

February 2026

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat. |
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| 1 | 2 Decorate Valentine's Bags Uno Exercise Sand Art | 3 3v3 Basketball Practice- 9:30am Decorate Valentine's Bags Wheel of Fortune Book Club / Cards / Games | 4 Basketball Practice 9:30am Decorate Valentine's Bags Match Game Book Club / Cards / Games | 5 Basketball Practice 9:30am Fitness Decorate Valentine's Bags Book Club / Cards / Games | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Match Game Minute to Win It! Valentine Charades | 10 3v3 Basketball Practice- 9:30am Bake Cookies Life Skills Book Club / Cards / Games | 11 Basketball Practice 9:30am Valentine Charades Decorate Sugar Cookies Book Club / Cards / Games | 12 No Basketball Practice Valentine's Party | 13 Night to Shine Prom Connect Church, Sevierville 6-8pm | 14 |
| 15 | 16 GATE CLOSED PRESIDENTS DAY | 17 3v3 Basketball Practice- 9:30am Cooking Club Aktion Club | 18 Basketball Practice 9:30am Roll a Love Bug Planning Committee Book Club / Cards / Games | 19 The Gate is Closed Special Olympics Basketball Competition Everett Rec Center Gym 316 S. Everett High Rd. Maryville, 37804 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 Wheel of Fortune Wheel of Eggercise Magazine Scavenger Hunt Gate Crashers Practice | 24 Movie Day Book Club / Cards / Games | 25 Basketball Practice 9:30am America Says Gate Crashers Practice Book Club / Cards / Games | 26 Fitness with Chip & Jean Sand Art Gate Crashers Practice Birthday Party | 27 | 28 |

Important Program Details for February 2026

Our Valentine's Day Party is February 12th. We will play BINGO and participants can bring Valentine's cards to give to their friends. The Gate is providing paper bags for participants to decorate on February 2nd-5th. These bags will be used to hold Valentine's cards and treats from their friends. There are 55 participants and 10 staff that day. Please do not write each participant's name in the "To:" spot on the cards. This makes it easier for participants to put their cards in the Valentine's bags. Staff will be assisting participants with placing Valentine's in bags from 9am-10am as participants arrive.

February 26th is also our monthly birthday party! We will be serving pizza, salad, cake, and a drink. There is no cost for this meal. **Happy Birthday to: Noah C., Corey P., Tom, Brian, Lily, and Anita!** Thank you, Terry Hawk and Joyce Myers for sponsoring our birthday party this month!

Aktion Club is February 17th. For this February's Aktion Club project we will be making Words of Encouragement bracelets. The bracelets will be given to counselors in one of our local schools and the counselors can give the bracelets to students who they feel would benefit from them. Our meal in February will breakfast casserole, fruit parfaits, and a drink! Our cooking club will make the meal. The cost for the meal is \$5. Please RSVP to Allison by February 12th and pay by February 17th.

Basketball Practice will continue Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Tuesdays: Coach Chip and Jean's 3v3 Basketball team- 9:30-10:30am

Wednesdays: Coach Abby's Skills Team and Coach Sarah's Skills Team- 9:30-10:30am

Thursdays: Coach Jean's Skills Team and Coach Jessica's Skills Team- 9:30-10:30am

We will NOT have basketball practice on Thursday, February 12th due to our Valentine's Party that day.

Special Olympics Basketball Competition February 19th

Everett Recreation Center Gym, 316 S. Everett High Rd., Maryville 37804

The Gate will be CLOSED

Please arrive to Everett Recreation Center by 9:00am

Opening Ceremonies: 9:30am - Competition Starts: 9:45am

This is **NOT** a drop off event. Someone must stay with the participant.

If you are not competing, please come cheer for the Gate Participants!

*****If you are participating you will receive an email with more details.**

Participants will come home with jerseys before competition. ***

Gate Crashers: The Gate Crashers is the Gate's singing group that will sing at DessertFest. Practices are held at the Gate leading up to DessertFest on April 11th. We encourage everyone to participate! Participants who attend DessertFest will receive a t-shirt. Please let me know if your participant plans to sing and attend DessertFest by February 23rd. The songs we'll be singing will be announced soon!

New at the Gate: Take a look at the Gate's new digital announcement board located in the foyer at the Gate! This has information about happenings in the community and upcoming events at the Gate!

Other Important Dates and Announcements:

- Special Olympics Track and Field is April 8th.
- Dessert Fest 2026 will be on **April 11th** at Alcoa High School. If you would like to donate an auction item or dessert, please contact Erin Rhoades by email at erin@gatewaytn.org or by phone at 865-317-4283.