

# April 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Pass the Bunny  GateCrashers Practice with Ed Harper  Book Club / Cards / Games	2 Fitness with Chip & Jean  GateCrashers Practice with Ed Harper  Book Club / Cards / Games	3	4
5	6 Pass the Bunny  Chair Dancing  Gate Crashers Practice	7 Tuesday Talks Tea Party  GateCrashers Practice  Book Club / Cards / Games	8 <b>SPECIAL OLYMPICS</b> <b>Track and Field</b> <b>Heritage High School</b> <b>Athletes arrive at 9am</b>  <b>GATE CLOSED</b>	9 Fitness with Chip & Jean  GateCrashers Practice  Book Club / Cards / Games	10	11 <b>DessertFest</b> <b>Alcoa High</b> <b>School</b> <b>12-2</b>
12 Barrier Free Worship 1830 Clydesdale St., Maryville 2pm	13 Dance Party  <b>Fire/Tornado Drill</b>  Pictionary	14 Great Smoky Mountains Park Ranger Talk  Book Club / Cards / Games	15 Dance Party  <b>Fire/Tornado Drill</b>  Book Club / Cards / Games	16 Fitness with Chip & Jean  <b>Fire/Tornado Drill</b>  Book Club / Cards / Games	17	18 <b>Luke 14</b> <b>Round Up</b> <b>4pm-7pm</b> <b>East</b> <b>Maryville</b> <b>Baptist</b> <b>Church</b>
19	20 Pool Noodle Hockey  Parachute  Mad Libs	21 Cooking Club  Stop Motion Club  <b>Aktion Club</b>  Book Club / Cards / Games	22 Chair Yoga  Minute to Win It  Book Club / Cards / Games	23 Fitness with Chip & Jean  America Says  Book Club / Cards / Games	24	25
26	27 Outdoor games  Disney SINGO  Uno Exercise	28 <b>Movie Day</b>  Stop Motion Club  Book Club / Cards / Games	29 Music with Tene  Pool Noodle Hockey  Book Club / Cards / Games  <b>MABC Pinewood Derby</b> <b>5pm</b>	30 Fitness with Chip & Jean  You Bet!  <b>Birthday Party</b>  Book Club / Cards / Games		

# Important Program Details for April 2026

Special Olympic Track and Field is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**. (The rain date is **Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**.) Participants should arrive at the track at Heritage High School by 9:00 am. Please report to the Gate tent to check in and receive your bib number. **This is not a drop-off event. Participants must attend with a parent, guardian, or caregiver.** If your participant is not competing in Special Olympics, feel free to join us at Heritage High School to cheer on our athletes! **The Gate will be CLOSED on this day.**

**Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** is our monthly Aktion Club meeting. We will serve a baked potato bar, salad, tea, lemonade, and ice cream. The cost is \$5 and the deadline to order an Aktion Club lunch is **Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**. The deadline to pay for an Aktion Club lunch is **Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**. For our April Aktion Club Service Project we will make Cruiser Kits for Resource Officers at Heritage and William Blount Middle Schools and High Schools. The Cruiser Kits will include snacks, drink packets, and jokes!

**Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** is our monthly birthday party! We will be serving pizza, salad, cake, and a drink. There is no cost for this meal. **Happy Birthday to: Shawna, Chase, Micah, Corey B., Ryan, Emily M., Robert, Bree, Sherri. Eugene, Linda Rose, and Allison!** Thank you, Diane Pearl, for sponsoring our birthday party this month!

**April 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>** is our fire and tornado drill. We will go outside and walk across the street into the Madison Avenue parking lot for the fire drill. The tornado drill will be practiced inside directly after the fire drill. Please dress accordingly on that day. We will have the drill three days to practice with as many participants as possible.

**Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm** is the **Pinewood Derby at Madison Avenue Baptist Church**. Participants who have signed up will decorate their car at the Gate. You will get to decorate a small wooden car at the Gate and race your car on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Madison Avenue. Food will be available to those in attendance. Thank you, Madison Avenue, for inviting the Gate to participate!

## Other Important Dates

**DessertFest 2025 will be on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:00 pm 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.
- All GateCrashers that are participating in the performance should wear their DessertFest t-shirt and arrive no later than 12:00pm.

