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MAYMONT EXPANDS SUMMER CAMP LINE-UP WITH FUN NEW ACTIVITIES TO HELP KIDS CONNECT WITH NATURE AND HISTORY

Richmond, Virginia – Maymont opens registration to the public on January 22 for its expanded line-up of summer camps for preschoolers through eighth graders who enjoy outdoor exploration, animal encounters and historical discovery through games, crafts and engaging activities. Each camp is led by experienced staff and includes new adventures every day, taking full advantage of Maymont’s 100-acre grounds.

With sessions like “Rhythm & Rhyme,” “Storybook Science,” “That’s Gross!” and “Life on the Wild Side,” each is designed to tap into children’s natural curiosity about animal life cycles, plant adaptations, and digging into mysteries. One camp, “Tales From the 100-Acre Wood,” brings the beloved Winnie-the-Pooh characters to life with real-life encounters with bears, pigs, owls and donkeys. “History’s Mysteries” appeals to students curious about oral and social history, archaeology, natural history and art history.

“There’s no better place to spend the summer than among Maymont’s rolling hills, winding waterways, animal habitats and historic buildings,” said Krista Weatherford, Director of Programming and Community Engagement. “Based on last summer’s most popular camps, we’ve added several new camps aimed at pre-k through third grade campers, and there are new programs for every age group.”

Camp sessions are either half- or full-day, with shorter sessions for younger campers and longer sessions for older campers. Maymont members starting at the Family level receive a discount and early access to registration.

Parents seeking more information can visit maymont.org/summer-camps, or call 804-358-7166, ext. 304.

About Maymont

Maymont is a well-preserved, 100-acre historic estate overlooking the James River that was given to the public by James and Sallie Dooley, who lived there from 1893 to 1925. Today, Maymont is a welcoming community gathering place, with many unique experiences for all to enjoy, including the historic Maymont Mansion, The Robins Nature Center, an arboretum, formal gardens, and habitats for native Virginia wildlife and farm animals. Consistently ranked one of Central Virginia’s top attractions by travelers and locals alike, Maymont serves over 700,000 guests annually, with free admission to the grounds, plus guided and self-guided tours, seasonal events, programs and rental spaces. Since 1975, Maymont has been maintained and operated by the nonprofit Maymont Foundation, committed to creating programs and experiences that delight, educate and inspire its guests.

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