"/> i9 Basketball                       | <input type="checkbox"/> STEM Survival Camp                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Babysitting Workshop                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Pickleball Club              | <input type="checkbox"/> STEM Toymakers Workshop               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Aikido                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Little Ninjas                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Program                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking - Couple's Pasta Making                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Plant Gardening Seminar      | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Club                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking - Unique Holiday Sides                  | <input type="checkbox"/> NYC Day On Your Own                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Washington DC Cherry Blossom Festival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Countdown to Noon Kids Craft Day                | <input type="checkbox"/> Ornament Making & Cookie Decorating | <input type="checkbox"/> Watercolor Exploration Night Classes  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day Trip to Christmas City                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent-Child Golf Tournament        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yagalates                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Planning & Danger of Scamming Seminar | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer Shots                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Zombie Survival Camp                  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Spy Training Camp                   |  |

Adult Participant Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**If participant is a minor, parent/guardian must sign below:**

Youth Participant Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# PARKS & RECREATION REGISTRATION FORMS

<b>Parent/Guardian:</b> First Name			Last Name		
Address			Email		
City			State		Zip Code
Home Phone (      )			Cell Phone (      )		
Emergency Phone (      )			Emergency Contact		
<b>Participant</b>		Birth date		Program Name/Date/Time/Session	
First	Last	Mo	Day	Year	Fees

Medical Information, special needs, (e.g., Allergies or other medical restrictions, issues, etc.) - if additional space is needed, attach information to application.)

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**Refund Policy:** A 20% service fee will be charged for all refunds. Request must be made at least five (5) business days before a program / thirty (30) days before a trip is scheduled to begin. Refunds will not be issued once the program begins. For Briar Bush Nature Center's refund policy, please visit [www.briarbush.org](http://www.briarbush.org).

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## FORM OF PAYMENT - OFFICE USE ONLY

Total Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CASH\* CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ MONEY ORDER # \_\_\_\_\_ VISA\* MASTER CARD\* DEBIT CARD\* (\*IN PERSON)

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Address			Email		
City			State		Zip Code
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# Stay Connected!

## Social Media



**FACEBOOK:** @AbingtonTownship



**INSTAGRAM:** @AbingtonTownship



**X:** @AbingtonPA

## Videos & Television

Abington Township's government access channel runs Township news, event information, and recorded meetings 24 hours a day.

**COMCAST CHANNEL 43**

**VERIZON CHANNEL 24**

Board of Commissioners meetings can be viewed anytime at [www.abingtonpa.viebit.com](http://www.abingtonpa.viebit.com).

## E-Newsletter

Subscribe to receive Abington Township's monthly electronic newsletter at [www.abingtonpa.gov/newslettersignup](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/newslettersignup).

## Meeting Agendas

Residents who would like to receive public meeting agendas can sign up for email notifications at [www.abingtonpa.gov/agendas](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/agendas).

## Service Requests

Report an issue or request a service through our online Citizen Service Request Tool at [www.abingtonpa.gov/servicerequest](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/servicerequest).

## Websites

**Main:** [www.abingtonpa.gov](http://www.abingtonpa.gov)

**Police:** [www.abingtonpd.org](http://www.abingtonpd.org)

**Fire:** [www.abingtonfd.org](http://www.abingtonfd.org)

**Library:** [www.abingtonfreelibrary.org](http://www.abingtonfreelibrary.org)

**Briar Bush:** [www.briarbush.org](http://www.briarbush.org)

**SUBMIT NON-EMERGENCY  
REQUESTS OR ISSUES  
THROUGH OUR ONLINE**

# CITIZEN SERVICE REQUEST TOOL

## Examples include:

- ✓ Trash not picked up
- ✓ Faded sign
- ✓ Traffic safety concern
- ✓ Playground equipment issue

**Submit a request or issue at  
[abingtonpa.gov/servicerequest](http://abingtonpa.gov/servicerequest)**



*Mark your calendars!*

## **FY 2026 Preliminary Proposed Budget Schedule**

- Thursday, October 16, 2025, 7 PM: Special Meeting - Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2026 Preliminary Proposed Budget
- Thursday, November 13, 2025, 7 PM: Consider Advertising the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget at the Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting
- Thursday, December 11, 2025, 7 PM: Final Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Budget and Public Hearing on Millage Ordinance at the Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting

The schedule is subject to change, depending on revisions as a result of the Board of Commissioners and public comment.

### **CHECK BACK REGULARLY FOR UPDATES!**

This document will be updated electronically at [www.abingtonpa.gov/FallWinterGuide](http://www.abingtonpa.gov/FallWinterGuide) with any changes in programming or new offerings. To stay up to date on Township activities, please visit:

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