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St. Nicholas Feast (Mikulasska Nadilka) - December 5, 2015



Mikulašská nádilka – St. Nicholas Feast – is a beloved tradition and the most popular event of our Unit. Not many people celebrate December 6, St. Nicholas Day, the way Slovaks, Moravians and Czechs do. The arrival of Mikuláš (St. Nicholas), along with the angel and the devil, carrying traditional stocking gifts, always delights the children, as well as the adults.

When

Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Where

St Luke Orthodox Church, 6801 Georgetown Pike, McLean VA 22101

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Sokol Washington, Monthly Meeting - December 2, 2015



The monthly membership meeting will be held at the Bethesda Regional Library. All are welcome, members or not.

When

Wednesday, December 2, 2015 - 8:00 PM

Where

Bethesda Regional Library 7400 Arlington Rd. Bethesda, MD 20814

Contact

Bro. Miloš Toth at starosta@sokolwashington.org
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Sokol School/Preschool - December 4, 2015



Czech &am; Slovak School/Preschool starts on October 2nd

The Czech & Slovak School/Preschool 1st semester fees and registration forms are due ASAP. School Fees: \$60/1 child, \$80/2 children, \$100/3 children, \$120/4 children per Semester Please make your check payable to "ASW, DC School Fund", and mail it to:

American Sokol Washington, Inc. Michaela Kiss 4439 Ellicott Street NW Washington, DC 20016

We accept registrations for children (ages 6 & up) and adults for Czech and Slovak classes, Czech & Slovak Preschool (ages 2 to 5), and children's gymnastics, for 2015/2016.

http://www.sokolwashington.org/about-us/join-us/

Schedule:

Czech and Slovak School - Youth 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Czech and Slovak Preschool 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Yoga for adults

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Folklore starting mid-October

Here is the Czech & Slovak School Library link. Let me know if you wish to borrow any books.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18Xvs2 N-

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Reminders

PARENTS:

- · children must be supervised at all times!
- no running in the hallways
- no eating anywhere, except the All Purpose Room
- · no sitting or standing in the hallways; you can do so in APR
- · only use bathrooms in the hallway; don't use bathrooms in classrooms
- at least one parent (or designated parent who has agreed to play the parental role) should stay for the duration of gymnastics as this is a parent participatory program, and given the large size of the class we require BOTH parental "activity assistance" to run a good program and parental availability on the sidelines for good behavior.

TEACHERS:

- after each class, you are responsible to WALK children back to All Purpose Room. No unsupervised children in the hallways.
- please do not let children out of classroom before 8pm; the only exception is bathroom use.

Preschool - parents must pick their child/children up at the classroom at 8pm and walk them to APR, gym or leave.

When

December: 4, 11, 18 January: 15, 22, 29

Where

Carderock Springs Elementary School, 7401 Persimmon Tree Ln, Bethesda, MD 20817

Contact

Michaela Kiss at school@sokolwashington.org

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ASW Membership Dues for year 2016



Please DO NOT FORGET that the DEADLINE to submit <u>ASW membership</u> <u>dues</u> was March 31, 2016.

• Individual Membership (adult /voting)	\$40.00
Two Adults Membership (both voting)	\$75.00
• Family Membership I. (one adult voting / all children up to 18 years and other non-voting adults)	\$50.00
• Family Membership II. (both adults voting / all children up to 18 years)	\$80.00
New Member One-time Administrative Fee	\$15.00

Please make your check payable to "American Sokol Washington, DC and mail it at your earliest convenience to:

American Sokol Washington, D.C., Inc. c/o Br. Tibor Bartalos 1101 3rd Street, SW, Apt. 704 Washington, DC, 20024

Please remember, you are not a full Sokol member with voting privileges until you participate in a monthly meeting(s) and consent to take the Sokol oath.

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Slovak & Czech Folk Dance Instructor Needed



We are looking for a Czech and Slovak traditional dance enthusiast to lead our youth folk group, <u>Sokolik</u>.

The instructor would be in charge of choreography and leading weekly rehearsals on Friday evenings, January – mid-May, at Carderock Springs ES, Bethesda, MD.

The instructor would direct the children's annual performance at the Czech and Slovak Embassies in Washington, DC in mid-May.

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Family Ski Trip - Vermont 12/26/15 - 01/02/16



Traditional annual week-long ski trip to Burke Mountain, Vermont, will take place this year from December 26, 2015 to January 2, 2016. We will travel to the familiar Burke Mountain in order to improve kids' ski skill, enjoy the community and celebrate the New Year.

As every year, kids older than 6 years will participate in structured skiing instruction with professional Czech or Slovak ski instructors twice a day. To sap the remaining energy, kids will have organized indoor games in the evenings. Children under six years are welcome; however, they need to be supervised by their parents, as we do not offer specific activities for this age group.

While the children are busy with ski instructions, the parents are free to take advantage of skiing or other outdoor activities, or to relax and enjoy the company of other adults.

We rent several adjoining town houses and the capacity is limited, so we ask interested parties to contact Ondrej Schneider (schneider.ondrej@gmail.com) as soon as possible, but no later than **September 20**. If your child is a beginner and will require individual instructions, please contact us as well. We will finalize the list of participants during September, when a deposit will be due.

When

December 26, 2015 to January 2, 2016

Where

Burke, VT

Contact

Bro. Onderj Schneider at schneider.ondrej@gmail.com

Event Link

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Volleyball Mondays



We encourage new volleyball players to check out our competitive volleyball Monday group. Due to the group large size and skill level, new players might get limited volleyball play time.

http://www.sokolwashington.org/activities/sports-activities/volleyball/

When

Mondays, between 8 pm - 10 pm

December: 12/7, 12/14, 12/21 January: 1/4, 1/11, 1/25 February: 2/1, 2/8, 2/22, 2/29

March: 3/7, 3/14, 3/21

Where

Bannockburn Elementary School,

We are no longer playing on Tuesdays.

Contact

Bro. Miloš Toth at starosta@sokolwashington.org or Vladimir Kovac at tysesty@gmail.com back to TOP

Orienteering for Kids



New Orienteering season starts September 5th! Come and enjoy this family friendly sport. Events are organized by the local orienteering clubs and offer great fun for the whole family. This is a great skill for kids to master.

December 5 - Occoquan

December 13 - Patapsco, McKeldin

Feel free to check the website of the organizer and even try it on your own. Please, also check website for changes due to the weather.

http://goc.us.orienteering.org

All are welcome and for those interested, please contact brother Miroslav Honzák at sports@sokolwashington.org or Radka Herndon at Rradunka@aol.com

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Film & Beer Series - Bistro Bohem



This marks the fourth year of the Film and Beer Series at Bistro Bohem. The series this year focuses on the work of acclaimed screenwriter and actor Zdeněk Svěrák, who is renowned for the Oscar-winning film *Kolya*. All of the films will screen in Czech with English subtitles.

Each screening includes one free beer as well as an introduction by a representative from the Czech Embassy. All screenings are subject to change. The screenings take place the third Tuesday of every month.

For more information about the event see the **Embassy Cultural Events Page**.

When

Dec. 15, 7 pm The Three Veterans | Tři veteráni

Where

<u>Bistro Bohem Website</u> 600 Florida Avenue, NW,

Contact for Reservations

bistrobohem@gmail.com

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Kids 4th and 5th Grade Ski Free in Pennsylvania

If you have a 4th or 5th grade child, please check this program out: https://skipa.com/deals/4th5th-grade-program/getting-started

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Sokol Washington, D.C. Facebook



Sokol Washington, D.C. offers additional way for the members to communicate and stay informed about additional events we may not include in our monthly newsletters. Bro. **Tibor Bartalos** has been exceptional at leading this effort.

Please bookmark and check our unit's Facebook page on regular basis

at https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sokol-Washington-DC/191155580916592

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Thank you



We would not be able to flourish as an organization without the constant help of our many volunteers. We can't thank you enough, each and every member of our community.

Many visitors of Christmas Market at the Slovak Embassy enjoyed Czech, Slovak and Moravian carols presented by children of our Czech & Slovak School on November 7, 2015.

Thank you to Sis. **Dagmar Merkova**, Sis. **Radka Herndon** and Sis. **Martina Cullen** for organizing such successful event, and a special Thank you to a Trio of musicians accompanying the performance of our children - **Victoria Toth** (cello), **Jaroslava Zolmanova** (piano), **Jan Zicha** (violin)

If you have any suggestion or would like to add users to thank you notes, do not hesitate to contact us at sokol@sokolwashington.org.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events **Sokol Washington DC**

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