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Scholarship Application Deadline!

MAY 15, 2018



Please visit <http://www.sokolwashington.org/school/scholarship-2/> for more information.

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EU Embassies Open House Day-Sokolik Folklore Performances

Saturday, May 12, 11:00am & 12:30pm



WHERE:

[Czech Embassy](#) & [Slovak Embassy](#) in Washington, D.C.

The students of our Czech and Slovak School and youth folk group [Sokolik](#) will once again delight the audiences with their performances at the [Czech Embassy](#) at 11:00 am and the [Slovak Embassy](#) at 12:30 pm on May 12, 2018 during the annual EU Embassies Open House Day.

Each year the EU Delegation organizes the EU Embassies Open House - a day of family fun, food, culture and more. Each EU Embassy opens its doors to the public and offers a rare look inside the buildings and provides a unique opportunity to experience the country's cultural heritage and national traditions.

For more information visit <http://www.euopenhouse.org/>

CONTACT: Sis. Michaela Kiss at school@sokolwashington.org

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Tennis Tournament - Carderock Springs Swim and Tennis Club

Saturday, May 19, 8:30am Registration

**WHERE:****[Carderock Springs Swim and Tennis Club](#)**

8200 Hamilton Spring Ct.
Bethesda, MD 20817

The [annual tennis tournament](#) will be held at CSSC (Carderock Springs Swim and Tennis Club). Competition will consist of singles and doubles, by gender and various age groups (depending on attendance).

Winners receive trophies. Food and refreshment are always on hand for participants and spectators alike.

No pre-registration is necessary. Just show up at 8:30 AM to register and enjoy the day.

The tournament commences at 9:00 AM sharp.

CONTACT: Sis. Hanka Wagner at hanavtennis@gmail.com

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End of School Year/ Pitel Family Farewell Party

Friday, June 8, 2018

**WHERE:****[Norwood Local Park - Bethesda, MD](#)**

4700 Norwood Drive
Bethesda, MD 20815

Please join us as we celebrate the completion of another great year of the Czech & Slovak school. In addition, we'll be giving our fondest farewells to the Pitel Family as they head back home to the Czech Republic after four incredible years as an integral part of our Sokol.

More information to come at the Czech & Slovak School and in next month's newsletter.

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Annual One Day Canoe Trip

Sunday, June 10, 2018



Water enthusiasts of all ages and skills are cordially invited to our annual [one-day canoe trip](#) on the gorgeous South Fork of the Shenandoah River.

START: 9:15 AM sharp from the HQ of Downriver Canoe Company

(884 Indian Hollow Road Bentonville, VA 22610-2206) www.downriver.com

TRIP #5: J.R.'S CAMPGROUND (5hrs.) This full day's paddling adventure begins right where the river "gets good" about 4 miles above Compton Rapid (class I.-II.); **TRIP #4:** (if water is low);

NOTE:

- The date is a subject to change if the water level is either too high or too low.
- Minimum age: 5 with close parental supervision!
- No glass containers on the river!
- Musical instruments are welcome.
- Plan your beverages and snacks for 7-8 hrs. on the river.
- Do not forget your Sun Protection & Water Shoes (available also at Down River Canoe Co. store), Mini-Coolers, Waterproof Bags, Waterproof Camera Cases and especially your Exceptionally Good Mood.
- Driving from Washington, D.C. may take you 2 hrs. (85 miles). Your cars will stay at Down River Canoe Co. our trip starts and ends there.

RSVP: Br.Tibor Bartalos at tbartalos@sokolwashington.org by June 3, 2018 to reserve your canoe (2 adults per one canoe).

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Youth Hiking/Canoeing Camp in the Czech Republic

July 15 - 20th, 2018



This camp gives youth an opportunity to socialize with Sokol peers while canoeing in the Czech Republic. All participants are expected to have at least intermediate canoeing skills and be able to hike, camp, and carry their backpacks. They should be able to speak and understand either Czech or Slovak.

CONTACT: Miro Honzak at mens.director@sokolwashington.org

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This camp gives children an opportunity to socialize with Sokol peers at camp fires, with songs and story-telling time, and with themes that foster their Czech and Slovak language skills and appreciation of their heritage. All children are expected to be accompanied by their parents or responsible adult. We are gauging the level of interest in this camp so please let us know if you are interested.

Please check out our photo gallery to see how much fun it has been in the few past years <http://www.sokolwashington.org/photo-gallery/>

WHEN: Starting August 23, 2018 (exact dates TBD)

WHERE: [Monongahela National Forest](#)

CONTACT: Miro Honzak at mens.director@sokolwashington.org

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Documentary Film: **The Soviet Story and the Unending History.**

Can There be a Resurgence of Totalitarian Evil?

Friday, May 4, 6:00



WHERE:

[US-Ukrainian Foundation](#)

1090 Vermont Ave NW, Suite 600
Washington, DC 20005

Viewing of the award-winning documentary *The Soviet Story*, followed by an open discussion. The Soviet Story reflects on the tragic chapters of history when Europe was plagued by two totalitarian regimes, German Nazism and Soviet Communism. The fall of the Berlin Wall signified what appeared to be "the end of history" in 1989. Yet, three decades later the world remains threatened by a new "cold war" and a global military conflict. Can the Soviet story help us understand today's challenges for peace and unity in Europe?

Introduction by: Dr. Peter Voitsekhovsky, the author of *Emancipation from Doublethink. Essays on Post-Soviet*

Seats are limited so we urge our members to RSVP as soon as possible

RSVP: pvoit@usukraine.org

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Orienteering at Pohick Bay Virginia Regional Park

Sunday, May 6, 2018



WHERE:

[Pohick Bay Regional Park](#)

6501 Pohick Bay Drive

Lorton, VA 22079

Are you looking for something new to do over the weekends? Try orienteering at Pohick Bay Virginia State Park on May 6. You can enjoy this outdoor activity by taking a relaxing stroll in the woods or compete with others. All instruction is provided by the orienteering club (www.qocweb.org). Join us to learn how to read a map, enjoy a short or long hike/run in the woods and then have a picnic with your friends or possibly rent a canoe/paddle-board at the park to cool down. See you there!

Upcoming Orienteering Events:

May. 6 Pohick Regional Park, Lorton, VA

May. 13 Lake Needwood, Circle Parking Area, Derwood, MD

May. 20 Fountainhead Regional Park, Bull Run Marina, Clifton, VA

CONTACT: Sis. Dagmar Merkova at dgmerkova@gmail.com

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The Rebirth of Europe - 2018 Conference, Washington D.C.

Friday, June 1 & Saturday, June 2, 2018



WHERE:

Washington, DC 20008

The Czechoslovak Society of Arts & Sciences Washington, D.C. ([SVU DC](#)) and The Wilsonian Club invite you to attend the [Rebirth of Europe Conference](#)

Click on [Registration](#) for Conference and Reception.

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Monthly Meeting - May 2, 2018

Wednesday, May 2. 8:00 PM



WHERE:

[Potomac Community Library](#)

10101 Glenolden Dr.

Potomac, MD 20854

Join us for our monthly meeting which will be held Wednesday 4/4/18.



Friday, May 4, 11 & 18

School Fees for Children: \$80/1 child, \$120/2 children, \$160/3 children, \$200/4 children per Semester; Checks or cash accepted. **SCHOOL CALENDAR:**

May 4, 11, 18

June 1

Sept. 7 - Open House for 2018-2019

Checks are payable to "ASW DC School Fund".

Teachers, students, and their families can borrow books and textbooks from the school library. Inquire at school@sokolwashington.org.

Schedule:

Czech and Slovak School - Youth **Fridays 6:45 – 8:00 pm**

Youth Folklore Rehearsals 8 – 9 pm

Youth Gymnastics Fridays 9:00 – 10:00 pm

Adult Yoga Fridays 7:00 – 8:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

May 12, 11am & 12:30pm,

EU Open House performances, Embassy of the Czech Republic & Embassy of Slovakia

WHERE:

[Carderock Springs Elementary School](#)

7401 Persimmon Tree Ln,
Bethesda, MD 20817

CONTACT: Sis. Michaela Kiss at school@sokolwashington.org

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Miss Czech-Slovak US 2018

Become a contestant in the Miss Czech-Slovak US Pageant 2018.



All young women between the ages of 16-26 of Czech, Slovak, Moravian, Silesian or Rusyn descent, who love their heritage and want to promote the Czech and Slovak culture across the US, are welcome!

Entries must be post marked by May 25, 2018

http://www.missczechslovakus.com/pageant_documents.html

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Other News

37th SOKOL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The tournament was a great success. It took place at Poe Middle School in Annandale, Virginia on Saturday, April 7th. Congratulations to all participating teams from New York, NY, Cleveland, OH, Baltimore, MD and Washington, D.C.

Followed by Jozefiska - Spring Fling at Carderock Springs Swim & Tennis Club in Bethesda

Winners of 37th American Sokol Volleyball Tournament 2018:

1st Place - Sokol NY2 | 2nd Place - Sokol NY3 | 3rd Place - We Came To Eat



Thanks to all volunteers, led by Peter, for his commitment organizing our volleyball tournament!

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ASW Membership Dues for 2018



Please note that the DEADLINE to submit ASW membership dues was March 1, 2018.

• 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, D.C. 20024

Your dues help keep our Unit operating and help us offer all the wonderful programs you enjoy.
 Thank you!

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Volleyball Tuesdays

May 8, 15 & 29

**WHERE:**

[Wood Acres Elementary School](#)

5800 Cromwell Dr.,
Bethesda, MD 20816

WHEN:

TUESDAYS, between 8 pm - 10 pm

May 8, 15, 29

June 5, 12

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

CONTACT:

Bro. Pavel Tojzl at ptojzl@iie.org

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Would you like to get rid of documents, photos, art, books, collections, merchandise, technical material and articles that are inherently valuable and significant to Sokolmovement, its founders, members, culture, philosophy, 150 years of history in America and 70 years of history in Washington, D.C. metropolitan area?

Please contact Br. Tibor Bartalos at tbartalos@sokolwashington.org.

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Sokol Washington, DC 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/SokolWashingtonDC/>

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Thank you



We would not be able to flourish as an organization without the constant help of our many volunteers.

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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.

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