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WASHINGTON, DC



JUNE 2019

As we wind down for the start of summer, there are still great opportunities to join in upcoming Czech and Slovak events in June. First, we would like to welcome new friends who stopped by our booths at both the Czech and Slovak Embassies during the recent European Union Embassies Open Houses. Before we go on our own summer holidays, please join us at our upcoming hiking, camping and canoeing events in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. Whether you do one or do all three, we welcome you to enjoy this great respite from our busy lives in the D.C. area. More information is inside.

European Union Open Houses



American Sokol was well represented at this year's European Union Open Houses on Saturday, May 11th. In addition to Sokolik, Czech/Slovak School's Children's Folklore Group, performing at both the Czech Republic and Slovakia embassies, a number of our members represented us at information booths at both Embassies. A big thank you to all of our members who have worked with the children and those who represented American Sokol at both



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Annual Youth Summer Camp – Hron River, Slovakia - JULY 14-18

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Important September Dates

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Enjoy the summer – The newsletter will return in September!!!

ONGOING

Sokol School/Preschool - June 7 and End-of-Year Picnic June 14

Orienteering - June 2 & July 20

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Thank you

We hope to see you there!

All are a welcome, member or not.

WHERE: [Little Falls Community Library](#)
5501 Massachusetts Ave • Bethesda, MD 20818

WHEN: Wednesday, June 5. 8 PM - 10 PM



Hiking and/or Camping in Shenandoah

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Nature lovers of all ages are invited to join us for a wonderful hike to a waterfall in the beautiful nature of Shenandoah. Shorter and longer hikes available. Swimming in the stream is possible. Optional group camping available at a campground adjacent to the Shenandoah River Outfitters from where interested Sokol members and friends can join us for a canoeing trip the next day.

[Read it on Facebook](#)

CONTACT: Dasa Merkova
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ONE DAY CANOE TRIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Canoe or Kayak on the South Fork of the Shenandoah River

Water enthusiasts of all ages will enjoy Sokol Washington's annual 15-mile canoe trip down the South Fork of the Shenandoah River. Join us for a day of fun and adventure on one of America's most beautiful rivers as you paddle through the Shenandoah Valley with Shenandoah National Park to the East and George Washington National Forest to the West.

[Read it on Facebook](#)

The river trip may be restricted or the trip canceled or rescheduled due to unfavorable river level (too high or too low) or adverse weather conditions

CONTACT: Tibor Bartalos. tbartalos@sokolwashington.org



RSVP: by June 3rd to Bro. Tibor at tbartalos@sokolwashington.org to reserve your canoe (2 adults per one canoe) or kayak; 10% discount. Open Kayaks are available.

CZECH AND SLOVAK SCHOOL END-OF-YEAR POTLUCK PICNIC

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

6:00-10:00PM

and we are going to celebrate with our annual End-of-School-Year Picnic. The kids have had a great year and it is time for our school families to celebrate. Bring your favorite food and share!

CONTACT: Lucie Berankova with any questions.
lucie.berankova@yahoo.com

WHERE: [Meadowbrook Local Park](#)
[7901 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815](#)



YOUTH SUMMER CAMP at Hron river, Slovakia

JULY 14 - 18



This year's camp will take us to the Hron river in Slovakia. While paddling down the river we will take in the sights of this beautiful area of Central Slovakia. We'll tour castles, drink mineral water from the source and visit the UNESCO protected city of Banska Stiavnica and its famous silver mines.

All participants should have at least intermediate canoeing skills and be able to hike and camp. In addition, participants should have the ability to speak/understand Czech or Slovak.

CONTACT: Director of Men, Miro Honzak. mens.director@sokolwashington.org

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to our participation in the European Union Embassy Open Houses, American Sokol had a number of great activities in May. With the warmer weather upon us, we hosted the **Jiri Parma Annual Memorial Tennis Tournament** where players of all ages and skill levels competed for top prizes and all just had a great time. Congratulations to our winners:

SINGLES:

Women final: **Jana Hranaiova** def. **Rita Kukura**

Men final: **Tibor Bartalos** def. **Jakub Kohlmayer**

MIX DOUBLES:

Jana Hranaiova & Tibor Bartalos def.

Dagmar Merkova & Vladimir Kovac



Due to inclement weather and unsafe conditions, the annual **Hiking marathon in the Shenandoah National Park** on Sunday, May 12 has been postponed. We are looking at another date this summer so look for details to come.

Lastly, on May 4th our volleyball team made their way to New York for the 38th **Annual ED American Sokol Volleyball Tournament**. Congratulations to our squad as they represented us well in this year's tournament.



IMPORTANT DAYS IN SEPTEMBER TO REMEMBER

As always we'll have a full slate of activities starting in September. Here are some to remember:

WHEN: Wednesday, September 4

Monthly Membership Meeting and Board Elections
Everyone is welcome to the monthly membership meeting, and we'll also hold our 2019/20 Board Elections.

[Little Falls Community Library](#)

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WHEN: Friday, September 6

Czech and Slovak Language School Open House and First Day of School

[Carderock Springs Elementary School](#)

7401 Persimmon Tree Ln • Bethesda, MD 20817

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	8	9	10	11	12	13
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Key events from the calendar:

- Wednesday, September 4: Membership Meeting and Board Elections
- Friday, September 6: Czech and Slovak Language School Open House and First Day of School

LEARN TO PLAY FUJARA OR THE GUITAR

In July at the [Common Ground on the Hill](#) during Traditions week, two outstanding musicians will be teaching the Fujara and the Guitar.

BOB RYCHLIK, a master of the Fujara/koncovka, a traditional Slovak overtone flute that you may have seen at the Embassy of Slovakia during the recent European Open House, will be directing a course on how to play this wonderful instrument. No experience is necessary.

You can learn more here: [Learn to play the Fujara and Koncovka Overtone Flutes](#)

In addition, the "Czech Bob Dylan", **VLADIMIR MERTA**, writer of over 1200 songs and 17 albums will be conducting

classes for the guitar. Vladimir's music helped bring down a
 government, bringing democracy to the then
 Czechoslovakia. In addition, Vladimir's daughter, Sara, will be
 conducting a class on the "Slavonic Approach to Jewish
 Music".

You can learn more here:

WHEN: Sunday, June 30 to Friday, July 5, 2019

CONTACT: Bohuslav Rychlik fujara@gmail.com



Bob Rychlik



Vladimir Merta

[Guitar with Vladimir Merta Period 2](#)

[Guitar with Vladimir Merta Period 4](#)

[Common Ground on the Hill](#)

THE NEWSLETTER WILL RETURN IN SEPTEMBER

Enjoy your summer and we look
 forward to seeing you all at
 future events.



We hope you have a great summer. The newsletter will make its return in September with information for all the great American Sokol Washington D.C. events and happenings. Plus, we'll have some additions to the newsletter such as an "At the Embassies and other cultural events" feature keeping you informed of Czech, Slovak and Central European events around town.

Of Course, we never shut down, so if we hear of a relevant activity or cultural event over the summer, we'll keep you informed.

reminder

ASW MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2019

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

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



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

Your membership in good standing guarantees you:

- Discounted tickets to Sokol activities;
- Knowing that you enable all the wonderful programs you and your family enjoy;

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.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7



The Czech/Slovak School is an excellent opportunity for children of all abilities to learn Czech and Slovak languages and cultural heritage. Plus, the children will have plenty of opportunities to perform what they learn at Sokol events throughout the year. For adults, there are opportunities for those looking to learn or advance their Czech/Slovak language skills.

There will be activity, conversation and volunteer opportunities in the multi-purpose room for the adults while we actively wait for the children and their lessons. In addition, following school, there will be Music/Culture/Folklore and athletics/gymnastics.

Children attending school will need to **bring**: a folder, a composition book, a pencil case filled with pencils, pens & crayons.

Please enter through the door facing the parking lot. Please enter after 6:30. School begins at **6:45**. All children will be escorted to the class by their teachers. If you are late, please escort your children to the class. If you are new to the school, there will be plenty of parent volunteers to assist you.

School Fees per Semester:

\$90/1 child, \$140/2 children, \$180/3 children, \$210/4 children per semester.

Checks or cash accepted.

Checks are payable to "ASW DC School Fund".

SCHEDULE

Czech and Slovak School - Youth	Fridays	6:45	–	8:00 pm
Czech and Slovak Preschool	Fridays	6:45	–	8:00 pm
Music and Folklore - Youth	Fridays	8:15	–	9:00 pm
Adult Czech and Slovak Classes	Fridays	8:00	–	9:00 pm
Youth Gymnastics	Fridays	8:15/9:00	–	10:00 pm

2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR - FRIDAYS

┆ JUNE 7, 14 (End of School Party -see above for location) ┆

ORIENTEERING

[Quantico Orienteering Club](#)



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.

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Sun. June 2	Jug Bay, Caretaker's House Area, Bristol, MD	Mass Start & Party
Sat. July 20	Wheaton Regional Park, Shorefield Area, Wheaton, MD	Beginner

Feel free to check the website of the organizer and even try it on your own. Please, also check the website for changes due to the weather. <http://qoc.us.orienteering.org>. All are welcome and for those interested, please contact brother Miroslav Honzák at sports@sokolwashington.org

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Please check our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SokolWashingtonDC/>

If you have a cultural, folk, educational or sporting/athletic event you would like to share with our members, please

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We would not be able to flourish as an organization without the constant help of our many volunteers. American Sokol. That's why it's important that all members and friends, at least from time to time, offer their contribution to help our Sokol Unit thrive. Our Unit can be only as good as our members' participation in its activities.

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