

HILLER HIGHLIGHTS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
HOME OF THE HILLERS!



MAY 2023-2024



Dear Trinity Area School District Community,

As this remarkable school year closes, I am thrilled to reflect upon the district's rich history, which we will soon celebrate. From humble beginnings to becoming a cornerstone of the Hiller community, the Trinity Area School District has remained committed to nurturing young minds and shaping futures for a century. This year has been nothing short of extraordinary, marked by countless successes achieved by our dedicated students and staff. Their unwavering determination and passion have propelled us forward, setting new standards of excellence in academics, the arts, and athletics.

I am excited to announce that we will celebrate these successes, beginning on June 7 when our seniors accept their diplomas for the 100th time in Trinity's history. By the end of summer, we will celebrate the completion of renovations to Trinity Middle School and open Trinity Intermediate School, a brand new, state-of-the-art facility for teaching and learning. When the doors to Trinity Intermediate swing open in August, we invite you to join us for open house tours so you can witness firsthand the amazing opportunities that await our students.

Heading into the summer months, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your passion, perseverance, and commitment to doing what is right and good for kids. Together, we continue to create, innovate, and inspire through collaborative efforts. I could not be more proud to work alongside stakeholders who work exhaustively to fulfill Trinity's mission to prepare all students for the real world. Trinity's future is so bright because of you.

May you have a wonderful, relaxing summer! Whether you're embarking on new adventures or enjoying well-deserved relaxation time at home, please take every precaution to ensure a safe, enjoyable summer for all. I look forward to seeing everyone again in August.

Dr. Michael P. Lucas
Superintendent

Stay tuned for the
graduation edition of *Hiller
Highlights* coming out in
June!



May's Students of the Month!



HIGH SCHOOL
Ethan Clawson



MIDDLE SCHOOL
Deborah Oyedemi Landon Marshman

Trinity is Taking Pride in... ACADEMICS, Arts, and Athletics

48 Trinity High School students participated in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science state meet at Penn State University. These students did an amazing job presenting their projects on a variety of STEAM topics. Trinity came home with 24 first place awards, 19 second place awards, and 4 third place awards. We had two students receive perfect scores: Morgan Baker and Zoe Kumpfmiller. We also had one student, Sophia Misner, receive the Pennsylvania Talent Search Outstanding Senior Award.

First place awards - Alexander Almeida, Morgan Baker, Alexander Berry, Abigail Bodart, Connor Bradley, Rogan Cavanaugh, Elijah Clark, Alison Ewbank, Talan Gardner, Owen Gardner, Timberly Gardner, Aaron Hunsberger, Isabella Jobes, Carter Jobes, Rebekah Jones, Zoe Kumpfmiller, Morgan Layhue, Sophia Misner, Andy Palm, Ava Richter, Ella Sammel, Nathan Sander, Leah Wall and Sophia Zaragoza

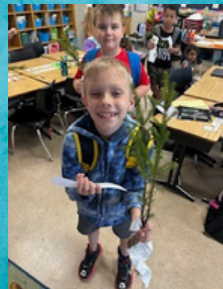
Second place awards - Jonah Bieranoski, Elliot Bodart, Oliver Bodart, Ava Bowman, Ella Bradley, Andrew Ciampa, Samantha Ciampa, Lillah Clark, Madison Hickman, Maddox Ho, Nathan Jones, Jordan Keener, Sarah Losko, Addison McCoy, Avery O'Sullivan, Benjamin Papon, Paige Schott, Tamzyn Vernau, and Ivy Zheng

Third place awards - Olivia Angelo, Natalie Ewbank, Kelsey Flynn, and Cameron Street



Trinity would like to thank Mrs. Welsh, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Walk for all their hard work and support that provides our students with this experience!

The Seedlings for Schools program "allows students to experience their role as caretaker of their environment". It's funded through the PA Game Commission. Each student at Trinity North received a Norway Spruce seedling. They were excited to plant these with their families and help them grow into beautiful trees! North has been participating since 2017. The program is available to all Pennsylvania schools with children enrolled from K-12th grade.



ART

Trinity is Taking Pride in... Academics, ARTS, and Athletics



2024



Trinity is Taking Pride in...
Academics, Arts, and ATHLETICS

Congratulations



Ella Sammel
PIAA - 2nd Place

TRINITY VOLLEYBALL



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CONGRATULATIONS!



BIG 56 - SOFTBALL



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BIG 56 BASEBALL

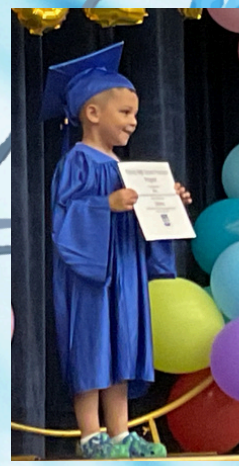
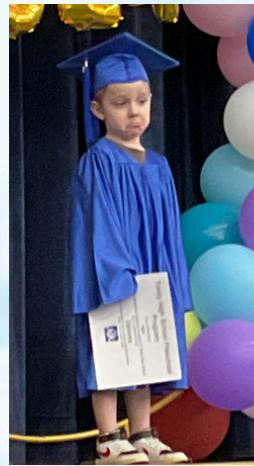


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CONGRATULATIONS!





Graduation at a Preschool Level!



On May 9 the Early Childhood Education Program had their preschool graduation celebration for the families of our preschool students. The students in the Early Childhood Education 3 course planned and prepared the entire celebration. This year the program had 10 preschoolers from the community. During the celebration, the students were awarded certificates and awards to each of the preschool students. Each year the high school students take great pride in preparing this special celebration.



Trinity's Own...Serving With Their Hearts!



Savannah Rivera and Jonah Williamson are the most recent recipients of successful V!ng nominations. Congratulations, Savannah and Jonah!





Congratulations to our THS students named winners of the 2024 Americanism Essay Contest sponsored by American Legion Post 175:

9th and 10th Grade Category:

1st Place - Cadence Wright - Trinity High School - also won at the District level (not pictured)

2nd Place - Gianna Stiehler - Trinity High School

11th and 12th Grade Category:

1st Place - Sylvia Stoy - Trinity High School

3rd Place - Abby Bodart - Trinity High School

Pictured left to right: Abby Bodart, Gianna Stiehler, Sylvia Stoy



On April 24, 2024, Trinity alumna Erika Howsare visited her former high school to speak to students interested in writing and journalism about her newly-published novel, "The Age of Deer." During this visit, she spoke to students about her writing and research process. The students saw several images of how deer have been used in art for centuries across the globe and were able to engage in a question and answer session with Howsare at the end of her presentation. Howsare currently lives in Virginia with her family, teaches local writing courses, and works in journalism.



**The Youth Citizenship Award Goes to...
Evan Klick and Riley Pegram!**

Two Trinity Middle School students received awards based on their DAR qualifications of honor, service, patriotism, courage, and leadership.





On May 2, 2024, Rocket League Team Lightning clinched a solid victory, prevailing 4-2 in their best-of-seven match against Woodbury Jr-Sr High School. Congratulations to Bobby Ballentyne, Sheldan Arroyo, and Ryan Torboli for securing the title of Play VS Eastern Region Champions!

THS Rocket League Team Lightning won first place at an eSports tournament hosted by Waynesburg University, IUI, and The eSports Company. Competing against ten local high schools, Team Lightning triumphed over St. Marks with a score of 3:1 in a best-of-five series. Congratulations, Team Lightning!



Bobby Ballentyne has been accepted and has committed to Waynesburg University. Bobby will be joining their Rocket League Team on a scholarship!

Congratulations!

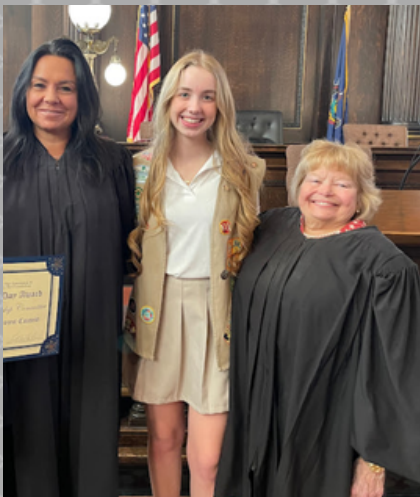
Aaron and Alex Beard will be going to Waynesburg University on eSports Scholarships to play Super Smash Bros.



Celebrating Police Week 2024!



**Trinity loves our school nurses!
Congratulations to Mrs. Bebout on her
retirement!**



**Judge Valerie Costanza and Retired
Judge Kathy Emery presented Addison
Paul and Trinity Leadership Committee
a Washington County Citizenship
Award at Law Day!**

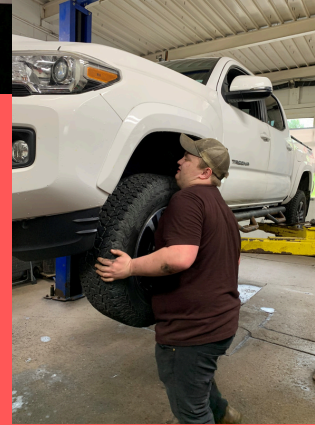


Music Here, Music There, Music Everywhere!



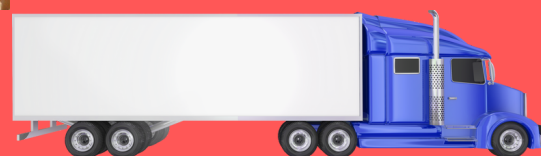


Western Area CTC

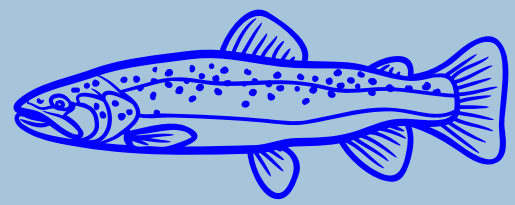


Look at these Trinity seniors who participate in WACTC co-op programs! Way to go boys!

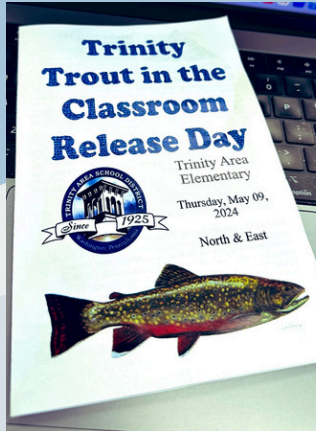
Congratulations to Trinity's 4 CDL students: Bo, Ethan, Owen and Camden, who passed their CDL exam!



Annual Trout Release



Trinity Area 5th Grade Trout in the Classroom program came to an end with the release of their Trout at Mingo County Park. In addition, students learned about microinvertebrates, geocaching, electrofishing, invertebrates, and fly fishing casting. Students also learned from Trinity Middle and High School students, fly tying, fish anatomy, and careers in agriculture. It was a Great Day to be a Hiller at Mingo County Park!



Thank you to our friends at
Trinity East
for welcoming us this morning to learn about
Trout in the Classroom from Mr. Frank Berdar!



Dr. DeMore-Savine is Back Teaching in the Classroom!





Trinity Softball teamed up for a game with the Life Skills class. A great time was had by all!



Annual Food Service Dance-off!

And the winners are:
 South: Parker Irey
 East: Crew McKillop
 West: Jacob Papa
 North: Kingston Mosley



Each winner received a bike donated from General Mills!

Trinity's Talent is Overflowing!



Trinity High School senior Jase Banco signed a Letter of Intent on May 17, 2024, to continue his academic and athletic career at East Tennessee State. He plans to major in Construction Engineering.

Trinity High School Senior Nila Bland signed a Letter of Intent on May 23, 2024, to continue her academic and athletic career at West Liberty University. She will major in Psychology and minor Exercise Physiology.



Trinity High School Senior Ethan Clawson signed a Letter of Intent on May 29, 2024, to continue his academic and athletic career at Waynesburg University. He plans to major in Criminal Justice.



Trinity High School Senior Dante DeRubbo signed a Letter of Intent on May 17, 2024, to continue his academic and athletic career at Washington and Jefferson College



Trinity High School Senior Dominic DeRubbo signed a Letter of Intent on May 17, 2024, to continue his academic and athletic career at York College.

Trinity High School Senior Zane Garner signed a Letter of Intent on May 17, 2024, to continue his academic and athletic career at Washington and Jefferson College. He plans to major in Early Childhood Education



Trinity High School Senior Finley Hohn signed a Letter of Intent on May 17, 2024, to continue her academic and athletic career at LaRoche University. She will major in Accounting



Trinity High School Senior Macie Justice signed a Letter of Intent on May 17, 2024, to continue her academic and athletic career at Waynesburg University. She plans to major in Nursing



Trinity High School Senior James Lafferty signed a Letter of Intent on May 17, 2024, to continue his academic and athletic career at Westminster College. He plans to major in Computer Science.



Trinity High School Senior Matteo Lesako signed a Letter of Intent on May 17, 2024, to continue his academic and athletic career at Washington and Jefferson College. He plans to major in Health Science

Trinity High School Senior Sydney McWreath signed a Letter of Intent on May 17, 2024, to continue her academic and athletic career at St. Vincent College. She plans to major in Finance.



Trinity High School Senior Avery O'Sullivan signed a National Letter of Intent on May 17, 2024, to continue her academic and athletic career at Westminster College. She plans to major in Biology.



Trinity High School Senior Ainslee Plesko signed a Letter of Intent on May 17, 2024, to continue her academic and athletic career at Allegheny College. She plans to major in Computer Science.

Trinity High School Senior Cam Schofield signed a Letter of Intent on May 17, 2024, to continue his academic and athletic career at Garrett College (MD). He plans to major in Exercise Science.



Trinity High School Senior Hanna Stedman signed a National Letter of Intent on May 17, 2024, to continue her academic and athletic career at Mount Aloysius College. She plans to be a Physicians Assistant.



Trinity High School senior Dominic Zenkovich signed a Letter of Intent on May 17, 2024, to continue his academic and athletic career at Bethany College.

WHO WE ARE

#TRINITYFAMILY



Kelsee Wiltrot

Speech-Language

Pathologist

Mrs. Kelsee Wiltrot pursued her secondary education at Bentworth High School before embarking on her academic journey at California University of Pennsylvania. She earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Communication Disorders with exemplary achievements, graduating Summa Cum Laude for both. She completed her thesis and graduate research studying the effects of stimulus valence on bilingual speakers. Transitioning into her professional career, Mrs. Wiltrot completed her clinical fellowship and spent her formative years as a speech-language pathologist specializing in pediatric neurodevelopmental disorders and infant feeding at WVU Medicine Children's Hospital. Beyond her clinical work, she actively contributes to the field by serving on the Pennsylvania Speech-Language and Hearing Association Convention Planning Committee. She currently works as our Speech-Language Pathologist at Trinity West, East, and the Middle School. Next school year, Mrs. Wiltrot will be working at the Intermediate School.

Cool Facts: Mrs. Wiltrot and her husband, Justin, share their love with their two cherished dogs, George and June. She is an avid reader, finds joy shopping, and has an unwavering enthusiasm for Taylor Swift. Additionally, she generously dedicates her time to tutoring graduate students in preparation for their national board examinations. This summer she will be researching communication and swallowing disorders across a lifespan while working with geriatrics at a local nursing and assisted living facilities.



Calling all past homecoming queens! Please click below.
100 Year Homecoming Interest Form

Queen 



4th graders posted US Flags all over the sidewalk at Trinity South. Each flag had a veteran name tag attached to it and was read by the students before posting the flag.

To submit an article for consideration email:
tkrieger@trinityhillers.net

All articles are subject to final approval by the Superintendent.

INFORMATIONAL FLYERS:
All flyers are available on the district website under Quick Links - Flyers

To request that a flyer be posted on the website, email:
tkrieger@trinityhillers.net

Summer Hours

Trinity will operate on a summer schedule beginning Monday, June 10, through Thursday, August 15.

The district will be closed Fridays.

Regular office hours will resume on Monday, August 19.

Dates to Remember

June 7 - Last Student Day - Early Release

June 7 - Graduation

June 10 - Teacher Clerical Day

**Do you have a bachelor's
degree and want to
work with kids?**



THE HR DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS!

**THOSE WITH A TEACHING DEGREE, AS WELL AS THOSE WITH
"EMERGENCY STATUS", MAY APPLY
(FOUR YEAR DEGREE REQUIRED/NO TEACHING DEGREE NECESSARY)**

DAILY RATE IS \$125

**IF YOU ARE QUALIFIED AND INTERESTED
IN WORKING WITH OUR STUDENTS,
CONTACT**

**MR. JACK MINNICK
HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

724-223-2000 EXT. 7121 OR 7114

Hiller Mile

The Trinity Cross Country Booster Club is proud to present the third annual "Hiller Mile" elementary races. The event will take place on Sunday evening, June 30th at the Trinity High School track. Races will start no earlier than 6:30 pm. (Exact times to be determined based on the number of participants).

Competition will be between elementary students of the same grades (2023-24 school year). Engraved medals will be presented to the top five girls and top five boys in EACH grade for grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. To be eligible to participate, the child had to be a 1st thru 5th grade student at Trinity West, Trinity South, Trinity North or Trinity East during the 2023-24 school year or a 1st thru 5th grade home or Cyber schooled resident of the Trinity Area School District.

As all Trinity Middle and High School students are timed in the mile each year, this will be a good opportunity to prepare them for the future and to see if they have that "special ability" to be talented distance runners in cross country or track.

There is NO COST to participate, but we ask that your child pre-registers by June 23rd. To do so, please E-mail the following information to Jim at thsgcc@gmail.com.

- (1) Name and gender of student.
- (2) Grade and School for 2023-24 year
- (3) Contact phone number

For those of you unsure, a mile is 4 complete laps around the track (plus an extra 9.34 meters).

If your child would like to get some supervised practices in prior to the event, Trinity coaches will be at the track at 7:15 pm on the following Sundays: June 16th & 23rd.

Please contact Jim at thsgcc@gmail.com or 724-747-0916 with any questions. Happy Running and we hope to see you on June 30th.



TRINITY VARSITY BOYS SOCCER TEAM

YOUTH SOCCER CAMP



TRINITY COACHES AND PLAYERS WILL STRIVE TO IMPROVE:

- BALL SKILLS
- FIRST TOUCH PROFICIENCY
- DRIBBLING ABILITY
- PASSING EFFICIENCY
- SHOOTING TECHNIQUES
- OVERALL SOCCER IQ

10 AM-NOON
DAILY

6-8TH
AUGUST

Boys 3rd-8th Grades
Entering 24-25 School Year

TRINITY MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS

50 Scenic Drive, Washington, PA 15301

Contact Mike Lesako at 724.986.0962 or
mlesako2@washjeff.edu with registration questions and
Coach Alex with soccer questions alexnik1985@gmail.com

Registration by
July 20th

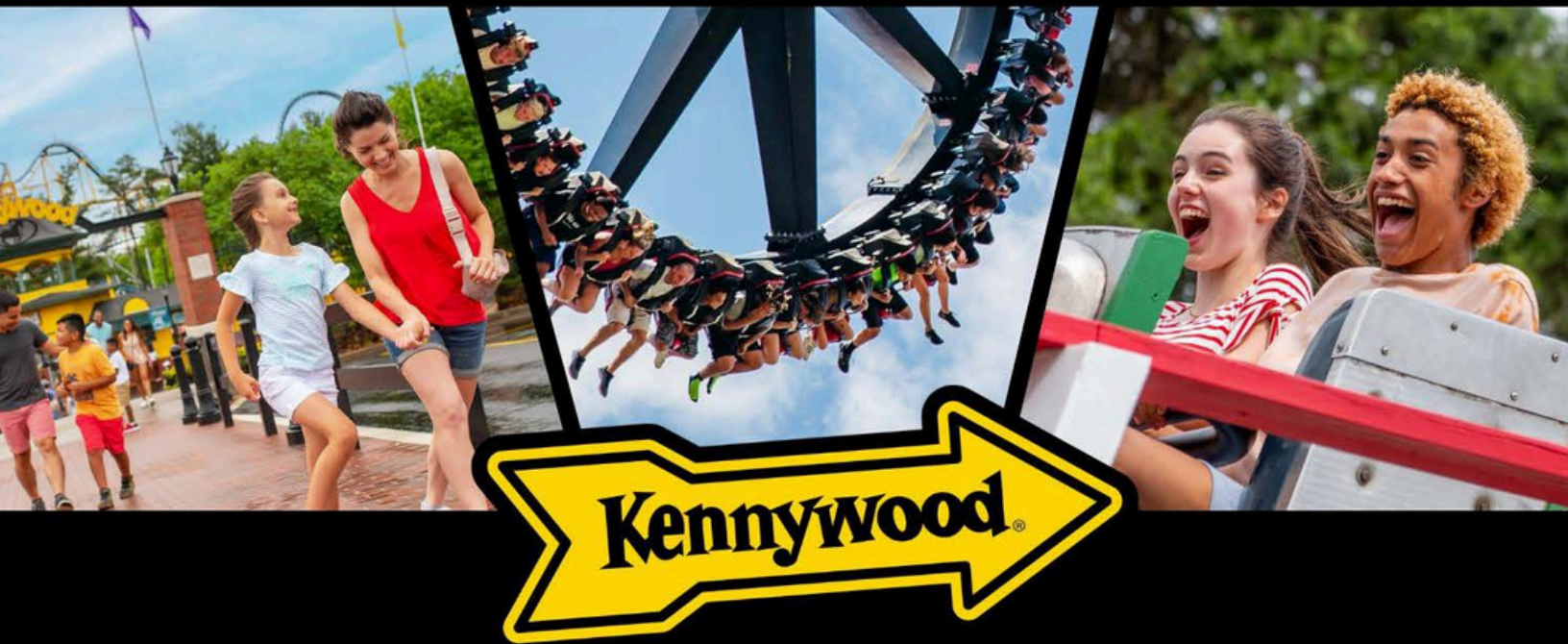
\$60

Registration Link

<https://forms.gle/djZcdLrjxsdwNsNZ8>

Venmo to @TrinitySoccer-Boosters (Please remember --- If paying by Venmo, check the box that states "Friends and Family" so there is no additional fee- and notate "youth camp"). If you are paying by check, please make it payable to Trinity Boys Soccer Boosters and mail to:

Trinity Boys Soccer Boosters | c/o Heather Hickman, 267 Mowl Rd., Washington, PA 15301



2024 SCHOOL DAY DISCOUNT OFFER

JUNE 13, 2024

EARLY BIRD OFFER FOR YOUR SCHOOL DAY TICKETS!
TICKETS ONLY \$31.99 IF PURCHASED BY APRIL 30TH!
PRICE INCREASES TO \$35.99 WHEN PURCHASED MAY 1ST OR LATER

PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ON JUNE 13TH FOR AS LOW AS \$31.99:

STEP 1: Go to www.kennywood.com/schools

STEP 2: Enter your '2024 School Ticket' ticket quantity

STEP 3: Enter Promo Code **trinityarea** in the 'Promotional Code' box, then click 'Apply'

STEP 4: Click 'Continue' to advance to the ticket calendar. **SELECT THE ABOVE SCHOOL DATE TO APPLY DISCOUNT OFFER**, then click 'Continue'

STEP 5: **SELECT [AGAIN] THE ABOVE SCHOOL DATE**, then click 'Continue'

STEP 6: Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!

PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ANY DATE OF CHOICE THROUGH JULY 14TH FOR \$37.99:
(if you are unable to visit on the date selected at time of purchase, you can visit any day through July 14th)

STEP 1: Go to www.kennywood.com/schools

STEP 2: Enter your '2024 School Ticket' ticket quantity

STEP 3: Enter Promo Code **trinityareaflex** in the 'Promotional Code' box, then click 'Apply'

STEP 4: Click 'Continue' to advance to the ticket calendar. **SELECT ANY VISIT DATE THROUGH JULY 14TH TO APPLY DISCOUNT OFFER**, then click 'Continue'

STEP 5: **SELECT [AGAIN] YOUR VISIT DATE**, then click 'Continue'

STEP 6: Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!

**Good Any Day tickets will only be available for purchase March 1st – June 30th.*

IMPORTANT: DO NOT CAPITALIZE ANY CHARACTERS OF THE PROMO CODE.

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