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**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 7**
**11TH ANNUAL
UGLIEST SWEATER RUN**
MILLER PARK PAVILION

**SATURDAY,
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CANDY CANE DROP
MILLER PARK PAVILION

REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS, CLASSES, AND EVENTS AT BLOOMINGTONPARKS.ORG

**BLOOMINGTON RESIDENT
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 5:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21**

**NON - RESIDENT
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 5:00 AM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28**



BLOOMINGTON PARKS & RECREATION IS HIRING!

For more details and to apply, go to
BLOOMINGTONIL.GOV/JOBS

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**QUESTIONS?
CALL OUR
MAIN OFFICE AT
(309) 434-2260**



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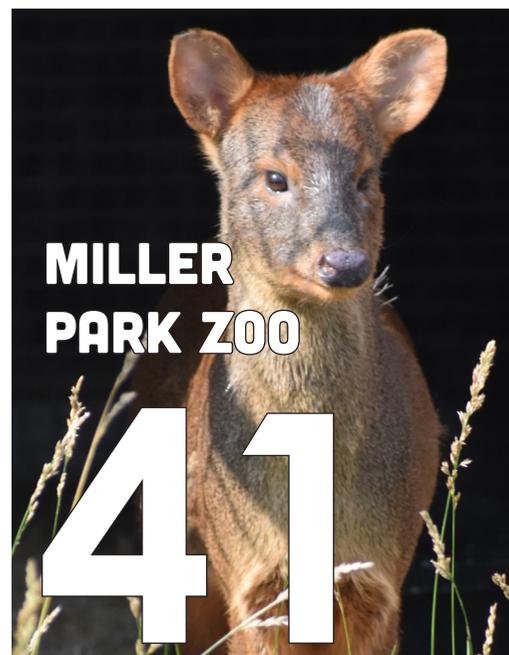


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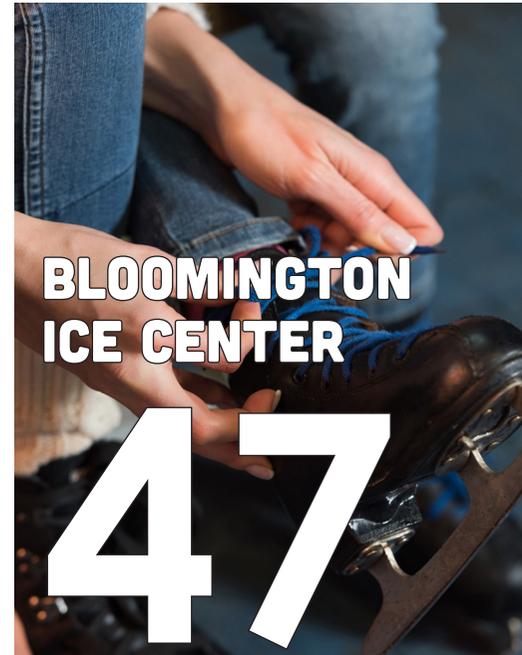


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General Information

Mission Statement: Our mission is to enrich the quality of life for our community through parks, recreation, and cultural arts.

Vision: Our vision is to provide for now, and future generations, a sense of community, preserved green space, diverse programs, excellent customer service, and life-changing experiences.

We Love Parents: With your child's best interest in mind, parents are asked not to be in the classroom during programs. Our instructors always welcome the opportunity to discuss a participant's progress with parents at any time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Behavior Policy: Participants are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times. The following guidelines have been developed to help make the Recreation Department safe and enjoyable for all participants. Participants shall: 1) show respect to all participants and staff; 2) refrain from using foul language; 3) refrain from causing bodily harm to another participant or staff; and 4) show respect for equipment, supplies, and facilities. If participants are not able to exhibit appropriate behavior, or are distracting the teaching, they may be asked to leave the program.

Toilet Training Policy: Children enrolled in a Bloomington Parks & Recreation Department program for ages 3 and older must be toilet trained unless it is a parent/toddler class. Recreation Department programs stress the importance of children practicing their independence and we do not aid children in the bathroom. Our instructors are not responsible for diaper changing or toilet training. The Recreation Department reserves the right to deny participation by a child age 3 or older if they are not toilet trained.

Americans with Disabilities Act: We comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (*ADA*) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. We will make reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities who meet essential eligibility requirements for the desired program. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to contact us at (309) 434-2260 regarding special accommodations needed for enjoyment of programs. Those who use telecommunications for the deaf (*TTY*) may reach the Recreation Department by calling our TTY number at (309) 829-5115.

Sincere Appreciation: A great big "thank you" goes to the District 87, Unit 5, and Central Catholic High Schools for the use of school facilities. The extra time and energy from secretaries, custodians, teachers, and principals is greatly appreciated.

WEATHER SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAMS

Cold/Snow/Sleet/Ice:

If the temperature is at or below 10 degrees with or without wind chill, outdoor activities may be canceled. Every attempt will be made to maintain normal operations during extreme winter weather conditions. When the National Weather Service has issued travel warnings during the time period of a program, scheduled activities may be canceled.

Make-Up Policy:

When applicable, efforts will be made to make up any canceled programs and/or games with no guarantee(s).

Weather Related Communication:

- 1) Program Cancellations will be determined no earlier than 1 hour prior to the start of a program. If weather worsens less than 1 hour prior, cancellations can still be made with every effort to contact participants.
- 2) Special Event Cancellations will be determined no later than 3 hours prior to start. If weather worsens less than 3 hours prior, cancellations can still be made with every effort to contact participants.
- 3) Contractual programs, outside rentals, school sports, or groups using City recreation facilities are responsible for cancelling their own programs and notifying their participants.
- 4) Cancellations/Delays can be made on-site at the programs or events.

Updates will be posted in the following ways:

Social Media - Facebook ([facebook.com/cityblmBPARD](https://www.facebook.com/cityblmBPARD))

Weather Hotline - (309) 434-2386

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Photo/Video Policy...

The Parks & Recreation staff takes photos and video of participants enrolled in our programs, classes, at events, or on park property. These photos or videos may be used in our brochures, social media, advertising, or other publications. If you do not wish to be in a video or have your photo taken, please tell our photographers.



Important Phone Numbers

City of Bloomington Parks & Recreation Main Office

109 E. Olive St. (309) 434-2260
Fax # (309) 434-2483

Parks & Recreation HOTLINE (309) 434-2FUN (2386)

Forrest Park Maintenance Building 1813 Springfield Rd. - (309) 434-2280

Highland Park Golf Course 1613 S. Main St. - (309) 434-2200

Lincoln Leisure Center 1206 S. Lee St. - (309) 434-2819

Miller Park Pavilion 1122 S. Morris Ave. - (309) 434-2255

Miller Park Zoo 1020 S. Morris Ave. - (309) 434-2250

Bloomington Ice Center 201 S. Roosevelt Ave. - (309) 434-2737

Prairie Vista Golf Course 502 W. Hamilton Rd. - (309) 434-2217

The Den at Fox Creek Golf Course 3002 Fox Creek Rd. - (309) 434-2300

TTY (309) 829-5115 Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Holiday Closings

The Parks & Recreation main offices will be closed on Monday, September 2, Monday, November 11, Thursday, November 28, Friday, November 29, Tuesday, December 24, Wednesday, December 25, Tuesday, Dec. 31 (afternoon) and Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

FACILITY RENTALS

Bloomington Parks & Recreation Facility Rentals

You may request a facility rental online at BloomingtonParks.org or call our main office at (309) 434-2260 for more information.



Miller Park Pavilion

This historic landmark was restored in 1977 and is a premier Bloomington/Normal rental facility for weddings, receptions, and more. The Miller Park Pavilion has three floors, rambling porches, chandelier lighting, and a unique design. Rental options include: Main Level – hardwood floor with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking Miller Park Lake, 1/2 of Main Level – partitions divide the main level into two smaller areas, Upper Level – a carpeted meeting room, and the East Porch – an outside area protected from the elements by an overhead balcony. Miller Park Pavilion Rental Rates and Policy & Procedures are available online or by contacting the Administrative Office. Alcohol will not be considered from April 1st to October 31st.

For information on availability or if you wish to see the facility, please call (309) 434-2260.



Hike Haven

Hike Haven is the perfect rustic spot for birthday parties, family gatherings, and more. Located on Lake Drive in Forrest Park, the former Girl Scout Cabin will welcome you to a nature-like setting. Several doors and windows open to allow a nice breeze through the facility and out onto the covered back porch. Hike Haven is fully accessible.

Lincoln Leisure Center

Once an elementary school, this two-story building consists of a gymnasium and nine classrooms. Recreation programs are offered on a daily basis. Rental opportunities are available to the public after recreation programs have been scheduled. There are two classrooms on the 2nd floor and the gym available for rental. Prices are double if the building is closed due to no other programs being held. Call (309) 434-2260 for more information.



Tipton Park Shelters

There are two large shelters in Tipton Park which may be reserved. The shelter off Stone Mountain Blvd. and the shelter off GE Rd. Run/Walks can be at either shelter.



White Oak Community Room

This facility located in White Oak Park includes a small meeting room that is available for rent.



Miller Park Adult Center

Located in the lower level of Miller Park Pavilion is the Miller Park Adult Center. This indoor facility is the perfect location for birthday parties, family gatherings, showers, meetings, and much more. Facility contains a full kitchen, common area with TV, open floor plan, restrooms, and lakefront views.

To learn more about renting space at these facilities, go online to **BloomingtonParks.org** or call the number listed.



**The Den Palmer Room
(309) 434-2300**

Enjoy the beautiful banquet room overlooking The Den Golf Course for your meeting or family get-together. The renter is responsible for room arrangement and clean-up afterwards. Rental time includes set-up and teardown. Banquet/Meeting Room: Seating 168. Open year-round.

**Bloomington Ice Center
(309) 434-2737**

Bloomington Ice Center features a 200' x 85' sheet of ice and a party room for birthdays or small meetings. The ice may be rented for groups or practices at times it's not being used for Bloomington Ice programs. Birthday parties or small meetings may be scheduled in the meeting room.



**Miller Park Zoo
(309) 434-2250**

Rent Out the Zoo! Treat your employees or other special group to a one-of-a-kind after-hours experience at the Zoo. Various packages are available, and can be customized to meet your needs. Miller Park Zoo offers two Birthday Party options (*suitable for all ages*). Visit us at MillerParkZoo.org.

**CLASSES AND PROGRAMS
CAN FILL UP FAST!**

**MAKE SURE TO REGISTER EARLY
FOR ALL YOUR FAVORITES!**

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Follow us on social media to find more info/stay updated on our parks, programs, events, and facilities!

Bloomington Parks & Recreation:

- [Facebook.com/cityblmBPARD](https://www.facebook.com/cityblmBPARD)
- [bloomingtonparksandrec](https://www.instagram.com/bloomingtonparksandrec)

Miller Park Zoo:

- [Facebook.com/MillerParkZoo](https://www.facebook.com/MillerParkZoo)
- [millerparkzoo](https://www.instagram.com/millerparkzoo)

Bloomington Ice Center:

- [Facebook.com/BloomingtonIceCenter](https://www.facebook.com/BloomingtonIceCenter)

SOAR:

- [Facebook.com/cityblmSOAR](https://www.facebook.com/cityblmSOAR)

Bloomington Golf:

- [Facebook.com/thedenge](https://www.facebook.com/thedenge)



MAIN OFFICE (309) 434-2260

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Senior Showcase

Ages 55+

Connect with local businesses and organizations dedicated to providing services to older adults and their families. This event will provide seniors and caregivers with a one-stop resource for information on a wide range of services – many of which are free of charge or at a reduced cost. Lastly, see what the Miller Park Adult Center has to offer!

Meet with experts regarding Medicare Coverage, Assisted & Independent Living, Audiology, Hospice Care, Financial Planning, scam protection, and much more.

Location: Miller Park Adult Center

Date: Tuesday, September 24

Time: 10:00AM-12:00PM

Fee: Free



Breakfast & Bingo

Ages 55+

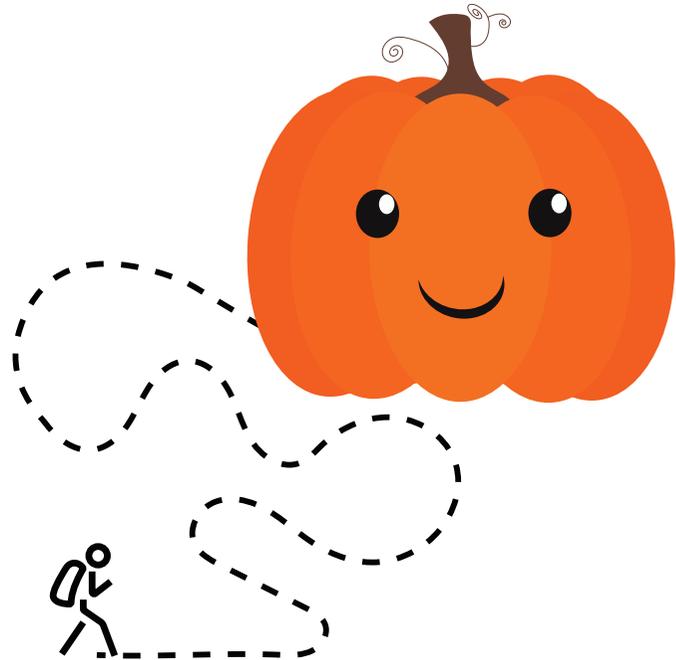
Beck Memorial Home and Bloomington Parks & Recreation present FREE Community Breakfast & Bingo! Senior Adults Ages 55+ will enjoy free coffee, juice, fruit, doughnuts, and the opportunity to play 4 FREE Bingo Games with escalating cash prizes, plus a drawing that will be held at the end of the event with a prize awarded to one guest. **No ticket/registration needed; 150 seats available first-come, first-served.**

Location: Miller Park Pavilion, Main Level

Date: Wednesday, September 25

Time: 10:00-11:30AM

Fee: Free



Great Pumpkin Hunt – **NEW**

All Ages

We have hidden pumpkins throughout our Park System for you and your family to find. Three clues will be announced at 11:00AM every Friday in October on our social media (Facebook and Instagram).

There will be a total of 13 hidden pumpkins throughout the City of Bloomington Park System. Clues will point you in the right direction on how to find your pumpkins. Enjoy the autumn season with family, friends, and nature.

If you find a pumpkin, post a picture of the pumpkin and where you found it on the Clue Post given on social media. Limit to one entry per park. You will be entered into a drawing to win a prize and a **FREE CLASS** in our upcoming 2025 Winter/Spring Season. The winner will be announced on Halloween Day (October 31).

Location: City of Bloomington Park System

Dates: 10/4-10/30

Fee: Free



Family Game Night

All Ages

Spend this Friday evening with the family. Everyone will have fun playing rounds of BINGO while eating their favorite dinner – PIZZA! Join us for an evening of family bingo fun while trying to win a variety of prizes.

Location: Miller Park Adult Center

Date: Friday, September 13

Time: 5:00-7:00PM

Fee: \$10



Paint with Mary Jo - Fall

Ages 8+

Participants will create their very own canvas painting to take home. Follow along with step-by-step instructions. We will provide all the supplies and take care of clean-up. Children will participant independent of an adult.

Instructor: Mary Jo Johnson, IOAA

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center

Date: Sunday, October 20

Time: 1:30-3:30PM

Fee: \$25



Paint with Me - Holiday

Ages 5-14 with an Adult

Adults will assist their child to create a picture on an 11"x14" canvas together. Follow along with step-by-step instructions by artists from Inside Out Accessible Art. We will provide all the supplies and take care of clean-up. Participants should wear smock or old clothes since we will be using acrylic paints. Snacks and drinks will be served.

Instructor: Inside Out Accessible Art

Location: Miller Park Pavilion

Date: Sunday, November 10

Time: 1:30-3:30PM

Fee: \$35/pair and \$20 for any additional child in the same household

11th Annual Ugliest Sweater Run

All Ages

Put on your best holiday cheer and come out to Miller Park for the 11th annual Ugliest Sweater Run with Bloomington Parks & Rec and Fleet Feet Bloomington. There will be a 3-mile non-competitive run or walk, with prizes awarded for special sweater categories. Stop on the route at the selfie stations for pictures and add your best Ugly Sweater picture to the event page. To sign up, go to FleetFeetBloomington.com/Races/Ugliest-Sweater-Run.

Location: Miller Park Pavilion

Date: Saturday, December 7

Time: 1:00PM

Fee: \$10

Candy Cane Drop

Ages 3-12 with an Adult

Santa will be taking a ride with our forestry crew in one of the boom lift trucks and dropping candy canes for the kids to pick up! Adults will need to remain with their children throughout the entire event. All participants will get a chance to visit Santa when he comes back down to the ground! Check in at 10:00 AM. We will do the drop promptly at 10:15AM. Pre-registration is required. This is an ALL outdoor event.

Location: Miller Park Pavilion

Date: Saturday, December 7

Time: 10:00AM

Fee: \$12

46TH ANNUAL • FREE TURKEY TROT THANKSGIVING DAY • NOV. 28TH



Join us, along with our wonderful partner, Fleet Feet Bloomington, as the race happens rain, snow, or shine on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28th!

Online registration will be available at <https://RunSignup.com/Race/IL/Bloomington/MillerParkTurkeyTrot>

Online registration begins September 6th.

Online registration is preferred. Registering online gives one priority in terms of ordering a Turkey Trot 2024 shirt.

Only online registrants will be eligible for the variety of raffle prizes.

On site registration will be available outside of Miller Park Pavilion beginning at 8:00 AM.

(though online registration is strongly encouraged).

This event is not timed and awards are not given. Registration (whether online or onsite) is FREE.

Sign-in begins at 8:00 AM in front of Miller Park Pavilion, with races beginning as early as 9:00 AM.

We will be collecting non-perishable food items to benefit Home Sweet Home Ministries.

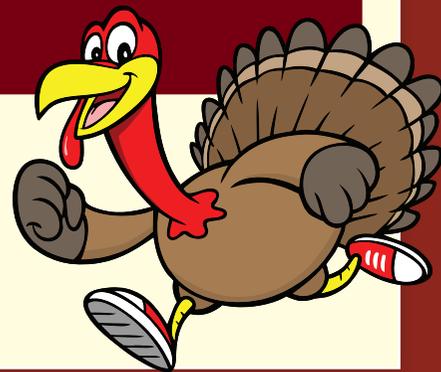
KIDS HALF MILE RUN begins at 9:00 AM

THREE MILE RUN begins approx. 9:15 AM

ONE-AND-A-HALF MILE WALK begins approx. 9:30 AM

FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT TO KICKSTART YOUR HOLIDAY FEAST!

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**WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS! WANT TO
BE A ROUTE MONITOR OR HELP PEOPLE CHECK IN?**

**CONTACT NEAL AT
NMCKENRY@CITYBLM.ORG**



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Pre-registration is required. This is an ALL outdoor event.

Sat., Dec. 7th at 10:15 AM • Ages 3-12 (with an adult)

\$12 PER CHILD

Miller Park - check in at 10:00AM outside the main entrance of Miller Park Pavilion

BloomingtonParks.org • (309) 434-2260 with any questions.



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11TH ANNUAL!

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FleetFeetBloomington.com/Races/Ugliest-Sweater-Run.

All Ages • Miller Park • Bloomington, Illinois



SAT., DEC. 7TH • 1:00 PM • MILLER PARK

Community Sports Organizations

The Bloomington Parks & Recreation Department supports a number of community organizations dedicated to leisure time activities for local residents. To be a part of this listing, email Parks@CityBlm.org.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

- B-N Baseball Assoc.** – Youth Baseball for ages 7–19..... bnba.net
- B-N Girls Softball** – Youth Softball for ages 7–19..... bngsa.org
- McLean County PONY League** – Youth Baseball for ages 5–18..... mcponybaseball.com
- Play9Sports** – High School age Play9Sports.com

CRICKET

- Central Illinois Cricket Association** – Youth & Adult..... cicainfo.com

DISC GOLF

- BN Disc Golf Club** – All ages..... bndisc.com

FISHING

- McLean County Sportmens Association** – All ages..... Find them on Facebook

YOUTH FOOTBALL (FLAG & TACKLE) AND CHEER

- Bloomington Cardinals**..... bloomingtoncardinals.com
- Bloomington Knockers**..... bloomingtonknockers.com
- B-N Fighting Irish**..... bnfightingirish.com
- Bloomington Wolves**..... Find them on Facebook
- Twin City Tigers**..... twincitytigersfootball.com
- B-N Cougars**..... bncougarsfootball.com

HOCKEY

- Bloomington Youth Hockey** – Travel Youth Hockey bloomingtonyouthhockey.com
- Central Illinois Girls Hockey Association** – Girls Youth Hockey..... cigirlshockey.com
- McLean County Sharks** – High School Hockey mcyhasharks.com
- Central Illinois Special Hockey Association** Find them on Facebook

LACROSSE

- B-N Warriors** – Ages 9-14..... bnwarriors.com

PICKLEBALL

- Bloomington-Normal Pickleball** Find them on Facebook

RUGBY

- Bloomington Crash** – Men's Rugby Club..... Find them on Facebook

RUNNING

- Lake Run Club** – All ages..... lakerunclub.org

SOCCER

- FC Central Illinois Soccer** – Youth Soccer..... fccentralillinois.com
- Inter South Soccer League** – U5-U18..... chicagointersouth.com
- Prairie Cities Soccer League** – Youth Soccer for ages 4-18..... pcslsoccer.org
- Midwest Sports Inc.** – Adult Soccer midwestsports@hotmail.com

SWIMMING

- Central Illinois Masters Swim Team, Inc.** – Ages 18+ cimst.org

TENNIS

- B-N Tennis Association** – Youth & Adult Tennis Matt Runyan at Evergreen Racquet Club
- Bloomington Tennis & Turf**..... blnotennisturf.com
- Table Tennis** – ISU Wellness Table Tennis Club – Open to ages 18+ in the community (309) 838-7657

SPORTS/ FITNESS



In the Zone: Volleyball Camp

Grades 2-7

This 8-week program will get players to focus on developing the foundational skills of volleyball. This camp is offered to 2-7 grade boys and girls in a recreational setting. Players will have the chance to learn about fair play, volleyball skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Practices will focus on basic skill development and will progress to more advanced concepts as skill level increases.

The first four weeks of classes will focus on the fundamental skills with drills, weeks 5–7 will be 30-minutes of practice and 30-minutes of scrimmage, and the last week of camp will be two 30-minute games. This is an instructional program and not a league.

Location: Pepper Ridge Elementary, Gym

Grades	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
2-3	W	5:30-6:30PM	10/2-11/20	\$49
4-5	W	6:30-7:30PM	10/2-11/20	\$49
6-7	W	7:30-8:30PM	10/2-11/20	\$49



In the Zone: Basketball Camp

Grades 2-7

This 8-week program will get players focusing on developing the foundational skills of basketball. This camp is offered to 2-7 grade boys and girls in a recreational setting. Players will have the chance to learn about fair play, basketball skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Practices will focus on basic skill development and will progress to more advanced concepts as skill level increases.

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4-5	W	6:30-7:30PM	1/22-3/12	\$49
6-7	W	7:30-8:30PM	1/22-3/12	\$49



Youth Soccer Clinic

Ages 5-11

Athletes will develop essential soccer skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting, and defense on a more individual level. The class will progress into small games and players will have the opportunity to scrimmage on the last day of class.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW.

Location: Stevenson Park, Soccer Field

Ages	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
5-7	W	5:00-5:45PM	9/11-10/9	\$38
8-11	W	6:00-6:45PM	9/11-10/9	\$38

Mini Super Stars

Ages 2-3 with an Adult

Preschoolers and their parents will get sporty playing a variety of sports and fun activities. This class is designed for parent and child interaction with an emphasis on physical activity and teamwork. This program inspires players to develop sportsmanship in a positive and fun environment, along with the development of fine and gross motor skills.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW.

Location: Pepper Ridge Elementary, Gym

Day: Monday

Dates: 9/9-9/30

Time: 4:30-5:10PM

Fee: \$32

Super Star Athletes

Ages 4-7

Let's get outside and play some sports. Each day, we will focus on the fundamentals of a different sport and give players an opportunity to play each sport in a non-competitive game.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW.

Location: Pepper Ridge Elementary, Gym

Day: Monday

Dates: 9/9-9/30

Time: 5:20-6:00PM

Fee: \$32

FUNDamental Basketball

Ages 3-8

Players will enhance their basketball knowledge and skills! Utilizing fun drills and games, players will develop important basketball skills such as passing, dribbling, shooting, and defense.

Location: Clearwater Park, Basketball Courts

Ages	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
3	T	4:30-5:00PM	9/10-10/1	\$30
4-5	T	5:10-5:40PM	9/10-10/1	\$30
6-8	T	5:50-6:20PM	9/10-10/1	\$30

Location: Stevenson Elementary, Gym

Ages	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
3	T	5:15-5:45PM	10/8-10/29	\$30
4-5	T	5:55-6:25PM	10/8-10/29	\$30
6-8	T	6:35-7:05PM	10/8-10/29	\$30



FUNDamental T-Ball

Ages 3-8

Players will learn the foundational skills of the sport that will help prepare them for baseball. The emphasis is on fun, basic instruction, and equal participation. Players will get a chance to learn hitting, catching, fielding, and much more.

Location: Suburban East Park, Ballfield

Ages	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
3	TH	4:30-5:00PM	9/12-10/3	\$30
4-5	TH	5:10-5:40PM	9/12-10/3	\$30
6-8	TH	5:50-6:20PM	9/12-10/3	\$30

Location: Oakland Elementary, Gym

Ages	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
3	T	5:15-5:45PM	11/12-12/10 (no 11/26)	\$30
4-5	T	5:55-6:25PM	11/12-12/10 (no 11/26)	\$30
6-8	T	6:35-7:05PM	11/12-12/10 (no 11/26)	\$30

FUNDamental Soccer

Ages 3-8

Players will be introduced to the rudimentary skills in an activities and games class setting. Players will get a chance to learn skills such as kicking, passing, defense, and shooting, which is necessary for participants in this high-endurance sport.

Location: Stevenson Elementary, Gym

Ages	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
3	TH	5:15-5:45PM	10/3-10/24	\$30
4-5	TH	5:55-6:25PM	10/3-10/24	\$30
6-8	TH	6:35-7:05PM	10/3-10/24	\$30



FUNDamental Football

Ages 5-11

Players will get introduced to the basic skills of football in a fun learning environment. Throwing, passing, and catching are just a few of the skills players will learn in fun drills and activities.

Location: Washington Elementary, Gym

Ages	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
5-6	M	5:15-5:45PM	11/4-11/25	\$30
7-8	M	5:55-6:25PM	11/4-11/25	\$30
9-11	M	6:35-7:05PM	11/4-11/25	\$30

Sporty Parent & Child

Ages 18 months-3 years with an Adult

Parents now is your chance to get your preschooler moving! Have your mini athlete get active while trying a variety of sports including basketball, soccer, floor hockey, and so much more. While we will emphasize physical activity, this program encourages the growth of fine and gross motor skills and introduces players to teamwork.

Location: Pepper Ridge Elementary, Gym

Day: Monday

Dates: 11/11-12/9

Time: 5:15-6:00PM

Fee: \$38

Sporty Munchkins

Ages 3-5

Each class, participants will get the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of a different sport including soccer, basketball, t-ball, and much more. This program inspires players to develop sportsmanship in a positive and fun environment, along with the development of fine and gross motor skills.

Location: Pepper Ridge Elementary, Gym

Day: Monday

Dates: 11/11-12/9

Time: 6:10-6:55PM

Fee: \$38

Hoopsters

Ages 5-8

Players will be introduced to new individual and team basketball drills that will encompass dribbling, shooting, passing, and teamwork. These energetic, participative, fun drills and activities are progressively taught and reviewed. A recreational game will be played on the last day of class.

Location: Stevenson Elementary, Gym

Ages	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
5-6	TH	5:30-6:15PM	11/7-12/12 (no 11/28)	\$38
7-8	TH	6:30-7:15PM	11/7-12/12 (no 11/28)	\$38



FUNDamental Hockey

Ages 3-10

Players will be introduced to basic hockey and skating skills utilizing fun games. Players will learn basic skating, shooting, passing, and SCORING! *Players will need to bring a hoodie, sweatpants and hockey or winter gloves if they do not have hockey-specific gear. Skates, helmets, and sticks will be available to borrow for each class.

Location: Bloomington Ice Center

Ages	Day	Times	Dates	Fee
3-5	SA	9:30-10:10AM	9/7-9/21	\$45
6-10	SA	9:30-10:10AM	9/7-9/21	\$45

YOUTH DANCE

Whether you'd like to introduce your little one to the exciting world of dance, or want to encourage and enhance their dance skills, you're sure to find the class that is just the right fit! Join us and staff of Next Step Dance for a 10-week program that is capped off with an end-of-season Winter Showcase (more details forthcoming).



Each class provides a great opportunity for your dancer to strengthen their coordination and balance, enhance creativity and freedom of expression, gain confidence, and enjoy a social and friendly environment. Please see the attached class schedule for dates, times, and pricing. **All class will be held at the Lincoln Leisure Center – Room 207.**

All classes are led by instructors of Next Step Dance. Next Step Dance has been serving the Bloomington/Normal and surrounding areas since 2009. Next Step Dance staff believes in providing fun and educational classes for all ages and levels. Each child will be given personalized attention and proper instruction while being provided with a nurturing environment for growth. Next Step Dance believes in family and unconditional support for everyone who chooses to call the studio home.

Class	Age	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
Dancing Feet	3-4	T	4:30-5:00PM	10/1-12/10 (no class 11/26)	\$80
Bitty Ballet	4-5	T	5:00-5:30PM	10/1-12/10 (no class 11/26)	\$80
Hippity Hop	3-5	T	5:45-6:15PM	10/1-12/10 (no class 11/26)	\$80
Ballet/Tap Combo	5-7	T	6:15-7:00PM	10/1-12/10 (no class 11/26)	\$95
Dancing Feet	3-4	W	4:30-5:00PM	10/2-12/11 (no class 11/27)	\$80
Tiny Dancers	18m-2yr	W	5:00-5:30PM	10/2-12/11 (no class 11/27)	\$80
Ballet/Jazz Combo	7-9	W	5:45-6:30PM	10/2-12/11 (no class 11/27)	\$95
Bitty Ballet	4-5	TH	4:30-5:00PM	9/26-12/12 (no class 10/31 or 11/28)	\$80
Beginner Hip Hop	5-7	TH	5:00-5:45PM	9/26-12/12 (no class 10/31 or 11/28)	\$95
Beginner Hip Hop	8-10	TH	5:45-6:30PM	9/26-12/12 (no class 10/31 or 11/28)	\$95

Tiny Dancers (Ages 18m-2yr) An intro to dance, this class is designed for the very young dancer. Creative movement and activities help introduce the beginning fundamentals of dance and classroom etiquette. Caregivers will love participating as they assist in developing their “tiny” dancer. Dancers may wear a leotard and tights or comfortable clothing. Required shoes: any color ballet shoe. Please note: Parent/caregiver will be expected to participate.

Dancing Feet (Ages 3-4) This introductory dance class will teach dancers the basic fundamentals of dance. Dancers will work to grow gross motor skills, learn some ballet/jazz terms, and have fun in a creative dance environment. Pink ballet shoes are required.

Bitty Ballet (Ages 4-5) These introductory classes will teach dancers the basic fundamentals of ballet. Dancers will work to grow gross motor skills, learn some ballet terms, and have fun in a creative dance environment. Dancers may wear a leotard and preferably tights. Skirts are allowed. Pink ballet shoes are required.



Hippity Hop (Ages 3-5)

This high-energy introductory class will teach dancers to move their bodies in different ways. Dancers will learn some of the fundamentals of hip hop while working to improve gross motor movement, listening skills, and performing. All dancers should wear fitted clothing. No experience necessary. Required shoes: clean tennis shoes.

Ballet/Tap Combo (Ages 5-7) This class is a combination of ballet, tap, and creative movement basics. This class is a great introduction to beginner ballet technique and learning rhythm, tempo, and musicality in tap. Dancers will also work on building coordination and motor skills. No necessary experience is needed to register for this class. Dancers are required to wear a leotard and preferably tights (skirts and tutus are options). Pink ballet shoes AND tap shoes are required.

YOUTH DANCE

Beginner Hip Hop (Ages 5-10)

Dancers in Beginning Hip Hop will learn all of the basic dance skills such as keeping rhythm, following choreography, and developing body control, as well as performance skills such as stage presence, acting, and improvisation are taught through kid-friendly Hip Hop & Funk style music and movement. In these highly popular classes, students will learn a fun and exciting routine. No necessary experience needed to register for this class. Clean tennis shoes are required.

Ballet/Jazz Combo (Ages 7-10)

This class will focus on the fundamentals of ballet and jazz. We will begin developing alignment and articulation at the barre, combinations across the floor, and center-of-the-room footwork. Throughout the session, students will learn a routine to help build stage presence and performance skills. No necessary experience is required to register for this class. Pink ballet shoes are required.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

ADULT VOLLEYBALL OPEN GYM

Drop in to enjoy some informal pick-up games of volleyball at Pepper Ridge Elementary School on Sunday evenings. Take advantage of this great opportunity to play with friends, while also meeting some new players or potential future teammates! Cost is \$3 per visit. Payment (cash only) is made on-site.

Sunday – Drop in at any time between 6:00-8:00PM on the following dates:

November 10, 17, 24
December 8 and 15



Adult Co-Ed Volleyball Leagues

Get your team together for a fun volleyball experience! Multiple leagues this Fall, and later on this Winter, are available. Play in our Women’s, Recreational, Intermediate, or Competitive Leagues. Each league is self-officiated as teams are required to make their own calls. Start times could be scheduled anywhere between 6:00-9:00PM. Team fee is due upon registration. The signed team roster is due on site at the first match. Teams must register online. All matches will be played at Pepper Ridge Elementary School.

If you do not have a team but would like to play, you can register for our Free Agent list at BloomingtonParks.org and hope to get picked up by a team. More league-specific information and rules can also be found at BloomingtonParks.org.

League	Day	Dates	Team Fee.....	Registration Deadline
FALL Co-ed Competitive	T.....	10/1-12/17	\$159	9/19 (12 team maximum)
FALL Co-ed Intermediate	TH.....	10/3-12/19	\$159	9/19 (12 team maximum)
FALL Co-ed Recreational	T/TH*	10/1-12/19	\$159	9/19 (9 team maximum)
FALL Women’s	M.....	10/7-12/16	\$159	9/25 (9 team maximum)
WINTER Co-ed Competitive	T.....	1/14-4/8	\$159	12/31 (12 team maximum)
WINTER Co-ed Intermediate	TH.....	1/16-4/10	\$159	12/31 (12 team maximum)
WINTER Co-ed Recreational	T/TH*	1/14-4/10	\$159	12/31 (9 team maximum)
WINTER Women’s	M.....	1/27-4/14	\$159	1/14 (9 team maximum)

Please note: Co-ed INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE teams CANNOT roster more than one male and one female who are also rostered on a Competitive League team.

Dates are TENATIVE and subject to change based on a school-related gym schedule changes and/or weather-related cancellations. Match schedules will be sent out to team managers at least one week prior to the start of the season.

*Recreational League teams will have matches scheduled on Tuesday OR Thursday from week-to-week. If a specific night is required on a consistent basis, manager will be able to request upon registration. We will do our best to accommodate requests, however, requests are not guaranteed.

GYMNASTICS & TUMBLING



Two separate FIVE-week sessions will be offered and led by the great instructors of Gymnastics Etc. Classes will be held on Friday in the late afternoon and evenings in the gym at Lincoln Leisure Center. See attached schedule.

Parent/Tot Gymnastics (Ages 18-35 months)

Join the fun, parents! Group learning, individual challenges, repetition and spending time together exploring new activities make for an exciting class. Develop balance and coordination while improving gross motor skills with rolls, jumps and obstacle courses. Together we stretch and play in a fun and structured environment.

Super Tot Gymnastics (Ages 3-4)

Little people will have big fun improving large motor skills and self-confidence. Children will be taught the fundamentals of gymnastics while developing coordination, balance, and body awareness in a fun and energetic environment. Apparatus used includes basic tumbling, bars, and beam. Note: Children need to participate without parental assistance.

Gym Stars (Ages 5-8)

Gym Stars is a great way to improve coordination, increase physical strength and endurance, and have fun all at the same time! This class teaches introductory gymnastics skills on all the gymnastics equipment: beam, bar, and floor. No experience is required.

Class	Age	Day	Time	Session 1	Fee
Super Tot	3-4	F	4:30-5:00PM	9/20-10/18	\$57
Parent/Tot	18m-3yr	F	5:00-5:30PM	9/20-10/18	\$57
Super Tot	3-4	F	5:30-6:00PM	9/20-10/18	\$57
Gym Stars	5-8	F	6:00-7:00PM	9/20-10/18	\$75

Class	Age	Day	Time	Session 2	Fee
Super Tot	3-4	F	4:30-5:00PM	10/25-11/22	\$57
Parent/Tot	18m-3yr	F	5:00-5:30PM	10/25-11/22	\$57
Super Tot	3-4	F	5:30-6:00PM	10/25-11/22	\$57
Gym Stars	5-8	F	6:00-7:00PM	10/25-11/22	\$75

FALL TENNIS LESSONS AT MCGRAW PARK

All ages and skill levels can expect a challenging but enjoyable tennis experience this fall! With group lessons ranging from introductory youth to experienced adult, this program will help you build new skills, enhance existing abilities, and hopefully develop a passion for the game that you can continue enjoying into the summer and throughout life. Under the direction of certified PTR Instructor Mary Z. Walker, all classes will meet at McGraw Park. See below for age breakdown and class details, along with the attached schedule.

Tot Tennis (Age 5)

A FUN introduction to the game will be the priority! We'll use engaging activities, drills, and games to help teach and develop the basics.

Pee Wee (Ages 6-7)

Emphasis on hand-eye coordination, racquet skills, footwork, lines, and shots.

Youth (Ages 8-9)

Focus will be on the fundamentals of grip, strokes, serves, and volleys.

Junior (Ages 10-12)

Class includes skills, drills, games, strokes, serves, and challenging play progressing towards game-based play.

Teen (Ages 13-15)

Ability to serve and rally is preferred. Class will focus on fine tuning shots and skills to help develop an all-around game. Participant should be able to participate in game-based play with their peers.

Adult (Ages 16+)

Prior tennis experience preferred, though not required. Players should expect consistency of ground strokes, serves, and volleys with more advanced techniques and strategies to incorporate into singles and doubles play.

USTA recommended racquet sizes based on age/skill level

Tots.....	Age 5	23"
Pee Wee.....	Ages 6/7.....	23-25"
Youth.....	Ages 8/9.....	25-26"
Youth.....	Ages 10/12.....	26-28"
Teen/Adult.....		28"

All City of Bloomington tennis courts are open for public play free-of-charge on a first-come, first-serve basis, outside of Bloomington Parks & Recreation lessons or area High School, events, or tournaments, which all have priority over open play. Courts are located at Bloomington High School (8 lighted), McGraw Park (4 lighted, 2 unlighted; all resurfaced in 2023), Stevenson Park (3 lighted), and Rollingbrook Park (3 unlighted). We request no private lessons on public courts during Parks & Recreation class times.



Class (Ages).....	Day.....	Dates	Time.....	Fee.....
Pee Wee (6-7).....	T	9/17-10/15 (10/22 makeup date).....	5:30-6:15PM	\$45
Youth (8-9).....	T	9/17-10/15 (10/22 makeup date).....	6:30-7:30PM	\$50
Junior (10-12).....	TH	9/19-10/17 (10/24 makeup date)	5:30-6:30PM	\$50
Adult (16+).....	TH	9/19-10/17 (10/24 makeup date)	6:45-8:00PM	\$55
Tots (5).....	SA.....	9/21-10/19 (10/26 makeup date).....	8:30-9:00AM	\$40
Pee Wee (6-7).....	SA.....	9/21-10/19 (10/26 makeup date).....	9:15-10:00AM	\$45
Youth (8-9).....	SA.....	9/21-10/19 (10/26 makeup date).....	10:15-11:15AM	\$50
Junior (10-12).....	SA.....	9/21-10/19 (10/26 makeup date).....	11:30AM-12:30PM.....	\$50
Teen (13-15).....	SA.....	9/21-10/19 (10/26 makeup date).....	11:30AM-12:30PM.....	\$50

Carle

Health & Fitness Center

Carle Health & Fitness Center is Bloomington-Normal's premier wellness destination. Their state-of-the-art facility offers a wide range of services and programs, including group fitness classes, personal training, health coaching, and more. Their team of experienced health professionals works closely with clients to help them achieve their goals, whether it's improving their overall fitness or managing a specific health condition. *All programs listed below will be led and instructed by Carle Health & Fitness Center professionals.

Move MS

Move MS is a weekly group exercise class for individuals with Multiple Sclerosis featuring various exercise modalities: Tai Chi, Yoga, Functional Exercise, and Seated Pilates.

Module 1: Functional Exercise

Our Functional Exercise Module will focus on aerobic, strength, flexibility, and flexibility work. All exercises are programmed to be done from a seated position with modifications for standing.

Module 2: Yoga

A Multiple Sclerosis yoga class is a specialized yoga program designed to cater to individuals living with MS. Safely engage in yoga postures, breathing exercises, and meditation practices that are adapted to your unique abilities and limitations.

Module 3: Neuro-Functional Exercise

These exercises provide the framework to understand neurological challenges. They are designed to help with balance, gait, weakness, spasticity, and foot drop. Harness the power of the brain-body connection through sensory input and use practical strategies to improve and maintain functionality.

Location: Carle Health & Fitness Center - Mind & Body Studio

Module	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
Functional Exercise*	W	8/21-10/9	4:00-5:00PM	\$99
Yoga	W	10/16-12/11**	4:00-5:00PM	\$99
Neuro-Functional Exercise	W	1/8-2/26	4-5:00PM	\$99

*Participants interested in Module 1: Functional Exercise must register directly through Carle Health & Fitness Center by calling 309-434-WELL (9355)

**No class 11/27



Kickstart: Youth Fitness

Ages 8-12

School is back in session! Let's make sure to exercise our bodies as well as our minds. Exercise-based games and activities geared towards 8-12-year-olds of all athletic abilities. This class is designed for kids to reach their recommended daily exercise minutes. Entry-level program focused on non-competitive gross motor play.

Mondays and Wednesdays: "Kids Move" Land Workouts

Thursdays: "Kids Aquatics" Water Workouts (in the Warm Water Pool)

Location: Carle Health & Fitness Center

Session	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
Session 1	M/W/TH	9/2-9/26	4:30-5:15PM	\$59
Session 2	M/W/TH	9/30-10/24	4:30-5:15PM	\$59
Session 3	M/W/TH	10/28-11/22	4:30-5:15PM	\$59
Session 4	M/W/TH	11/25-12/19*	4:30-5:15PM	\$59

*No class on 11/28

All equipment provided by Carle Health & Fitness Center. Children should bring their own water bottle and wear appropriate clothing and closed-toed shoes. Registration closes 1 week prior to the start of each session.





Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga is recommended for those with arthritis, osteoporosis, cancer (in-recovery), knee and weight issues, and others with limited mobility. With the help of a chair anyone can practice yoga with the same benefits of increased circulation, balance, flexibility, mobility, and strength. All equipment provided but feel free to bring your own yoga mat, if preferred. This is a 4-week program with one class offered per week.

Location: Carle Health & Fitness Center

Session	Day	Dates.....	Time.....	Fee
Session 1	TH	10/3-10/24.....	8:30-9:30AM	\$49
Session 2	TH	10/31-11/21.....	8:30-9:30AM	\$49
Session 3	TH	1/9-1/30.....	8:30-9:30AM	\$49

Power Yoga

Power Yoga is for the individual who desires a faster-paced style of Yoga that is focused on building strength and endurance. Both standing and sitting postures are included. Class ends with time for relaxation and a moment to practice meditation. This is a 4-week program with one class offered per week. All equipment provided but feel free to bring your own yoga mat, if preferred.

Location: Carle Health & Fitness Center

Session	Day.....	Dates	Time.....	Fee
Session 1	SA.....	10/5-10/26	8:00-8:45AM	\$49
Session 2	SA.....	12/7-12/28	8:00-8:45AM	\$49
Session 3	SA.....	1/4-1/25	8:00-8:45AM	\$49

Nourish & Flourish: Nourishing your Body and Mind with Healthy Habits for Life (Weight Management Program)

Are you looking for guidance on how to feel and look your best? Are you confused by fad diets and health advice online? Don't know where to start when it comes to exercise? If this sounds like you, you're not alone and we are here to guide you on your journey to better health! Come join our Nourish & Flourish program where nutrition and exercise professionals will explain the ins and outs, the whys and hows of everyday healthy living. If you're ready to optimize your health and wellbeing, we are ready to help you make it happen! Program is led by our Registered Dietitian and certified, credentialed fitness coaches. This is an 11-week program with one class offered per week.

For full details, visit CarleHealthFitness.com/Programs/WeightManagement

Location: Carle Health & Fitness Center

Day: Tuesday

Dates: 10/8-12/17

Time : 6:00-7:00PM

Fee: \$199



THE TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE CENTER

Get ready to reach new levels of speed, strength, and performance! The Training and Performance Center (TPC) is offering an amazing lineup of sports performance programs this winter and spring.

Expert coaches will lead dynamic sessions tailored for hockey, basketball, football, volleyball, soccer, softball, swimming, and more. From tactical strength training to vertical jump improvement and baseball velocity classes, the TPC has the perfect program to help young athletes gain an edge. Don't miss out on these exclusive offerings designed to build power, speed, agility, and endurance. Check out the full list of classes below and sign up today to take your game to the next level!

*All TPC programs listed below will be held at the Training and Performance Center – 1111 Trinity Lane, Bloomington. All programs listed below will be led and instructed by certified trainers and coaches from the Training and Performance Center.

Winter Break Sports Performance Sessions

Ages 8-18

Elevate Your Game! Winter break is the perfect time to take your performance to new heights. Join our elite training sessions and unlock your full potential. These dynamic sessions will focus on four key areas:

- **Vertical Power:** Master the art of vertical leap, unleash your explosive power, and dominate on the court or field.
- **Rotational Power:** Harness the power of rotation and elevate your overhead skills.
- **Building Power:** In a sports context, power is defined as strength applied at speed. This makes it essential for a wide variety of sports and playing positions. Learn exercises that will increase your power and improve your athletic performance.
- **Speed Skills:** Develop lightning-fast footwork and first-step quickness. Get to the goal, base, or finish line faster than ever before.

Led by our team of certified, credentialed coaches, these sessions are designed to challenge and inspire athletes aged 8-18. Participants will be taught age-appropriate workouts and techniques. Whether you're new to sports performance or looking to maintain your edge during the off-season, these sessions will build your power, enhance your speed, and refine your technique. Sign up today and get ready to dominate on the field, court, and beyond!

Location: Training and Performance Center

Complete Package: All 6 Sessions (9 hours of training)
Fee: \$120

- Vertical Power: Friday, 12/27, 9:00-10:30AM
- Speed Skills: Friday, 12/27, 10:30AM-12:00PM
- Rotational Power: Monday, 12/30, 9:00-10:30AM
- Speed Skills: Monday 12/30, 10:30AM-12:00PM
- Building Power: Friday 1/3, 9:00-10:30AM
- Speed Skills: Friday 1/3, 10:30AM-12:00PM

Speed Skills Package: 3 Sessions (4.5 hours of training)
Fee: \$60

- Friday 12/27, 10:30AM-12:00PM
- Monday 12/30, 10:30AM-12:00PM
- Friday 1/3, 10:30AM-12:00PM

Individual Sessions: (1.5 hours of training)
Fee: \$20 each

- Friday 12/27 - Vertical Power (9:00-10:30AM)
- Friday 12/27 - Speed Skills (10:30AM-12:00PM)
- Monday 12/30 - Rotational Power (9:00-10:30AM)
- Monday 12/30 - Speed Skills (10:30AM-12:00PM)
- Friday 1/3 - Building Power (9:00-10:30AM)
- Friday 1/3 - Speed Skills (10:30-12:00PM)

All equipment provided by Training and Performance Center. Children should wear appropriate clothing and closed-toed shoes. Registration closes 3 days prior to the start of each session.



SPECIAL INTEREST

Event



Tiny Melodies

Ages 0-4

Tiny Melodies provides children and their caregivers the opportunity to explore and appreciate music in a fun and exciting way! Through singing, dancing, and playing instruments, participants will learn basic musical and developmental concepts all while having fun and socializing with peers and caregivers. The classes are designed for children ages 0- 4. Caregivers are not only encouraged to attend, but to participate in the music-making process. One adult per child, no un-registered siblings please.

Instructor: Developing Melodies

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center

Day: Tuesday

Dates: 9/17-10/22

Time: 5:00-5:45PM

Fee: \$75



Falltime Stories, Crafts & Snack

Ages 4-10

Let's have some fun this fall. Each week will be a different story and craft that children can use to help retell the story at home. We will also make a fall snack!

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center

Day: Tuesday

Dates: 9/10-9/24

Time: 5:00-6:00PM

Fee: \$29

Candy STEM

Ages 6-12

We have a whole new round of experiments to try this fall using various candies! Will the outcome be what you are expecting? Come try these experiments and more, plus discuss simple scientific explanations.

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center

Day: Monday

Dates: 10/7-10/21

Time: 5:30-6:30PM

Fee: \$29

SPECIAL INTEREST

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Halloween Slime

Ages 6-12

Let's make booger slime, spider slime, and more! We will make one Halloween-themed slime each week! Dress to get messy.

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center
Day: Thursday
Dates: 10/3-10/17
Time: 5:30-6:30PM
Fee: \$29



Munchie Monsters

Ages 4-6

Let your child tame the inner munchie monster by letting them help create their very own snacks. This class will introduce some basic kitchen skills and food preparation. Parents, please be aware that we will be using ingredients that may contain eggs, dairy, and may have been processed in factories that also process nuts.

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center
Day: Tuesday
Dates: 11/5-11/19
Time: 5:30-6:30PM
Fee: \$29



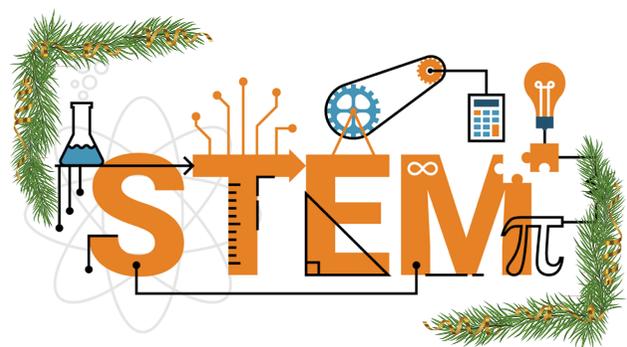
Holiday Foods Workshop

Ages 8-14

Let's make some holiday-themed sweet treats. October will be Halloween, November will be Thanksgiving, and December will be Christmas. Sign up for one or for them all!

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center

Day.....	Time.....	Date.....	Fee
TH.....	6:00-7:15PM.....	10/24.....	\$19
TH.....	6:00-7:15PM.....	11/21.....	\$19
TH.....	6:00-7:15PM.....	12/12.....	\$19



Holiday STEM

Ages 6-12

We have a whole new round of experiments to try this holiday time! Will the outcome be what you are expecting? Come try these challenges with a holiday spin.

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center
Day: Tuesday
Dates: 12/3-12/17
Time: 5:30-6:30PM
Fee: \$29

Teen/Adult Art & Special Interest



Wintertime Stories, Crafts & Snack

Ages 4-8

Let's have some fun this winter. Each week will be a different story and craft that children can use to help retell the story at home. We will also fix a winter snack!

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center

Day: Tuesday

Dates: 1/7-1/21

Time: 5:30-6:30PM

Fee: \$29



Learning to Throw

Ages 14+

Ever wanted to give the potters wheel a try? This class will teach you how to turn bowls, vases, or other decorative pieces. All works will be fired in our kiln and returned for painting or glazing.

Instructor: Bonnie Bernardi

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center

Day: Monday

Dates: 10/7-10/21

Time: 6:00-7:30PM

Fee: \$65

CAMP



Winter Break Camp

Ages 5-11 (5 year olds must be in Kindergarten)

Campers will participate in games, crafts, and activities. Each child needs to bring a sack lunch and a drink daily. Dress appropriately for the weather. Gym shoes are required. No electronics are allowed.

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center

Dates: Thursday, 1/2 and Friday, 1/3

Time: 8:00AM-5:00PM

Fee: \$30/day



Safe Sitter

Ages 11-14

This class is a babysitting preparation program designed for boys and girls ages 11-14. Safe Sitter is a positive experience for each participant. Topics include babysitting as a business, success on the job, childcare essentials, safety for the sitter, injury management, preventing problem behavior, and care of choking infant and child. Lunch will be provided. Class is taught by certified Safe Sitter Instructors.

Day: Saturday

10/19: Comm. Activity Center 1110 Douglas, Normal

11/2: Lincoln Leisure Center

1/11: Comm. Activity Center 1110 Douglas, Normal

Time: 9:30AM-4:00PM

Fee: \$60

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ART CLASSES

Clay Pottery for Youth

Come out and try something new to create bowls, vases, or other decorative pieces of wheel-thrown pottery. All works will be fired in our kiln and returned for painting or glazing.

Instructor: Bonnie Bernardi

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center

Ages **Day** **Time** **Dates** **Fee**
8-13 M 6:00-7:15PM 9/16-9/30 \$55
8-13 M 6:00-7:15PM 12/2-12/16 \$55

Mud to Masterpiece

Ages 3-5 with an Adult

Parent and child will create bowls, animals, and more in this hands-on class. We will use hand-building clay which will be fired in the kiln, then returned for painting the second week. We will also try various forms of air-dry clays the second week.

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center

Day: Saturday

Dates: 10/12 and 10/19

Time: 10:00-11:00AM

Fee: \$29



Ceramic Basics

Explore clay as your form of expression. Participants will be able to squeeze, poke, cut, roll, and see how the clay will respond. Projects will be age appropriate and will allow for artistic creativity.

Instructor: Bonnie Bernardi

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center

Ages **Day** **Time** **Dates** **Fee**
5-9 M 5:15-6:15PM 11/4-11/18 \$50
10-15 M 6:30-7:30PM 11/4-11/18 \$50

Cartooning Workshop

Ages: 7-12

Learn cartooning secrets to create action figures and characters! Students will be taught the basics to get them started in creative cartooning. **Instructor:** Bonnie Bernardi

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center

Day: Saturday

Date: November 2

Time: 10:00-11:15AM

Fee: \$25



Pumpkin Patch Clay Class

Ages 6-15

Autumn means changing leaves and pumpkin patches! Come celebrate the changing weather with a fall-themed clay class. We will make items including pumpkins. Students will need to attend all three classes.

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center

Day: Saturday

Dates: 9/14-9/28

Time: 10:00-11:00AM

Fee: \$39





Ornaments & Gifts Clay Class

Ages 6-15

Oh Christmas Tree! Come make a few clay ornaments and have time to create a gift or two in this clay class. Students will need to attend all three classes.

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center

Day: Saturday

Dates: 11/9-11/23

Time: 10:00-11:00AM

Fee: \$39



Family Craft Fun: Thanksgiving

Ages 4-12 with an Adult

You will be introduced to some fun Thanksgiving-themed crafts. Adult and child will work together to complete projects with their own creativity!

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center

Date: Saturday, November 9

Time: 10:00-11:30AM

Fee: \$29



Family Craft Fun: Halloween

Ages 4-12 with an Adult

You will be introduced to some fun Halloween-themed crafts. Adult and child will work together to complete projects with their own creativity!

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center

Date: Saturday, September 28

Time: 11:15AM-12:45PM

Fee: \$2



Family Craft Fun: Christmas

Ages 4-12 with an adult

You will be introduced to some fun Christmas-themed crafts. Adult and child will work together to complete projects with their own creativity!

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center

Date: Saturday, November 23

Time: 11:15AM-12:45PM

Fee: \$29

Fall Swim Lessons

Important Information on Swim Lessons

We use a progressive system where students move at their own pace through a series of levels. There is no experience needed for Level 1. Prerequisite for each class is a successful demonstration of the skills taught at the preceding level. Skill cards are given out as students complete a session.

Remember: Some swimmers need more than one session before passing to the next skill level. Students are assigned to a level based on swim testing on the first day of class.



Parent & Child Swim Lessons

Ages 6 months-4 years

This program builds swimming readiness by emphasizing fun in the water. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Group Swim Lessons meet twice per week for 4 weeks for a total of 8 lessons.

Location: Bloomington High School

Day..... TimeDate..... Fee
 M/W 6:30-7:00PM.....9/23-10/16 \$54

Pre-School Swim Lessons

Ages 3-4

These classes specifically address the developmental needs of a preschooler. Child must be at least 3 years old on the first day of class. Group Swim Lessons meet twice per week for 4 weeks for a total of 8 lessons.

Location: Bloomington High School

Day..... TimeDate..... Fee
 M/W 6:30-7:00PM.....9/23-10/16 \$54
 M/W 6:30-7:00PM.....10/28-11/20 \$54

Youth Swim Lessons

Ages 5-14

There is no experience needed for Level 1. Child must be at least 5 years old on the first day of class. Group Swim Lessons meet twice per week for 4 weeks for a total of 8 lessons.

Location: Bloomington High School

Day..... TimeDate..... Fee
 M/W 6:30-7:00PM.....9/23-10/16 \$54
 M/W 7:00-7:30PM.....9/23-10/16 \$54
 M/W 6:30-7:00PM..... 10/28-11/20..... \$54
 M/W 7:00-7:30PM..... 10/28-11/20..... \$54

Adult Swim Lessons

Ages 15+

It is never too late to learn how to swim. Instructors for this class will work with you at your own individual level. We want you to set the goals and we will work with you to achieve them.

Location: Bloomington High School

Day..... Time Date..... Fee
 M/W 7:30-8:00PM.....10/28-11/20 \$54

Private Swim Lessons

Ages 4-14

Benefits of private swim lessons, in addition to 1:1 instruction, include conquering previous fear, adapted goals, and more practice time with direct instruction and feedback. Instructors use our swim program progressions at an individualized pace. Private Swim Lessons meet once per week for a total of 4 lessons.

Location: Bloomington High School

Day..... TimeDate..... Fee
 M 7:30-8:00PM.....9/23-10/14 \$66
 W 7:30-8:00PM.....9/25-10/16 \$66
 M 7:30-8:00PM.....10/28-11/18 \$66
 W 7:30-8:00PM.....10/30-11/20 \$66

Please Note: The water temperature at BHS is around 78°F, which may feel cool to swimmers.



Miller Park Adult Center

A part of the City of Bloomington's Parks & Recreation Department.

The purpose of the Miller Park Adult Center is to serve the needs and interests of mature adults (55+) in McLean County. Located in Miller Park, in the lower level of Miller Park Pavilion, the Center is an accessible facility featuring billiards, game tables, library, areas for socializing, T.V., computer area, and cards. Donuts (Wednesdays and Fridays) and hot coffee are also available.



Monday: Closed • Tuesday: 9:00AM-12:00PM • Wednesday-Friday: 9:00AM-2:30PM

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Miller Park Adult Center

Located within Miller Park in the lower level of the Miller Park Pavilion, the purpose of the Miller Park Adult Center is to serve the needs and interests of older adults ages 55 and older. The Center is an accessible facility featuring billiards, game tables, library, areas for socializing, T.V., computer area, and cards. Donuts (Wednesdays and Fridays) and hot drinks (coffee, tea, and hot chocolate) are also available.

We welcome and encourage all older adults to participate in the many programs and services mentioned in our brochure. The Center offers a wide variety of activities, socialization, community information, and recreational opportunities. While everything at the Center is free, there is some programming that will require registration and a fee.

For more information or to get involved, call the Center at (309) 434-2255, or call our main office at (309) 434-2260. Our monthly activity calendar is available to view online.

Miller Park Adult Center – Hours of Operation For Adults 55 & Over (must be able to function independently)

Miller Park Pavilion, Lower Level

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9:00AM–12:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 9:00AM–2:30PM

Please note that the Miller Park Adult Center will be closed on recognized City of Bloomington Holidays. The Center could also close due to weather, close early due to low attendance, or for unforeseen circumstances.

Miller Park Adult Center will be closed on the following days:
Monday, November 11; Thursday, November 28;
Friday, November 29; Monday, December 23 through
Friday, January 3, 2025

Happenings at the Miller Park Adult Center

Tech HELP!

Staff at the Adult Center will be available daily during open hours to answer questions and assist with your cell phone, laptop, tablet, Kindle, or any other electronic device. Bring it along with, hook it up to our internet, and ask anything you need answered. We will do our best to assist or advise you of some options.

Lending Library

Books are available for check-out. Current and classics are available in our Lending Library, which changes every other month and are provided by the Bloomington Public Library. Feel free to also browse our book selection of donated books to check out.

Blood Pressure & Blood Oxygen Screening

Stay in good health and get your blood pressure or blood oxygen checked for free. No appointment required. Just ask the Adult Center staff to assist you. A blood pressure cuff and oximeter are kept at the Center.



Happenings at the Miller Park Adult Center



Billiards

The pool tables have had a facelift! Bring your cue sticks and a friend to play a friendly game of pool.

Shuffleboard

Come out and enjoy the weather! Bring a friend, get some coffee, and get active.



Crafty Companions

Welcoming all kinds of crafters! Bring your own supplies to create your own crafts while having fun socializing with others.

Wednesdays: 9:00AM-1:00PM

Wise Moves

Start your day off on the right foot. Come out to the park and get your exercise in for the day. We will do some low-impact stretches and gentle movements to keep your body moving. You will move at your own comfortable pace. This is to keep the body moving and limber.

Tuesdays and Fridays: 9:15-10:00AM

Card Groups at the Center

Everyone is welcome! Weekly games give older adults an opportunity to meet new friends, socialize, and brush up on skills. Bring a new game group to the Center!

Wednesdays and Fridays: Hand & Foot

Thursdays: Phase 10

Fridays: Five Crown

Bridge, Bunco, Dominoes, and Euchre are welcome any day!



Coffee Chit Chat

Come on out to The Center to enjoy some hot coffee, socialization, and great friendships. Discuss the topics of the day or whatever is on your mind.

Thursdays: 9:00AM



Grocery Day **FREE!**

We can all be in tough times, but we are here to support you. Come out to the Adult Center to pick up perishable items that you may need, provided by Midwest Food Bank.

No registration is needed.

Day.....	Time	Dates	Fee
TH	9:15AM.....	9/19	Free
TH	9:15AM.....	10/17	Free
TH	9:15AM.....	11/14	Free
TH	9:15AM.....	12/19	Free

Happenings at the Miller Park Adult Center



Grocery Bingo

Everyone loves to play Grocery Bingo. Play your cards to try and win fresh produce, canned goods, or other prizes. Have some fun, make some friends, and everyone goes home a winner. Various Bingos are sponsored by Evergreen Senior Community.

Day	Time	Dates	Fee
TH	1:00-2:00PM	9/19	\$4
TH	1:00-2:00PM	10/17	\$4
TH	1:00-2:00PM	11/14	\$4
TH	1:00-2:00PM	12/19	\$4

Puzzle Solvers

Come out and put together some puzzles or work on existing ones with the Center staff. Puzzles are available for check out.

Thursdays: 12:30PM

Movie Matinees

Come to The Center and let's relax with an excellent movie selection. We will be watching movies that range from the classics to new releases. Enjoy some popcorn and beverages. See the monthly calendar for titles of movies.

1st and 3rd Fridays: 11:45AM

Special Events

Senior Showcase

Connect with local businesses and organizations dedicated to providing services to older adults and their families. This event will provide seniors and caregivers with a one-stop resource for information on a wide range of services – many of which are free of charge or at a reduced cost. Lastly, see what Miller Park Adult Center has to offer!

Meet with experts regarding Medicare Coverage, Assisted & Independent Living, Audiology, Hospice Care, Financial Planning, scam protection, and much more.

Location: Miller Park Adult Center

Date: Tuesday, September 24

Time: 10:00AM-12:00PM

Fee: Free



Breakfast & Bingo

Beck Memorial Home and Bloomington Parks and Recreation present FREE Community Breakfast & Bingo! Senior Adults Ages 55+ will enjoy free coffee, juice, fruit, doughnuts, and the opportunity to play 4 FREE Bingo Games with escalating cash prizes, plus a drawing that will be held at the end of the event with a prize awarded to one guest. **No ticket/registration needed; 150 seats available first-come, first-served.**

Location: Miller Park Pavilion, Main Level

Date: Wednesday, September 25

Time: 10:00-11:30AM

Fee: Free

Special Interest Programs

BINGO!

Come out and play some Bingo with friends. Enjoy some camaraderie and laughs, along with winning some prizes. Of course, there is food involved, too! **REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW.**

Location: Miller Park Adult Center

Date: Tuesday, September 10

Time: 12:00-2:00PM

Fee: \$15

OLDER ADULTS (55+)

Happenings at the Miller Park Adult Center



Apples to Apples

Would you pick Dr. Suess, Men in Black, or My Love Life? Apples to Apples is a word association game that guarantees the players will laugh and have a great time as they think outside the box!

Location: Miller Park Adult Center

Date: Friday, November 8

Time: 1:00-3:00PM

Fee: \$15

It's Five O'clock Somewhere

Play bingo this afternoon where it is "Five O'clock Somewhere" and see where you end up. Enjoy some "cocktails" and win some fun prizes. Get out of the house and enjoy some camaraderie with others.

Location: Miller Park Adult Center

Date: Friday, October 4

Time: 1:00-3:00PM

Fee: \$15

Good Friends and a Cup of Joe

Let's start the day off by surrounding ourselves with friends and a good 'ole cup of coffee. We'll take a walk around Miller Park while enjoying our beverages, then come back to the center for good conversation and breakfast.

Location: Miller Park Adult Center

Date: Tuesday, November 19

Time: 8:00-10:00AM

Fee: \$15



Halloween Bingo

Let's get into the Halloween Spirit! Everyone will get to create and decorate their very own Halloween Bingo Board. We'll see who the lucky one is when we play rounds of Special Edition Halloween Bingo!

Location: Miller Park Adult Center

Date: Thursday, October 31

Time: 12:00-2:00PM

Fee: \$15



Christmas Tea Around the Tree

Join us for an afternoon of holiday cheer and some fun! Some Christmas carols and games will be a part of the afternoon. Dine and flavored teas will be served while you make your list for Santa.

Location: Miller Park Adult Center

Date: Tuesday, December 10

Time: 12:00-2:00PM

Fee: \$15

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Older Adult Trips Ages 55+

*All attendees must be able to function independently.

* All trips will depart from the Lincoln Leisure Center parking lot (1206 S. Lee St.) Return times listed are approximate.
 *Refunds will not be given on cancellations made less than five days before the scheduled trip unless the spot can be filled.
 For trips which require advanced reservations for the purchase of tickets, refunds will not be given to cancellations made after the specific trip's registration deadline unless the spot can be filled.



Let's Hit the Road Breakfast Edition

Take a little road trip and enjoy a nice breakfast with the company of others out of town. Destination will be a surprise. Expect to have a good time as our trip may also include a stop or two along the way. Program fee does not include the meal or gratuity. Return times listed are best approximations.
Maximum: 24

Dates	Time	Fee
Wednesday, October 2.....	8:15AM-12:00PM	\$15
Wednesday, November 20.....	8:15AM-12:00PM	\$15
Wednesday, January 15	8:15AM-12:00PM	\$15

Let's Hit the Road Lunch Edition

Enjoy the company of others one Wednesday a month having lunch at a restaurant out of town. Even though the destination (usually 30-60 minutes away) is a surprise, there will be good company, delicious food, and fun! There is usually a little walking around and shopping or sightseeing involved along the way as well. Program fee does not include the meal or gratuity. Return times listed are best approximations.
Maximum: 24

Dates	Time	Fee
Wednesday, October 23.....	10:15AM-4:00PM	\$15
Wednesday, November 13.....	10:15AM-4:00PM	\$15
Wednesday, December 18.....	10:15AM-4:00PM	\$15
Wednesday, January 22	10:15AM-4:00PM	\$15

Fresh Air Friday

Get out of town and enjoy some quality fresh air and great scenery, all while experiencing the calmness and tranquility of our natural environment. Wear comfortable shoes and dress accordingly, as we will be walking around outside. We'll enjoy a picnic with a provided lunch and snacks. Return times listed are best approximations.

Maximum: 24

Destination: Rock Springs Conservation Area (Decatur)

Date.....	Time	Fee
Friday, September 27	9:30AM-3:00PM	\$20

Canal Boat Tour

Come along as we head up to LaSalle and experience the I&M Canal Boat Tour on a beautifully scenic Fall day. Step back into 1848 and ride along with a boat and mule crew on a friendly guide along the historic Illinois and Michigan Canal. This one-hour ride will feature picturesque views of Starved Rock State Park. Then, enjoy a hearty buffet lunch, followed by a tour of the I&M Canal Visitor's Center and the Illinois Waterway Visitor Center.

Maximum: 15

Date.....	Time	Fee
Friday, October 4	10:00AM-4:30PM	\$60



Tea Room Trip

Let's head west on Route 9 to visit Mackinaw and enjoy a delicious and elegant lunch at the Tea Room at the Depot. Fee includes a traditional tea room lunch, dessert, drinks, and gratuity. **Maximum:** 20

Date.....	Time	Fee
Wednesday, October 9.....	10:15AM-2:00PM	\$40

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Orchard To Orchard

Whether it's apples, pumpkins, or goodies, you can spend the day getting into the Fall spirit visiting three separate orchards. First, we'll stop off in Morton at Ackerman Family Farms. Then we will head to the ever-popular Tanners Orchard outside of Speer to enjoy lunch and their renowned shop and bakery. On the way home, we'll stop off at Partridge Point Orchard in Metamora for some wonderfully fresh and delicious apples. It will be a day full of Fall-festive FUN! Fee does not include lunch or purchases made throughout the day.
Maximum: 24

Date.....Time..... Fee
Wednesday, October 16.....8:30AM-4:45PM.....\$18

Trip to Dave's

"You should do a trip to Dave's Supermarket in Fairbury!" After several friendly suggestions, we're going to Dave's, where you use the opportunity for a very pleasant grocery shopping experience. But first, we'll all enjoy lunch at Dave's Deli? Trip may include another quick stop or two around Fairbury before heading home. Feel free to bring a cooler on the bus!

Date.....Time.....Fee
Tuesday, October 29.....10:15AM-2:15PM.....\$15

The Thrifty Trip

Back again by popular demand! This is the trip that is all about thrift shops as we travel around Central Illinois, visiting several stores along the way. We will enjoy each other's company and hopefully find some can't-beat deals! All this shopping could wear one out, so we'll make sure to make a stop for lunch along the way! Please note that the trip route will differ from the previous Thrifty Trip. Program fee does not include any meals or gratuity.

Maximum: 24

Location: Multiple locations throughout Central Illinois

Date.....Time..... Fee
Friday, November 89:30AM-5:00PM.....\$15



Bookworm Trip

Book lovers unite! Let us take you to three out-of-area used book stores where who knows what you'll find! Stock up on some new-to-you reading material for the upcoming chilly winter months. We will also stop for a quick bite to eat halfway through our journey.

Maximum: 15

Date..... TimeFee
Friday, November 15 9:15AM-3:45PM\$15

Brunch and Holiday Shopping

We're heading out of town (East on I-74 to give you a clue) to get an early start on some holiday shopping. We'll start with a brunch/lunch and then head out to visit several places to shop throughout the day. We prefer you do not "shop 'til you drop", so please wear comfortable shoes and plan to enjoy a nice day of shopping. Program fee includes transportation only.

Maximum: 24

Date.....Time.....Fee
Wednesday, December 49:00AM-4:00PM.....\$15



Festival of Lights

Enjoy a trip to see one of Central Illinois' preeminent Christmas Lighting displays, the Festival of Lights in East Peoria. This Winter Wonderland will be a great experience with Christmas right around the corner and might even make you feel like a kid again! We will depart in the early evening, drive through the display, and stop at Busy Corner for a to-go piece of pie (for those interested) on the way home. ***Please note that we will not be stopping for an actual meal.**

Date..... Time..... Fee
 Wednesday, December 11 4:30-7:00PM\$20

The Barn III: Conklin Dinner Theater

We're heading to The Barn III in Goodfield for a Sunday lunch matinee of "A Christmas Tradition." The holidays are here again! From cookie baking to caroling, to light shows, and that trusty old fruitcake – holiday traditions are an important part of celebrating the magic of the season! But where did all these traditions come from and what made them stay? Come join your Barn family as we explore the silliest, most sacred and sentimental holiday traditions of the past and present through song, dance, and skit. Fee includes transportation, full meal and drinks, and gratuity.

Maximum: 24

Date..... Time..... Fee
 Sunday, December 15 11:00AM-4:15PM\$79

Review/Preview Party

Join us at the Miller Park Adult Center as we recap all of our 2024 trips and adventures. We'll hand out some "awards," while discussing our favorites (and maybe not-so-favorites) from the past year. Enjoy some pizza, dessert, and drinks. Bring some ideas and recommendations for what you'd like to see for future trips, as this will be your chance to offer up some suggestions for the upcoming 2025 season.

Date..... Time..... Fee
 Wednesday, January 8 12:00-2:00PM\$10

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Prairie Vista Golf Course is a Packard-designed course and one of the most challenging and unique in the Midwest. Two-level greens and fairways, lakes, and rolling hills offer golfers the opportunity to play an enjoyable game on a great course. PVG has a full-service pro shop open year round. For reservations or information, call (309) 434-2217. Home of the IHSA State Finals.



Kids Play Free Program

Every day of the week after 2:00PM at all three courses, kids (*ages 17 and under*) play free with a paying adult. Take advantage of this great opportunity to spend quality time together while introducing your child to the game at no cost to the child. No family relationship necessary. One child per adult. Adult must pay regular priced greens fee.



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One of only three Arnold Palmer-Signature courses in the state, this is a must on your list of courses to play! The Den at Fox Creek is an 18-hole, 6,930 yard, par 72 championship course with bent grass tees, greens, and fairways. The design is similar to a links-style course with extensive earth mounding, undulating fairways, and wide, generous landing areas from all tees. The fairways are guarded with 131 traps and numerous pot bunkers. The course sports several dog-legs and double dog-leg holes with many risk/reward opportunities for the avid golfer. The practice area consists of 1.5 acres of bent grass tees, chipping green, sand trap chipping area, and a large putting green.


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Senior (ages 60+): \$7.00

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College student with an ID: \$7.00

Children (2 and under): FREE

Costs/Fees are subject to change

Group Rates

Advanced registration required, restrictions apply.

Call (309) 434-2250

Hours

9:30AM-4:30PM

Open everyday except
Thanksgiving and Christmas

Daily Activities

Free with Zoo admission!

River Otter Presentation

daily at 11:00AM and 2:30PM

Zookeepers will chat with guests, answer questions, and feed the river otters.

Contact the Zoo to learn about Tortoise feeding rates.

Feedings are at 11:30AM
and make for a great gift
experience!



Check our website for daily activities throughout the year
including scheduled animal feedings, up close animal encounters, and more!

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ZOO SPECIAL EVENTS

FlexZOObility Yoga Class

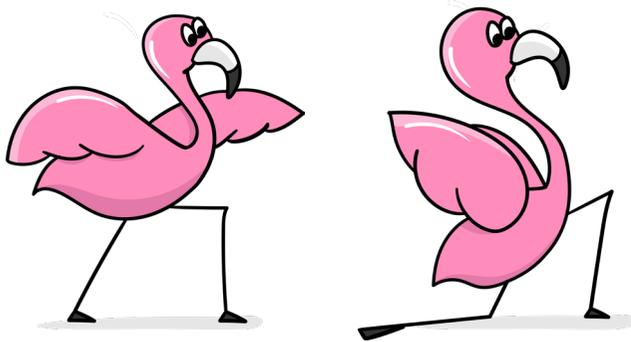
September 7, 8:30-9:30AM

October 5, 8:30-9:30AM

November 2, 8:30-9:30AM

December 7, 8:30-9:30AM

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have a yoga session at the Zoo? Join the animals and Nonny, founder and owner of Universe Yoga and Healing. Nonny is a social worker that is certified to teach yoga to humans of all ages. She is certified in Reiki/Chakra balancing/Crystal Healing. Her group class sessions are in a gentle, safe form environment. This event is for guests 5 years and up. Please register soon as this activity will fill up fast!



Arts for Conservation

September 14, 10:00AM-4:00PM

Miller Park Zoo will be hosting an on-grounds arts and crafters fair. If you are a local artisan or crafter and would like to attend this event as a vendor or need more information, please reach out to Silvia Schuh at sschuh@cityblm.org to register. All types of art vendors & crafters are encouraged to register.



Senior Tours (Ages 60+)

September 11, 8:30-9:30AM

October 9, 8:30-9:30AM

November 13, 8:30-9:30AM

Join us for an early morning stroll through the Zoo. You will be guided by a trained guide who will be highlighting two different animals. This month your guide will be presenting on the Debrazza monkey and Barred Owl. Price is \$5 and free for Zoo members. Reservations are not required. Don't forget to bring your coffee mug for free coffee!



Haunted Twilight Mini Golf

October 5, 7:00-9:00PM

Join us for the final night of Twilight Mini Golf for the year. It will be a fun night with glow-in-the-dark golf balls, festive Halloween decorations, and fun! Games are \$7 per person with the last tee at 8:15PM. Costumes are highly encouraged.



THE PUTTING ZOO

A Miller Park Zoo themed Mini Golf Course in Miller Park

A reminder that the Putting Zoo will close for the season on 9/2

ZOO SPECIAL EVENTS

Dia de las Monarcas (Day of the Monarchs)

October 19, 12:00-2:00PM

Come and celebrate the importance of Monarch Conservation with us. Learn about the Monarch Tag and Release program that Miller Park Zoo is a part of. Also, learn the significance of Monarchs to the Mexican communities of the world. Watch a demonstration of Monarchs being tagged and released! There will be Mexican music, crafts, dance demonstrations, face painting, and food trucks. All activities are free with admission. **If you would like to participate as a guest vendor for this event, please contact Silvia Schuh at sschuh@cityblm.org.**



Howlabaloo at the Zoo

October 26, 5:00-8:00PM

October 27, 12:00-3:00PM

It's Halloween time! What better way to get into the fun spirit of Halloween than Miller Park Zoo's annual Halloween party? Same fun event, just renamed! This evening event will be a little bit scary, but still a lot of fun for all ages. There will be local vendors, crafts, games, and glitter tattoos! There will also be an opportunity to purchase hayride tickets at the admissions window for \$3.00 each (weather permitting).

Fee: (10/26): \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

(10/27): Free for members and regular admission for non-members



Breakfast with Santa

December 14, 8:30AM and 10:00AM

This event is at the Miller Park Pavilion

Enjoy a continental-style breakfast at the Zoo! There will be a chance to meet with Santa and take pictures with him and Mrs. Claus. Enjoy an animal encounter, and an early-morning stroll through the Zoo after breakfast. Spots for this event fill up fast so don't delay! Purchasing a ticket is required to reserve your spot.

Fee: \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members

WildLights

Two weekends!

December 6 and 7, 5:00-8:00PM

December 13 and 14, 5:00-8:00PM

Need help getting into the Holiday Season? Join us for an evening walk through the Zoo all decked out with lights and decorations for the Holidays. There will be fun activities for the kids (kids at heart too!), and a craft. Enjoy some hot chocolate and an opportunity to purchase a \$3 kit to make your own s'more!

For more information, please email

Silvia Schuh at sschuh@cityblm.org or call (309) 434-2826.

Fee: \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members



ZOO EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Animal Crackers

Ages 3-5 and an Adult

Animal Crackers is a Miller Park Zoo classic! Join us once each month for a story, animal encounter, craft, and a snack. Our topic is always a surprise; we have a great time guessing which animal will visit! One adult accompanies each child to class but does not pay an additional registration fee. Registration fee includes admission to the Zoo for the participating child and one adult on the day of class. Children must be at least three years old to participate.

Unregistered siblings of any age may not attend.

Classes are identical in each session, please register for only one class each month.

Friday, September 27, 10:00-11:00AM

Friday, September 27, 1:00-2:00PM

Friday, September 27, 5:00-6:00PM

Saturday, September 28, 9:00-10:00AM

Saturday, September 28, 10:30-11:30AM

Saturday, September 28, 1:00-2:00PM

Friday, October 25, 10:00-11:00AM

Friday, October 25, 1:00-2:00 PM

Friday, October 25, 5:00PM-6:00PM

Saturday, October 26, 9:00-10:00AM

Saturday, October 26, 10:30-11:30AM

Saturday, October 26, 1:00-2:00PM

Fees:

\$10 per child for MPZS members

\$15 per child for non-members

Max: 12



Zoo Explorers: Bird Keepers

Ages 6-11

Zoo Explorers is a terrific 2-hour adventure that includes animal encounters, classroom learning, and hands-on experiences out at the Zoo.

Please sign up for only one class; curriculum will be the same both morning and afternoon.

Monday, January 20, 9:00-11:00AM

Monday, January 20, 1:00-3:00PM

Fees:

\$20 per person for MPZS members

\$30 per person for non-members

Max: 15



ZOO EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Art of Animals: Shading

Ages 8-17

Science meets art in this creative class. Instructor Jill Wallace, artist and naturalist, will guide you through the art of shading! You will visit exhibits at the zoo and even meet animals in the classroom. You'll learn how to give your drawings dimension in this dynamic class. Classes will take place at Miller Park Zoo. All art materials and a snack will be provided.

Monday, October 14

Ages 8-11 years: 9:00AM-12:00PM

Ages 12-17 years: 1:00-4:00PM

Fees:

\$30 per person for MPZS members

\$35 per person for non-members

Max: 15



Conservation & You!

Ages 6-16

In this class, you will learn about the importance of conservation and how Miller Park Zoo is connected all around the world to improve the well-being of endangered wildlife. Come to the Zoo to learn all about the initiatives we have and what you can do to help! This 2-hour journey includes animal encounters, classroom learning, and hands-on experiences out in the Zoo.

Monday, November 11

Ages 6-10 years: 9:00-11:00AM

Ages 11-16 years: 1:00-3:00PM

Fees:

\$20 per person for MPZS members

\$30 per person for non-members

Max: 15



Winter Wilds Day Camp: Animal Adaptations

Ages 6-11

At this camp, we will learn all the ways animals' bodies help them survive in the wild. We will even create our own new species! Along the way, we'll meet some Zoo animals, make a craft, and enjoy fun, educational activities. A snack will be provided. An animal video will be played during lunch between morning and afternoon activities. Please bring a sack lunch and wear play clothes.

Curriculum is identical for each day; please register for only one session.

Thursday, December 26, 9:00AM-3:00PM

Friday, December 27, 9:00AM-3:00PM

Saturday, December 28, 9:00AM-3:00PM

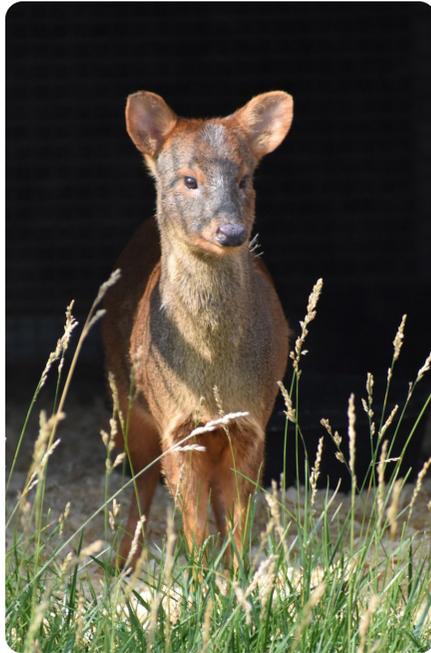
Fees:

\$60 per person for MPZS members

\$70 per person for non-members

Max: 15





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Unlimited FREE admission to Miller Park Zoo

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See our website for additional information at BloomingtonIceCenter.com

Open Skate Schedule

Special-Themed Skates:

- Return to the Rink - Sun., Sept. 8, 2:30-4:00PM
- Halloween Skate Fest - Sun., Oct. 27, 2:30-4:00PM
- Skate Against Hunger - Sat., Nov. 16, 12:30-2:00PM
- Skate with Santa - Sat., Dec. 7, 12:30-2:00PM

Weekday Open Skate

Mondays - Fridays 11:30AM-1:00PM

Friday Night Open Skate

Fridays - 6:30PM-8:00PM

No Open Skates on 9/20, 9/27, 10/25, 11/8, 11/15, and 12/6

(Skate with the Redbirds on these nights, following their 7:00PM games)

Saturdays - 12:30-2:00PM

Sundays - 2:30-4:00PM

Open Skate Fees

- Admission - \$6.00
- Skate Rental - \$2.00 - Skate Aids - \$5.00

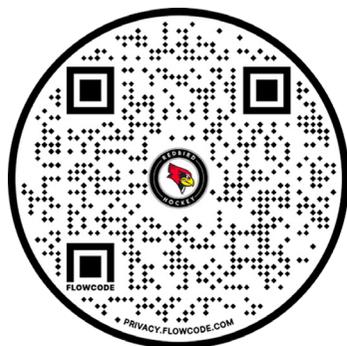
Updated Open Skate Rates Effective 9/2:
Admission: \$7.00; Skate Rental: \$3.00

Group Rates:

(not available during special promotions or with discounted coupons)
Must pay all at once with one form of payment; does not include skate rental

- 10-24 people \$6.00 admission per person
- 25+ people \$5.00 admission per person

Get your tickets for Redbird D1 Hockey **HERE:**



or go to IllinoisStateHockey.ACHA.HockeyTech.com/Tickets



BLOOMINGTON ICE CENTER



Private Ice Rentals

(Skating, Broomball, or Hockey)

Field Trips, Youth Groups, Day Cares, Church Groups, Corporate Team Building, etc. Looking for a different activity for your group? Why not try something on the ice? Come have a private skating party where only your group is skating on the ice. Can't skate? No worries. We also offer broomball private rentals! We supply the equipment and ice. You supply the private group for fun!

Please call (309) 434-2875 for more information, including pricing and scheduling. You can also check out our website at BloomingtonIceCenter.com

The Coolest and the Most Educational Field Trips!

How does the ice stay frozen? What does the Zamboni do? The Bloomington Ice Center is the perfect place for "Edutainment"! Tour the Zamboni room, where you can learn the history of the Zamboni and the science and physics of making ice. Then, go out and skate, play broomball, or curl.

For more information or to reserve your field trip, call (309) 434-2875. We can accommodate a classroom or a whole school. Call for group rates. We serve food for groups!

The Coolest Group Outings!

Whether you bring your friends, family, organization, or club, the Bloomington Ice Center is perfect. Call us at (309) 434-2875 for additional information.

Special Themed Open Skates

Return to the Rink Sun., Sept. 8, 2:30-4:00PM

Excitement is in the air as fall skating programs are in motion! New and returning skaters are welcome for an afternoon of ice-skating fun! FREE open skate admission and skate rental for all who attend! Concessions for purchase. On-ice games, mini lessons, and skating demonstrations! Register online.

Skate Against Hunger Sat., Nov. 16, 12:30-2:00PM

Skaters who bring in non-perishable goods will receive \$1.00 off admission. All donations will be sent to a local food bank for the upcoming holiday season.

The Coolest Birthday Parties in Town!

All the fun and none of the work! Our Bloomington Ice Center Birthday Party Package includes Open Skate and Skate Rental, 90-minute party room rental, your choice of two separate beverage options, ice cream cups, a personalized interactive whiteboard greeting from the Bloomington Ice Center Party Pros in which all of the guests can add their birthday wishes, and the guest of honor receives a FREE skating pass for future use. Add broomball, a private ice rental, or a skating instructor for an even cooler experience. Call (309) 434-2875 today for more information regarding open dates and details about our birthday package.

Birthday Party Package:

\$15/person

- Includes: Paper plates, napkins, cups & utensils
- One beverage for each skater
- (Choose up to 2 from Sprite, Capri Sun, or Water)
- Ice cream dessert cup for each skater
- A personalized white board birthday greeting from the BIC Staff
- A return skating pass for the guest of honor (\$8 value)!

Important Party Information:

- An 8-person minimum is required for each party.
- We book parties during open skate times ONLY.
- A \$75 non-refundable deposit is required to book the party.
- We are not able to book a party if it is less than two weeks away.

Please call (309) 434-2875 for more information or to book a party!

Room Rental: You MAY book just the party room for \$120. This DOES NOT include any of the above, only the room, table, and chairs. Admission and skate rental is a separate expense.

Want even more fun??

- Add broomball to your event for only \$4.00 more per person.
- Add a skating class taught by a professional skating instructor for your entire party for only \$25 per 30-minute lesson.

Learn to Play Hockey Youth & Adult

All classes are co-ed

Tots 1 (Ages 3-5):

No experience is necessary. Beginner skating skills will be taught through fun games.

Hockey Tots Learn to Play (Ages 3-5):

Pre-requisite: Tots 1. Players will be taught basic skating and hockey skills, including forward skating, passing, shooting, and SCORING!

Blades 1 (Ages 6-14):

No experience necessary. Students will learn basic balance moves, forward skating, and stopping.

Hockey Learn to Play (Ages 6-14):

Pre-requisite: Tots 1 or Blades 1. Players will be taught basic hockey skills, including forward and backward skating, stopping, passing, shooting, and SCORING!

Teen/Adult Hockey Learn to Play (Ages 15+):

This class is ran as a practice using multiple coaches. Classes will focus on the skills needed to play hockey including skating, stick handling, passing, shooting, scoring, proper positional play, and rules of the game. Full ice hockey equipment is required.

Helpful Learn to Play Information

The Hockey Staff recommends that gear be rented or purchased prior to first class. Players should practice getting dressed before the first day of class. Full equipment is highly recommended for all classes. The minimum gear recommended for the Youth Learn to Play Hockey Classes is listed below. Skate rental is included in the program fee.

RENTAL EQUIPMENT: Rental hockey equipment is available for \$25 plus deposit per session. The rental equipment fits 3-9 year-olds. Please contact Brian Ludy at (309) 434-2878 or bludy@cityblm.org for rental equipment arrangements.

Tots 1 and Blades 1

No equipment required; bicycle or hockey helmet, pair of winter or hockey gloves, loose-fitting sweat or snow pants, and a loose-fitting sweatshirt are heavily recommended. *Rental skates are available free of charge.*

Hockey Tots and Hockey: Learn to Play

Helmet with face mask, skates (*rental skates are available free of charge*), hockey gloves, hockey stick, shin pads, and elbow pads are required.

Teen/Adult: Hockey Learn to Play and Adult Leagues

Helmet (*facemask is recommended but optional for 18 years and older*), elbow pads, shin guards, gloves, stick, skates (*rental skates are available free of charge*), and hockey pants.

Try Hockey for Free Day

Ages 4-7: Saturday, Nov. 2, 2:15-3:00PM - FREE • Ages 8-12: Saturday, Nov. 2, 3:15-4:10PM - FREE

Bloomington Ice Center proudly presents National Try Hockey for Free Day in partnership with USA Hockey on Saturday, November 2nd. This event is designed to provide kids, between the ages of 4-12, a completely free experience to try youth hockey. Equipment is available to borrow. Our top coaches will be on the ice to assist your child in learning the basics. Your son or daughter does not need any previous skating or hockey experience.

Pre-registration is required.

Ages 4-7: To pre-register, please enter your future player's info at TryHockeyForFree.com/event_detail/2878

Ages 8-12: To pre-register, please enter your future player's info at TryHockeyForFree.com/event_detail/2952



Learn to Play Hockey Fall Session Schedule

Class	Day	Fall 1 & 2	Time	Fee
Tots 1 Ages 3-5	Multiple	Find dates, times, and fees in Learn to Skate on page 56		
Blades 1 Ages 6-14	Multiple	Find dates, times, and fees in Learn to Skate on page 56		

Class	Day	Fall 1	Time	Fee
Hockey Tots Ages 3-5	W	9/4-10/9	5:00-5:40PM	\$78
Hockey Tots Ages 3-5	TH	9/5-10/10	10:50-11:20AM	\$55
Hockey Tots Ages 3-5	SA	9/7-10/12	10:20-11:00AM	\$78
Hockey Tots Ages 3-5	M	9/23-10/28	5:00-5:40PM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play Ages 6-14	W	9/4-10/9	5:00-5:40PM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play Ages 6-14	SA	9/7-10/12	10:20-11:00AM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play Ages 6-14	M	9/23-10/28	5:00-5:40PM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play Teen/Adult	W	9/11-10/23 (NO 10/2)	8:50-9:50PM	\$89

Class	Day	Fall 2	Time	Fee
Hockey Tots Ages 3-5	W	10/16-11/20	5:00-5:40PM	\$78
Hockey Tots Ages 3-5	TH	10/17-11/21	10:50-11:20AM	\$55
Hockey Tots Ages 3-5	SA	10/19-11/23	10:20-11:00AM	\$78
Hockey Tots Ages 3-5	M	11/4-12/9	5:00-5:40PM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play Ages 6-14	W	10/16-11/20	5:00-5:40PM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play Ages 6-14	SA	10/19-11/23	10:20-11:00AM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play Ages 6-14	M	11/4-12/9	5:00-5:40PM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play Teen/Adult	W	10/30-12/11 (NO 11/27)	8:50-9:50PM	\$89

Class	Day	Winter Mini	Time	Fee
Hockey Tots Ages 3-5	W/SA	12/4-12/18	W-5:00-5:40PM	
Meets both Wed and Sat			SA-10:20-11:00AM	\$65
Hockey Learn to Play Ages 6-14	W/SA	12/4-12/18	W-5:00-5:40PM	
Meets both Wed and Sat			SA-10:20-11:00AM	\$65



Little BlackHawks Learn to Play



Ages: 4-9
Day: Saturday
Dates: 9/7-10/12
Time: 2:10-3:00PM
Fee: \$298 + processing fee

Little Blackhawks is a collaboration between the Bloomington Ice Center, Chicago Blackhawks, and the NHL that provides first time participants, between 4-9 years of age, head-to-toe equipment, age-appropriate instruction, and certified coaching in a fun and safe atmosphere. If you are interested in registering for a session, it is recommended that you complete a Learn to Skate program prior to starting Little Blackhawks.

Registration can be done online at [LearnToPlay.NHL.com/Locations/Blackhawks/](https://www.nhl.com/learn-to-play/locations/blackhawks/)

Learn to Skate Tots 1 and Blades 1 classes for the Summer 2 start on August 7.

The Little Blackhawks program includes 6 weeks of lessons and a full set of equipment! Weekly sessions are run by ice rink staff and local coaches.

Registration Fees Include:

Six (6) weeks of ice time and lessons at a local rink, brand-new head-to-toe equipment to keep, a visit by Chicago Blackhawks Alumni, and one (1) ticket to a Chicago Blackhawks home game in the 2024-2025 season.

2024–2025 Hockey Leagues for Youth

All participants must be registered as 2024-2025 ice players in USA Hockey to participate in the Youth Recreational Hockey League. To register for USA Hockey, go to USAHockey.com.

Players will need their current USA Hockey number when enrolling for the league online or at the Bloomington Ice Center

Pre-registration for Youth Hockey Leagues will be online. Pre-registration will be open from 8/1/24-9/23/24. To pre-register, you must have completed your registration with USA Hockey. You may select online registration for full payments or payment plans. Payment Plans will charge the credit card on file on the date of 10/18, 11/15, and 12/13. Registering after 9/23 may limit practice times available to join.

Bloomington Youth House/Recreational Leagues

No experience is required to participate. Learn to Skate and Learn to Play classes recommended.

Bloomington Recreational Hockey will run a youth house/recreational league that will skate for 18 weeks; 9/30/2024-2/23/2025. The weekend of Thanksgiving and two weeks during the Christmas/New Year holidays will be scheduled weeks off. Each age group will skate once during the week (Monday-Wednesday) and once on the weekend (Saturday or Sunday). It is unknown at this time what night any age group will skate. Until we have the final registration numbers, a schedule cannot be finalized. The weekend time slots will be rotated as evenly as possible.

6U: Mini-Mites (players born 2018 or later)

Season Fees: full payment at registration - \$179 or \$60 at registration and 3 payments of \$40

The players will skate twice a week, one weeknight and on Saturday. The focus will be on skill development through station work, small area games, and cross-ice games.

8U: Mites (players born in 2016 and 2017)

Season Fees: full payment at registration, \$279 or \$99 at registration and 3 payments of \$60

The players will skate twice a week: They will practice once a week and play cross-ice games on the weekends.

****Additional 8U – Mite opportunities below****

10U: Squirts (players born in 2014 and 2015)

Season Fees: full payment at registration, \$379 or \$99 at registration and 3 payments of \$95.

Teams will be formed, practice on a weeknight, and play a game on a weekend day. Games will alternate between cross-ice games and full ice.

12U: Peewees (players born in 2012 and 2013) and

14U: Bantams (players born in 2010 and 2011)

Season Fees: full payment at registration, \$449 or \$110 at registration and 3 payments of \$115.

Teams will practice once a week and play one full ice game once a week (Saturday or Sunday).

House League Evaluations: To better balance the competitiveness of each team, players at the Squirt, Peewee, and Bantam levels will be asked to attend evaluation skates between the days of 9/16/24-9/23/24. Players should attend both sessions. It is required that they attend at least one. The evaluation schedule will be online.

ADM Advanced Practices for all Players

Additional Fees: \$195 or \$100 at registration and 2 payments of \$50 due by 11/1 and 12/1.

This program, which is available to all House League players, will have an additional 19 American Development Model (ADM) practices on a set weeknight (Thursday) that would not conflict with the regular house league practice nights.

Players must be enrolled in one of the above Youth House Leagues.



8U: Mite Advanced Jamboree Team(s)

Additional Fees: \$150

Mite age players from the ADM Advanced Practice program would represent Bloomington Hockey in Central Illinois cross ice jamborees. The fees would include hosting a cross ice jamboree and participating in 4 or more away jamborees and unique jerseys that will be provided for the players to wear at the jamborees. Additional Jamborees may be available for an additional fee.

Prerequisite: Enrollment in 8U House League and ADM Advance Practice.

Adult Hockey Leagues

All players must be 2024-25 members of USA Hockey in order to participate in the Youth and Adult Leagues. To register as a USA Hockey player, go to USAHockey.com. ***Players will need their current USA Hockey number when enrolling for the league online or at the Bloomington Ice Center***
For registration, please register online at BloomingtonIceCenter.com

Adult Fall League

Registration Dates: 8/1/2024-9/9/2024

Ages 18+

Players will register individually, and the Bloomington Ice Center and Adult League Captains will form three divisions (low-skill, intermediate, and high-skill) and split teams as evenly as possible. The first week will be evaluations, with captains drafting teams during the following week. Most games will be on Sundays. A game on weeknights or Saturday nights may be necessary to play the 12 games. Teams will be a max of 15 players and a minimum of 10 players. Players will play one evaluation game plus 12 team games. Fees include one jersey per year (3 Seasons), officials, scorekeepers, and ice time. Eval times will be sent out on September 10th to the emails used to register and will be updated online.

Days: Sundays (Some weeknights and Saturday games may be necessary)

Dates: 9/15-12/15 (NO 12/1)

Times: 4:10-10:30PM (games between these times)

Fee: Players-\$199 Goalies-\$100

Register online to take advantage of a 2-payment option (pay \$100 while registering and \$100 on 10/15/2024)

Adult Winter League 2025

Registration Dates: 12/1/24-1/2/25

Ages 18+

Players will play one evaluation game plus 12 team games.. Fees include one jersey per year (3 Seasons), officials, score keepers, and ice time. Eval times will be updated on the online registration page and sent out to emails used to register on 1/2/2025. More information can be found online.

Day: Sunday (Some weeknight and Saturday games may be necessary)

Dates: 1/5/25-3/30/25 (NO 2/9)

Times: 4:10-10:30PM (games between these times)

Fee: Players-\$199 Goalies-\$100

Register online to take advantage of a 2-payment option (pay \$100 when registering and \$100 on 1/31/25)



Open Hockey

We will offer two categories of Open Hockey

Stick & Puck is designed for skaters of all ages to practice individual skills such as skating, shooting, and passing. Scrimmages are not allowed during this event. Private hockey lessons are available during Stick & Puck sessions. For more information regarding private lessons, contact Brian Ludy at (309) 434-2878 or bludy@cityblm.org.

Pick-Up Hockey (aka rat hockey or pond hockey or shinny) is your designated scrimmage. Players sign up and split into teams on their own. There is no checking allowed. Players officiate themselves.

Call Guest Services at (309) 434-2737, or check the website at BloomingtonIceCenter.com for prices, schedules, and times.



Pre-Season Clinics

3 on 3 Cross-Ice Games

Ages 3-8

This program is in cross-ice format with 40-minute games. Teams will be formed randomly each week. The program is designed so that the players touch the puck more often. Through this skill development, all players will be maximized. Games will be played at the 8U level. Learn to Play, Hockey Tots, 6U, and 8U players are encouraged to register. No experience is required to participate. Full ice hockey equipment is required. **Goalies:** please contact bludy@cityblm.org for reduced fees.

Min 8; Max 36 (each session)

Day: Saturday

Dates: 9/7-9/21

Time: 8:50-9:30AM

Fee: \$35

ADM Preseason Clinic

Ages 5-12

Get a head start on the Bloomington Ice Center season with the ADM Preseason Clinic. Available to all House League players, this program will have 4 American Development Model (ADM) practices on a weeknight (Thursday). Practices will be station based and players will be grouped by age and skill levels. Improvement will be made by all players while constantly participating and having fun. Open to ages 5-12, groups will be separated by like skill and aged players.

Min 6; Max 40 (each session)

Day: Thursday

Dates: 9/5-9/26

Time: 6:10-7:00PM

Fee: \$59

Skills, Skating, and Scrimmage Clinic

Ages 7-14

Want to get ready for the season but still have the fun of games? This once-a-week clinic will work on skills and skating for the first half of the ice time. The second half will split into teams to play a controlled scrimmage to work on the skills taught during the session. Goalies – email Brian Ludy at bludy@cityblm.org for reduced fees.

Min 6; Max 36 (each session)

Day: Monday

Dates: 9/9-9/23

Time: 6:10-7:00PM

Fee: \$45



Learn to Skate

Pre-School Ice Explorers: Ages 2-5

Join us for a fun introduction to the ice with helpful direction from our instructors. Skaters will participate in coloring activities, field trips around rink, and on-ice obstacle courses!

Tots 1 - 3: Ages 3 to 5

The tot program is designed to introduce basic skating skills to young beginner skaters through a safe and controlled atmosphere using on-ice games and activities. Skaters will learn 2-foot glides, dips, and 2-foot hops and be introduced to backward skating! ***Skaters who have passed Tot 1 may move to the Learn to Play program!**

Blades 1 - 6: Ages 6 to 12

The Blades program is designed for skaters to learn the essential skills for ice skating. The six-level curriculum introduces the fundamental moves: forward skating, backward skating, stops, edges, crossovers, turns, and jumps. Upon completion of the Blades program, skaters will know the sport, enabling them to advance to more specialized areas of skating. ***Skaters who have passed Blades 1 may move to the Learn to Play program!**



Jump & Spin Level 1-3: Ages 6+

Pre-requisite: Blades 6 (Participants must wear freestyle skates) Skaters will learn basic freestyle elements, jumps, spins, and spirals in a group lesson.



Teen/Adults: Ages 13+

Designed for the beginner teen/adult skater to promote physical fitness, balance, and coordination. The class is divided into four levels. Adult skaters will progress at an individual rate while being challenged and motivated.

Create a Routine

Pre-requisite: Blades 2/Tots 3

For skaters wishing to take the skills they have learned in group class and develop them into solo programs! This class is geared towards skaters who do not have a private coach but are looking for the opportunity to learn routines and perform! Skaters must be enrolled in group LTS classes to take advantage of the discount class fee.

Figure Skating Technique Class

Pre-requisite: Blades 5/6 and up

This special program combines all the elements of developing a figure skater! Skaters will practice in off-ice warm-ups, on-ice skating skills, and Jump/Spin technique.

Speciality Classes

Learn to Skate Ice Show Group Routines

This event only comes around once a year! Don't miss out on this special opportunity for your LTS skaters to perform in the arena! All Learn to Skate participants enrolled in Fall LTS are eligible to enroll. The show performance will be in the Grossinger Motors Arena on Sunday, 11/10! Registration fee to participate covers rehearsal ice time and costume accessories. ***Additional fees for spectator tickets to show and optional items to purchase: pictures, video, and ice show T-shirt.**

Skaters will be grouped by level and perform a 2-minute routine (shadowed by an LTS instructor). These LTS routines will be sprinkled throughout the show with other solos and trios performed by Central IL Figure Skating Club!

Show Day: 11/10/24

Rehearsals: Fridays 10/18-11/8

Time: 5:00-5:40PM

Fee: \$65

Theatre on Ice: Bloomington Pops

Pre-requisite: Blades 3/Tots 3

Skaters will be exposed to diverse styles of choreography through musical programs. All participants must be a member of USFS basic skills, \$35 yearly fee to participate in performances. Skaters will learn and refine routines to be performed at the Halloween-themed open skate (10/27) and the Christmas Exhibition (12/7). Additional fees will apply for costumes.

Day: Tuesday

Time: 5:00-5:30PM

Cost: \$120 (payment plans available online)

Please contact Lindsay Danner, Skating Director, at (309) 434-2877 or ldanner@cityblm.org if you have any questions.



Private Lessons

The Bloomington Ice Center is excited to offer one-on-one private lessons to your skaters! Skaters of all ages and levels in both hockey and figure skating can benefit from private lessons. The personalized attention you get from a coach helps you to learn and progress at an accelerated rate.

If you're stuck on a particular skill, working with a coach one-on-one might be the time you need to make progress. At the same time, if you're looking for new challenges, your coach can also introduce you to skills that you haven't tried before!

Please contact skating director, Lindsay Danner, at ldanner@cityblm.org to get started!



Helpful Learn to Skate Information

Arrive at the rink 15-20 minutes early to collect your rental skates and prepare for your lesson. Bloomington Ice Center skate rental employees will assist you with proper sizing.

Please make sure young children use the restroom before class starts.

Wear long pants (no shorts), a jacket or sweater, socks, and gloves or mittens. Dress in layers of clothing. Clothes should not restrict movement.

Helmets (bike, hockey, etc.) are strongly recommended for children under six and should have a snug fit.

Classes will only be made up if the rink cancels a class. Bloomington Ice Center Learn-to-Skate staff reserves the right to cancel any class, combine classes, change instructors on any class, and move students to a different class level based on instructor evaluation.

Learn to Skate Schedule

Registration Opens August 1, 2024

Class	Day	Fall 1	Time	Fee
Ice Explorers	TH.....	9/5-10/10.....	10:10-10:40AM.....	\$70
Tots 1-3	T	9/3-10/8.....	5:30-6:00PM.....	\$70
Tots 1-3	W.....	9/4-10/9.....	5:00-5:40PM.....	\$78
Tots 1-3	F.....	9/6-10/11.....	5:00-5:40PM.....	\$78
Tots 1-3	SA.....	9/7-10/12.....	10:20-11:00AM.....	\$78
Blades 1-6	T	9/3-10/8.....	6:00-6:30PM.....	\$70
Blades 1	W.....	9/4-10/9.....	5:00-5:40PM.....	\$78
Blades 1-6	F.....	9/6-10/11.....	5:40-6:20PM.....	\$78
Blades 1	SA.....	9/7-10/12.....	10:20-11:00AM.....	\$78
Blades 2-6	SA.....	9/7-10/12.....	11:10-11:50AM.....	\$78
Teen/Adult-High Level.....	T	9/3-10/8.....	5:00-5:45PM.....	\$84
Teen/Adult.....	T	9/3-10/8.....	5:45-6:30PM.....	\$84
Teen/Adult	F.....	9/6-10/11.....	5:00-5:40PM.....	\$78
Jump & Spin	T	9/3-10/8.....	5:30-6:00PM.....	\$70
Jump & Spin	SA.....	9/7-10/12.....	11:10-11:50AM.....	\$78

Specialty Classes	Day	Fall 1	Time	Fee
Figure Skating				
Technique Class	F.....	9/6-10/11.....	4:40-5:40PM.....	\$78
Create a Routine	SA.....	9/7-11/23.....	11:50AM-12:20PM.....	\$120

Class	Day	Fall 2	Time	Fee
Ice Explorers.....	TH.....	10/17-11/21.....	10:10-10:40AM.....	\$70
Tots 1-3	T	10/15-11/19.....	5:30-6:00PM.....	\$70
Tots 1-3	W.....	10/16-11/20.....	5:00-5:40PM.....	\$78
Tots 1-3	SA.....	10/19-11/23.....	10:20-11:00AM.....	\$78
Blades 1-6	T	10/15-11/19.....	6:00-6:30PM.....	\$60
Blades 1	W.....	10/16-11/20.....	5:00-5:40PM.....	\$78
Blades 1-6	F.....	10/18-11/22.....	5:40-6:20PM.....	\$78
Blades 1	SA.....	10/19-11/23.....	10:20-11:00AM.....	\$78
Blades 2-6	SA.....	10/21-11/23.....	11:10-11:50AM.....	\$78
Teen/Adult-High Level.....	T	10/15-11/19.....	5:00-5:45PM.....	\$65
Teen/Adult	T	10/15-11/19.....	5:45-6:30PM.....	\$65
Teen/Adult	F.....	11/15-12/13.....	5:00-5:40PM.....	\$52
Jump & Spin	T	10/15-11/19.....	5:30-6:00PM.....	\$60
Jump & Spin	S.....	10/19-11/23.....	11:10-11:50AM.....	\$78

December Skating Clinic

Tots 1-3	T/W	12/3-12/11.....	5:00-5:40PM.....	\$52
Blades 1	T/W	12/3-12/11.....	5:00-5:40PM.....	\$52
Blades 2-6	T/F	12/3-12/13.....	5:40-6:20PM.....	\$52
Teen/Adult.....	T	12/3 and 12/10.....	5:40-6:20PM.....	\$26
Teen/Adult Advance.....	T	12/3 and 12/10.....	5:00-5:40PM.....	\$26

PARK SERVICES & FACILITIES

Tree Services

Tree Trimming

Trees are trimmed for pedestrian and traffic clearance as well as selective thinning of branches, removal of dead wood, or storm damage repair. Trees are not topped, unless deemed necessary by the City Forester or a member of the staff.

At the Parks and Recreation Department, we have established a goal to increase the quality of trees within our City parkways and parks. The Department is governed by guidelines set within our Forestry Ordinance, Chapter 19, Number 1984. This ordinance permits the Parks & Recreation Department to plant, trim, spray, preserve, and remove any tree on City property to insure public safety or to maintain the health of the tree.

The ordinance also requires that anyone wishing to plant or have work done to a tree on City property, by someone other than our Forestry staff, secure a permit from the Parks & Recreation Department first.

Please call (309) 434-2280 with any questions.

Tree City USA

The City of Bloomington is a designated Tree City USA - a program sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: a tree board or department, a city tree ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

Bloomington's staff of certified arborists and trained professionals enhance the Tree City USA designation.





Constitution Trail

Constitution Trail is a joint venture between the City of Bloomington and The Town of Normal. Much of the trail follows the old Illinois Central Gulf Railroad right of way through the community. The trail was dedicated and named as such in celebration of the 200th birthday of the United States Constitution in 1987, and the grand opening of the Constitution Trail was May 6th, 1989. The City of Bloomington, Town of Normal, and McLean County have plans for future trail expansion.

Approximately 45 miles of trail exist within both communities. In 2000, the Constitution Trail was designated a Millennium Trail by The White House Millennium Council. Many groups sponsor the trail including McLeanCountyWheelers.com, GoToTrails.com and Friends of the Constitution Trail.

To become a Friend of the Trail and learn more, check out ConstitutionTrail.org.



When using the trail please:

- Be Courteous
- Keep Right
- Do not Block the Trail
- Use Signals
- Yield
- Clean Up Litter
- Leash all Pets
- Enjoy!



Scan the QR code to view a map of the trail and to learn more!



Friends of the Constitution Trail

If you are interested in getting involved in the advocacy and awareness of the Trail, contact Friends of the Constitution Trail, P.O. Box 525, Bloomington, IL 61702-0525, and online at ConstitutionTrail.org. Friends is a citizens group interested in promoting trail use and development.

Trail maps are available now at The Hub at 115 E. Washington St., Suite 103, Bloomington, IL.
Normal Parks & Recreation, 100 E Phoenix Ave. in Normal.



Park Regulations

- Parks open at 6:00 AM and close at 10:00 PM (Except Friendship Park, which closes at 9:00 PM).
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- Motor vehicles restricted to roadways and parking areas.
- 20-mile-per-hour speed limit in all city parks.
- Pets are allowed in the parks on a leash (Please clean up after your pet).

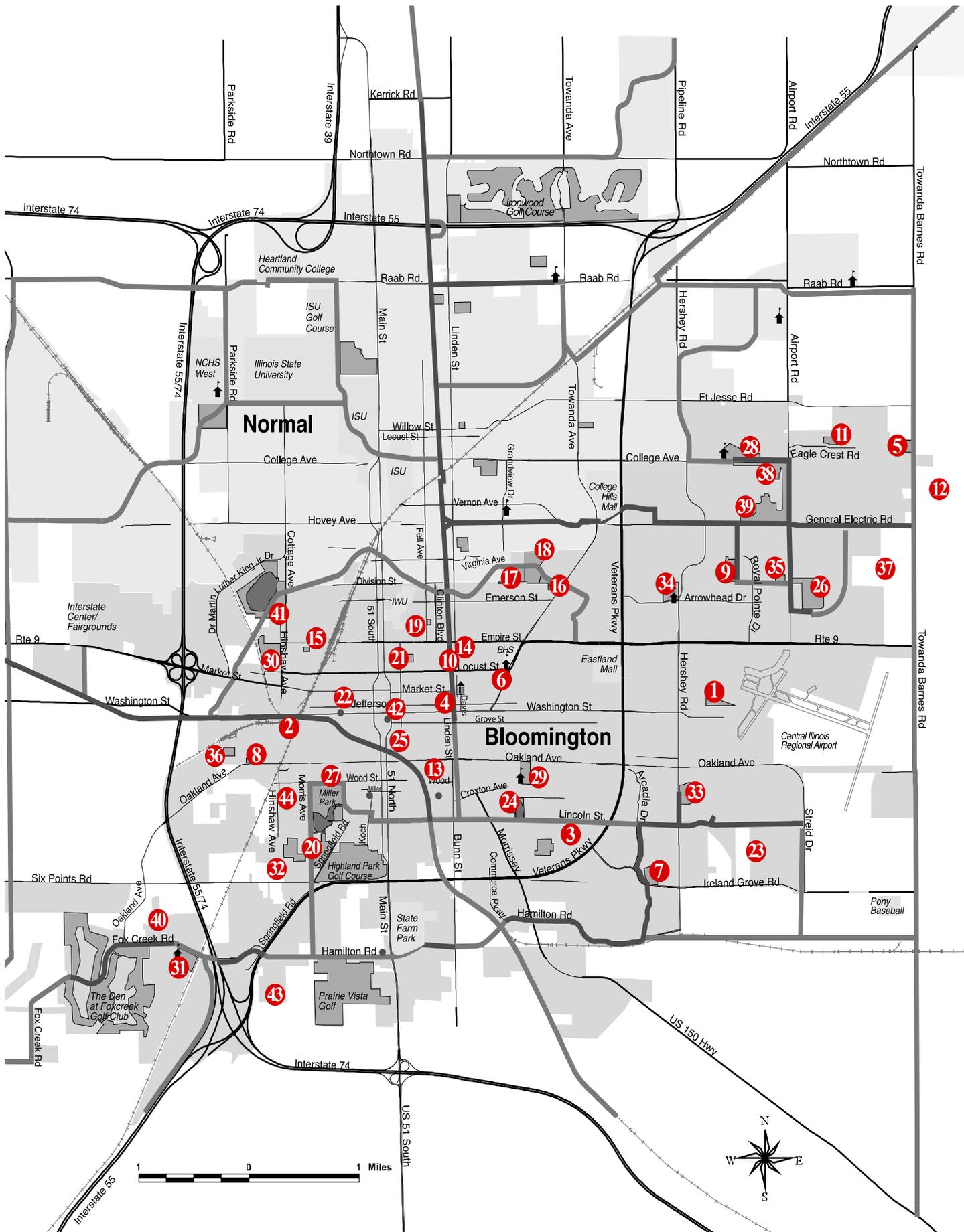
Park Shelters

Open-air shelters are located in:

Airport, Alton Depot, Atwood Wayside, Bittner, Brookridge, Clearwater, Eagle Crest, Eagle View, Ewing I, Ewing II, Fell, Forrest, Friendship, Gaelic, Holiday, Northpoint, O'Neil, Pepper Ridge, P.J. Irvin, Marie Litta, McGraw, Miller, Rollingbrook, Stevenson, Suburban East, Sunnyside, White Oak, and Woodbury Park.

Parks are available free-of-charge on a first-come, first-served basis.





PARK SERVICES

Registration Policies

Corporate City of Bloomington residents have the opportunity to register one week prior to non-residents.

RESIDENT REGISTRATION begins at 5:00AM on August 21, 2024
NON-RESIDENT REGISTRATION begins at 5:00AM on August 28, 2024.

Online registration will be available at 5:00AM on the first day of registration; mailed, faxed and drop-off registration will be processed beginning at 8:00AM on the first day of registration. All registrations received prior to the first day will be processed at random. All registrations received thereafter will be processed on a daily basis.

Payment of Fees: Fees may be paid by cash, check, VISA, Discover, MasterCard, or American Express at the time of registration. All monies are immediately deposited. Checks payable to City of Bloomington.

Returned Checks: A \$25 service charge is assessed on all checks returned due to insufficient funds. The original amount of the check, plus the service fee, must be paid by money order or cash.

Program Enrollment Policy: All programs have a minimum and maximum enrollment, and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Bloomington Parks & Recreation reserves the right to cancel, postpone, or combine classes if the minimum enrollment has not been reached. The Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to request proof of age of persons enrolling in classes.

Program Cancellation: If a program is canceled due to insufficient registration, a full refund will be given. Please allow three to four weeks for the processing of refunds when program payment was made by cash or check. Credit refunds will be returned to your card.

Refund/Credit Policy: To be eligible for a requested refund or credit to account, the request must be received no less than five (5) full business days prior to the start of the program.

In the case of illness, a credit to account may be issued if program is not yet 50% completed. Prorating of a program in the event of an injury would start from the date of notification of the injury. Written documentation from a physician must be provided. A \$5 service charge will be assessed per participant, per activity, on any refund. No refunds for program costing \$5 or less.

Refunds or credit on account will not be given for contractual programs or trips for which the Department has incurred costs, except in the event of cancellation by the Department.

Confirmation Email: An email will be sent upon registration for a class or program, or if placed on a waitlist. This will serve as a receipt. If you do not have an email on file, we will mail the confirmation receipt. We strongly encourage all participants to have an email on file.

Insurance: Bloomington Parks & Recreation does not carry medical insurance and assumes no liability for personal injuries or loss of personal property while attending Department activities. A participant's own policy must cover any medical costs incurred.

Fee Assistance: Bloomington Parks & Recreation provides a fee assistance policy to reduce certain fees and charges for those who are unable to pay. Application forms are available at the main office and at the Lincoln Leisure Center.

Applications taken at least two weeks prior to the start of a program will be given priority processing; however, fee assistance fund availability and program registration cannot be guaranteed. Proof of residency and income are required at time of application, and a 50% deposit. All requests will remain confidential.

All requests will be reviewed and applicants will be notified at least one week prior to program start dates. The decision of the Recreation Department will be final.

Helpful Hints: Friends in the same class? If two or more persons from different families wish to be enrolled in the same class, registration forms and checks must be fastened together with a note indicating same. *(If only one space is available, no one will be enrolled.)*



Today's Date: _____
2024 Registration Form
 Please print clearly. Missing information
 will delay your registration.

Save Time - Register online at BloomingtonParks.org!

Adult Account Contact

FIRST & LAST NAME	GENDER	BIRTHDATE
ALLERGIES/MEDICATIONS:		

Additional Family Members

FIRST & LAST NAME	GENDER	BIRTHDATE
ALLERGIES/MEDICATIONS:		
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Household Information

Check here if you have registered in the last year and all information is correct. Otherwise please fill in information below.

Address, City, State, Zip _____
(Please list Apt. #)
 Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Emergency contact _____
 (Please list someone other than family members above.)

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HOW TO REGISTER

FOUR SIMPLE WAYS TO REGISTER...

- **ONLINE:** Log onto BloomingtonParks.org and follow the steps to set up your new household account.
- **FAX IN:** (309) 434-2483 Complete the registration form including your credit card number and expiration date.
- **MAIL IN:** Bloomington Parks & Recreation, PO Box 3157, Bloomington, IL. 61702-3157
- **DROP OFF:** The Hub - 115 E. Washington Street, Suite 103 open Monday - Friday 8:00AM-4:30PM

Please register early. Class status is determined one week prior to starting date. Registration is not accepted by instructors.

**BLOOMINGTON RESIDENT
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 5:00AM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21**

**NON-RESIDENT
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 5:00AM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28**

For details on events and programs call the main office at (309) 434-2260 or visit us online at

BLOOMINGTONPARKS.ORG