

WATER LANTERN FESTIVAL

Your magical night awaits!



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EVENT GUIDE

Washington, DC
August 8-9, 2026

National Harbor SouthPointe
802 National Harbor Blvd
Oxon Hill, MD 20745

EVENT INFO

Welcome to the Water Lantern Festival, where family, friends, and community members gather to reflect and connect with one another.

SCHEDULE

- 5:30–8:00 PM**
Arrival time between 5:30–8:00, arrive before 8:00 PM
- 7:00–8:00 PM**
Performers
- 8:00–8:30 PM**
Lantern Stories, Meditation, Launch Instructions
- 8:30–9:30 PM**
Lantern Launch Window
- 9:30 PM**
Event Ends



Enjoy the vibrant and lively atmosphere of the festival, including local food trucks and lively entertainment. Create a unique lantern honoring your experience and set it afloat, lighting up the night with love and laughter.



What to bring?

Bring blankets, chairs, and food to make your festival experience even better.



What if it rains?

Events are rain or shine! All event updates will be sent by email to participants.



When is launch time?

Lantern launch typically begins at sunset & lasts for 1-2 hours. Check out the timeline listed above!



What do we do first?

When you arrive at the event, head over to the Check-In tents with your tickets to receive your lantern kit!

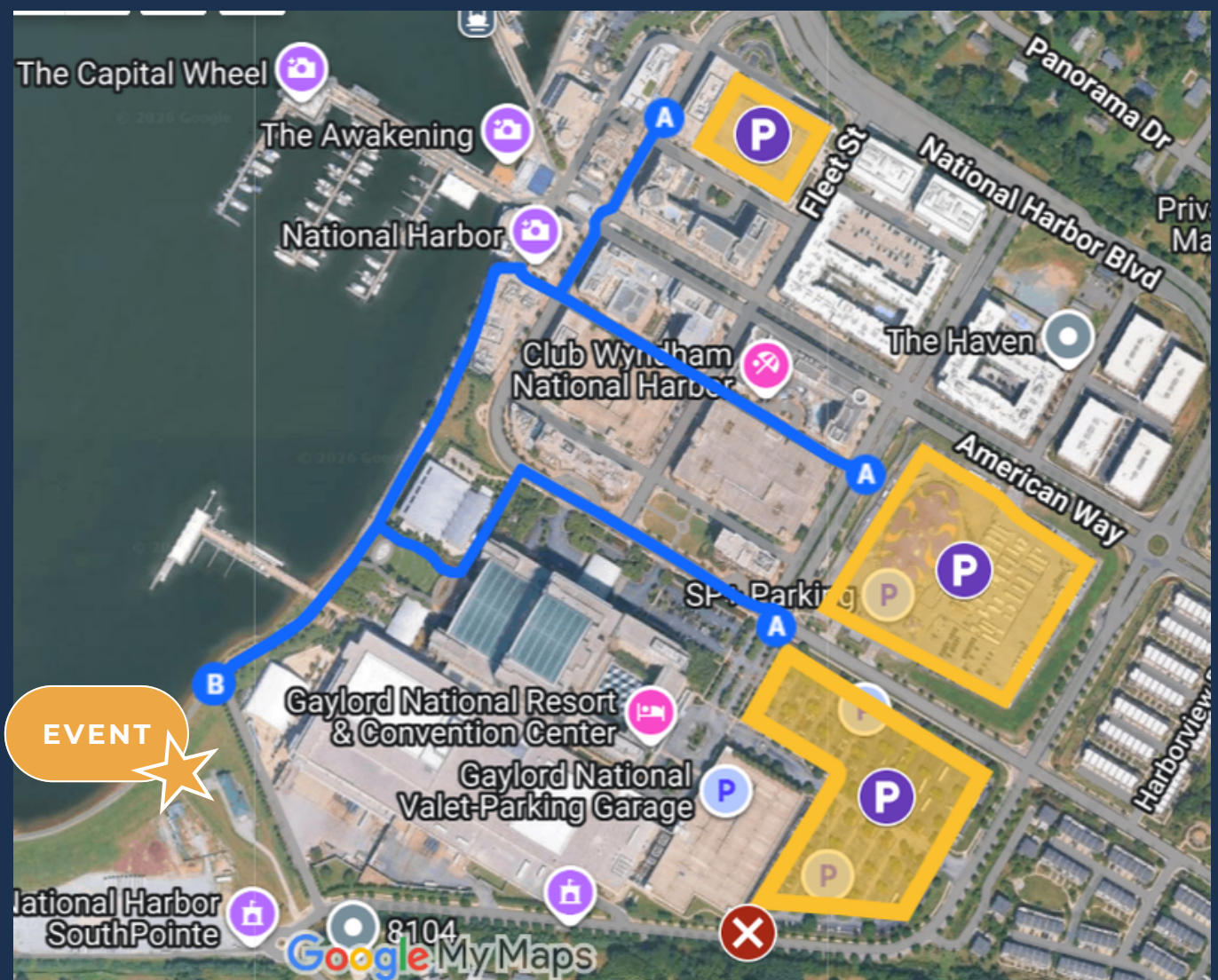


VENUE & PARKING

PARKING / CHECK IN

Parking will be available at the following parking garages/lots indicated with the parking icon on the map below. For parking payments & information, please visit [National Harbor Parking](#).

Once parked, please follow the designated A-to-B walking paths toward the waterfront and directly to the event check in. Following this path will ensure you arrive at the correct entrance quickly and efficiently.



LANTERN LAUNCH

Our lantern launch is subject to weather conditions which may impact the lanterns movement on the water.

DECORATE YOUR LANTERN

- Decorate your lantern with messages of empowerment, remembrance, and connection.
- Push the four rods into each corner of the lantern base and slide the paper sleeve over the rods.
- Place the LED candle in the center of the lantern.
- Listen for instructions and launch your lantern during the designated window.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Water Lantern Festival is committed to caring for our environment and protecting precious natural resources. Our lanterns are crafted from sustainable materials such as wood and biodegradable paper, ensuring they are biodegradable and eco-friendly.

After the event, our team carefully retrieves every lantern and removes any litter from the water and surrounding areas. We work hard to leave the Garden even better than we found it. We encourage all guests to join us in this effort by reducing waste, recycling where possible, and respecting the natural beauty of the Garden.

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VENDORS

Support your favorite local vendors at the event.

MysCrepes (8/8 Only)
Mommalicious Food Truck (8/8 Only)
Virginia Grill / Y&M LLC (8/8 Only)
Travelin' Tom's Coffee
Lavish Ice Cream
Cousins Maine Lobster
Food Fest Happy Belly
Four4Ms Food Truck
Kush
Ello Food Truck
Four4Ms Ice Cream
Good Eats – Big Feelings 1 (Virginia Vendor Food Services)
Good Eats – Big Feelings 2 (Virginia Vendor Food Services)
Auntie Anne's Pretzel Truck
The Birria Beat
Yummie Thai Kitchen
Mobile Chef
Asia Fusion Elite
American Fruity Smoothies

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Book early and make a weekend of it!



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PERFORMERS

AIDEN ADAMS



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MORE INFORMATION

RELEASE WAIVER

By participating in the Water Lantern Festival, you agree to the release waiver which can be viewed at <http://www.waterlanternfestival.com/release-waiver>. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Children should not be left unattended at any time during the event.

EVENT UPDATES

Be sure to follow the Water Lantern Festival event page on Facebook to receive last-minute event updates.

