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# Experience Creativity in Motion with More Than 100 Interactive Activities at the 34th Annual Virginia Children's Festival Presented by Sentara Health Plans on October 5th

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**Norfolk, VA** – The 34th Annual Virginia Children's Festival, Hampton Roads' most exciting family festival, returns to Town Point Park on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 10 am to 3 pm.

The Virginia Children's Festival features a variety of interactive experiences for children ages 10 and younger in mind! **NEW THIS YEAR!** Shop the Mini Maker's Market, where you can purchase handmade goods created by artists ages 12 and younger. Additional **NEW** programming includes the Dick's House of Sport Fashion Show, Weather in a Jar with 13 News Now, and much more!



A complete listing of festival entertainment can be found below. Tickets are \$5 (infants ages one & under are free) and can be purchased online at [bit.ly/24VCF](https://bit.ly/24VCF).

## **WHRO LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION! MAIN STAGE**

10:15 am – Big Bang Boom!

10:55 am – **NEW!** Making Weather in a Jar with 13 News Now

11:30 am – WHRO Public Media presents Greenbeats

12:15 pm – Big Bang Boom!

1:00 pm – **NEW!** Dick's House of Sport Fashion Show

1:35 pm – Rainbow Puppets Show

2:10 pm – WHRO Public Media Ms. Martha Reads

2:30 pm – The Hurrah Players present The Magic and Wonder of the Princess Kingdom

## **READY, SET, GO! MAIN STAGE**

10:15 am – Bayside High School Cheerleading

10:30 am – Maureen's School of Dance

11:00 am – Music Theory Studios

11:30 am – Bella Dance

12:00 pm – Evelyn School of Dance

12:30 pm – Adaptive Dance for All

12:45 pm – Shark City Drumline

1:00 pm – Libre Dance USA

1:30 pm – Norfolk Dance Collective

## **STORYTELLING AND MORE**

11:00 am, 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm & 2:00 pm – Pirate School with the Defiant Crew

10:45 am, 11:45 am, 12:45 pm & 2:00 pm – Back Bay Mermaid Book Nook

## **ACTIVITIES**

- Craft a handmade piece of art at **Art & Crafts with Chrystal**
- Meet and Greet with a Mermaid from **Back Bay Mermaid**
- Meet and Greet with a **Ballerina**
- **NEW!** Explore the instrument petting zoo with **Bay Youth Orchestras of Virginia**
- **NEW!** Catch an energetic cheer performance and pick up some new cheerleading moves with **Bayside High School Cheerleading**
- See the most bubbles you have ever seen in one place at **The BIG Bubblefest Event**
- Explore magical winged insects at the **Butterfly Safari**
- Create your own sidewalk art at the **Chalk the Walk**
- Face paintings by **Changing Faces & Spaces**
- **NEW!** Dive into interactive coding and robotics demonstrations with **Code Ninjas**
- Enjoy the Lemonade Stand for **Community Betterment**
- **NEW!** Experience the art of woodblock printing with **D'Art Center**
- Learn about a pirate's life with **The Defiant Crew**
- Channel your inner archaeologist with the **Dino Dig**
- Get active with live games & limbo with **DJ Melody**
- **NEW!** Connect and learn about foster care opportunities in Hampton Roads with **Embrace Treatment Foster Care**
- **NEW!** Access valuable resources for families and individuals with autism with the **Families of Autism Coming Together (F.A.C.T.)**
- Play your favorite video games on the **GamerBus**
- Meet and Greet with the **Ghostbusters**
- Explore the outdoors with **Girl Scouts of Colonial Coast**
- Learn how to play chess and tackle game challenges with the **Hampton Roads Chess Association**
- Meet and Greet with **Princesses**
- **NEW!** Participate in engaging STEM activities and demonstrations with **Jefferson Labs**
- Escape & unwind at the **Kulture City Sensory Zone**
- Have some backyard fun with **Lawn Games**
- Construct buildings & characters at **Lego Land**
- Craft away with **LemonDrop Makery**
- Watch science with **Mad Science of Hampton Roads**
- **NEW!** Enjoy family game activities with the **Maury High School Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America**
- Test your putting skills with a round of **Mini Putt**
- **NEW!** Dance along to a kid-friendly music set and try out the “become your own DJ” interactive space with **Music Theory Studios**
- Create unique bracelets and play a duck-inspired game with **Newport News Shipbuilding**

- Enjoy interactive hockey-themed games with the **Norfolk Admirals**
- **NEW!** Make your own slime with hands-on chemistry with the **Norfolk State University College of Science, Engineering, and Technology**
- Experience robotics demonstrations and participate in exciting games with the **Norview High School Robotics Club**
- **NEW!** Watch a dynamic drum performance and join a mini drum workshop with **Shark City Drumline**
- Learn about **Sentara Health Plan's** healthy lifestyle options
- **NEW!** Read and discover the art of literature with **Slover Library**
- Take a peek inside the car world with **Southern Auto Group**
- View unique vehicles at the **Touch-A-Truck Experience**
- Explore drone and aircraft displays and enjoy various games and activities from the **Tuskegee Airmen**
- **NEW!** Take dribbling classes and learn about a healthy lifestyle through soccer from the **Virginia Beach City FC Semi-Pro Soccer Club**
- **NEW!** Learn about wildlife from **The Virginia Zoo**
- Stop by **WHRO Public Media's PBS Kid's Village**
- **NEW!** Receive giveaways and resources to support the fight against epilepsy, PTSD, TBI, and seizures with **WTTS4Epilepsy**

### **TODDLER TOWN**

- Toys & tikes galore in a gated area for our younger festival guests! Toddlers must be 3ft tall or shorter to enter.

### **TOWNEBANK FOUNTAIN PARK**

- View a variety of cool trucks, vehicles & other machinery at the **Touch-a-Truck Experience!**

### **ROAMING COSTUME CHARACTERS**

- Back Bay Mermaid
- Deadpool
- The Ghostbusters
- The Grinch
- Princesses
- Real Life Ballerina
- Sid the Science Guy
- The Defiant Crew Pirates
- Wolverine

***All activities and performances listed are subject to change.*** Visit [festevents.org](http://festevents.org) or follow @Festevents on Facebook and Instagram for real-time event updates.

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