

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2026

Icelandicassociationvirginia@cox.net Membership year 2026-2027



ÞORRABLÓT 2026.

The thorrablot proceeded despite the approaching winter storm, with over 150 guests in attendance. In our 41-year history, snow has only coincided with Thorrablot 2-3 times. Thank you to everyone who joined us for Icelandic entertainment and a great buffet. We surely did miss everyone who planned on coming to event. We look forward to seeing you next year—planning is underway.

NATO Festival - Save the Date: April 18th

The NATO Festival and Parade will take place on April 18th at Harbor Park. Participants should meet at the float by 10:00 a.m.; the parade starts at noon, and the Icelandic tent opens at 1:30 p.m. The timing was changed due to two cruise ships docking and overseeing 8,000 passengers.

Volunteers are needed for float riding or walking as Vikings and helping with tent setup and item distribution. If you have not attended before, it's an enjoyable event, especially this year as it celebrates the USA's 250th anniversary.

Save the Date: June 20th, 2026 – Icelandic Independence Day, Ocean View Location

850 W Ocean View Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503 (American Legion)

This event is complimentary for paid members for the 2026–2027 period. We do accept memberships at the event; however it is nice to get memberships ahead of the event. Guests are invited for a fee of \$20 per person. Complimentary beer, water, soda, Icelandic pylsur, and fries will be available, along with Icelandic delicacies for purchase. Beer will be generously provided by “Big Ugly Brewing.” Thank you.

Save the date- ÞORRABLÓT 2027. January 30th, 2027, Same venue, Philippine cultural center. More info to come.

SNORRI PROGRAM

For any questions regarding this program, refer all questions to Snorri.is

- The Snorri Programs are immersive cultural exchange opportunities that aim to strengthen ties between Iceland and North America.
- The original Snorri Program was founded in 1999.
 - It's for young adults of Icelandic descent ages 20-30
 - **5 weeks: June 14 to July 19, 2026**
 - 2 weeks in Reykjavík for the cultural and educational program - Icelandic language lessons; lectures on topics like Icelandic history, society, geology, queer history, genealogy; visits to Alþingishúsið, various museums; reception at Bessastaðir to meet the President; and more
 - 2 weeks in a homestay, usually with distant relatives
 - 1 week adventure tour - this year we're doing a whirlwind tour around the Ring Road
 - Generous scholarships available - last year's participants got an average of over \$4000 USD each in scholarships
 - Participation fee includes flights, accommodation, almost all meals, personalized genealogy information, all transport related to the program itinerary, basic health insurance, and more
 - HOW TO APPLY
 - Online at snorri.is
 - Application process is competitive and involves filling out an application form and a family tree and having at least one reference send a letter of recommendation
 - SPOTS OPEN FOR 2026: We currently have a handful of spots open for this year's program. Applications will be considered in the order in which they are received.
- Snorri Plus program - founded in 2003
 - A condensed version of the original Snorri Program
 - for anyone age 30+
 - Great for couples, siblings, cousins, other family groups, friends
 - Icelandic heritage is not required! Everyone is welcome.
 - **2 weeks: August 17-30** (return to North America on August 31)
 - Week 1 in Reykjavík - cultural and educational program similar to the younger Snorris, just condensed. The group will also get to experience Menningarnótt.
 - Week 2 - tour around the best of West Iceland, plus we'll go up to Hofsós in the beautiful Skagafjörður region to visit the Icelandic Emigration Center
 - PRICING AND PAYMENT
 - EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO MARCH 2! \$200 USD off per person if registered by March 2
 - See website for details of what the participation fee includes and for payment terms and conditions
 - HOW TO REGISTER
 - Online registration form at snorri.is + family tree form
 - Registration is first-come, first-served SPOTS OPEN FOR 2026: We currently have plenty of spots open! Both single and double rooms are available.

Travel to Iceland with the Snorri Programs!

Snorri 2026

Who: Canadians and Americans of Icelandic descent, ages 20-30
When: June 14-July 19
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!

Snorri Plus 2026

Who: Anyone 30+ (individuals, couples, family groups)
When: Aug 1-30
REGISTRATION CLOSES MARCH 9



www.snorri.is

LIMITED
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THE SNORRI PROGRAMS



Don't be a tourist. Be a Snorri.

It's not too late! We still have a couple spots open for Snorri 2026!

Connect to your roots and have the best summer of your life! 5 week program for Canadians and Americans of Icelandic descent, ages 20-30

June 14 to
July 19

Apply at
snorri.is

Scholarships
available!

THE SNORRI PROGRAM



Want to visit Iceland this summer? Great! But don't be a tourist. Be a Snorri.



The Snorri Plus Program

August 1-30, 2026

- Culture, nature, heritage, connection!
- The best of Reykjavik and West Iceland
- Open to anyone age 30+: solo travelers, couples, friends, family groups
- Icelandic heritage not required!

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION EXTEND
TO MARCH 2! GET \$200 OFF!

SNORRI PLUS



\$6930* (+\$945 for single)

Early bird discount of \$200!***

*Prices in USD

***If you register by March 2

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

1. Please complete and submit the attached Membership Application/Renewal Form with your dues. All membership dues are to be paid before the annual picnic each year. Please remember the cornerstone of our Association's success is the timely payment of your membership dues. No one likes it but the Association's operating expenses are increasing, and we are trying to stay ahead of membership dues increase.
2. At the beginning of each year this association sends out a newsletter of upcoming events for the year, along with a membership/renewal application. It is essential that this form be filled out each time you receive it. If we do not get the required information the association will have incomplete information on its membership and to not be able to notify you of upcoming events. Legible email addresses are essential to getting posts out to members.

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LAND OF FIRE AND ICE



FIELDS MARKED WITH * ARE REQUIRED PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY NEW INFO: ☐ YES ☐ NO

ICELANDIC-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA

MEMBERSHIP for YEAR **2026-2027** (ending on June 18th 2027)

MEMBERSHIP: ☐ Application ☐ Renewal - **ANNUAL DUES: \$15.** ☐ Family \$10. ☐ Individual

***** If paying on or after June 21st, 2026 cost is \$20 ☐ Family \$15 ☐ Individual*****

Payment method: ☐ Check # _____ Date: _____ \$ _____

Please remit to the Association Secretary at 937 Hodges pl, VA beach, 23464. Attn: Icelandic Association

Make check/money order payable: ICELANDIC-AMERICAN ASS'N . Do not mail cash! Pay pal is available, Pay at icelandicassociationvirginia@cox.net. NOTE: If paying by PAYPAL, add \$3.00 for administrative costs. Credit cards are also available for payment. New: If paying by credit card or Paypal, message us or email us for upcoming events and we can send you invoice for credit card or PayPal.

*Family name

*Man's first name

Woman's First name

Children under 23 years old: name(s), DOB (mm/dd/yy), & student status:

*Street address

*City

State*

*Zip

*Cell #

*E-mail:

Please ensure Email is legible. Thank you.

I/We subscribe to the Association's by laws : (initials) _____ Date (MM/DD/YY): _____

Will you attend the Association's '17TH of June' Picnic on Saturday June 20th ☐ YES How Many? ____ ☐ NO

Guest are welcomed to come to June 17th picnic, add \$20 for each.

42nd Annual ÞORRABLÓT 2027 (January, 30th, 2027)

(FULL NAME(S) REQUIRED - PAYMENT IN FULL DUE UPON RESERVATION)

MEMBER NAMES:

☐ (\$25.00 each)

GUEST NAMES:

☐ (\$45.00 each)

How many for food? ÞORRAMATUR _____ American food _____ Both _____

Seating with? _____ Total remitted: Check# _____ Paypal _____

Note: Venue for the annual ÞORRABLÓT, the event will be held at the Philippine cultural center located in Virginia Beach, 4857 Baxter Road, 23462. Website Philippineculturalcenter.org, we will again negotiate with the hotel to get group rate.