

# HIGHLANDS RANCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## 2026 Highlands Ranch Community Scholarship Funds Awarded

The Highlands Ranch Community Association (HRCA) recently announced the recipients of its 2026 Community Scholarship Fund awards, recognizing local students for their academic goals, volunteerism and commitment to community involvement. The 2026 scholarship cycle saw the greatest number of applicants to date, with over 160 local students applying and 33 total scholarships awarded.

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## A Message From The CEO/GM

Dear HRCA Community,

For many families in Highlands Ranch, Independence Day weekend has always been about more than fireworks. It is a time to gather with neighbors, enjoy community traditions, celebrate our country and create lasting memories together. While this year's celebration will look a little different, the spirit of Highlands Ranch remains as strong as ever.

Due to ongoing drought conditions, Stage 1 Fire Restrictions and elevated fire danger throughout the region, the Highlands Ranch Community Association, Highlands Ranch Metro District and Douglas County made the difficult decision to cancel this year's fireworks display. We understand this news is disappointing for many residents, and we share those feelings as well. However, after thoughtful discussion and careful evaluation, all partners agreed that community safety must remain our top priority.

At the same time, our organizations felt it was incredibly important to preserve the opportunity for residents to come together and celebrate as a community. Over the past several weeks, staff members, community partners and sponsors have dedicated significant time, creativity and collaboration toward reimagining this year's event into something that is festive, family-friendly and meaningful for all ages.

We are excited to introduce the Star-Spangled Birthday Bash on Thursday, July 2 at Highland Heritage Regional Park. This new celebration will feature live music, community spirit and family-friendly entertainment in a safe and welcoming environment while also commemorating our nation's 250th anniversary. Residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, gather with friends and neighbors and enjoy performances from local favorite Ragged Union and headliner Jeff Goodwin and the Front Range Cowboys as we kick off Independence Day weekend together.



Other favorite Highlands Ranch Independence Day traditions will continue as scheduled on Saturday, July 4. The Independence Day 5K begins at 7:30 a.m. in Town Center, followed by the Fourth of July Parade at 9 a.m. Residents can register for the 5K and learn more about the parade at [HRCAonline.org/July4](https://hrcaonline.org/July4).

We are grateful for the understanding, support and community spirit that make Highlands Ranch such a special place to call home. Residents are encouraged to visit [HRCAonline.org](https://hrcaonline.org) and follow HRCA, the Highlands Ranch Metro District and Douglas County on social media for event updates and additional celebration details.

We look forward to celebrating with you on July 2 and 4.

My best,  
**Mike Bailey**



CEO/General Manager  
Highlands Ranch  
Community Association

# Community Scholarships

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This year's scholarship program was expanded through a \$32,000 grant from the Douglas County Community Foundation (DCCF), allowing HRCA to award 13 additional scholarships to local students pursuing higher education opportunities. The donation originated from Highlands Ranch-based nonprofit Hide in Plain Sight, founded by Joe Roos and later renamed the Joe Roos Legacy Scholarship Fund. Following the dissolution of the fund, the remaining scholarship dollars were donated through DCCF to support HRCA's Community Scholarship Fund and create additional opportunities for students across the community. The awards ceremony was held May 19 in the Wildcat Auditorium at Southridge Recreation Center during HRCA's monthly delegate and board meeting.

Established in 2003, the Highlands Ranch Community Scholarship Fund (HRCSF), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, plays a key role in helping students — especially those with financial need — achieve their educational goals. The fund supports students pursuing college, trade school and other post-secondary educational opportunities. Funding comes primarily from community donations and HRCA's signature annual event, the Highlands Ranch Beer Festival, held each spring at Civic Green Park. HRCSF does not receive any member assessment dollars.

Since its inception, the fund has awarded 486 scholarships totaling \$857,000. In

addition to educational scholarships, HRCSF also supports participants in HRCA's Therapeutic Recreation Department, helping individuals with special needs access programs and activities through financial assistance and adaptive support services. Through the continued support of community partners, donors and local organizations, HRCA's scholarship program continues to make a lasting impact on students and families across Highlands Ranch.

As this year's recipients prepare to begin their next chapter, the program remains a reflection of the community's ongoing investment in education, opportunity and the future of Highlands Ranch. To learn more about the HRCSF or donate to the fund, please visit: <https://hrcaonline.org/About/Community-Scholarship-Fund>

*\* Scholarship provided through the DCCF*



**Cooper Allen**  
Stem School Highlands Ranch  
Drury University  
Intended Study: Architecture



**Corrin Baker\***  
Mountain Vista High School  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
Intended Study: Finance



**Daphne Baumgartner\***  
Skyview Academy  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
Intended Study: Biochemistry





**Gavin Bryant\***  
 Mountain Vista High School  
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**Intended Study:** Biology/  
 Neuroscience



**Sophia Dorr**  
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**Intended Study:** Criminal Justice



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 Science



**Evan Flexter**  
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**Intended Study:** Marketing



**Abigail Cochran**  
 Mountain Vista High School  
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**Intended Study:** Environmental  
 Studies



**Roey Hastings\***  
 Rock Canyon High School  
 Miami University  
**Intended Study:** Biological  
 Sciences



**Addison Coleman\***  
 ThunderRidge High School  
 Brigham Young University  
**Intended Study:** Special  
 Education & School Psychology



**Adelyn Hirsch**  
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 University of Colorado at  
 Colorado Springs  
**Intended Study:** Psychology



**Camdyn Condrey**  
 ThunderRidge High School  
 University of Kansas  
**Intended Study:** Psychology



**Sara Jackson**  
 ThunderRidge High School  
 Purdue University  
**Intended Study:** Aerospace  
 Engineering



**Mia Cottrell\***  
 Rock Canyon High School  
 Grand Canyon University  
**Intended Study:** Worship Ministry



**Tabor Jensen**  
 Mountain Vista High School  
 University of Colorado at Boulder  
**Intended Study:** Integrative  
 Physiology



**Melissa Daley**  
 Highlands Ranch High School  
 Brigham Young University  
**Intended Study:** Nursing



**Bella Loner**  
 Rock Canyon High School  
 Florida State University  
**Intended Study:** Neuroscience  
 & Biology



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 University of Colorado at Boulder  
 Intended Study: Marketing  
 & Finance



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 Intended Study: Film & Media  
 Production



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 University of Wyoming  
 Intended Study: History &  
 Criminal Justice



**Cohen Sitzmann**  
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 Cornell University  
 Intended Study: Finance  
 & Economics



**Aiden McCullum**  
 Mountain Vista High School  
 Embry Riddle  
 Intended Study: Aeronautical  
 Science & Aviation Business  
 Administration



**Sydney Stanton**  
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 San Diego State University  
 Intended Study: Biology



**Chase McKee**  
 ThunderRidge High School  
 The George Washington  
 University  
 Intended Study: Political Science



**Valerie Walton**  
 Mountain Vista High School  
 Purdue University  
 Intended Study: Aerospace  
 Engineering



**Makenna Mudd**  
 Lutheran High School  
 Grove City College  
 Intended Study: Chemistry  
 & Math



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 Mountain Vista High School  
 California Polytechnic University  
 Intended Study: Architectural  
 Design



**Samantha Oliver**  
 ThunderRidge High School  
 Lewis and Clark College  
 Intended Study: Pre Law/  
 Political Science



**Hannah Zhang**  
 Rock Canyon High School  
 University of Texas at Austin  
 Intended Study: Chemical  
 Engineering



**Mia Petrovic\***  
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 Regis University  
 Intended Study: Healthcare  
 Administration



**Keren Randolph\***  
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 Intended Study: Cell &  
 Molecular Biology

## Star-Spangled Birthday Bash

Highlands Ranch is reimagining its Independence Day celebration with the new Star-Spangled Birthday Bash event at Highland Heritage Regional Park on Thursday, July 2, beginning at 6 p.m. The Highlands Ranch Community Association, Highlands Ranch Metro District, and Douglas County are partnering to bring the community together for a safe and memorable holiday celebration. Due to Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, extreme drought conditions, and elevated fire danger across the region, this year's fireworks display has been canceled in the interest of public safety.



While fireworks will not take place, residents can still enjoy a festive evening filled with live music, patriotic spirit, and family-friendly fun. Sponsored by UCHHealth, the event will feature local bluegrass favorite Ragged Union from 6–7 p.m., followed by an energetic headlining performance by 2025 Colorado Country Male Vocalist of the Year Jeff Goodwin and the Front Range Cowboys from 7:30–9 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, gather with friends and neighbors, and celebrate as Highlands Ranch begins commemorating the nation's 250th anniversary.

Other favorite Highlands Ranch traditions will continue on Saturday, July 4, including the Independence Day 5K at 7:30 a.m. in Town Center and the Fourth of July Parade at 9 a.m. Visit [HRCOnline.org/July4](http://HRCOnline.org/July4) for event details and registration information.

## Help Shape the Historic Park

Be part of something historic! The Highlands Ranch Metro District recently acquired 197 acres surrounding the Highlands Ranch Mansion, creating nearly 250 acres of preserved ranch land for the community to enjoy. This exciting addition features open space, historic barns and buildings, scenic mountain views, and opportunities to celebrate the area's rich heritage. As planning begins for Highlands Ranch's newest passive park, community input is essential. Residents are invited to help shape the future vision for the property through upcoming public meetings and outreach opportunities this summer.

All meetings will be held at the Highlands Ranch Senior Center, 200 E. Highlands Ranch Parkway:

- **Community Meeting #1**  
Tuesday, June 17, 5:30 p.m.
- **Community Meeting #2**  
Tuesday, July 22, 3 p.m.
- **Community Meeting #3**  
Monday, August 17, 5:30 p.m.

Visit [highlandsranch.org/historicpark](http://highlandsranch.org/historicpark) or scan the QR code to learn more, view project details, meeting dates, and share your feedback.



STAR-SPANGLED  
BIRTHDAY BASH



HISTORIC PARK



# Highlands Ranch Water Board Enacts Drought Pricing

The Highlands Ranch Water Board of Directors voted at its April board of directors meeting to implement drought pricing under Stage 1 drought restrictions for billing periods after May 1. The action supports the board’s focus on safeguarding the community’s long-term water supply and reinforces the need to reduce overall water use by 15–20%.

Stage 1 drought restrictions have been in place since April 1. The newly adopted drought pricing applies only to water use that exceeds a customer’s individualized water budget, ensuring that customers who stay within their budget will not see any change to their water rates.

Under the drought pricing structure, residential customers who exceed their budget will see an increase in their water rate for excess water use.

- **Water use between 101–120%** of your budget will increase from **\$7.66 to \$9.58** per 1,000 gallons
- **Water use between 121–140%** of your budget will increase from **\$11.63 to \$14.54** per 1,000 gallons



Commercial customers will also see drought pricing for use above their water budgets.

“Our goal with drought pricing is to encourage efficient water use and protect our shared water resources,” said General Manager Sam Calkins. “Customers who follow the two-day watering schedule and stay within their water budget can avoid the increased prices.”

For more information about Stage 1 drought restrictions and conservation resources, visit Highlands Ranch Water’s Drought Resource Center online at [highlandsranchwater.org/drought-resource-center](http://highlandsranchwater.org/drought-resource-center). To learn more about water budgets, visit [highlandsranchwater.org/water-budget](http://highlandsranchwater.org/water-budget).

## Take a Look Behind the Scenes

Curious about what happens behind the scenes to deliver safe, reliable water to your home? Highlands Ranch Water is accepting registrations for tours of its water and wastewater treatment plants.

These prearranged guided tours offer residents, students and community groups a firsthand look at highlands Ranch Water’s treatment facilities, key infrastructure and the steps the team takes every day to provide reliable water and wastewater services to our community.

Visit [highlandsranchwater.org](http://highlandsranchwater.org) to learn more and register for an available tour. Please note: tours are limited to 15 participants.



## **Backpack Society**

HRCA is proud to partner with Backpack Society this summer to help address food insecurity for local families while Douglas County schools are closed. Through this partnership, Student Weekend Bag pick-up opportunities will be available throughout the summer at both Eastridge and Westridge Recreation Centers.

Backpack Society, a Highlands Ranch-based nonprofit, works to remove food insecurity as a barrier for children so they can grow, learn, and thrive. The organization supports families across Douglas County by providing access to nutritious food, including fresh produce, dairy, meat, pantry staples, and easy-to-prepare meals. When school is out of session, many families lose access to the reliable meal programs children depend on during the academic year.

This partnership helps bridge that gap by offering convenient weekend bag pick-up locations throughout Highlands Ranch. Each bag includes six meals and snacks for children in need. The Backpack Society's Family Grocery Program also supports the entire family by providing the choice of a weekly grocery box or access to the organization's no-cost market.



**BACKPACK SOCIETY**



HRCA is honored to support Backpack Society's mission and help connect local families with essential resources during the summer season. Community members interested in learning more about Backpack Society, volunteering, or supporting its programs can visit [backpacksociety.org](http://backpacksociety.org).



Student Weekend Bags will be available for pickup at Eastridge and Westridge beginning Monday, June 1. Students in need may request a bag from any Guest Services staff member at the check-in desk when leaving the facility. Bags will be available throughout the summer through August 7. Please refer to HRCA communication channels for additional details and updates.

## **2026 Nico March Hero Award**

Mike Bailey, HRCA CEO/General Manager, has been named the recipient of the 2026 Nico March Hero of Community Management Award by the Foundation for Community Association Research. This prestigious national honor recognizes outstanding leadership, integrity, and dedication to community service.

The selection committee praised Bailey's long-standing commitment to strengthening Highlands Ranch through conservation initiatives, educational partnerships, intergenerational programming, civic collaboration, and thoughtful leadership. He will be formally recognized during the Opening General Session at the 2026 CAI Annual Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. HRCA congratulates Mike on this well-deserved recognition and his continued service to the community.

**NICO MARCH HERO AWARD**



## June Aquatics Programs

HRC Aquatics Programming has a class, workout group or team for you! Visit the website for current class times and locations. Spaces are limited, so register early.

### Infant Swimming Resource (ISR)

Short lessons, five days a week for infant – 3 years. Schedule individually with the instructor.

### Youth Swim Lessons

June 1 – August 6

Infant–Adults; morning, evening and weekend classes available.

### Private and Semi-Private Swim Lessons

July registration opens June 16.

### Seahawks Youth Swim Team

June 1 – July 29

Missed June registration? Join the fun in July. Space is limited.

### Seahawks Home Swim Meets at Northridge

June 13, July 11, July 18

Northridge outdoor pool will be closed from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. on meet days.

### Adult Lap Swim Groups at Northridge Outdoor Pool

June 1 – September 7

PEAKS Summer Challenge, Ranch H2O and Masters workout groups.

### Youth & Adult Swim Clinics

June & July, Varies

Small group instruction and stroke analysis on specific topics.

### Scuba & Snorkel Classes

June 7, July 19, August 2

Take your first experience with a certified PADI instructor.



## From First Splashes to Strong Strokes - Your Swim Journey Starts Here

Join a parent-child Star Tots class, youth swim lesson, swim team, or adult workout group today. Current schedule of clinics are available online. Summer topics include starts & turns, breaststroke underwater pullouts, flip turn basics and more.



## SAT/ACT

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Do you want higher test scores and a better shot at competitive schools? Learn test preparation strategies here for a fraction of the cost of commercial programs! This College Prep Course is taught by an instructional expert with more than 30 years of experience in test preparation for both the SAT and ACT exams. Students have typically improved their SAT score by an average of 100 points and their ACT score by three points. Students receive an official preparation guide and additional strategies manual.

**Date:** July 27 – 30

**Time:** 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Location:** Westridge, Golden Eagle Room

**Details:** \$349 member/\$375 guest

## Babysitting Class with WestCPR

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Learn guidelines for working with parents and their children to make the time safe and fun. You will learn how to set up your own babysitting business, how to keep the kids entertained, and what to do in an emergency. This is a hands-on class at which you will learn and practice everything from baby diapering and feeding to basic child/infant first aid, choking protocols and CPR. The class includes a Kids Watch guide and personal web access to many other trusted resources such as games, tips and videos from other babysitting experts. Each student will receive access to the pediatric first aid text for reference, along with the babysitting manual and certificate of participation from WestCPR LLC. Students will also receive their CPR/AED/Pediatric First Aid 2-year certification card. Please bring a peanut free snack/lunch.

**Date:** Saturday, July 11

**Time:** 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Location:** Westridge, Falcon Room

**Details:** \$84 member/\$92 guest

SAT/  
ACT



BABYSITTING  
CLASS



COOKIE  
DECORATING



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KIDSTAGE



## Cookie Decorating

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Ready to learn the art of sugar cookie decorating? Join us for this hands-on beginners class where you'll learn cookie tips and tricks, receive award-winning cookie and icing recipes, and decorate six cookies with step-by-step, guided instructions. Each participant will take home their decorated cookies and a gift bag with some helpful supplies!

**Date:** Saturday, June 6

**Time:** 2 – 3:45 p.m.

**Location:** Southridge (Arapahoe Dry Crafts Room), 4800 McArthur Ranch Road

**Details:** \$85 member/\$98 guest



## Drama Lion King KidStage Stars Program (Ages 6-12)

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When the King of the Pride Lands goes missing, his son must find himself and learn how to protect his land and his people. Follow Simba, Nala, Timon, Pumba and a colorful cast of animals as they confront the evil Scar and his mangy pack of hyenas in a battle to get their kingdom back. Participants will have a blast in this coming-of-age tale about what it means to believe in yourself, work together and trust in your friends.

**Date:** Tuesdays, June 16 – August 4

**Time:** 4:30 – 6 p.m.

**Location:** Southridge, Backcountry Room

**Details:** \$260 member/\$299 guest

## Your Perfect Summer Saturdays

Take advantage of the long summer Saturdays this season with our itinerary for your perfect weekend day of exploration. Pop in for one activity or plan for a full day!

### **Base Camp Exploration:** 7 – 9 a.m.

Begin your day with a peaceful morning at Backcountry Base Camp. This unguided, open-hours program is the perfect time to birdwatch, stroll the discovery trail, read and journal in nature, or just enjoy your coffee outdoors. Free; no registration necessary.

### **Family Fun Day:** 9 – 11 a.m.

Once the kids are awake, bring the whole family to Family Fun Day. Depending on the weather, there may be yard games, craft supplies, field guides and binoculars, opportunities to take a goat for a walk and more. Registration “per car” is required for this free, drop-in program.

### **Nature Night Out:** 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Bring your picnic dinner to Base Camp to relish in a low-key evening of exploration. You may be treated to a live animal presentation, or our team will share about the Backcountry Wilderness Area’s flora and fauna as you unwind and enjoy nature at sunset.

### **Outdoor Movie Series:** 8 p.m.

Finally, settle in on your blanket or camp chairs for a movie under the stars during the Backcountry Outdoor Movie Series! Check our website for show dates. Don’t miss out on discounted combo tickets for Nature Night Out when you bundle a movie. Donations support the Backcountry Wilderness Area Fund.

## Bison in the Backcountry

For the first time in more than 100 years, bison are coming back to Highlands Ranch. In June, the herd from Daniels Park—part of Denver Mountain Parks and related to the Genesee herd—will have the option to roam in to a newly-fenced 200-acre pasture in the Backcountry Wilderness Area.

The project is a collaboration between the HRCA Backcountry Wilderness Area, Denver Mountain Parks, and Denver Zoo Conservation Alliance. Bringing bison back to this landscape helps restore a species that once defined Colorado’s grasslands, while supporting long-term herd health and habitat sustainability. Scan the QR code below for the full story.

## Backcountry Wilderness Area Programs

### **Mini Manes and Pony Tails June Sessions:**

June 1–8, June 15–22

Mini Manes (Ages 3–4): 4 – 4:45 p.m.

Pony Tails (Ages 5–6): 4:45 – 5:30 p.m.

Help your little equine enthusiast learn about horse behavior and build confidence.

### **Sprouts Camp (Ages 3–6):** 9 – 11:45 a.m.

June 1–12, June 15–26

Sprouts Camp is a nature-based summer program that’s a joyful, camp-style experience rooted in outdoor play and exploration.

### **Astronomy Night (Ages 7–13):** June 26, 6 – 9 p.m.

Spark curiosity with Astronomy Night at Backcountry Base Camp! Kids will bring a picnic dinner and enjoy space-themed games, summer treats, and guided stargazing. From spotting constellations to hearing their origin stories, young space explorers will love this fun, educational night under the stars.



# Facing the Pine Beetle—With Urgency, Responsibility, and Hope

The Backcountry Wilderness Area is facing the early stages of a significant pine beetle outbreak, driven by drought, warmer temperatures, and stressed forest conditions across Colorado’s Front Range. What began as a subtle increase in brown ponderosa pines over the winter escalated this spring when more than 300 dead or dying trees were identified with clear signs of infestation. Experts warn that without immediate action, the outbreak could spread rapidly, infecting thousands more trees in the coming years. Ponderosa pine forests are more than scenery; they are critical wildlife habitat that supports elk, deer, wild turkeys, birds, insects and countless other species. Losing large portions of these forests would significantly impact the ecosystem and change the character of the Backcountry Wilderness Area.

In response, HRCA quickly consulted with the Colorado State Forest Service, local arborists, and Douglas County emergency officials to develop a strategy before beetles emerge and spread further. A local forestry contractor was selected to remove approximately 300–400 infested trees, while staff also launched a long-term monitoring program to map and track affected areas. The loss is emotional, especially because many affected trees are mature ponderosas more than 100 years old. However, there is hope. Years of proactive forest thinning, a healthy population of younger trees, and strong community support provide resilience for the future. While the outbreak cannot be stopped across the Front Range, thoughtful stewardship can slow its spread, protect habitat, and strengthen long-term forest health. **Scan the QR code to read the full story** about Pine Beetle mitigation in the Backcountry.

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## Independence Day 5K

Kick off your Fourth of July with a festive, family-friendly 5K starting at 7:30 a.m.! Walk or run—everyone's welcome, including kids, strollers and pups. Show your patriotic spirit, then head to the July 4th Parade. Spot the hidden red, white, & blue kettlebell for a chance to win \$100!

**Date:** Saturday, July 4

**Time:** 7:30 a.m.

**Location:** Highlands Ranch Town Center, 9352 Dorchester St.

**Details:** Prices vary



## Bike to Work Day

HRCA is teaming up with HRMD and Highlands Ranch Water to create the Highlands Ranch Super Stop! Whether you're a daily rider or dusting off your bike for the first time this season, swing by and start your morning with us. Cruise by for breakfast burritos, coffee, snacks, water and fun giveaways.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 24

**Time:** 6:30 – 9 a.m.

**Location:** High Line Canal Trail, at the intersection of the Centennial Trail

**Details:** Free

## Car Show

Rev up for a day of family fun at the annual Car Show! Get an up-close look at models from vintage classics to cutting-edge modern rides—perfect for both kids and car enthusiasts. Beyond the cars, enjoy tasty food, unique finds from local vendors and a great community atmosphere. Don't miss out—come for the cars, stay for the memories!

**Date:** Saturday, June 13

**Time:** 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Location:** ThunderRidge High School, 1991 W Wildcat Reserve Pkwy

**Details:** Free to attend, vehicles \$20 in advance/\$25 day of



## Summer Concert Series

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Spend your Thursday evenings in June and July enjoying live music at Highland Heritage Regional Park. Bring friends, pack a picnic or enjoy offerings from local food trucks, and unwind with great bands and sunset views of the Rocky Mountains!

**June 4:** Shelvis and the Roustabouts

**June 11:** Tumbledown Shack

**June 18:** Red Rock Vixens

**June 25:** Northwoods Band

**Date:** Thursdays in June and July

**Time:** 6:30 – 8 p.m., food trucks available by 6 p.m.

**Location:** Highland Heritage Regional Park, 9651 S Quebec St.

**Details:** Free to attend



## Happy Hour Half K

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Celebrate Father's Day weekend with this lighthearted, family-friendly event. This non-timed 1640-foot "race" is perfect for all ages and abilities, whether you walk, stroll, or dance your way to the finish. Enjoy live music, a mid-course refreshment stop, and complimentary drinks for participants after the race.

**Date:** Friday, June 19

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Location:** Civic Green Park, 9370 Ridgeline Blvd.

**Details:** Prices vary

## Splash Mash Dash Kids Tri

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The Splash Mash Dash Kids Triathlon is perfect for kids ready to "TRI" the sport of triathlon or sharpen their skills for a bigger race. Children ages 4–12 can enjoy a safe, fun morning of swimming, biking, and running, with races divided by age and distance appropriate for each group.

**Date:** Saturday, August 8

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Location:** Eastridge Rec Center/Falcon Park, 9568 S University Blvd.

**Details:** Prices vary



SUMMER  
CONCERT SERIES



HAPPY HOUR  
HALF K



SPLASH MASH  
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## Sip and Stretch (Ages 21+)

Unwind and recharge at our Sip and Stretch evening—a perfect blend of relaxation and connection! Enjoy a gentle, all-level yoga and stretching class led by a certified instructor, ending with an extended restorative rest to leave you feeling completely relaxed. Afterward, head to the patio for a glass of wine or beer, light snacks and great company.

Registration includes one drink ticket and snacks (non-alcoholic options available). Bring your own yoga mat.

**Date:** Friday, July 17

**Time:** 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Southridge, 4800 McArthur Ranch Road, Wildcat Auditorium

**Details:** \$25 member/\$30 guest

## Discover Nia: Move Your Body, Lift Your Mood

Looking to shake up your fitness routine in a fun, low-pressure way? Try Nia—a unique class that blends dance, martial arts, and mindful movement into one energizing workout. Nia isn't about perfect choreography or keeping up with anyone else—it's about moving your body in a way that feels good. You'll build strength, improve mobility, and boost your mood, all while enjoying great music and a supportive, welcoming environment. Whether you're brand new to fitness or looking for something different to complement your current routine, Nia is for everybody and every fitness level. Expect a mix of cardio, flexibility, balance, and relaxation—all in one class.

**Date:** Monday and Wednesdays

**Time:** 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

**Location:** Southridge

## Yoga in the Park 2026 Summer Series

Join us for a free Yoga in the Park series in partnership with Highlands Ranch Metro District. Classes are held Saturdays from 8–9 a.m. at Civic Green Park and led by certified HRCA Fitness instructors.

No registration required. Recommended for ages 13+. Save time by signing the online waiver in advance. No class June 13 or July 4. Bring a mat or towel, water, and sun protection.

**Date:** Saturdays

**Time:** 8 – 9 a.m.

**Location:** Civic Green Park

## Stay Strong This Summer with Personal Training

Summer schedules can get busy, but that doesn't mean your fitness has to take a back seat. Our Personal Training program is here to keep you consistent, motivated, and seeing results all season long.

Whether you're looking to build strength, stay accountable, or get the most out of your workouts, our certified trainers create customized plans that fit your goals and your schedule.

Stay on track, feel your best, and make this your strongest summer yet. Request a trainer today, and let's keep the momentum going!



## Pickleball Youth Boot Camps (Ages 12-18)

Welcome to Highlands Ranch's first-ever Pickleball Instructional Boot Camp. Designed for junior high and high school students, this coed program welcomes players of all ability levels, including 2026 graduates. It offers a structured and supportive environment where participants can build skills, gain confidence, and enjoy the game.

**Date:** Saturdays, June, July, August

**Time:** 4 – 6 p.m.

**Location:** Westridge Pickleball Courts

**Details:** \$180 members/\$210 program guests



## Summer Sports Camps

Deigned for kids who love to move, compete, and try new things, our camps offer a wide variety of exciting sports- including basketball, fencing, Taekwondo, volleyball, golf, flag football, and high-energy dodgeball. Whether your child is sharpening existing skills or exploring a brand new sport, they'll stay active, build confidence, and make new friends along the way.



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BOOT CAMPS



SPORTS  
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TENNIS  
BLOCKTIME



## Summer Tennis Blocktime

The summer block time is upon us! There must be a commitment of 10 or more weeks throughout the summer. However, summer block time does not have to be sequential. This season runs from May 3, 2026 to August 30.

- 90-min court sessions
- \$16.50 per session
- Request your preferred day, time and court
- Program runs May 3 through Aug. 30
- Guests are welcome; a guest fee applies
- Please complete the application form by scanning the QR code below.



## Stride to Ride Bike Camp

A program dedicated to teaching individuals of all abilities two-wheeled balance, coordination, and confidence for a lifetime of riding adventures! Progress at your own pace in this small-group camp with plenty of individual instruction. Advance from balance games and focus activities to cruising the gym on two wheels.

STRIDER bikes do not have pedals—simply stride and glide! Optional pedal kits are available for purchase after camp. Registration includes the cost of a STRIDER Balance Bike to take home. If you already own a STRIDER, the cost will be reduced accordingly.

**Date:** Monday–Friday, June 29–July 3

**Time:** 2 – 3 p.m.

**Location:** Southridge (Gymnasium),  
4800 McArthur Ranch Rd.

**Details:** \$250 member/\$288 guest



## Tri Sports Camp

If you like to swim, bike and run, join in the fun! This program is designed to prepare athletes ages 8 & older with disabilities for the HRCA Splash Mash Dash Kids Triathlon on Saturday, August 8, at the Eastridge Recreation Center. Practice your swimming on Mondays. Bike and run on Thursdays.

**Date:** Mondays and Thursdays, June 1 – August 6

**Time:** 6 – 7 p.m.

**Location:** Eastridge, 9568 University Blvd.

**Details:** \$175 member/\$210 guest



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## Special Olympics Tennis Team

Special Olympics Tennis with HRCA Therapeutic Recreation is all about fun, friendship, and competition. There's a place for you on our court! Join us at the pavilion to practice for 10 weeks and compete in an optional, exciting regional competition. Don't miss out on the fun—register today to be part of this incredible experience.

**Date:** Mondays, June 1 – July 27

**Time:** 4 – 5 p.m.

**Location:** Northridge (Tennis Courts),  
8800 Broadway

**Details:** \$155 member/\$186 guest



## Pickleball

Are you in a pickle for something to do in the summer? Discover the fun of pickleball during our one-hour Therapeutic Recreation Pickleball program. Join us on Wednesdays in July and August. Practice skills and drills as well as playing fun games with old and new friends!

**Date:** Wednesdays

**Time:** 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Southridge (Gym), 4800 McArthur  
Ranch Rd.

**Details:** July 1–29: \$75 member/\$90 guest  
August 5–26: \$60 member/\$72 guest

# Community Partners



## Become a Community Partner

HRCA is grateful to our Community Partners for supporting the programs, events, and experiences that enhance life in Highlands Ranch.

While 2026 partnership opportunities are now closed, we invite you to explore becoming a Community Partner in 2027. Scan the QR code to learn more.



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## Events

### Thursday, June 4

Summer Concert Series:  
Shelvis & the Roustabouts

### Saturday, June 6

Backcountry Summer Kickoff

### Sundays Throughout June

Highlands Ranch Farmers' Market

### Thursday, June 11

Summer Concert Series: Tumbledown Shack

### Saturday, June 13

Car Show  
Backcountry Nature Night Out

### Sunday, June 14

Backcountry Outdoor Movie Series: The Goonies

### Tuesday, June 16

Delegate & Board Meeting

### Thursday, June 18

HRCA Golf Tournament  
Summer Concert Series: Red Rock Vixens

### Friday, June 19

Happy Hour Half-K

### Saturday, June 20

Backcountry Nature Night Out  
Backcountry Outdoor Movie Series: The Wild Robot

### Wednesday, June 24

Bike to Work Day

### Thursday, June 25

Summer Concert Series: Northwoods Band

### Saturday, June 20

Backcountry Nature Night Out  
Backcountry Outdoor Movie Series: The Sandlot

## Facility Closures

### Saturday, June 13

Northridge Outdoor Pools Closed  
All recreation centers will close at 4 p.m. for the  
Summer Staff Party

*Check the website for the most up-to-date closure  
information and event details. Visit [HRCAonline.org](http://HRCAonline.org).*

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