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## Summertime in Washington

Summertime in Washington, DC is more than just the humid, scorching hot weather, and thunderstorms. It is about getting out and enjoying the many, many activities from inspiring military band performances and colorful festivals to proud neighborhood celebrations and outdoor concerts.

### Weekly Performances and Events

Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center, Grand Foyer, 2700 F Street NW. Daily at 6:00 p.m., enjoy free performances including performing artists and groups from all 50 states and an Artist-in-Residence program featuring artists performing several evenings in a month. For information, call (202) 467-4600 or visit [www.kennedy-center.org](http://www.kennedy-center.org). (Metro: Foggy Bottom)

Weekdays from 12-1:30 p.m. (through September 28) Live! On Woodrow Wilson Plaza, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. From salsa to strings, and blues to swing, Live! on Woodrow Wilson Plaza features hot entertainment in a cool café atmosphere throughout the summer. The free performances feature world-renowned entertainers in a variety of flavors, such as African dance, Celtic folk songs, jazz violin, hip hop, Latin swing and pop rock.

Monday evenings (through August 13) at 6:40 p.m., the National Theatre Summer Cinema is featuring free movies at the Ronald Reagan Building, ASAE Marriott Learning

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Center, Woodrow Wilson Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. A photo ID and security screening is required for entry into the Ronald Reagan Building. Tickets are free but required and are distributed a half-hour before the show on the day of the performance. For information, call (202) 783-3372 or visit [www.nationaltheatre.org](http://www.nationaltheatre.org). (Metro: Federal Triangle)

Mondays and Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. (through August), U.S. Navy Band Summer Concert Series, US Capitol, West Side. (202) 433-2524 or [www.navyband.navy.mil](http://www.navyband.navy.mil). The U.S. Navy Band and specialty groups perform a series of concerts on the steps of the west side of the U.S. Capitol. Free. (Metro: Capitol South). Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. (through August). U.S. Navy Band performs at the U.S. Navy Memorial, 701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. 433-2524 or [www.navyband.navy.mil](http://www.navyband.navy.mil). (Metro: Archives/Memorial)

Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. (through August 15), "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band, presents its outdoor concert series at the U.S. Capitol, West Terrace. These concerts feature light classics, country music, and popular band favorites. (202-) 433-4011 or [www.marineband.usmc.mil](http://www.marineband.usmc.mil).

Thursdays, 5:00-7:00 p.m. (through August 23), Farragut Sounds in the Square, Connecticut Avenue & K Street, NW. (202) 463-3400 or [www.gtbid.com](http://www.gtbid.com). Thousands of office workers, tourists and residents relax to music in the renovated Farragut Square. (Metro: Farragut West)

Thursdays 6:30-8:00 p.m. (through August 9), Come see the Sunset Serenades at the National Zoo, 3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Musical performances range from jazz and folk to blues and rock and roll. Bring a picnic or purchase snacks at the Mane Restaurant. For information, call (202) 673-4482 or visit [www.nationalzoo.si.edu](http://www.nationalzoo.si.edu). (Metro: Woodley Park/Zoo)

Thursdays 10:00 a.m.— 8:00 p.m., the Freer and Sackler Art Galleries offer an extended evening of contemporary art exhibitions and other cultural activities. Extended hours are through August 9. (Metro: Smithsonian)

Fridays at 5:00 p.m. (through August 31), Jazz in the Sculpture Garden, Constitution Avenue between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets, NW, (202) 737-4215 or [www.nga.gov](http://www.nga.gov). Enjoy summer evenings of jazz in the National Gallery of Arts Sculpture Garden. Experience an eclectic mix of top Washington-area jazz artists. Concerts take place in front of the Pavilion Café next to the grand reflecting pool and fountain. The café also offers a seasonal light fare menu and cold beverages during the Friday evening series. Sculpture Garden hours are extended to 9:30 p.m. on these nights. (Metro: Archives/Navy Memorial)

The Mary Pickford Theatre, located at the Library of Congress, Madison Building, 101 Independence Avenue., SE, shows free

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Activities Update**Baltimore Trip/Orioles Game, Sunday, July 29, 8:30**

**a.m.**....Students who signed up will meet Maria Ponce (CA) in the Center lobby at 8:30 a.m. Please check in with Maria as you arrive. Make sure you turn in a waiver of liability form if you haven't done so. The bus will depart for Baltimore at 9 a.m. sharp. The ride to Baltimore takes about an hour. The bus will drop you off at the Inner Harbor around 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. and pick you up from the same location at 6:00 p.m. For those of you going to the game, Camden Yards is a 10-15 minute walk from the Inner Harbor. The game starts at 1:35 p.m. and should be over by 4:30 p.m. If the game goes into extra innings, you shouldn't stay longer than 5:30 p.m. If you are not going to the game, Alverta emailed you a flyer with things to see and do in Baltimore. You can also visit [www.baltimore.org](http://www.baltimore.org) for more information.

**Philadelphia Trip, Saturday, August 11, 6:30 a.m.**

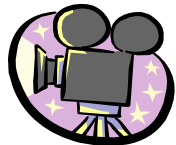
....Students who signed up will meet Michelle Bush (CA) in the Center lobby at 6:30 a.m. Please check in with Michelle as you arrive. Make sure you turn in a waiver of liability form if you haven't done so. The bus will depart for Philadelphia at 7:00 a.m. sharp! The ride takes 2.5 – 3 hours. If the bus driver stays on schedule, you will stop for a coffee break along the way. Once in Philadelphia, a tour guide will accompany you on a 3-hour walking tour. You will visit the Liberty Bell, Congress Hall, Independence Hall, Franklin Court, and much more! After the tour, you will have a few hours to do more exploring on your own. Make sure you visit South Street and grab a

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# Around Town

## Screen on the Green



Summer's here and that means it's time for "Screen on the Green," an annual film festival on the National Mall. Have dinner under the stars and watch some classic films. The films are shown on a 20-by-48 foot screen, set up near the 17th Street and Constitution Avenue end of the monument grounds. The screenings begin at dusk, or between 8:30 and 9 p.m. Screenings may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Location: Between the US Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial, on the Mall. **Free.** (877) 262-5866  
Metro: Smithsonian

The schedule is:

July 31: "Bullitt" (1968)

Aug. 7: "To Have and Have Not" (1944)

Aug. 14: "Rocky" (1976)

## Washington DC Restaurant Week

Returning for its eleventh year, The Washington, DC Convention & Tourism Corporation and the Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington are sponsoring DC Restaurant Week from August 6-12, 2007. Enjoy a special fixed-priced meal at one of DC's finest restaurants.

**Lunch:** a 3-course fixed-price lunch special for \$20.07

**Dinner:** a 3-course fixed-price dinner special for \$30.07

To see a list of participating restaurants or to make online reservations, visit the website [www.opentable.com](http://www.opentable.com).

## Walking Tours

A National Park Service ranger will lead a tour on Saturday, July 28, focusing on the events of the 1932 "Bonus Expeditionary force of World War I veterans who demanded early payment of war service bonuses promised to them. The tour begins at 1:00 p.m. at the Thomas Jefferson Memorial, 900 Ohio Dr. SW. The tour is **free**. For more information, call 202-208-1631.

Meridian Hill Walk—Saturday, July 28, a National Park Service ranger will discuss Meridian Park's statues and fountains. Meet at the Joan of Arc Statue above the cascading waterfall, between 15th and 16 streets NW, north of W Street. The tour starts at 10:00 a.m. The walk is **free**; for more information call 202-619-7222.

## CRIME REPORT

*These listings are taken from the Washington Post, Weekly Section. We have reprinted them here to make you aware of trends in areas you might frequent. Use caution and good judgment when you are out and about.*

### NW, DC

**Massachusetts Avenue**, unit block, 1:20 p.m. July 7. A male implied he was armed with a weapon in a parking area and robbed a female of cash and checks.

**Connecticut Avenue**, 1100 block, 9:20 a.m. July 11. A man entered a bank and told a teller he needed to make a withdrawal. The teller gave him a withdrawal slip, and the man announced a robbery, demanded money and said he was armed with a handgun. The teller gave up cash, and the man fled.

**O Street**, 3600 block, 2:30 to 2:40 a.m. July 8. A man approached a male pedestrian and asked for directions. As the pedestrian answered, another man approached him from behind and snatched his wallet from a pocket. The robbers fled with a third man.

**P Street**, 1600 block, 9:35 p.m. July 10. Two men approached a female pedestrian, and one snatched her purse. A witness tried to intervene and was threatened and punched in the face. The robbers fled.

## Get Out of the City and Visit Gettysburg National Battlefield

Looking for a trip you can take and return in the same day? Visit Gettysburg, PA, home of Gettysburg National Park, and learn for yourself why the Gettysburg Battlefield is the most visited, most written about, and most intensely studied battle ever recorded.

Gettysburg National Park is the site of a major battle of the American Civil War. The three days of fighting on July 1, 2, and 3, 1863, are considered a turning point in the war, and marked the second and final invasion of the North by Confederate forces. Adjoining the park is Gettysburg National Cemetery in which veterans of the Civil War and subsequent wars are interred. It was at the dedication of this cemetery on November 19, 1863, that President Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg Address.

Experience it all personally. Learn first hand about those brutal 3 days in 1863, visit the cemetery and stand where Abraham Lincoln resolved, "... the dead shall not have died in vain, that the nation shall, under God, have a new birth of freedom, and the government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from earth".

Licensed Battlefield guides are available for hire from the National Park Service who will step into your car and take you on a 2-hour tour of the battlefield. Also available, a Hollywood cast of actors recreate in stereo the events of the Battle of Gettysburg as you ride in a double decker tour bus. The tour covers 23 miles of Battlefield area.

The Gettysburg Convention & Visitors Bureau offers free tour brochures and maps for the Scenic Valley Tour, the Downtown Walking Tour, and the Historic Conewago Tour. The Scenic Valley Tour (self guided) is a 36-mile drive through one of America's most scenic counties. The entire route is clearly marked with Scenic Valley signs. The Downtown Historic District Tour is truly a walk into history. Over 100 buildings have been restored. The Historic Conewago Tour passes by East Cavalry Battlefield, working farms, several country churches, and through the center of Victorian New Oxford and Early-American East Berlin, as well as several other small villages, and the very scenic Adams County countryside.

There is no public transportation that travels to Gettysburg. A rental car (see list below) would be the way to go for this trip. The ride to Gettysburg, PA takes about 1.5 hours from the UC Washington Center.

### Avis Rental

[www.avis.com](http://www.avis.com)

### Enterprise Rental (will pick you up)

[www.enterprise.com](http://www.enterprise.com)

### Thrifty Rental

[www.thrifty.com](http://www.thrifty.com)

### Dollar Rental (might give you the best deal)

[www.dollar.com](http://www.dollar.com)

Please keep in mind that some car rental companies charge a fee if the driver is under 21 (or it may be 25) years of age.

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movies. The theater is on the third floor of the James Madison Memorial Building, across Independence Avenue from the main library building. Reservations may be made by phone, beginning one week before any given show. Call weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Reserved tickets must be claimed at least 10 minutes before showtime, after which standbys will be admitted to unclaimed seats. Seating is limited to 64. For more information, call (202)707-5677 or visit <http://www.loc.gov/loc/events/>. (Metro: Capitol South)

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greasy Philly cheese steak. Alverta will provide you with more information as the time approaches.

**Questions? Contact Alverta at [alverta.scott@ucdc.edu](mailto:alverta.scott@ucdc.edu) or stop by room 412**

## Coming Attractions



The eagerly anticipated movie, *The Simpsons Movie*, opens this Friday, July 27. This is the first full-length feature film from the long-running Fox television series.



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