



# POWER-ON PROGRAM

2026-27 school year



Afterschool fun for grades K-6. Join us as we create engaging, fun & inclusive afterschool adventures!

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# 2026-27 Out of School Time – Power-On Program

Meet friends, play, build, learn, and grow through a variety of recreation, enrichment, and leisure activities. Afterschool fun includes sports/cooperative games, academic support, civic responsibility, safety, health and wellbeing, cultural arts, and STEAM enrichment. Participants will engage in theme-based activities and special events that will promote self-awareness and confidence, as well as self-expression and creativity, while having fun and making new friends in the Power-On afterschool program. The program meets from 2:30-6 p.m. when ACPS schools are open at locations across Alexandria.

**Registration:** Payment of \$892 is due at the time of registration and can be made by check, credit card, or money order, payable to the City of Alexandria. Open to City of Alexandria residents only. Financial assistance and payment plans are available for qualified families. For more information, please contact the Registration & Reservation Office at **703.746.5414**.

*Fees subject to increase beginning July 1.*

**Afterschool Program Dates:** August 24, 2026–June 17, 2027

**Afterschool Operation Hours:** School Dismissal through 6 p.m.

**Power-Full Fun Days Hours:** 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

**Power-Full Fun Days Fee:** Power-On Registered Participants ONLY

Power-Full Fun Days operate at designated Recreation Centers on designated ACPS school closure days.

*Program minimums and maximums vary by location.*

### 3 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER

**Registration Dates:** Pre-Registration for families who receive Federal Assistance will run from Sunday, June 7–Friday, June 12. Registration will open to the general public on Wednesday, June 24 at 9 a.m. (online only). In-person and online registration will open on Thursday, June 25. In-person registration can be completed at any of the neighborhood recreation centers and OSTP locations listed below, during program operating hours.

#### 3 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER



##### Web

- Payment by credit card (Visa/MC) or eCheck
- alexandriava.gov/Recreation
- Call 703.746.5414 for assistance



##### In-person (beginning June 25)

- Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
- Hosting location during program operating hours.



##### Mail-in or Drop-off

- Mail/drop-off completed forms and documentation to: Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria, VA 22314
- Checks payable to “City of Alexandria”
- Allow up to five (5) business days.

Items needed for registration:

- Completed/signed registration forms
- **New Registrants Only:**
  - Copy of child’s “Proof of Identity” (birth certificate, passport, or other official document) for viewing purposes only
  - 2 forms of proof of City residency (1 photo ID)

**ADA Accommodations:** The City is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended. To request a reasonable accommodation, contact ADA Coordinator Jackie Person at 703.746.5550.

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#### Power-On Locations:

Charles Barrett Recreation Center	1115 Martha Custis Drive	703.746.5506
Charles Houston Recreation Center	901 Wythe Street	703.746.5552
Leonard “Chick” Armstrong Recreation Center	25 West Reed Avenue	703.746.5554
Mount Vernon Recreation Center	2701 Commonwealth Avenue	703.746.5556
Patrick Henry Recreation Center	4643 Taney Avenue	703.746.5557
William Ramsay Recreation Center	5650 Sanger Avenue	703.746.5558
*Douglas MacArthur Elementary School	1101 Janneys Lane	703.746.5506
*Ferdinand T. Day Elementary School	1701 N. Beauregard Street	703.746.5506
*John Adams Elementary School	5651 Rayburn Avenue	703.746.5506

\*On-site registration is unavailable at this location. \*ACPS School locations subject to change.

## Photographic Release

I hereby grant permission for the City of Alexandria, and its representatives, to use any photograph or video of me, my children and/or my property. Photographs and/or video may be used in print or electronic marketing or promotional material with or without my and/or my child's name. I also give permission to release such photographs and/or videos to the news media and that such photographs and/or videos may be used on the City's website.

I acknowledge and agree that any photographs and/or videos may be edited. I also agree that photographs and videos taken by the City become property of the City of Alexandria without compensation to me. I also understand that any photographs and/or videos may be subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and/or the Virginia Privacy Act.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (if minor): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer that my child(ren) be excluded from photography taken by the City of Alexandria's Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities team.



# 2026-27 School Year Registration

August 24, 2026 - June 17, 2027

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2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM	FEE
Resident	\$892
Free/Reduced	\$305
SNAP	\$255
TANF	\$149

Please select one location.

- John Adams       Leonard Armstrong       Charles Barrett  
 Ferdinand T. Day       Patrick Henry       Charles Houston  
 Douglas MacArthur       William Ramsay       Mount Vernon

## PLEASE PRINT

Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Fall Grade Level (2026-27) \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Work Location \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Work Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Work Location \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Work Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact #1\* \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact #2\* \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Emergency Contacts must be someone other than the parent/guardian and available during program hours.*

My child will regularly arrive/leave the Center/Program by way of (Check box)

Walk (Participants in grade level 4 or above with Walk/Bike permission slip)

Parent  Car Pool  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Person(s), other than parent/guardian, authorized to pick up child:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

If a parent/guardian, or other adult is NOT allowed to pick up the child, attach a copy of applicable paperwork such as custody papers.

----- Office Use Only -----

2026-27 S.Y. Fee: \$892 Credit Card  Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_\_ ID \_\_\_\_\_ Staff \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical/Social Information

NAME OF PARTICIPANT \_\_\_\_\_

What is your child's swimming ability? \_\_\_ No swim experience \_\_\_ Beginner \_\_\_ Can swim length of pool

Does your child have medical conditions we need to be aware of, such as allergies or intolerance to foods, medications?  
\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No if the answer is "yes", please explain/describe medical condition:

Please describe action to be taken in an emergency:

Has your child had any recent operations or any other pertinent medical information that might require special attention?  
\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No if the answer is "yes", please explain:

List prescribed medications your child takes and what the medications are treatment for. NOTE: Recreation staff are NOT authorized to administer medication. This information may be needed in case of a medical emergency that requires treatment.

Medication your child takes:	Medication for treatment of:

Please list any social, cognitive or behavioral challenges for your child that you believe staff should be aware of:

Please list any accommodations needed:

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Name of Participant's Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Insurance Information:

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The City of Alexandria does not provide medical insurance for your child. In the event of illness or injury requiring treatment, hospitalization, and/or surgery, the family medical insurance must be used.

### EMERGENCY TREATMENT STATEMENT & HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I give the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, Recreation Services Division, permission to acquire emergency treatment at my expense for the participant named above. In consideration of the City of Alexandria, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, conducting various programs, the undersigned realizing the risk of injury attendant to such programs, does hereby and forever discharge the City of Alexandria, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities and its officers, agents and employees from any and all action, claims or liability resulting from or arising out of or based upon any bodily injury or property damage which may be sustained by the undersigned or the undersigned's child while participating in such programs.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED OF PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 2026–27 School Year Rules & Requirements

NAME OF PARTICIPANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Initial each box below. "Parent" also refers to legal guardian.*

1. I understand that my child must be registered in the program prior to starting. I also understand that all outstanding balances must be paid in full by the scheduled date in order for my child to continue attending program activities.
2. I understand that any unpaid balance that remains on my account will prohibit enrollment in other RPCA programs and activities for all members of my household.
3. Prior to participation in any field trip or off-site activity, a parent/guardian must complete and sign a permission slip and pay any required fee.
4. Power-On is not a licensed child care program but operates based on local standards. Each location's program is planned to be age-appropriate and properly supervised. Local standards are available online at [alexandriava.gov/RPCA/OSTP](http://alexandriava.gov/RPCA/OSTP).
5. I give permission for my child to participate in all program activities, including activities, discussion groups, and personal development sessions led by professionals, vendors, and contractors, and I agree to comply with all program policies outlined in this agreement.
6. I give the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities, Recreation Services Division, permission to obtain emergency medical treatment for my child at my expense. I understand it is my responsibility to keep emergency contact and medical information up to date.
7. I consent to the City of Alexandria's use of photographs, video, or film that include my child in program activities for marketing or promotional purposes.
8. I agree to comply with the program policies outlined in this agreement and give my child permission to participate fully in the program.
9. I understand that children are expected to respect staff, participants, equipment, supplies, and facilities. Inappropriate behavior, including abusive language, physical altercations, aggression, destruction of property, possession of weapons or unlawful items, or other serious offenses, will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension. Staff will work with parents to address behavioral concerns when possible.
10. I understand that my child will only be released to adults aged 18 or older who are listed on the authorized pick-up list, and that valid photo identification is required. I understand that children must be signed in and out daily by an authorized adult and that timely pick-up is required; repeated late pick-ups may result in removal from the program. Youth in grades 4 or above whose parents have submitted the required Walk/Bike permission slip may sign themselves out and leave the program independently. It is encouraged that children be picked up by a parent, guardian, or authorized person and remain for the full duration of the program.
11. I understand that checks returned for insufficient funds will incur a \$35 fee in addition to any bank charges.
12. My signature confirms that I understand these responsibilities and will inform any authorized individuals responsible for picking up my child.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

### **Swimming Release:**

I give permission for my child to participate in the swimming activities, should this apply to my program.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

## 2026–27 School Year Fee: \$892/child

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Please visit [alexandriava.gov/Recreation](http://alexandriava.gov/Recreation) to view a full version of Out of School Time Program Local Standards.

“Parent” also refers to legal guardian.

### Eligibility Requirement

Power-On: Kindergarten through 6th graders, who are between the ages of 5 and 12, are eligible to enroll in this program.

### Ratios

The ratio of staff to registered participants is as follows:  
Grades K-1 (Ages 5-6) is 1:20  
Grades 2-6 (Ages 7-12) is 1:25

### Hours of Operation

School dismissal-6 p.m. are program hours and pick-up is required by 6 p.m., Douglas MacArthur, and Ferdinand T. Day are closed on ACPS Professional Development Days, Teacher Work Days (TWD), and school holidays.

### Payments and Refund Policy

Any unpaid balances on Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA) accounts must be cleared in order for your family members to register in any other RPCA-sponsored activities.

Refund requests must be submitted within 30 days of the program's start date. After 30 days, no refunds will be given, and payment plan balances must be paid on schedule in order for your family members to participate in RPCA-sponsored activities.

To request a refund, please contact the Program Coordinator of your afterschool location via email.

### Sign In & End of Day Pick-Up

Children are signed in daily by RPCA staff, and must be signed out daily by a parent/guardian. Parent/guardian or authorized adult (18 and up) is required to sign children out by 6 p.m. each day. Children in grades 4 or above whose parents have submitted the required documentation (Walk/Bike permission slip) will be allowed to sign themselves out of the program and leave the program on their own. It is encouraged that children be picked up by a parent, guardian, or authorized person and stay for the duration of the program. Parents, guardians, or authorized persons will be required to produce an official Photo ID upon pick up and should call the center/program from the entrance of the building when they arrive for pick up.

### Daily Cleaning

All surfaces and equipment are wiped down and disinfected throughout the program day and at the end of each program day. All sports equipment will be disinfected daily and in between group use.

### Daily Hygiene

Everyone is required to wash their hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. All staff and children are required to wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizer upon arrival to the program, when entering activity areas, before and after meals or snacks, after outdoor play, after going to the bathroom and prior to leaving for home.

### Attendance & Updating Information

Parents are asked to notify the program supervisor if a participant is going to be absent or on vacation. Registered participants are expected to attend the program on a regular basis, with a minimum requirement of at least three days per week. Continuous lack of attendance may result in the child being classified as inactive. Once inactive, parents must request reinstatement in the program contingent on available space.

Parents must update their personal information when their address or telephone number changes. When information is not current, staff may be unable to contact a parent in case of emergency.

### Proper Attire

Children are required to dress in appropriate clothing needed for recreation style activities for both indoor and outdoor active play. Tennis shoes or rubber-soled shoes are required (for your child's safety, bare feet or open-toed shoes are not permitted). Crocs, flip flops, slides and sandals are not permitted.

### Illness & Injuries

Children who are running a fever, vomiting or complaining of pain or other symptoms will not be allowed to attend the program. If a child becomes ill during program hours, parent/guardian must make arrangements for the child to be picked up as soon as possible. An ill child will be separated from their group until a parent arrives. If a child is severely injured or ill (when more than simple first aid is needed), staff will attempt to contact a parent/guardian first or at least one person on the emergency contact list if a parent/guardian cannot be reached. If warranted, staff will call emergency services to attend to the injured/ill child. The City does not provide medical insurance for participants. In the event of an illness or injury requiring treatment, hospitalization, and/or surgery, the family's medical insurance must be used.

### Medications

If your child needs medication during the time period that he/she attends the program, the parent and Health Care Provider must complete the Medication Release/Consent Form. All medications must be labeled in their original container and/or packaging. No expired medication will be accepted. The medication will be stored in a clear Ziploc bag and labeled with the child's name. The medication will accompany the Medication Release/Consent Form and Medication Log. Siblings are not permitted to share medications and cannot administer medication. All medications will be secured in a locked box, kept out of reach of children, and accessible only to authorized staff.

### Special Activities

Occasionally, the program will host activities with other agencies and organizations in a special program or activity for the registered participants. In this situation, a permission slip may be required. If a signed permission slip is not returned, the participant is not eligible to participate in the special activity.



### Discipline

Discipline shall be constructive in nature to include using limits that are fair, consistent and appropriate; to provide reasons for limits; and to use positive word directions. No child will be forced to assume an uncomfortable position; be restricted in movement; be enclosed in a confined space; or be assigned exercise.

In the best interest of the program and its participants, staff members reserve the right to enforce restrictive actions on a participant who is causing a disturbance in the program. Restrictive action may include meetings with parents, temporary exclusion from activities, or suspension from current and/or subsequent programs. In severe cases, there may be cause to suspend privileges. For a suspension period of more than three days, the parent will receive notification by the Deputy Director of Recreation Services regarding the status of their child in all city recreation programs.

Failure to abide by prescribed restriction on the part of the participant will result in progressive restrictions up to and including suspension of all recreation privileges.

### Field Trips

Field trips are typically scheduled during program hours. Transportation will be provided by Alexandria City Public School buses or City vehicles to and from field trip locations. Participants who do not have a signed permission slip or have not paid the fee by the required date will not be allowed to attend the trip.

### Financial Assistance Procedures

To be considered for assistance, the Financial Assistance Application form must be completed and returned, with supporting documentation and a completed registration form, to your chosen location or the Lee Center, Registration & Reservation Office, 1108 Jefferson St, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Applicants must submit official free/reduced school meals letter, SNAP documentation, or TANF documentation. Staff will confirm the payment amount with the applicant based on the documentation provided as referenced above.

Any request for fee assistance without the stated documentation or at a level above and beyond the established discount must include an explanation and be approved at the Division Chief level. This process takes additional time and registration in the program will be delayed until approval has been secured.

For more information, please call **703.746.5414**.

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### Fee-Based Programs

In the event that the host location offers an opportunity for participation in a fee-based class or other enrichment program, all fees must be paid prior to attendance in such programs.

### Snacks/Meals

A healthy meal is provided daily to the participants attending the Power-On program at qualified sites. All food meets the USDA recommended guidelines. A menu is available to all participants and posted at the center/program for parents to see. Participants with food allergies must notify staff and may need to make arrangements to bring a meal on days when they cannot eat the meal provided. At no time will children be forced to eat a meal. Children will not be permitted to access the vending machine at Power-On locations, without a parent/guardian present.

### Toys, Games, Cell Phones & Personal Belongings

Children are not permitted to bring the following items to the program:

- Personal items of value
- Video Games
- Medication of any kind (unless accompanied by Authorization/Permission for Administration of Medication)
- Collectibles that could become lost, broken, or stolen
- Cell phones, if brought to program, must be kept in the participant's backpack and only used with staff permission; parents should call the center to speak with their child. Staff are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.
- Smart Watches are not permitted

### Suspected Child Abuse

Unusual marks or bruises that appear on a child's body, inappropriate behavior, and/or evidence of any type of abuse or neglect will be noted in an incident report and will be reported to the Program Supervisor. The RPCA Staff will report this information to the Center for Alexandria's Children and provide all information needed to investigate the matter.

