
Moyaone Newsletter

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The logo for "Smoke Signal" features the word "Smoke" in a bold, sans-serif font above the word "Signal" in a similar font. The letters "S" at the beginning of "Smoke" and "Signal" are stylized, with long, sweeping curves that extend outwards.

MOYAONE
ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

MOYAONE RESERVE @ PISCATAWAY PARK
Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

June 2025

President's Note

Here we go. We head into our busiest months with the unofficial kickoff of summer and the opening of the pool. While Memorial Day weekend may not have felt like summer, we still had a good turnout. A BIG thank you to the Pool Committee and the numerous volunteers that helped: get the pool inspection ready, the grounds in good shape (mowing and weed pulling), pickle ball court ball ready, the cookshack and pavilion cleaned, removing the pool cover and hiring pool staff. The amount of work to get the grounds and pool in good shape and ready to use after many dormant months and Spring growth is no small task. It is much appreciated.

This is a good moment to thank everyone who has paid their consolidated fees. Your payment not only goes towards the use of the pool. Did you know it also covers critical infrastructure of the roads (property access & emergency/safety), buildings and grounds maintenance, commons and recreation areas; snow removal; community center access; voting rights; and community garden access? The Commons and community center are also available for private event use. If you haven't yet paid your annual consolidated fees, for whichever reason is personal to you, please recognize the variety of benefits listed above that are available to you and the greater community. We also offer a monthly payment option for those that prefer to pay throughout the year. Inquiries can be made to the President (president@moyaone.org) or Comptroller (comptroller@moyaone.org).

May was a busy travel month for various members of the Board. We are getting up to speed with the first Board meeting with Committee Chair reports on June 3rd. We are ready to work with the committees to ensure we come in on budget while managing unforeseen circumstances all while providing resources to the community. Off to the races!

We will continue the monthly Board meetings on the first Wednesday of the month. Gathering from 6:30-7pm for informal conversation and snacks with the business part of the meeting starting promptly at 7pm. With the July 4th holiday, we will hold the meeting July 9th. Hope to see you there.

Karen Bell
Moyaone Association President

Upcoming Events

June 6-July 9

Mattawoman Creek Art Center "Go Fish!" show

June 14, 10am

Unfor-goat-able Adventures

@ Hard Bargain Farm (details below)

June 14, 7-10pm

Mediterranean Sunset: A Moyaone Cocktail Party (details below)

June 19

Pool Summer Season starts

June 21

Shoreline Clean Up with the Accokeek Foundation

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Accokeek Artists Alliance shibori workshop

June 22

Shoreline Clean Up with the Accokeek Foundation

June 25, 7:30pm

Greater Accokeek Civic Association general membership meeting

@ the Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department Hall ([16111 Livingston Road](#))

June 28, 8pm

Charles County Youth Orchestra Independence Day/Alumni Reunion

Concert (details below)

@ Alice Ferguson Foundation ([2201 Bryan Point Road](#))

July 7-August 8

Summer Adventure Camp at Hard Bargain Farm

July 9, 6:30 (socializing), 7pm (meeting)

Moyaone Association Board Meeting ([2311 Bryan Point Rd.](#))

July 13

Vegan Eating Group Potluck (details below)

July 14, noon

Charles County Youth Orchestra Concert with “Instrument Petting Zoo”
(details below)
@ ArtsFest, Village Green in Indian Head

July 19

Shoreline Clean Up with the Accokeek Foundation

July 19, 10am

Unfor-goat-able Adventures
@ Hard Bargain Farm (details below)

July 19, 4pm

Charles County Youth Orchestra Chamber Music Festival Concert
@ Christ Church, La Plata

July 20

Invasive Plant Management with the Accokeek Foundation

July 20, 4pm

Charles County Youth Orchestra Chamber Music Festival Concert
@ Christ Church, La Plata

July 26, 4pm

Charles County Youth Orchestra Chamber Music Festival Concert
@ Christ Church, La Plata

July 27, 4pm

Charles County Youth Orchestra Chamber Music Festival Concert
@ Christ Church, La Plata

August 15

Accokeek Artists Alliance ink making workshop

September 13, 9am-2pm

Charles County Youth Orchestra auditions

@ Christ Church, La Plata

From the Association

Join Us for Cocktails by the Pool

June 14, 2025

7 pm -10 pm

[2311 Bryan Pt. Road](#)

Mediterranean Hors d'oeuvres by Momi's

Specialty Cocktails/Wine/Beer/Water

\$40 person in advance/\$45 at the door

Scan QR code for Information and to Purchase Admission

Must be at least 21 to Attend

Presented By the Moyaone Fundraising Committee for the Benefit of the Moyaone Community



MEDITERRANEAN SUNSET

A MOYAONE COCKTAIL PARTY

14 JUNE 2025



It's that spring-y, summer-y time of year. The time when we all may be planning get-togethers with family and friends. And community gatherings may figure into those plans.

You can check out what's going on in the Moyaone Reserve here, including swim meets, community potlucks, etc.

[Calendar – MOYAONE RESERVE @ PISCATAWAY PARK](#)

You can subscribe to this calendar so that it shows up on your personal calendar or Android or iPhone devices.

Did you know that the Wagner Center, Pavilion, and Cook Shack are also available to consolidated fees-paying members to reserve for private events?

Informally, these resources are always available unless otherwise reserved. But each property owner gets one annual free reservation for their private gathering as well.

You can contact me to check availability and start the reservation process at <https://www.moyaone.org/moyaone-commons/>

I look forward to seeing you in and around The Commons this season.

-Kim Allen, Calendar Keeper

Pulse of the Pool

We, and I mean, WE did it! A huge thank you to every single person who came out and lent us a hand last month, last year and all past years!!! The pool is open for the 2025 summer season. This couldn't happen without you! There are TOO many names to list - you know who you are, you know the good deed you've done, and we know too ("Reputation first"). So, thank you.

I'd like to recognize our Maintenance and Operations Chairs, Rhonda Hanson and Nancy Weiman, because we couldn't do without their leadership and expertise. We would also like to thank last year's Moyaone Association Board members, Paola Carts, Mike Nelson, and Linda Witkin, for their commitment to more robust technology & engagement, their steadfast support of the mission, and their invaluable

assistance & expertise with our many requests. Thanks also to the Web Team (Rose and Dan) for updating the electronic patron log and the pool webpage as well as setting up the new online payment portal. Last but not least, thanks to the joint efforts of the committees led by John (B&G), Crystal (W&M), Kent (PA), and Stan & Tom (Rds).

If you are new to this year's pool season, I'd like to introduce your 2025 Pool Committee: Linda Gorsuch; Ben Grenoble; Rhonda Hanson; John Mitchell; Hsin-I Russell; Tina Shotwell; Nancy Weiman; Lindsay Laws (search committee); Heather Harl (enviro permit); and JR Rudzis. When you visit, you'll see on deck or in chairs our 2025 Pool Manager, Assistant Manager and Lifeguards: Kyla Amelechkin; Warren Weber; Jude Bennett; Charlene Drennen; Ashley Gruwell; Axel Naar; Shealyn Oakes; and Maya Civil.

Our guest policy, schedule, hours and weather- or maintenance-related info/updates can be found below, online, and posted at the Front Desk. Thanks to Crisson Kirkup for the handy pool QR code, which is new this season— just scan it with your smartphone to access the pool website! If you have any questions, comments or feedback on our newest features, email pool@moyaone.org.



From our Partners



Now that the Accokeek Artists Alliance (AAA) is an officially registered entity with the state, AAA is working on some bylaws, with the help of John Mitchell. AAA members had a fantastic time exploring historic Bellevue Plantation in May. After visiting the mansion, touring the Greek Temple, with its fantastic furnishings and landscaping, and sharing our latest projects, everyone came away charged. The meeting was such a success, we have scheduled another "Sip 'n' Share" meeting for September 21st.

In May several AAA painters also tested out a pilot plein air retreat. The artists had a fabulous time painting scenes from around the Lost River in West Virginia. Look for some of the works to show up in the Mattawoman Creek Art Center (MCAC) plein air show from August 22 through September 20. MCAC is located in Smallwood State Park.

AAA artists also expect to be well represented in the MCAC "Go Fish!" themed juried show (June 6-July 5), with the reception on June 8 from 1-4.

In June we look forward to learning the Japanese technique of dying called Shibori, at a workshop led by Peggy Reichard. That workshop is full, but slots remain for the ink making workshop on August 15 with Candace Bigelow and registration for a wreath making workshop with Patrick Heydt in October will open soon. Our annual "Winter Market" dates have been set for November 21st and November 22nd - so mark your calendars! Join us or sign up for a workshop on our website at accokeekartistsalliance.com.





Summer Adventure Camp at Hard Bargain Farm

We're only weeks away from this year's Summer Adventure Camp - and spots continue to fill up fast! There's still time to secure your camper's place!

Choose from five fun-filled weeks packed with outdoor exploration, hands-on activities, and new friends. Don't wait - the adventure of a lifetime is just a click away!

- > Weekly Day and Overnight sessions from July 7 – August 8, 2025
- > Nature-based themes for ages 4–13, and memories that will last a lifetime!
- >>> [Sign up here!](#) <<<

AFF Members receive a camp discount.

Trail Bridge Restoration Update

This spring, we wrapped up some much-needed bridge repairs on the trail that leads to the boardwalk at Piscataway Park. It's a favorite route for visiting students and folks from the community, and we're excited to share the update with you!

Bridge renovations were made possible by a grant from the State of Maryland.



Join us for Unfor-goat-able Adventures

Our goats are some of the friendliest on the eastern seaboard – especially if you have treats! Spend some time hanging out with our lovable four-legged Ball family – Goofball, Snowball, Gumball, and Lucile Ball – and meet the team that takes care of our furry friends and their home. Laughter, learning, and unforgettable memories await!

> Session Info: June 14 & July 19, beginning at 10 AM

These hands-on experiences make wonderful gifts! Perfect for families, nature lovers, and anyone looking to explore all that nature has to offer.

>>> [Book your adventure here!](#) <<<



A message from Anna Sewell, Moyaone Reserve resident:

Dear Neighbors,

For the last couple of years I have had the honor of serving on the board of the Accokeek Foundation. As you may know, this incredible organization stewards 200 acres of Piscataway Park. It educates the next generation about the plants, animals, and people in this ancestral homeland of the Piscataway People. I also live next door to the Park, where the Bluebird and Paw Paw trails meet. But the Park means so much more to me than a scenic neighbor. I have walked its trails by the river during some of the best and hardest days of my life, drawing hope and peace from the water's edge. Each summer, I help track the bluebirds nesting in the park boxes, excitedly peering in search of fuzzy heads to count.

The Park is where I showed my daughter what the word river means when she was only days old.



But the Park is in trouble, and needs your help. As federal funding for public lands comes under increasing pressure, local voices matter more than ever. If you have your own stories about the Park and how it has walked with you over the years, I urge you to please donate what you can and share your story at <https://www.accokeek.org/donate>. If you can, set up a monthly donation to provide predictable funding. I know this is a financially stressful time for many in our neighborhood. But if you can, please help this special neighbor. Thank you for considering.

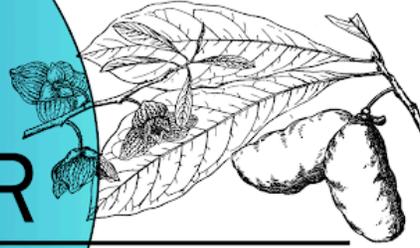
Anna Sewell

The Accokeek Foundation is also seeking volunteers to keep the Park running smoothly, especially on weekends with livestock care, welcoming guests at the Visitor Center, and supporting the facilities team with maintenance and gate

closures. If you would like to support in these roles, fill out our volunteer interest form or contact vproctor@accokeek.org.

Please be aware that this summer's operating hours will remain 7:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. If you would like to access the Park after 7:00 p.m., please plan to walk onto the site as the parking lot will be closed.

We also have many exciting volunteer events coming up this summer, including Shoreline Cleanups on June 21st and June 22nd! View the attached flyer for more information and to register for volunteer events.



SUMMER AT ACCOKEEK

5/24	Shoreline Clean Up
5/25	Invasive Plant Management
6/1	Invasive Plant Removal - Community Invasive Education Day
6/21	Shoreline Clean Up
6/22	Shoreline Clean Up
7/19	Shoreline Clean Up
7/20	Invasive Plant Management

WANT TO GET INVOLVED AT PISCATAWAY PARK?

Become an Accokeek steward! Submit the volunteer interest form to join the team at bit.ly/VolunteerWithAF. Any questions should be emailed to us at Nativeplantsquadd@accokeek.org

linktr.ee/AccokeekFoundation

accokeek.org/event-list

Greater Accokeek Civic Association (GACA)

The Greater Accokeek Civic Association will hold its next regular general membership on Wednesday, June 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Accokeek Volunteer Fire Department Hall ([16111 Livingston Road, Accokeek 20607](#)).

Among the program highlights will be information about the May 22 “kickoff” of the Accokeek Gateway Project. The project evolved from a recommendation of the M-NCPPC sponsored Accokeek Heritage Tourism Study (report available [HERE](#) and on the Moyaone website). The gateway project area encompasses Maryland Route 210 from Farmington Road to Maryland Route 228 and Maryland Route 373/Livingston Road from Keller’s Market to the U.S. Post Office.

The project consultants will evaluate various pedestrian safety and maintenance issues along this “gateway” with input from the Project Steering Committee and a broad base of stakeholders (e.g., property owners, community members, the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation, as well as state and county leaders).

The June 25 GACA Membership Meeting agenda will also include Accokeek Development Review District Commission (ADRDC) Acting Chair Stevenson McIlvaine reporting about current proposed development in the Accokeek area; Prince George’s County Police Division VII representative Major Chad Schmick;

other current issues of interest to the community; and regular GACA business items. Everyone is welcome.



The Charles County Youth Orchestra will perform the first concert on July 14 at 12 noon at ArtsFest at the Village Green in Indian Head. After the concert come to the CCYO booth to enjoy the “Instrument Petting Zoo” where you can try to play the instruments in the orchestra!

CCYO will perform an Independence Day/Alumni Reunion concert on Saturday, June 28 at 8:00 PM at the beautiful pavilion at the Alice Ferguson Foundation located at [2201 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD](#). CCYO alumni and students from all four of CCYO's ensembles: Prelude Strings, Encore Band, Encore Strings and the CCYO will perform music from “the Avengers” fiddle tunes, Ashokan Farewell, Simple Gifts, the 1812 Overture, Ode to Joy, as well as music by Pachelbel and Handel. The concert is free and open to the public.

CCYO concerts continue in July with the CCYO Chamber Music Festival concerts on July 19, 20, 26 and 27 at 4 pm at Christ Church, La Plata.

Auditions for CCYO's next season will be held September 13 from 9 to 2 at Christ Church, La Plata. All levels and instruments, except piano, are warmly encouraged to audition!



From your Neighbors

"Uprooted" by Frances Taylor



Vegan Eating Group July Potluck



The May VEG potluck was full of lively conversation and delicious dishes! Join us for the next bi-monthly vegan potluck on Sunday July 13th, location TBD. Contact us at MoyaoneVEG@gmail.com for more info and/or to join our mailing list.

Table Top Games Group

The Table Top Games group is still meeting monthly. We meet once a month to play various games and are considering adding a second day to play a roll playing game such as D&D. We schedule about two weeks ahead of time so contact Doug Ciskowski at Dciskowski@yahoo.com if you want to be included.

Provide your input on air traffic

There is still time to provide inputs for recommended changes to flight procedures due to significant aircraft noise over Accokeek and the surrounding area following the May 20th virtual community meeting coordinated by Prince George's County. If you missed the meeting where design team recommendations were presented for communities in Accokeek and Fort Washington, it can be viewed at mypgc.us/aircraftnoise. Public inputs, both comments and questions, sent to soa@vianair.com will be reviewed by the design team prior to submission to the FAA. This is an excellent opportunity to better understand the "how and why" this region, including Charles County, has experienced a steady increase in air traffic noise and possibly influence those flight procedures affecting the region.

-Bill Parker

Meet a New Neighborhood Realtor

Hello, Neighbors!

I'm excited to introduce myself as your new neighbor and local real estate expert. As a proud member of this beautiful community in Southern Maryland, I understand the unique charm and appeal of the Moyaone Reserve and the surrounding area. I'm here to help you with all your real estate needs—whether you're buying, selling, or just curious about the market.

Why Choose Me?

- **Local Expertise:** As a resident of the Moyaone Reserve (and someone who just survived the new home build process), I know the ins and outs of this special neighborhood. I can help you navigate the buying or selling process with knowledge about local homes, amenities, and the lifestyle that makes this area so unique.
- **Personalized Service:** I believe in providing hands-on, personalized attention to each of my clients. Whether you're a first-time buyer or looking to sell your home, I will be with you every step of the way to ensure a smooth and successful experience. My background in film and photography has given me a keen eye for detail and I know how to bring incredible visuals to best market your home. I have always been passionate about real estate and I have been investing in real estate around the world.
- **Commitment to Our Community:** I'm dedicated to helping my neighbors achieve their real estate goals and ensuring that the Moyaone Reserve remains a thriving, beautiful place to live. Your happiness and satisfaction are my top priority.

Looking to Buy or Sell?

I specialize in homes in the Moyaone Reserve, Southern Maryland, and surrounding areas. Whether you're looking for a secluded retreat, a family home, or want to sell your property for top value, I'm here to assist you in making your real estate dreams a reality.

Let's Connect!

Feel free to reach out for a free consultation, property tour, or just to chat about the local market. I'd love to help you with your real estate journey!



You can contact me at:
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Moyaone Association Pool Policies

Pool Guest Policy

1. Pool Members may bring guests with them, and must accompany their guests during their visit.

2. All guests must be registered at check-in. Guest fees are collected and complimentary guest passes recorded by the staff prior to entry to the pool deck.
3. The guest fee is \$5 per guest per day. Infants under 2 are free. Complimentary guest passes are available as described below.
4. Pool staff may limit guest access if necessary to prevent overcrowding.

Pool Members include:

- A. Moyaone Association (**MA**) Members or full-time tenants of a Moyaone Reserve property who are current on MA consolidated fees;
- B. Seasonal Pool Members (for persons who live outside of the Moyaone Reserve); and
- C. Accokeek Swim Team (AST) Members.

Complimentary guest passes (starting in 2025): At the beginning of each pool season, five (5) non-transferable, single-use guest day passes will be allotted to all A. members and those B. and C. members with at least one adult member. These passes will be located and remain located/tracked/recorded at the Front Desk – talk to a staff member on your visit to redeem.

MA Members may bring members of their immediate families and out-of-town guests residing in their Moyaone Reserve household at no charge and without the use of a complimentary pass. It is courtesy to notify the Pool Committee to update your record.

Payment methods accepted: Cash, personal check, or credit card (online payment option requires use of a personal device).

To pay by credit card, go to www.moyaone.org/pool on your personal device, scroll down and click “Application & Guidelines” then click the “Pay Online” button to access the payment portal.

Pool Hours

2025 Pool Season Dates

Sat, May 24	Pool opens on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend
Wed, June 13	Last day of school - CCPS
Wed, June 18	Last day of school - PGCPs
Mon, August 25	First day of school - CCPS
Tue, August 26	First day of school - PGCPs
Mon, September 1	Pool's last day is Labor Day Monday

Pool opens the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, and its last day is Labor Day Monday.

During its normal season the Pool operates on schedules dependent on public school calendar events, that is, pool hours and staffing are coordinated based on whether schools are in session. The **Season Start** schedule spans Memorial Day until school kids are let out. The **Full Summer** schedule spans all summer vacation while the **Late Season** schedule spans the final week of summer leading up to pool closing on Labor Day Monday.

- Prior to school letting out, the pool is open during usual weekend hours and only in the afternoon on weekdays.
- After school starts in August, the pool is open during usual weekend hours and only in the afternoon on weekdays.
- After the pool closes Labor Day Monday, early morning swim may continue the week prior to the Moyaone Challenge so participants can practice. The pool winterization service will be scheduled after the Moyaone Challenge.

Summer camps may visit the pool during Family Recreation from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Local camps must be scheduled in advance of the start of the pool season by contacting the appropriate designee/s of the Pool Committee to avoid scheduling conflicts or overuse issues. Once approved, camp directors must arrange for payment on an agreed upon payment method in coordination with the Pool Committee designee and the Moyaone Comptroller. For inquiries and additional information, contact pool@moyaone.org.

Pool hours are subject to change. Inclement weather such as thunderstorms, extreme heat and equipment failure or water quality issues may constitute cause for temporary closure due to health and safety concerns. For the latest pool updates, call [301-292-6321](tel:301-292-6321). Lifeguards will answer if on duty, but if the pool is closed, there will be a status message on the answering machine. If you want to be added to the pool's communication email distribution list, email moyaonepoolnews@gmail.com with the heading "subscribe." For inquiries regarding pool staffing and operations, contact pool@moyaone.org.

Pool Hours: May 24 to June 18

(Season START is the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to the last day of school, PGCPS and CCPS, whichever is later)

Saturday and Sunday

9:30-11 a.m. Adult Lap Swim

11 a.m.-8 p.m. Family Recreation with one lap lane available

Monday to Friday

7:30-9 a.m. Adult Lap Swim

3:30-4:30 p.m. Family Recreation with one lap lane available

4:30-7 p.m. Swim Team practice in four lanes

4:30-7 p.m. Two lanes will be available for Family Recreation

7-8 p.m. Family Recreation with one lap lane available

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7:30 - 9 a.m.		Adult Lap Swim					
9:30-11 a.m.	Adult Lap Swim						Adult Lap Swim
11 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Family Recreation (1 lap lane)						Family Recreation (1 lap lane)
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.		Family Recreation (1 lap lane)					
4:30 - 7 p.m.		Swim Team in 4 lanes and Family Recreation in 2 lanes	Swim Team in 4 lanes and Family Recreation in 2 lanes	Swim Team in 4 lanes and Family Recreation in 2 lanes	Swim Team in 4 lanes and Family Recreation in 2 lanes	Swim Team in 4 lanes and Family Recreation in 2 lanes	
7 - 8 p.m.		Family Recreation (1 lap lane)					

Pool hours are subject to change.

Pool Hours: June 19 to August 25

(Full Summer schedule is during PGCPs and CCPS summer break)

Saturday and Sunday

9:30-11 a.m. Adult Lap Swim

11 a.m.-8 p.m. Family Recreation with one lap lane available (½ hour cleanup after closing)

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

7:30-9 a.m. Adult Lap Swim

9-11 a.m. Swim Team Practice with four lanes

12-8 p.m. Family Recreation with one lap lane available (½ hour cleanup after closing)

Tuesday and Thursday

7:30-9 a.m. Adult Lap Swim

12-4:30 p.m. Family Recreation with one lap lane available

4:30-7 p.m. Swim Team Practice with four lanes, two lanes for recreational swim

4:30-7 p.m. Family Recreation in two lanes

8-9 p.m. Adult Recreational Swim (½ hour cleanup after closing)

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7:30 - 9 a.m.		Adult Lap Swim	Adult Lap Swim	Adult Lap Swim	Adult Lap Swim	Adult Lap Swim	[Home Swim Meet]
→	9:30-11a.m. Adult Lap Swim	9-11a.m. Swim Team		9-11a.m. Swim Team		9-11a.m. Swim Team	9:30-11a.m. Adult Lap Swim

→			12-4:30p.m. Family Recreation (1 lap lane)		12-4:30p.m. Family Recreation (1 lap lane)		
→	11a.m.-8p.m. Family Recreation (1 lap lane)	12-8p.m. Family Recreation (1 lap lane)	4:30-7p.m. Swim Team in 4 lanes and Family Recreation in 2 lanes	12-8p.m. Family Recreation (1 lap lane)	4:30-7p.m. Swim Team in 4 lanes and Family Recreation in 2 lanes	12-8p.m. Family Recreation (1 lap lane)	11a.m.-8p.m. Family Recreation (1 lap lane)
8 - 9 p.m.			Adult Swim		Adult Swim		

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