Lexington may be a small town, but there are a lot of things to do here (and in the surrounding area). Below, please find suggestions from the Kirgis Fellows. In addition, please be sure to monitor Law Notices in the coming weeks – we post a number of ticket and activity offers there.

And be sure to follow 3L Hannah Shtein’s blog detailing what’s going on in Lexington. There will be weekly posts highlighting activities:

http://news.blogs.wlu.edu/2014/09/02/whats-up-in-lexingtonrockbridge-this-week/

The Office of Student Affairs also has a number of tickets currently for sale (these postings are listed in Law Notices). Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. (Limit two tickets per student.) Interested students should contact Lora Richardson- richardsonl@wlu.edu, office number 421:

White Denim - The Southern - Charlottesville - Wednesday, 9/17 (8 Tickets, 2 for $10)

Cyrano de Bergerac - Blackfriar's Playhouse (ASC) - Staunton - Thursday 9/25 (6 Tickets, 2 for $20)

Sinkane - The Southern - Charlottesville - Thursday, 10/9 (8 Tickets, 2 for $5)

Tune-Yards - Jefferson Theater - Charlottesville - Friday, 10/17 (8 Tickets, 2 for $10)

St. Paul and the Broken Bones - Jefferson Theater - Charlottesville - Thursday, 10/23 (10 Tickets, 2 for $10) – **Only 2 Tickets Remaining!**

And as always, if you are looking for things to do, please do not hesitate to ask your Kirgis Fellow!
Kirgis Fellow Recommended Activities

Terrence Austin:

- Workout at the W&L Fitness Center
- Play Tennis at the W&L Tennis Courts
- Go Out to Eat in Lexington – Tong Dynasty, Mano Taqueria, Macado’s
- Attend Speakers and Events Hosted by the Law Student Organizations

The W&L Fitness Center hours of operation can be found here:

[http://www2.wlu.edu/x31544.xml](http://www2.wlu.edu/x31544.xml)

W&L has a number of tennis courts that are available to students – The outdoor courts near the Law School as well as the indoor courts (Duchossois Tennis Center – located on West Denny Circle, adjacent to the Pavilion). To reserve an indoor tennis court, you should call one day in advance (please call after 7:00 am) – The phone number is 540.458.8118.


Scott Burton:

- Devil’s Backbone Brewery
- Listen to Dean Twitty at Blue Lab
- Go to Staunton (pronounced “Stanton”) for nice restaurants
- Visit friends in Charlottesville
- Attend any and all county festivals - Pie Fest, Rockbridge Fest, etc.

Looking for restaurant recommendations in Staunton, try the following:

Breakfast: Kathy’s, Cranberry’s Grocery & Eatery, Coffee on the Corner, Blue Mountain Coffee (owned by the same people as Lexington Coffee), Starbucks (and yes, there is even a Dunkin’ Donuts)
Lunch/Dinner: Byers’ Street Bistro, Aioli, Baja Bean, Taste of India, Shenandoah Pizza, The Shack, Zynodoa,

Staunton also has two drive-in fast food restaurant’s – Wright’s Dairy Rite and Kline’s.

Dessert: Split Banana (great gelato), Wright’s Dairy Rite, Kline’s.

Devil’s Backbone (what Devil’s Backbone calls “The Outpost”) is located on Route 11, just past Wal-Mart. Their hours are as follows:

Sunday – Tuesday – 1:00 – 6:00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday – 1:00 – 7:00 pm
Friday & Saturday – 1:00 – 8:00 pm

While they do not serve food (they do have chips and pretzels available for purchase), they do allow patrons to bring food with them. In addition, they offer live music on Fridays twice a month.

They also have a brewpub in Roseland, Virginia (near Charlottesville) that also serves great food. There are a number of local breweries and wineries nearby:

Blue Lab is located in downtown Lexington. Their hours are:

Wednesday – 4:30 – 8:00
Thursday – 4:30 – 8:00
Friday – 4:30 – 9:00
Saturday – 2:00 – 9:00

Blue Lab features fairly regular live music as well as weekly trivia:
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Blue-Lab-Brewing-CO-LLC/170156646359290

Caroline Colpoys
• Hiking House Mountain or near the Blue Ridge Parkway
• LSFL
• Workout Classes
• Cooking
• Going out to eat in Lexington
  o Breakfast – Niko’s
  o Lunch – Blue Sky Bakery and Pronto
  o Dinner – Bistro on Main

Looking for hiking trails? Here are some suggestions:

http://www.lexingtonvirginia.com/hiking.htm

Here is a guide put together by W&L’s Outing Club:

http://www2.wlu.edu/x21508.xml

The University offers a number of workout classes – A single class costs $10 or students may pay a flat fee per term or for the year ($100 per term, $200 for the year) with check or cash.

For a full schedule of class offerings see:

http://www.generalssports.com/information/Campus_Recreation/Inde
x

http://www.generalssports.com/information/Campus_Recreation/Gro
up_Exercise/Current_Schedule

Joey Connor

• Run on the Chessie Trail
• Go to Devil’s Backbone and/or Blue Lab
• Hike in Shenandoah National Park
• Go to concerts in Charlottesville
• Go to Charlottesville Vineyards

The Chessie Trail is a seven-mile year-round public access walking trail
between Lexington and Buena Vista. The trail is most suitable for walking and running. You can access the trail from a number of points, but one of the more popular entry points is located behind the law school adjacent to the Woods Creek parking lot.

http://www.vmi.edu/Content.aspx?id=10737425131


There are a number of concert venues in Charlottesville. The most popular venues are as follows. All of these venue are located on Charlottesville’s Downtown Walking Mall.

The Southern: http://www.thesoutherncville.com/

The Jefferson Theater: http://www.jeffersontheater.com/

NTelos Wireless Pavilion: http://www.thenoteloswirelesspavilion.com/

Twisted Branch Tea Bazaar (see “Events”): http://www.teabazaar.com/

Roanoke also has several concert venues – The Jefferson Center, Kirk Avenue Music Hall, Roanoke Civic Center.

Harrisonburg also has live music – The Clementine, Blue Nile

There are also a number of wineries in the area surrounding Charlottesville. A full listing can be found here via the link below – Popular options include Pippin Hill, Veritas, Glass House, Trump and King Family:

http://www.monticellowinetrail.org/

**David Cook**

- Macado's
- Driving and exploring Rockbridge County
- W&L baseball
- Don Tequila’s
W&L is a Division III school. All sporting events at W&L are FREE and open to the public.

Laura Dallago

- Going to the Farmer’s Market
- Driving to Lynchburg to visit the J. Crew Outlet
- Driving on the Blue Ridge Parkway
- Sunday Brunch at Brix or Bistro on Main

The Lexington Farmer’s Market takes place on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 am until 12:30 pm, from the third Wednesday in April through Thanksgiving at the McClure’s Parking Lot, in downtown Lexington. For more information, please see:


The Rockbridge Farmer’s Market takes place at the Virginia Horse Center on Saturday mornings from 8:00 am until Noon.


The Blue Ridge Parkway is located a short, ten-minute drive from Lexington. Simply head east on Route 60 to Buena Vista. Continue straight on 60 – This road will eventually intersect with the Blue Ridge Parkway:

http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/map.php


Amanda Fisher

- Day trips to Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Blacksburg, and Staunton
- Antique stores (in Lexington and the surrounding areas)
- Devil’s Backbone Brewery
- Hiking/walking the trails around town/campus
- Movies at the State Theater and Elrod Commons

There are a number of antique stores in the Lexington area, including the Antique Mall located next to Peebles and Tractor Supply on Route 11. Duke’s (also located on Route 11, north of Lexington, near Devil’s Backbone) is another popular antique destination: For a full listing of area options see:

http://www.lexingtonvirginia.com/shopping.asp?t=Antiques

There is one movie theater in town (The State - http://rctheatres.com/loc_lexington), but there are also free movies at Elrod Commons every week (typically screenings run from Wednesday through Sunday, with a matinee screening on Sunday).

The State Theater offers matinee prices ($6.00 for an adult) on Monday nights.

Staunton also has a movie theater – The Visulite – that often gets more art-oriented films:

http://visulitecinemas.com/

Roanoke has The Grandin Theatre (located in historic Grandin Village) which screens independent films:

http://grandintheatre.com/

In addition, Roanoke has a number of really good restaurants including:

Nawab, Alejandro’s, Lucky, Metro!, Jack Brown’s Beer and Burger Joint, River and Rail, Local Roots, Pop’s Ice Cream, Blue 5, Texas Tavern (a Roanoke institution - http://www.texastavern-inc.com/)

There also, surprisingly a German restaurant near Lexington – Edelweiss in Greenville, Virginia (http://www.edelweissvirginia.com/).
Charlottesville also hosts the annual Virginia Film Festival which takes place the first weekend in November.

**Julian Harf**

- Attend local festivals (wine festival, pie festival, etc.)
- Local breweries – Devil’s Backbone and Blue Lab
- Hull's Drive-In
- Go to undergraduate events (concerts, speakers, etc.)
- Safari Park

The Rockbridge Pie Festival will take place Saturday, September 13 at Brewbaker Field (VMI):

http://www.rockbridgepiefestival.org/

The Safari Park is located south of Lexington on Route 11. Admission is $16.95 per adult (Rockbridge residents receive a $2.00 discount)

http://www.virginiasafaripark.com/

http://virginiasafaripark.com/VisitorInfo/TicketsandHours.aspx

**Rob Hubbard**

- Live music at Lime Kiln Theater (and other local spots)
- Playing music with Attractive Nuisance (law school band)
- Natural Bridge of Virginia
- Hiking

There are a number of places in Lexington where you can hear live music:

- Lime Kiln Theater (http://www.limekilntheater.org/)
- Blue Lab Brewery
- Devil’s Backbone Brewery
- Haywood’s (piano bar)
- Sweet Treats (the first Friday of every month Sweet Treats hosts
great, local live music)
• Lexington Coffee (bluegrass music in the back room every Wednesday morning)

If you are musician, you should know that you can use the practice rooms in Wilson Hall.

In addition, law students may participate (and often do participate) in the University’s musical ensembles. For a full listing, see:

http://music.wlu.edu/content/blogsection/5/51/

Natural Bridge is located a short 10-15 drive south of Lexington on Route 11. The bridge itself has been included on “Seven Wonders of the Natural World” lists. The Natural Bridge hotel complex also includes, caverns, trails, rafting, tubing and kayaking.

http://www.naturalbridgeva.com/

Paul Keith

• Wednesday night basketball
• Visiting Goshen Pass
• Bicycling
• Exploring BBQ places

Wednesday Night basketball takes places in the Warner Gymnasium and is primarily organized by second-year student, Brian Lyew.

Goshen Pass is located a short 20-25 minute drive from Lexington – Take Route 11 North to Route 39 West (turn left at the Super 8/Ruby Tuesday intersection). For more about this area, please see:

http://www.virginia.org/Listings/OutdoorsAndSports/GoshenPass/

There are a number of great bike rides in this area. For suggestions, please consult the following links:

http://www.lexingtonvirginia.com/cycling.htm
There are several barbecue options in the greater Lexington area, including:


**Angela Kerins**

- Go to movies at Hull’s Drive-In
- Listen to Dean Twitty at Blue Lab
- Take walks on the Chessie Trail
- Grab dinner at the Southern Inn

Hull’s Drive-In, located just north of Lexington on Route 11, is one of America’s last drive-in movie theaters. It screens current movies as well as classics. In addition, during football season, they screen Monday Night Football games. Admission is $7 for adults. The concessions are great and really inexpensive:

[http://www.hullsdrivein.com/Concession-Stand.html](http://www.hullsdrivein.com/Concession-Stand.html)

**Tara MacNeill**

- Going to Charlottesville
- Going for a drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway, especially at sunset
- Going to the Valley View Mall in Roanoke
- Blue Lab Brewery when people from the Law School are playing
- Monticello

Monticello, Thomas Jefferson’s home, is located in Charlottesville, and is open daily, year-round. Day pass tickets are $25 for adults:

Monticello is one of three historic colonial era homes in central Virginia area. Two other homes of potential interest include:

Montpelier – The home of James and Dolley Madison, located on Route 20 in Orange Virginia. Tickets are $18 for adults:

http://www.montpelier.org/
http://www.montpelier.org/visit/tickets-and-tours

Ash-Lawn Highland – The home of James Monroe, located a short drive from Monticello in Charlottesville, Virginia. Tickets are $14 for adults:

http://ashlawnhighland.org/
http://ashlawnhighland.org/plan-your-visit/tours-and-tickets/

Other historical points of interest:

Thomas Jefferson’s Poplar Forest – Thomas Jefferson’s personal retreat located near Bedford, Virginia. Tickets are $15 for adults:

http://www.poplarforest.org/
http://www.poplarforest.org/plan-your-visit/tickets/#.VAoRNWSwJMs

Michael McMillin:

- Goshen Pass
- Wineries in Charlottesville
- Blue Lab Brewery
- Charlottesville restaurants
- VMI Basketball

VMI plays Division I sports and recently re-joined the Southern Conference. Their basketball team is consistently good and plays a very
exciting, uptempo brand of basketball. Tickets are very inexpensive and typically less than $10. They may be purchased online or at the Cameron Hall box office (located on North Main Street, on the VMI campus).

http://www.vmikeydets.com/SportSelect.dbml?SPID=3897&SPSID=43813

There are a number of great restaurants in Charlottesville to check out. Believe it or not, Charlottesville ranks 14th on the Most Restaurant’s per capita list. Some suggestions are as follows (this is just the tip of the iceberg):

Breakfast: Bodo’s Bagels, Eppie’s, Greenberry’s Coffee, Beer Run (brunch), Bluegrass Bakery, Spudnut Donut Shop

Lunch (many of these are also dinner options): The Market at Bel Air, Bodo’s Bagels, Revolutionary Soup, Boylan Heights, Citizen Burger Bar, Marco & Luca, Christian’s Pizza

Dinner: Bang, Bizou, Continental Divide, Duner’s, MAS, Maya, The Local, C&O Restaurant, Shebeen (South African cuisine), Milan (Indian), Ten, Blue Light, Crozet Pizza, Fardowner’s (in Crozet).

Dessert: Splendora, Sweethaus, Albemarle Baking Company

There is also a Whole Foods and Trader Joe’s in Charlottesville. And, of course, Chipotle.

Emily Tichenor

- Group exercise classes at the YMCA
- Picking apples in Charlottesville
- Hiking/swimming in Goshen
- Going out for dinner/dessert in downtown Lexington

Carter Mountain Orchard in Charlottesville is a popular apple picking destination (they also have other fruits as well):

http://www.cartermountainorchard.com/
The Rockbridge Area YMCA is located next to Tractor Supply on Route 11 North. Membership rates are linked below - $50 one-time fee and $44 per month.

http://www.ymcarockbridge.com/

http://www.ymcarockbridge.com/membership/