Dear Mustang Sports Families:

We hope you savor every moment of your child’s experience as a Mustang as much as we did during our years as Mason Volleyball, Golf, Basketball and Soccer fans. If you have the flexibility to beat the traffic heading west, we highly recommend making an adventure out of each away game that you can get to. We were fortunate to be a three season sports family for most of the years our son and daughter were at Mason, and some of the fondest memories we have were enjoying the scenery just outside the beltway with each other and great friends before arriving to cheer our teams on! Below is a list of some of our favorite spots to stop on the way. We hope you’ll add your own great memories and favorite spots to the list. The time flies - enjoy every minute of it! GO MUSTANGS!

GMHS Away Games - Donovan Favorites

Central Woodstock
• **Spring House Tavern** (Fall & Winter) - this was a new 2016 find - very charming! [Address]: 325 S Main St, Woodstock, VA 22664
• **Las Trancas** (Spring) - Fond memories. Don’t miss the photo ops on Cinco de Mayo. [Address]: Shenandoah Square, 1051 S Main St, Woodstock, VA 22664

   **Baseball team favorites:**
   • **Woodstock Brewhouse** - Great selection of beer brewed on site. Limited menu, mostly pizza [Address]: 123 E. Court Street, Woodstock, VA 22664

Clarke (also a good roadside stop for firewood in the Fall on the way)
• **Berryville Grille** - Winter - Great little spot in downtown Berryville. [Address]: 9 E Main St, Berryville, VA 22611
• **Camino Real** (big fave with Boys’ soccer - sit on the porch if you can in the spring. Some dads (who shall remain anonymous) liked this place so much they’d stop on the way to AND from the games.) [Address]: 16 Crow St, Berryville, VA 22611

Luray - Luray was a new addition for us, but we found a few places during volleyball season!
• **Artisan Grille** (Nice, but hard to rush in and out. Give yourself some time, and try and sit in the little area off to the side in the front left). [Address]: 2 E Main St, Luray, VA 22835
• **East Main Brew Pub** - good pick [Address]: 55 E Main St, Luray, VA 22835

Madison:
• **Pig ‘n Steak** (Madison is somewhat slim pickings if you want to stay local, but we like this little place. How can you NOT go to the Pig ‘n Steak? And you can practically walk to the high school. Also, heads up - if you’re a Plow & Hearth Fan, you can hit the Madison outlet if you leave early enough). [Address]: 313 Washington St, Madison, VA 22727
• **Bavarian Chef** (Still a little salty about this place that my sweet husband took a few other moms to. Me? Just made it to the Pig n’ Steak. Heard Bavarian Chef was lovely, though! ) [Address]: 5102 S Seminole Trail, Madison, VA 22727

Manassas Park
(As this was our closest away game, we always tended to leave later than we should, never really found time to explore, and usually landed at Guapo’s. I’d recommend trying The Columbus Grille.)
• **Guapo’s** [Address]: Manassas Park Shopping Center, 8498 Centreville Rd, Manassas Park, VA 20111
• **Columbus Grille** [Address]: 8349 Centreville Rd, Manassas, VA 20111

Strasburg
• **Hotel Strasburg** (Winter season, and KD votes this all year, but reluctantly concedes in the spring. The hotel has an upscale dining room, but we always loved spending time (especially during basketball season) at the Depot Lounge (on the right once you enter the hotel’s main entrance). Free popcorn! Tell the bartender, Lance, that Rob & Kathleen from Falls Church say hi! Kathleen spent one of her happiest birthdays there on a lovely wintry night before a boys’ basketball game way back when!). [Address]: 213 S Holliday St, Strasburg, VA 22657
• Jalisco *(Definitely the pick in the spring. We always argued in the fall. Watch out for the oversize margaritas, especially if there is a rain delay. VERY popular boys’ soccer fan spot! Hard to get boys’ soccer parents away from the Mexican options!)* **Address**: 348 E King St, Strasburg, VA 22657

**Baseball team favorite (in addition to Hotel Strasburg):**
- **Nana’s Irish Pub** - Authentic pub food, fish and chips, reubens, and beer. **Address**: 7843 Main St, Middletown, VA 22645
- **Snack Bar at the Strasburg HS baseball field** - Surprisingly huge variety including country ham sandwiches, sloppy joes, apple pie, & funnel fries. Bring your own tums. **Address**: 250 Ram Dr, Strasburg, VA 22657

Rappahannock
• **Griffin Tavern** - Hands down, all year long! Fantastic little place. Don’t miss the Griffin Tavern. **Address**: 659 Zachary Taylor Hwy, Flint Hill, VA 22627

**Baseball team favorites:**
- **Shawn’s Smokehouse BBQ** - In Warrenton well before Rapp, but surprisingly good bbq for a strip mall. **Address**: 251 W Lee Hwy #189, Warrenton, VA 20186
- **Effee’s Frozen Favorites** - Must stop if it’s before 10pm when they close. **Address**: Lee Hwy, New Baltimore, VA 20187

Warren
(Always tempting to stop to shop and/or try an Apple Cider Donut at The Apple House on the way. We never settled on a favorite in Front Royal, but have tried the following.)
• **Blue Wing Frog** - **Address**: 219 Chester St, Front Royal, VA 22630
• **Element** - **Address**: 317 E Main St, Front Royal, VA 22630
• **Yamafuji** - **Address**: 241 Chester St, Front Royal, VA 22630
• **Spelunker’s Ice Cream** *(if you’ve got younger sibs in tow)* - **Address**: 116 South St, Front Royal, VA 22630
(Think there’s now a Taphouse in town, now, too.)

**Baseball team favorite:**
- **The Apple House** - **Address**: 4675 John Marshall Hwy, Linden, VA 22642

William Monroe
Sadly, **The Standard closed a few years back. Afterward, we always seemed to wind up in Ruckersville at:**
• **The Blue Ridge Cafe**, **Address**: 8315 Seminole Trail, Ruckersville, VA 22968 *unless it was soccer season, in which case,*
• **El Agave!** - **Address**: 8694 Seminole Trail, Ruckersville, VA 22968
• *(Lafayette Inn in Stanardsville always looked nice, but we never made it there.)* **Address**: 146 Main St, Stanardsville, VA 22973

Enjoy making memories!