



Blue Star
Welcome Week 2024
September 21-29, 2024

Local Blue Star Welcome Week Events.

***Please check with vendors to verify dates and times.**

Springfield Starbucks Storytime

September 18 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Join Blue Star Families and Starbucks for a monthly Story & Craft Hour at our location in Springfield, VA. We will read a new story and do a craft at each session. Grab a cup of coffee and listen while Alyssa reads from a variety of stories.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Third Wednesday of Every Month

Starbucks at Saratoga Shopping Center

8098 Rolling Road

Springfield, VA 22153

Little Critters: Nature Play

September 21, 24, & 26 @ 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

National Zoo

3001 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC

Blue Star families, welcome to Little Critters: Nature Play at the National Zoo! Come play with us as we explore animals and nature with free-choice activity stations, water play, and story times. Connect with other local families and caregivers during this program geared for young children (ages 0-8) and their caregivers. No registration required. **Location within the Zoo:** Bird House Classroom

For further information on this and other programs through the National Zoo, visit [Kids, Families, and Schools | Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute \(si.edu\)](https://kids.families.and.schools.si.edu)

DC Spy Tour with Dawn the Tour Guide

September 21 (Times below)

Registration Opens September 1st

<https://neighborhood.bluestarfam.org/networks/events/97931>

Join Blue Star Families and Dawn The Tour Guide with her special guest and subject matter expert, Dawn's Husband, as we uncover some of Washington, DC's most interesting stories of nefariousness and intrigue and the fascinating people and places behind these events! The 2-hour walking tour is mostly flat and approximately 2 miles. This is a great way to meet other local families while learning about the history of Washington, DC. Each person will need their own ticket. Strollers welcome.

When: Saturday, September 21, 2024. 10 AM to 12 PM or 1 PM to 3 PM

Meeting Point: Panera, 1750 H St NW Suite G1, Washington, DC

Transportation: There are multiple parking garages near by to choose from.

Farragut West is the nearest metro stop, 1 block away, for the Orange, Silver, and Blue lines.

Portrait Gallery Kids

September 23 @ 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

National Portrait Gallery 8th St NW & G St NW, Washington, DC, United States Children and families are invited to learn, play and create at the Portrait Gallery! Join educators on select Mondays as we explore portraiture and history. Portrait Gallery Kids incorporates looking at art, hands-on activities, music and movement. This program is a fun way to engage with art and each other

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/national-portrait-gallery-810710525>

Military Families Welcome and Voter Registration Drive

Burke Center Library

September 26 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

5935 Fred Oaks Rd 5935 Fred Oaks Rd, Burke, VA, United States

Join National Capital Region Military Spouses for a fall welcome event and NONPARTISAN Voter Registration Drive! Come meet fellow military families, connect with local resources and get registered to vote. Light refreshments will be served and kids are welcome. We have partnered with Secure Families Initiative, and League of Women Voters, non partisan organizations, to assist with the voter registration drive. Other resources in attendance will be: Blue Star Families – DC Chapter, VetJobs, and Military Homeschoolers Association.

<https://bit.ly/NCRMilFamVoter>

Fotos y Recuerdos: Hispanic Heritage Month Festival

September 28 @ 11:30 am - 3:00 pm

Join the National Portrait Gallery, bilingual publisher Lil Libros, and local partners for the museum's Hispanic Heritage Month fiesta! This annual festival is free and for all ages. Visitors can enjoy gallery talks and live performances in the courtyard, participate in crafts and story times, and join in the celebration of art and culture.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fotos-y-recuerdos-hispanic-heritage-month-festival-tickets-991257968267?aff=ebsoporgprofile>