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The 2016 Virginia Commonwealth Games at Liberty University is featuring four sports this weekend to kick off a jam packed July. Sports being held this weekend include:

- Canoe & Kayak July 10 New River Valley
- Roller Skating (WIFSA & USARS) July 9 AJ Skateworld, Appomattox
- Ultimate Frisbee July 9-10 Liberty University
- Wrestling July 9 Liberty University

It's not too late to register for the Canoe/Kayak and Roller Skating competitions as they will be accepting on site registrations the day of the competition.

The 27th Anniversary for the Virginia Commonwealth Games and Virginia Amateur Sports (VAS) kicked off with the first wave of sports in April and will continue through the Fall. It's not too late to join in the competition by choosing from the around 52 remaining sports. Registration is OPEN so sign up today!

Main Games Weekend is July 22-24 and kicks off at Liberty University on Friday, July 22 at 12pm with Athlete Village festivities and the Grand Home Furnishings Athlete Tailgate Party at 5pm. Bigger and better than ever before, in addition to food, prizes and games, Liberty is opening up their campus ice rink and Snowflex, offering equestrian trail rides, and more. Opening Ceremonies will follow at 7pm at the Vines Center, including Olympic Gold Medalist Dick Fosbury, Miss Virginia, performance from The Skyriders Trampoline Team, the parade of athletes and more.

Main Games weekend upholds a positive reputation with the community for bolstering tourism and serving as an economic engine to the host city each year. For 27 years the Virginia Commonwealth Games have provided excellent opportunities for thousands of Virginians to develop and foster new relationships, establish new goals and personal bests, while at the same time learning teamwork, sportsmanship, as well as individual team responsibilities.

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