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**SOKOL**  
WASHINGTON, DC



**MAY 2019**

***What a great start to Spring. Beautiful weather and great events. One of Sokol Washington's premier events is happening on Saturday, May 11 when the children of Sokolik, our Czech/Slovak folklore, music and dance group perform at the Annual European Union Open Houses at both the Czech Republic and the Slovakia Embassies. Details for this event and much more are below.***

## Scholarship Opportunity for College Students:

American Sokol Washington, D.C., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has established a [scholarship fund](#) in support of deserving students who assist in the activities of our organization, as an additional service to the community.

### THE SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- The Scholarship is available to applicants who are college-bound seniors or college freshmen, sophomores or juniors.
- The applicant must have a history of volunteering in Sokol Washington programs and events.
- The applicant's parents or the applicant (if over 18) must be a Sokol Washington member in good standing.
- The applicant must have maintained a GPA of 3.0 or better.
- The applicant must have demonstrated leadership and sportsmanship attributes through participation in a range of community and scholastic activities.
- If awarded, the Scholarship funds will be paid in the name of the recipient directly to the college of enrollment.
- A student who receives a full scholarship from another source is not eligible for the Scholarship.

### HOW TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP:

- [Download PDF Application.](#)

- Attach 2 letters of recommendation: one from a teacher, coach or extracurricular activity sponsor, and one from a Sokol Washington member (not a relative).
- Attach a typed, one-page essay (300 to 500 words) on the topic: "How my participation in Sokol influences my life, education and career plans."

**The deadline to submit all the above is May 15, 2019 to:**

American Sokol Washington, D.C.  
 Scholarship Program  
 c/o Sis. Michaela Kiss  
 4439 Ellicott Street, NW  
 Washington, D.C., 20016

For more information, please contact Sis. Michaela Kiss at: [school@sokolwashington.org](mailto:school@sokolwashington.org)

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[www.sokolwashington.org](http://www.sokolwashington.org)

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EU Embassies's Open House Day (Sokolik Folklore Performance) – Saturday, May 11

Memorial Hiking (Shenandoah National Park) – Sunday, May 12

Jiri Parma Annual Tennis Tournament – Saturday, May 18

Hiking in the Shenandoah - Saturday, June 8

Canoe Trip on South Fork of the Shenandoah River - Sunday, June 9

Spring Volleyball Season - Multiple Dates

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

### O N G O I N G

Sokol School/Preschool - May 3, 10, 17 & 31

Orienteering - May 5, 11, 19 & June 2

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American Sokol Library and Archival Museum

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Thank you

We hope to see you there! All are welcome, member or not.

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

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 1. 8 PM - 10 PM

## 38TH ANNUAL ED AMERICAN SOKOL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY, MAY 4**

This year's tournament will be held in New York, NY. If you are interested, please contact Radovan Kohlmayer for more information.

**VOLLEYBALL RULES:**

<http://www.volleyball.com/rules.aspx>

**CONTACT:**

Radovan Kohlmayer [sports@sokolwashington.org](mailto:sports@sokolwashington.org)



## EUROPEAN UNION OPEN HOUSE Sokolik Folklore Performance

11:00 am & 12:00 pm

**SATURDAY, MAY 11**

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.

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 and Slovak Embassy on May 11, 2019, during the annual EU Embassies' Open House Day.

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



**CONTACT:** Sis. Lucie Berankova at  
[school@sokolwashington.org](mailto:school@sokolwashington.org)

**WHERE:** [Czech Embassy](#) &  
[Slovak Embassy](#) in Washington D.C.

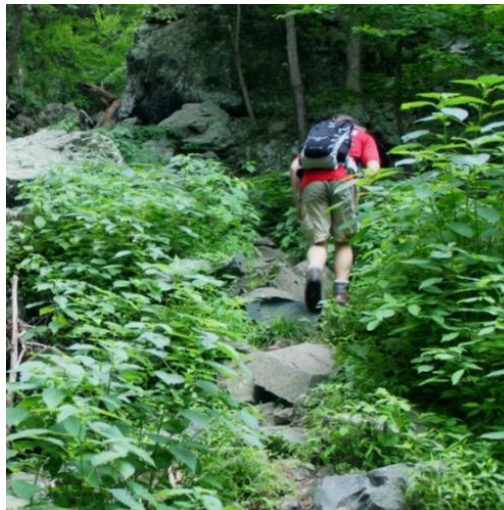
**MEET UP & START: 7:20 AM**

[Parking Lot Little Devils Stairs trail-head \(end of VA670 / Keyser Run Rd.\)](#)

26.2 miles (42.2km) Hiking Marathon ("Horsky Chodecky Marathon - Memorial Olgy Hudlicke") in Shenandoah National Park. The route will include Little Devils Stairs, Appalachian trail, Hogback Mountain, Marshal Mountain. Return the same way to the top of Little Devils Stairs, Keyser Run Fire Road. The hike will have a total elevation gain of 4921 feet (1,500 m).

*We go rain or shine!*

**CONTACT:** Br. Pavel Klein at [KleinP@epilepsydc.com](mailto:KleinP@epilepsydc.com)

**SPRING VOLLEYBALL SEASON:**

For dates and times, please refer to our website as dates, times and locations change.

[Volleyball information](#)

**CONTACT:**

Radovan Kohlmayer [sports@sokolwashington.org](mailto:sports@sokolwashington.org)

**TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS****JIRI PARMA ANNUAL MEMORIAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT****SATURDAY, MAY 18**



**BLUEMONT PARK 9:00 AM Registration.**

Come join us for some rousing Tennis Tournament action on Saturday, May 18. It is an opportunity for members and friends of all ages to compete as well as to socialize. The competition consists of singles, by gender and various age groups (depending on attendance), and doubles – winners receive trophies. Food and refreshment are on hand for participants and spectators alike.

**CONTACT:** Hanka Wagner at [hanavtennis@gmail.com](mailto:hanavtennis@gmail.com) or Igor [Labuda at islabuda@msn.com](mailto:Labuda@msn.com)

**WHERE:** [Bluemont Park](#) • 601 N Manchester St • Arlington, VA 22203

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**Hiking in the Shenandoah**

Nature lovers of all ages are invited to join us for a hike to a waterfall in the beautiful nature of the Shenandoah. Shorter and longer hikes available. Swimming in the stream 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.

**CONTACT:** Dasa Merkova [events@sokolwashington.org](mailto:events@sokolwashington.org)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8****Canoe Trip on South Fork of the Shenandoah River****SUNDAY, JUNE 9**

Water enthusiasts of all ages 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 cancel or rescheduled due to unfavorable river level (too high or too low) or adverse weather conditions

**CONTACT:** Tibor Bartalos.

[tbartalos@sokolwashington.org](mailto:tbartalos@sokolwashington.org)

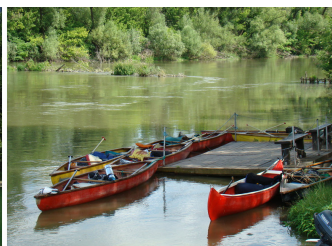
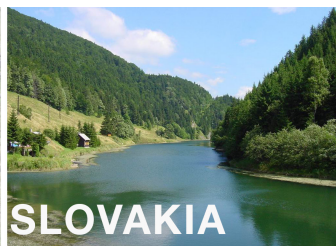


RSVP: by June 2nd to reserve your canoe  
(2 adults per one canoe)

[tbartalos@sokolwashington.org](mailto:tbartalos@sokolwashington.org)

## YOUTH SUMMER CAMP at Hron river, Slovakia

**DATE 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. Plans are being finalized, but the camp should start on July 13th or 14th and will be five days long.

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](mailto:mens.director@sokolwashington.org)

**reminder**

## ASW MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2019

- **\$40.00** Individual Membership (adult /voting)
- **\$75.00** Two Adults Membership (both voting)
- **\$50.00** Family Membership I. (one adult voting / all children up to 18 years and other non-voting adults)

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;
- Insurance coverage at 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.*

**FRIDAYS MAY 3, 10, 17 & 31**



**CZECH & SLOVAK**  
**SCHOOL**  
AMERICAN SOKOL WASHINGTON, DC

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 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

**WHERE:** [Carderock Springs Elementary School](#) • 7401 Persimmon Tree Ln • Bethesda, MD 20817

**CONTACT:** Sis. Michaela Kiss and Sis. Lucie Berankova at [school@sokolwashington.org](mailto:school@sokolwashington.org)

### 2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR - FRIDAYS

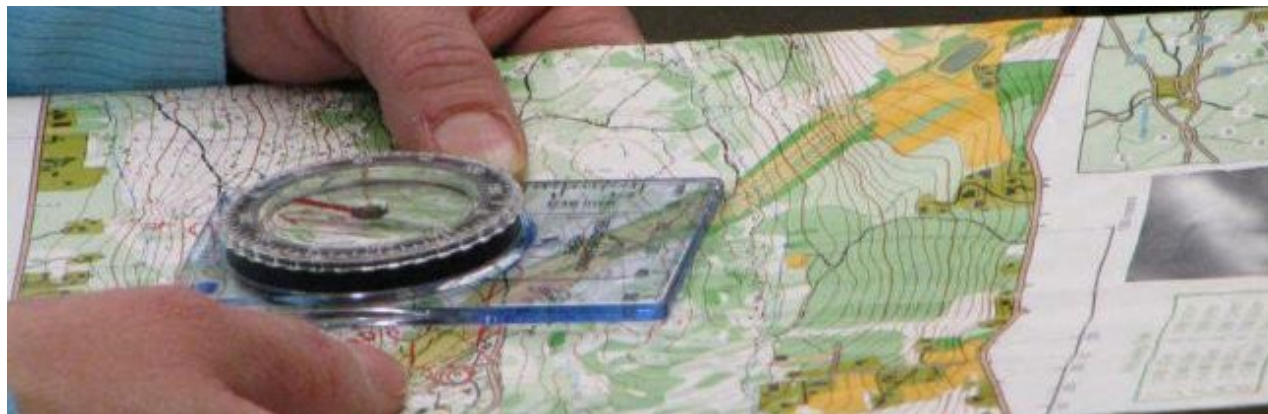
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### ORIENTEERING

[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.



May 5 Sunday	<a href="#">Gunston Hall, Main parking area, Lorton, VA</a>	Classic
May. 11 Saturday	<a href="#">Patapsco Valley State Park, Granite Area, Woodstock, MD</a>	Classic
May 19 Sunday	<a href="#">Pohick Bay Regional Park, Shelter 2, Lorton, VA</a>	Classic
June 2 Sunday	<a href="#">Jug Bay, Caretaker's House Area, Bristol, MD</a>	Mass Start & Party

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.orienteeing.org>. All are welcome and for those interested, please contact brother Miroslav Honzák at [sports@sokolwashington.org](mailto:sports@sokolwashington.org)

### American Sokol Library and Archival Museum

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

**CONTACT:** Br. Tibor Bartalos at [tbartalos@sokolwashington.org](mailto:tbartalos@sokolwashington.org)

### Make a Difference - Support Sokol Washington

Please give us your consideration when you are deciding on your charitable contributions. All your contributions to the American Sokol Washington, D.C., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, are tax deductible.



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### Sokol Washington, DC Facebook

Sokol Washington, D.C. offers additional ways for members to communicate and stay informed about additional events we may not include in our monthly newsletters.



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





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

Washington, D.C. Chapter, is a 501(c)(3) a non-profit organization and all of its officers are volunteers.

**We are grateful to our sponsors of Sibriky 2019. Your support made it possible to organize our Masquerade Ball On Ice and once again bring our Czech and Slovak community and their friends together.**



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