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March 14th**

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March 22th**

**Free  
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May 11th**

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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 But:** 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 (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.

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## 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 cancelled. 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 cancelled.

### Make-Up Policy:

When applicable, efforts will be made to make up any cancelled 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**

## Parks & Rec. Staff

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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  
 Monday, Dec. 25 • Tuesday, Dec. 26  
 Friday, Dec. 29 (afternoon)  
 Monday, Jan. 1 • Monday, Jan. 15  
 Friday, March 29 (afternoon)  
 Monday, May 27

# FACILITY RENTALS

## Bloomington Parks & Recreation Facility Rentals

You may request a facility rental online at [BloomingtonParks.org](http://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 at (309) 434 - 2260. Alcohol will not be considered from April 1st to October 31st. For information on availability or if you wish to see the facility, 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. For information on availability call (309) 434 - 2260.

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



### 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. Call (309) 434 - 2260 for more information.



### White Oak Community Room

This facility located in White Oak Park includes a small meeting room that is available for rent. For information on availability call (309) 434 - 2260.



### 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. Call (309) 434 - 2260 for more information.

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



**BCPA, Grossinger Motors Arena  
and Creativity Center**  
(309) 434 - 2782

From civic events to wedding receptions, the BCPA continues to be utilized as a popular community venue for fundraising, meetings, and social functions. The Arena and the Creativity Center also have space for your club or organization to meet.



**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 take down. 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](http://MillerParkZoo.org)



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

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## Daddy/Daughter Dance

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to connect with your little one in a memorable and exciting way. Get ready for an afternoon full of laughter, music, and joy, as we celebrate the unique bond between you and your child.

Every pair attending will be treated to a special surprise, as well as a lovely photo to take home as a memento of this special occasion. This first session will be dedicated to the traditional Daddy/Daughter pairs.

\*\* Pre-registration is required

**Sunday, February 4**

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM – Daddy/Daughter Dance

Miller Park Pavilion, Main Level

\$30 for Adult/Child



## Sweetheart Dance

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to connect with your little one in a memorable and exciting way. Get ready for an afternoon full of laughter, music, and joy, as we celebrate the unique bond between you and your child.

Every pair attending will be treated to a special surprise, as well as a lovely photo to take home as a memento of this special occasion. This second session, we are excited to welcome any adult/child pair to join in the enjoyment! \*\* Pre-registration is required

**Sunday, February 4**

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM – Sweetheart Dance

Miller Park Pavilion, Main Level

\$30 for Adult/Child

## Paint with Me – Whales

Adult and child will create a scene on 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 a smock or old clothes, as we will be using acrylic paints. Snacks and drinks will be served. Instructor: Mary Jo from Inside Out Accessible Art

Ages: 5 – 12

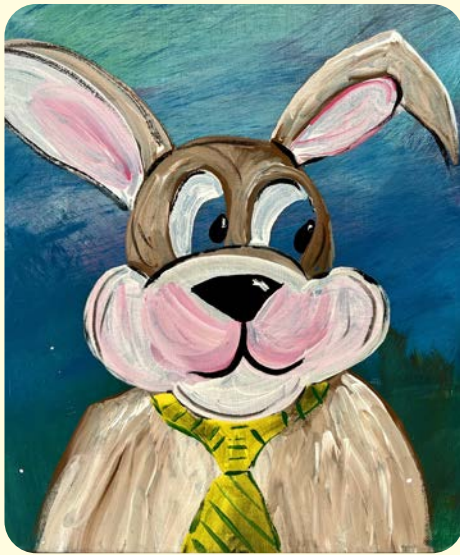
Sunday, January 21

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Miller Park Pavilion – Main Level

\$35 for Adult/Child

\$20 for additional child



## Paint with Me – Bunny

Adult and child will create a scene on 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 a smock or old clothes, as we will be using acrylic paints. Snacks and drinks will be served.

Instructor: Mary Jo from Inside Out Accessible Art

Ages: 5 – 12

Sunday, February 25

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Miller Park Pavilion – Main Level

\$35 for Adult/Child

\$20 for additional child

## Paint with Mary Jo – Dog

Follow along with step-by-step instructions from Mary Jo an from Inside Out Accessible Art. We will provide all the supplies and take care of clean-up. Children will participate independent of an adult. Participants should wear a smock or old clothes, as we will be using acrylic paints. Instructor: Mary Jo from Inside Out Accessible Art

Ages: 10 and up

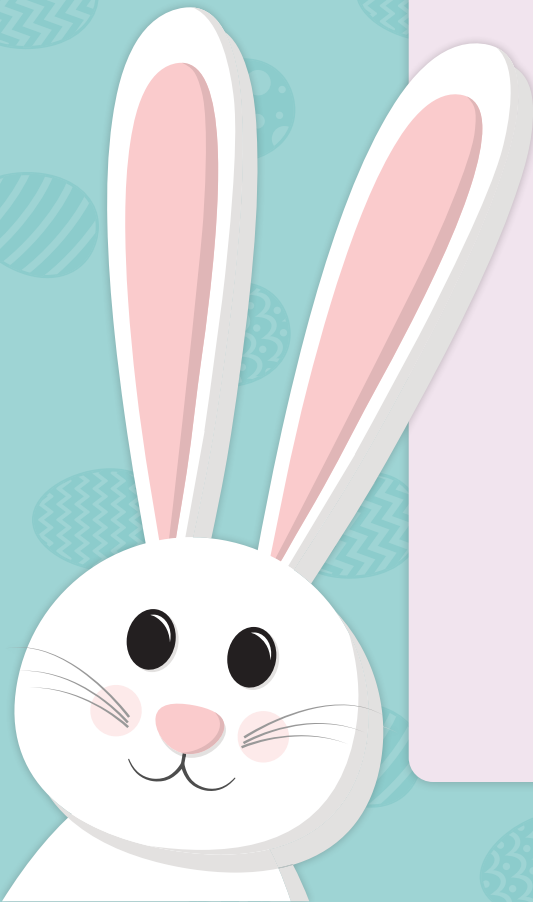
Sunday, April 14

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Miller Park Pavilion – Main Level

\$25 / person





## Visit from the Bunny

The Bunny will stop by your house for a quick visit, photo opp and deliver a treat to your child. Approximate time for stop will be emailed before the date of the visit. Must live in Bloomington or Normal City Limits.

Ages: 2 and up  
Tuesday, March 19 between 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM  
\$12  
\$5 for each additional child in same home



## 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!

Free admission, free health readings, free refreshments & snacks, giveaways, great information, connect with experts, and get the help you need.

Meet with experts regarding medicare coverage, assisted & independent living, audiology, hospice care, financial planning, and much more. Seniors can also bring in their unused and expired prescription medications for disposal.

**Location:** Miller Park Adult Center  
**Fee:** Free

**Day.....Date..... Time**  
Th.....March 14..... 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM





## Family Game Night – Bingo

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

**Fee:** \$20 for Adult/Child (\$10 for additional family member)

**Age.....Day .....Date .....Time**

4+ ..... Fri .....March 22 ..... 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM



## A Green Day at Sunnyside Park

Join the Ecology Action Center, Parks & Recreation Department, and SOAR for an afternoon of green transformation. We invite our community to take part in our park clean-up, where we come together to make our local environment cleaner and greener. This event is organized with the aim of preserving the natural beauty of Sunnyside Park and creating a safe and enjoyable space for everyone. Come out for a great day to refurbish our community with fun and activities. The Ecology Action Center will be providing a kid-friendly workshop.

**Location:** Sunnyside Park

**Fee:** Free

**Day.....Date.....Time**

Sat .....April 20 ..... 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM



## Free Family Day at Tipton Park

This free event will get the whole family out and about for the summer! Join us for an active day at the park filled with games, crafts, activities, inflatable fun, and much more.

Local businesses and organizations will join us in providing information and activities to keep the family active throughout the summer. There will be games and activities for all ages. Come see what the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department has to offer you and your family!

Those organizations interested in having a table at this event, please contact Nicole at 309-434-2465.

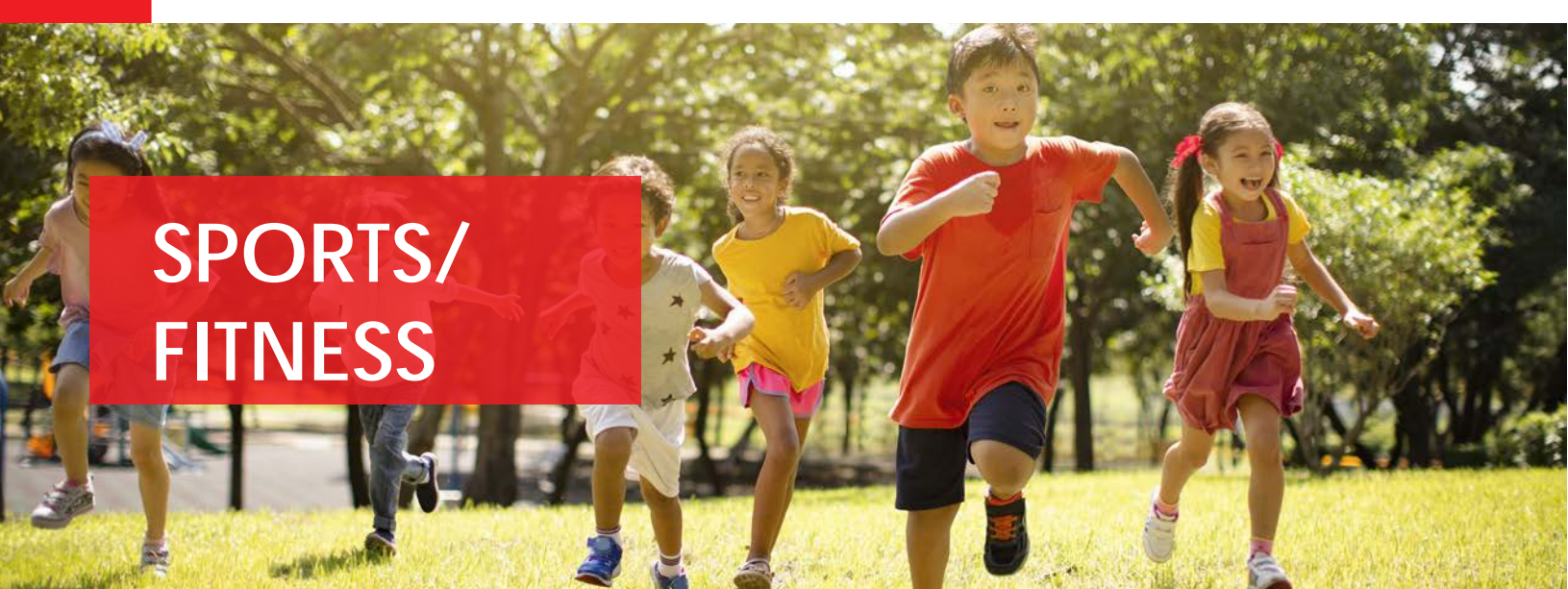
**Location:** Tipton Park, North Shelter

**Fee:** Free

**Date:** Saturday, May 11

**Time:** 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM





# SPORTS/ FITNESS



**NEW!** – In the Zone:  
**Basketball Camp**

This 8-week program will get players focusing on developing the foundation skills of basketball. This camp is offered to 2nd through 7th 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.

The first four weeks of classes will focus on the fundamental skills with drills, weeks 5 – 7 will be 20 minutes of practice and 40 minutes of scrimmage, and the last week of camp will be two 30 minute games. This is an instructional program and not a league.

**REGISTRATION IS CURRENTLY OPEN**

**Location:** Pepper Ridge Elementary School, Gym  
**Fee:** \$49  
No class on 1/24

**Age.....Day.....Date.....Time**  
2nd – 3rd Graders..... W .....Jan. 17 – Mar. 13 ..... 5:30 – 6:30 PM  
4th – 5th Graders..... W .....Jan. 17 – Mar. 13 ..... 6:30 – 7:30 PM  
6th – 7th Graders..... W .....Jan. 17 – Mar. 13 ..... 7:30 – 8:30 PM

## Sporty Parent & Child

Parents, bring your little slugger or goalkeeper to this fun and energetic class. Sports are a great way for toddlers to work on their motor skills. This class is designed for parent and child interaction while emphasizing physical activity and introducing players to teamwork.

**Location:** Pepper Ridge Elementary, Gym  
**Fee:** \$35  
No class on 2/19

**Age.....Day...Date.....Time**  
18 mo. – 3 years...M.....Jan. 22 – Feb. 26..... 5:15 – 6:00 PM  
with adult



## Sporty Munchkins

Each class participant 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, fun environment along with the development of fine and gross motor skills.

**Location:** Pepper Ridge Elementary School, Gym  
**Fee:** \$35  
No class on 2/19

**Age.....Day...Date.....Time**  
3 – 5.....M.....Jan. 22 – Feb. 26 ..... 6:05 – 6:50 PM



## Sporty Kiddos

Has your child shown interest in sports, but is unsure which sport to follow? Let us get your child up and moving while exploring different sports. Each class, we will focus on the fundamentals of a different sport and will have the opportunity to play each sport in a non-competitive game.

**Location:** Pepper Ridge Elementary School, Gym

**Fee:** \$35

No class on 2/19

**Age .....Day..... Date.....Time**  
 6 – 9.....M..... Jan. 22 – Feb. 26 .....6:55 – 7:40 PM

## FUNDamental Volleyball

Players will be able to grow their volleyball knowledge and skills with this small group session! Utilizing drills and activities, players will develop their basic volleyball skills such as passing, setting, and serving.

**Location:** Washington Elementary School, Gym

**Fee:** \$28

No class on 2/19

**Age.....Day.....Date..... Time**  
 6 – 7 .....M.....Feb. 5 – Mar. 4 ..... 5:15 – 5:45 PM  
 8 – 9 .....M.....Feb. 5 – Mar. 4 ..... 5:55 – 6:25 PM  
 10 – 12 .....M.....Feb. 5 – Mar. 4 ..... 6:35 – 7:05 PM

## FUNDamental T-Ball

Players will learn the foundation 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:** Oakland Elementary School, Gym

**Fee:** \$28

**Age.....Day.....Date.....Time**  
 3.....Tu .....Feb. 6 – Feb. 27.....5:15 – 5:45 PM  
 4 – 5.....Tu .....Feb. 6 – Feb. 27.....5:55 – 6:25 PM  
 6 – 8.....Tu .....Feb. 6 – Feb. 27.....6:35 – 7:05 PM

## FUNDamental Basketball

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

**Location:** Stevenson Elementary School, Gym

**Fee:** \$28

**Age.....Day.....Date.....Time**  
 3.....Tu .....Feb. 13 – Mar. 5.....5:15 – 5:45 PM  
 4 – 5.....Tu .....Feb. 13 – Mar. 5.....5:55 – 6:25 PM  
 6 – 8.....Tu .....Feb. 13 – Mar. 5.....6:35 – 7:05 PM

**Location:** Clearwater Park, Basketball Courts

**Fee:** \$28

**Age.....Day.....Date.....Time**  
 3.....Th .....Apr. 11 – May 2 .....5:30 – 6:00 PM  
 4 – 5.....Th .....Apr. 11 – May 2 .....6:10 – 6:40 PM  
 6 – 8.....Th .....Apr. 11 – May 2 .....6:50 – 7:20 PM



## FUNDamental Soccer

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

**Location:** Lincoln Leisure Center, Gym

**Fee:** \$28

**Age..... Day.....Date..... Time**  
 3..... M .....Feb. 12 – Mar. 4 ..... 5:15 – 5:45 PM  
 4 – 5..... M .....Feb. 12 – Mar. 4 ..... 5:55 – 6:25 PM  
 6 – 8..... M .....Feb. 12 – Mar. 4 ..... 6:35 – 7:05 PM

**Location:** Suburban East Park, Soccer Field

**Fee:** \$28

**Age..... Day.....Date..... Time**  
 3..... Tu .....Apr. 9 – 30..... 5:30 – 6:00 PM  
 4 – 5..... Tu .....Apr. 9 – 30..... 6:10 – 6:40 PM  
 6 – 8..... Tu .....Apr. 9 – 30..... 6:50 – 7:20 PM

**NEW!** - Soccer Rush

Athletes will get to continue their soccer skills to get prepared for spring soccer. Players will continue to grow their fundamental skills of the sport such as dribbling, passing, shooting, and much more. Classes will progress to more advanced concepts as skill level increases. A recreational game will be played on the last day of class. It is recommended that players have already participated in a recreational soccer class.

**Location:** Washington Elementary School, Gym

**Fee:** \$35

Age.....	Day .....	Date.....	Time
5 – 6.....	Th.....	Feb. 8 – Mar. 7 .....	5:15 – 6:00 PM
7 – 8.....	Th.....	Feb. 8 – Mar. 7 .....	6:05 – 6:50 PM
9 – 11.....	Th.....	Feb. 8 – Mar. 7 .....	6:55 – 7:40 PM

**Hoopsters**

Players will be introduced to new individual and team basketball drills encompassing 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 School, Gym

**Fee:** \$35

Age.....	Day .....	Date.....	Time
4 – 5 .....	Th.....	Feb. 1 – 29.....	5:30 PM – 6:15 PM
6 – 7 .....	Th.....	Feb. 1 – 29.....	6:30 PM – 7:15 PM

**Youth T-Ball Clinic**

This class introduces youngsters to the rules and fundamentals of t-ball and baseball/softball. Participants will practice and improve throwing, catching, hitting, base-running, and teamwork skills through drills and games. A recreational game will be played on the last day of class.

**Location:** Pepper Ridge Elementary School, Gym

**Fee:** \$35

Age.....	Day .....	Date.....	Time
4 – 5 .....	M.....	Apr. 1 – 29.....	5:15 PM – 6:00 PM
6 – 7 .....	M.....	Apr. 1 – 29.....	6:05 PM – 6:50 PM

**FUNDamental Hockey**

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.

\*Skates, helmets, and sticks will be available to borrow for the practice.

**Location:** Bloomington Ice Center

Age.....	Day .....	Dates .....	Time .....	Fee
3 – 5.....	Sat .....	4/6 – 4/20.....	4:10 PM – 4:40 PM .....	\$45
6 – 10.....	Sat .....	4/6 – 4/20.....	4:10 PM – 4:40 PM .....	\$45

**National Try Hockey for Free Day**

Saturday February 24th 2024 – 4:20 PM – 5:10 PM at the Bloomington Ice Center

Ages 4 – 10 Free experience to try youth hockey. Equipment available to borrow.

No previous skating or hockey experience required. Pre-registration is required. [www.tryhockeyforfree.com](http://www.tryhockeyforfree.com)

**NEW!** - Jr Track & Field

This program will introduce and develop skills in both running and field events through games and activities. Our aim is to help youth develop an appreciation for track and field while learning sportsmanship.

**Location:** Pepper Ridge Elementary School, Gym

**Fee:** \$35

Age.....	Day .....	Date.....	Time
7 – 12....	M.....	Apr. 1 – 29.....	7:00 PM – 7:45 PM

**Mini Super Stars**

Preschoolers and their parents will get sporty playing a variety of sports and fun activities. This program inspires players to develop sportsmanship in a positive fun environment along with the development of fine and gross motor skills.

**Location:** Lincoln Leisure Center, Gym

**Fee:** \$30

Age.....	Day .....	Date.....	Time
2 ½ – 3 .....	W.....	Apr. 3 – 24.....	5:30 PM – 6:10 PM

**Super Star Athletes**

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.

**Location:** Lincoln Leisure Center, Gym

**Fee:** \$30

Age.....	Day .....	Date.....	Time
4 – 7 .....	W.....	Apr. 3 – 24.....	6:20 PM – 7:00 PM



## WINTER TENNIS LESSONS – Evergreen Racquet Club

The fantastic staff at Evergreen Racquet Club will be working in collaboration with our wonderful tennis staff in leading this six-week Winter session. Whether you're looking to knock off some of that winter rust from your game or you just want to build a solid foundation for the upcoming outdoor months, our Sunday afternoon and evening program is a great opportunity for continued year-round play. See below for age breakdown and class details, along with the attached schedule.

Class (Age)	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
Pee Wee (6-7)	Sun	February 4 – March 10	3:00 – 3:45 PM	\$65
Youth (8-9)	Sun	February 4 – March 10	3:50 – 4:50 PM	\$70
Junior (10-12)	Sun	February 4 – March 10	5:00 – 6:00 PM	\$70
Teen (13-15)	Sun	February 4 – March 10	5:00 – 6:00 PM	\$70
Adult (16+)	Sun	February 4 – March 10	6:00 – 7:15 PM	\$75



## SPRING TENNIS LESSONS – McGraw Park

All ages and skill levels can expect a challenging but enjoyable tennis experience this spring! 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.

Class (Age)	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
Tots (5)	Sat	April 13 – May 11 (5/18 makeup date)	8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	\$40
Pee Wee (6-7)	Sat	April 13 – May 11 (5/18 makeup date)	9:15 AM – 10:00 AM	\$45
Youth (8-9)	Sat	April 13 – May 11 (5/18 makeup date)	10:15 AM – 11:15 AM	\$50
Junior (10-12)	Sat	April 13 – May 11 (5/18 makeup date)	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	\$50
Teen (13-15)	Sat	April 13 – May 11 (5/18 makeup date)	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	\$50
Pee Wee (6-7)	Tu	April 16 – May 14 (5/21 makeup date)	5:30 PM – 6:15 PM	\$45
Youth (8-9)	Tu	April 16 – May 14 (5/21 makeup date)	6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	\$50
Junior (10-12)	Th	April 18 – May 16 (5/23 makeup date)	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	\$50
Adult (16+)	Th	April 18 – May 16 (5/23 makeup date)	6:45 PM – 8:00 PM	\$50



### 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 basic of 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, serve, 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 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.



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 or local school lessons, 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 six resurfaced in 2023), Stevenson Park (3 lighted), and Rollingbrook Park (3 unlighted). We request no private lessons on public courts.



Two separate four-week sessions will be offered and led by the great instructors of Gymnastics Etc. Classes will be held on Friday, 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 will 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 required.

Class	Age(s)	Day	Time	Session 1	Fee per session
Super Tot	3 - 4yr	Friday	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	2/16 - 3/8	\$39
Parent/Tot	18m - 3yr	Friday	5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	2/16 - 3/8	\$39
Super Tot	3 - 4yr	Friday	5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	2/16 - 3/8	\$39
Gym Stars	5 - 8yr	Friday	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	2/16 - 3/8	\$54

Class	Age(s)	Day	Time	Session 2	Fee per session
Super Tot	3 - 4yr	Friday	4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	3/22 - 4/12	\$39
Parent/Tot	18m - 3yr	Friday	5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	3/22 - 4/12	\$39
Super Tot	3 - 4yr	Friday	5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	3/22 - 4/12	\$39
Gym Stars	5 - 8yr	Friday	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	3/22 - 4/12	\$54



**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 the Next Step Dance Studio for a 10-week program that is capped off with an end of season **Spring Showcase on April 26th**. Please note, there will be an additional Spring Showcase costume fee for all dancers. More information will be provided by Next Step Dance Studio during the first few weeks of class. There will also be a small "performance viewing" fee for the Spring Showcase, which more details will be provided by Next Step Dance Studio during the session.

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 attached class schedule for dates, times, and pricing.

All classes are led by instructors of the Next Step Dance Studio. The Next Step Dance Studio has been serving the Bloomington/Normal and surrounding areas since 2009. The NSDS 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 Studio believes in family and unconditional support for everyone who chooses to call the studio home.

## DANCE CONTINUED

Class	Age(s)	Day	Time	Room	Session Dates	Fee
Princess Ballet	3	Tuesday	4:30 - 5:00 PM	LLC - 207	2/13 - 4/23 (no class 3/26)	\$70
Bitty Ballerinas	4 & 5	Tuesday	5:00 - 5:30 PM	LLC - 207	2/13 - 4/23 (no class 3/26)	\$70
Hippity Hop	3 & 4	Tuesday	5:45 - 6:15 PM	LLC - 207	2/13 - 4/23 (no class 3/26)	\$70
Combo 1	5 & 6	Tuesday	6:15 - 7:00 PM	LLC - 207	2/13 - 4/23 (no class 3/26)	\$90
Tappin Tutus	3 & 4	Wednesday	4:30 - 5:00 PM	LLC - 207	2/14 - 4/24 (no class 3/27)	\$70
Beginner Hip Hop	5 - 7	Wednesday	5:00 - 5:45 PM	LLC - 207	2/14 - 4/24 (no class 3/27)	\$90
Ballet/Jazz Combo	6 - 9	Wednesday	6:00 - 6:45 PM	LLC - 207	2/14 - 4/24 (no class 3/27)	\$90
Bitty Ballerinas	4 & 5	Thursday	4:30 - 5:00 PM	LLC - 207	2/15 - 4/25 (no class 3/28)	\$70
Tiny Dancers	18m - 2yr	Thursday	5:00 - 5:30 PM	LLC - 207	2/15 - 4/25 (no class 3/28)	\$70
Beginner Hip Hop	8 - 10	Thursday	5:45 - 6:30 PM	LLC - 207	2/15 - 4/25 (no class 3/28)	\$90

**Tiny Dancers (18m - 2yr)** – An intro to dance and is designed for the very young dancer. Creative movement and activities help introduce the beginning fundamentals of ballet, jazz, and tap (dancers will not wear tap shoes). Students will also play games to enhance cognitive and social development and learn classroom etiquette. Parents will love participating as they assist in developing their “tiny” dancer. Dancers should wear a leotard and if possible tights (skirts and tutu's are optional). Required shoes: any color ballet shoe.

**Princess Ballet (3yr) & Bitty Ballerinas (4yr - 5yr)**  
These introductory classes will teach dancers the basic technique of Ballet. Dancers will learn leaps, turns, and more. Following a traditional Ballet class format, we will begin developing alignment and articulation at the barre, combinations across the floor, and center of the room footwork. Dancers may wear a leotard and if possible tights, skirts are allowed. Required shoes: any color ballet shoe.

**Tappin Tutus (3yr - 4yr)** – This energetic and exciting class is designed to provide young dancers an introduction into the fundamentals of Ballet and Tap dance. Creative movement will help enhance your child's motor, listening, and social skills. All dancers may wear a leotard, and if possible, tights, skirts & tutus are allowed. Required shoes: Any color ballet and tap shoe.

**Hippity Hop (3yr - 4yr)** – This fun introductory class will teach dancers to move their body in different ways other than Ballet, Tap, and Jazz. This class will include turns and jumps, along with starting to focus on overall flexibility. The class will

also allow you to focus on the basic necessary moves used in Hip Hop. All dancers should wear fitted clothing. No experience necessary. Required shoes: clean tennis shoes.

**Combo 1 (5yr - 6yr)** – Class is a combination of Ballet, Tap, and Creative Movement basics. It 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. Dancers may wear a leotard, and if possible, tights (skirts and tutus are optional). Required shoes: Any color ballet and tap shoe.

**Beginner Hip Hop (5yr - 7yr & 8yr - 10yr)** – Dancers in Beginning Hip Hop will learn all of the basic dance skills such as keeping rhythm, following choreography, 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, we also play games and even hold occasional contests to create a fun and motivating learning environment for your child. No necessary experience needed to register for this class. Required shoes: clean tennis shoes.

**Ballet/Jazz Combo (6yr - 9yr)** – This class is appropriate for students with little to no Ballet/Jazz training. Following a traditional Ballet/Jazz class format, we will begin developing alignment and articulation at the barre, combinations across the floor, and center of the room footwork. Dancers may wear a leotard and tights (footless or convertible tights recommended – no shoes will be worn for jazz). Required shoes: any color ballet shoe.

## HAPPYFEET YOUTH SOCCER

HappyFeet is a ‘kid friendly’ curriculum to ensure kids are having an absolute blast while developing essential physical skills. Using soccer activities, HappyFeet is a perfect starting point for developing skills, as it is non-competitive and uses fun techniques to train advanced motor skills, dynamic dribbling, shooting skills and fitness. Instructor: HappyFeet Staff

**Dates:** Tuesday: April 9 – May 14 (weather makeup date 5/21)

**Location:** Miller Park Ballfield

Age	Day	Time	Fee
2 - 3	Monday	5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	\$48
3 - 4	Monday	6:05 PM - 6:35 PM	\$48
4 - 5	Monday	6:40 PM - 7:10 PM	\$48



# 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.**

### KICKSTART – YOUTH FITNESS

Exercise-based games and activities geared towards 8 – 11 year-olds of all athletic abilities. Designed for kids to reach their recommended daily exercise minutes. Entry-level program focused on non-competitive gross motor play.

Mondays & Wednesdays – "Kids Move" Land Workouts

Thursdays – "Kids Aquatic" Water Workouts (in the warm water pool)

**Location:** Carle Health & Fitness Center (1111 Trinity Lane, Bloomington)

Day.....	Dates .....	Time.....	Fee
Mon/Wed/Thu (Session 1) .....	Feb. 5 – Feb. 29 (4 weeks) .....	4:30 PM – 5:15 PM.....	\$59
Mon/Wed/Thu (Session 2) .....	March 4 – March 28 (4 weeks) .....	4:30 PM – 5:15 PM.....	\$59
Mon/Wed/Thu (Session 3) .....	April 1 – April 25 (4 weeks).....	4:30 PM – 5:15 PM.....	\$59
Mon/Wed/Thu (Session 4) .....	April 29 – May 23 (4 weeks).....	4:30 PM – 5:15 PM.....	\$59

\*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 one week prior to the start of each session. Minimum 8/Maximum 12

### TAI CHI

Practicing self-care has never been easier. Tai Chi is a timeless ancient tradition of gentle physical exercise and stretching. This self-paced exercise routine involves a series of movements performed in a slow, focused manner, accompanied by deep breathing. Each posture flows into the next without pause, ensuring that your body is in constant motion. Tai Chi helps to improve balance and lengthens and strengthens muscles. Learn the fundamentals of an ancient Chinese tradition with this weekly session.

**Location:** Carle Health & Fitness Center Mind/Body Studio (1111 Trinity Lane, Bloomington)

Day.....	Dates..	Time .....	Fee
Tues (Session 1) .....	Feb. 6 – Feb. 27 (4 weeks) .....	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM .....	\$65
Tues (Session 2).....	March 5 – March 26 (4 weeks) .....	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM .....	\$65
Tues (Session 3).....	April 2 – April 23 (4 weeks).....	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM .....	\$65
Tues (Session 4).....	April 30 – May 21 (4 weeks).....	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM .....	\$65
Tues (Session 5).....	May 28 – June 18 (4 weeks).....	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM .....	\$65



### PRE/POST NATAL FITNESS PROGRAM

Pregnancy and postpartum require special care for your changing body. Recommended for women in any stage of pregnancy, as well as those cleared to resume exercise postpartum, our classes focus on building strength, balance, and core stability in a safe, supportive environment designed for the unique needs of expectant and new moms.

The community atmosphere with other moms makes it easy to stay motivated before and after your baby arrives. Babies up to 3 months are welcome to accompany moms in strollers during class. On-site childcare is also available for older children for just \$5 per visit.

**Location:** Carle Health & Fitness Center (1111 Trinity Lane, Bloomington)

Day.....	Dates .....	Time .....	Fee
Tues/Thurs (Session 1) .....	January 9 – February 15 (6 weeks) .....	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM .....	\$119
Tues/Thurs (Session 2) .....	February 20 – March 28 (6 weeks) .....	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM .....	\$119
Tues/Thurs (Session 3) .....	April 2 – May 9 (6 weeks) .....	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM .....	\$119
Tues/Thurs (Session 4) .....	May 14 – June 20 (6 weeks) .....	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM .....	\$119



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.

## HOCKEY GOALIE TRAINING

This high-level position-specific training for the hockey goalie athlete focuses on dryland strength, agility, mobility, speed, and flexibility. Skills, drills, and exercises are tailored to the demands of a goalie with emphasis of lateral change of direction training, injury prevention, and identifying repetitive movements that may lead to injuries.

**Ages:** 8 - 18

**Day..... Time.....Fee**  
 Saturday, January 20 .... 10:00 AM – Noon.....\$30  
 Saturday, April 6 ..... 10:00 AM – Noon.....\$30

## VERTICAL POWER FOR VOLLEYBALL

Improve your vertical jump with plyos, skills, drills, and exercises tailored for volleyball athletes. Learn injury prevention for shoulders, ankles, knees, and hips with a focus on healthy shoulder training for strength and durability. Rotator cuff and core training improves torque, twist, and rotational power for swings and serves. Lower back exercises enhances stability for force absorption and proper hitting posture. Linear, multidirectional, and reactive speed drills round out this total body conditioning class.

**Ages:** 12 & up

**Day..... Time.....Fee**  
 Saturday, January 27 .... 10:00 AM – Noon.....\$30

## SPEED SCHOOL

Improve your sprinting technique and build linear speed with a focus on arm action, posture, leg drive, foot contact, and recovery. Skills drills, plyos, and proper sled push/pull technique teaches athletes to apply speed to their sport. Quantified results from our state-of-the-art electronic timing system provides a consistent, accurate measurement that can be compared to standardized norms for gender and age.

**Ages:** 10 & up

**Day..... Time.....Fee**  
 Saturday, February 3 .... 10:00 AM – Noon.....\$30



## OLYMPIC LIFTING

Learn the basics of the Olympic lifts including cleans, snatches, jerks, and presses. This class, led by a CLF2 certified coach, covers the fundamentals for CrossFit, high school, and college strength programs. Step-by-step instruction improves form on the full lifts and accessory exercises. Understand the benefits of triple extension, fast twitch muscle training, and bar speed for power output. Olympic lifting builds coordination and is essential for explosive power in sports performance.

**Ages:** 14 & up

**Day..... Time.....Fee**  
 Saturday, February 24 .. 10:00 AM – Noon.....\$30

## SPEED FOR SOCCER

Develop your speed and agility for match dominance! Master efficient mechanics for faster turns and breakaways. Change of direction drills sharper cuts on the pitch. Technical speed, reaction time, and soccer fitness give you the complete package. Expert coaching focuses on sprint form, injury prevention, and proper recovery. Come ready to explode your soccer speed!

**Ages:** 10 & up

**Day..... Time.....Fee**  
 Saturday, February 17 .. 10:00 AM – Noon.....\$30

All TPC programs listed below will be held at the Training and Performance Center – 1111 Trinity Lane, Bloomington.

## TACTICAL STRENGTH

Functional training for military, police, fire, and first responders with Marine-trained coach, Justus. Improve fitness, conditioning, and endurance. Build overall body strength, core strength, and flexibility. Increase speed and stamina to prepare for physical challenges.

**Ages:** 18 & up

**Day..... Time.....Fee**  
Saturday, February 10 .. 10:00 AM – Noon.....\$30



## MULTI-DIRECTIONAL SPEED

Former Big 10 track athlete Coach Ken leads exercises to improve change of direction, lateral speed, reactive speed, and sports specificity. Plyometrics build multidirectional power and explosiveness. Improve velocity in multiple directions, deceleration technique, running posture, and force application.

**Ages:** 8 & up

**Day..... Time.....Fee**  
Saturday, March 2 ..... 10:00 AM – Noon.....\$30



## BASKETBALL STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

Learn the fundamentals of strength and conditioning for the basketball athlete with our TPC strength coaches. Build stronger legs and hips for battles in the paint. Learn bodyweight exercises for at-home training. Running and line drills improve on-court conditioning.

**Ages:** 12 & up

**Day..... Time.....Fee**  
Saturday, March 9 ..... 10:00 AM – Noon.....\$30



## SOFTBALL ROTATIONAL POWER

Improve bat speed, throwing velocity, leg power, core strength, and hip/leg activation with weighted and bodyweight exercises. Exercises to increase rotational power and torque for more bat speed. Train core and shoulders for health and increased velocity.

**Ages:** 10 & up

**Day..... Time.....Fee**  
Saturday, March 16 ..... 10:00 AM – Noon.....\$30

## TPC SPRING BREAK SPEED WEEK

Expert speed coaches will lead a week of elite speed training. Our expansive state-of-the-art indoor turf space provides athletes with the tools they need for improving their performance. Learn the main components of linear speed including starts, acceleration, and top end speed through various drills, plyos, and more. Test your 10/20 times with electronic timing to start and end the program.

**Ages:** 10 & up

**Days..... Time.....Fee**  
Mon., March 25 – Fri., March 29 ..... 11:00 AM – Noon...\$59

## VERTICAL POWER FOR BASKETBALL

Improve vertical jump and hang time with jump technique, weight room exercises, plyometrics, and box jump training. Test vertical and horizontal power with electronic measurement for accurate results to maximize blocked shots, dunks, and rebounds.

**Ages:** 12 & up

**Day..... Time.....Fee**  
Saturday, April 13 ..... 10:00 AM – Noon.....\$30

## FOOTBALL AGILITY

Learn the techniques to master the skills for linear speed, multidirectional speed, starts, jumps, and reactive drills to build explosive power. We'll finish by testing your performance with various football combine drills.

**Ages:** 12 & up

**Day..... Time..... Fee**  
 Saturday, April 20 ..... 10:00 AM – Noon.....\$30

## STRENGTH FOR SWIMMERS

In this dryland workout, athletes will perform shoulder health and rotator cuff exercises to prevent injury and increase range of motion and target back, shoulders, and hips for swimming power. Plyo power and leg strength exercises will improve pushing off the wall and jumping off the blocks for starts.

**Ages:** 12 & up

**Day..... Time..... Fee**  
 Saturday, April 27 ..... 10:00 AM – Noon.....\$30



## 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! Fee is \$3 per visit. Payment (cash only) is made on site.

Sunday – Drop in at any time between 6:00-8:30 on the following dates:

February 4, 18, 25  
 March 3, 10

## AQUATICS

### American Red Cross Training

#### Lifeguarding with Waterpark Skills

This comprehensive lifeguard training program includes all aspects of the professional lifeguard. Through videos, group discussion and hands-on practice, you will learn patron rescue and surveillance skills, First Aid, and CPR/AED. Successful completion of this course will result in Red Cross certification. Class materials are included in the fee. Please bring snacks & water.

**Prerequisites:**

- **Complete a swim-tread-swim sequence without stopping to rest:**
  - Jump into the water and totally submerge, resurface then swim 150 yards using the front crawl, breaststroke or a combination of both. (Swimming on the back or side in not permitted. Swim goggles are allowed).
  - Maintain position at the surface of the water for 2 minutes by treading water using only the legs.
  - Swim 50 yards using the front crawl, breaststroke or a combination of both.
- **Complete a timed event within 1 minute, 40 seconds:**
  - Starting in the water, swim 20 yards. (The face may be in or out of the water. Swim goggles are not allowed).
  - Surface dive (feet-first or head-first) to a depth of 7 - 10 feet to retrieve a 10-pound object.
  - Return to the surface and swim 20 yards on the back to return to the starting point, holding the object at the surface with both hands and keeping the face out at or near the surface.
  - Exit the water without using a ladder or steps.

Please note the offered classes are a Blended Learning Environment. *Blended learning combines online learning with in-person skills sessions where you will practice skills and demonstrate competency. Please plan to complete the initial eLearning lessons of your training at least two days prior to your first on-site skills session. Access will be provided to eLearning Center a week before class begins.*

**Ages:** 15 years & older

**Fee:** \$250

<b>Pool.....</b>	<b>Day.....</b>	<b>Date.....</b>	<b>Time</b>
Four Seasons I.....	Fri. – Sun.....	March 8 – 10 .....	Fri.: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM Sat.: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Sun.: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Four Seasons I.....	Fri. – Sun.....	April 5 – 7 .....	Fri.: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM Sat.: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Sun.: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
O’Neil Aquatics Center.....	Thurs. – Sun. ....	May 9 – 12 .....	Thurs. & Fri.: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM Saturday: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Sunday: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

# Community Sports Organizations

The Bloomington Park & 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..... mcymhasharks.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-U8..... 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**..... blonotennisturf.com
- Table Tennis** – ISU Wellness Table Tennis Club – Open to ages 18+ in the community..... (309) 838-7657



# SPECIAL INTEREST

EVENT

## Look I'm a Cook

Learn the basics of following recipes, proper measuring, kitchen safety and more. Class will focus on making some kid friendly, delicious recipes.

Ages: 4 – 8

Wednesdays, Jan. 24 & 31

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Lincoln Leisure Center

\$19



## Waffle It

Let's turn some unexpected items into waffles! We will see what we can waffle with hash browns, chicken, pretzels, pizza and more! Come hungry and ready to eat what you make.

Ages: 9 – 14

Wednesdays, Jan. 24 & 31

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM

Lincoln Leisure Center

\$29

## Valentine Workshop

Children will enjoy making Valentine crafts and making a simple snack each week.

Ages: 4 – 10

Thursday, Feb. 1 & 8

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Lincoln Leisure Center

\$19



## Sweet Science

Make giant gummi worms, turn M&Ms into dazzling comets, grow candy crystals, and turn cotton candy into slime! We will try all these experiments and more, plus discuss simple scientific explanations.

Ages: 6 – 12

Thursdays, Feb. 1 & 8

6:15 PM – 7:15 PM

Lincoln Leisure Center

\$19



## Family Craft Fun – Valentine's Day

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

Ages: 4 - 12 with an Adult

Sat. Feb. 10th

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Lincoln Leisure Center

\$25

SPECIAL INTEREST



## Tiny Melodies

Welcome to Tiny Melodies! We are so excited to offer you and your little ones the chance to experience the joy of music in a fun and engaging way. Our classes provide children, along with their caregivers, the opportunity to explore and appreciate music through singing, dancing, and playing instruments.

Not only will your child have a blast, but they will also learn basic musical and developmental concepts while socializing with their peers and caregivers.

Our classes are specially designed for children aged 0-4, and we highly encourage caregivers to attend and actively participate in the music-making process. We kindly ask that un-registered siblings do not join the class. Instructor: Developing Melodies, Early Childhood Music Specialist  
Ages: 0 - 4

Tuesdays, Feb. 6 - March 12

5:10 PM – 5:55 PM

Lincoln Leisure Center

\$75



## DevelUP Brain Games (Movement & Mindfulness)

DevelUP Brain Games focuses on improving your child(ren)'s emotional intelligence, working memory, attention/focus, and rule changes through activities developed specifically for brain development and academic performance. This program allows each participant to learn and progress in their own creative ways, while also building emotional-regulation skills and confidence. Each activity is centered around physical activity, creativity, mindfulness, and motivation through individual curiosities. Program highlights include; exploration, enjoyment, critical thinking, and social-emotional learning.

Instructor: Patrick Pommier/Certified Teacher

Ages: 6 - 9

Wednesdays, Jan. 31 - Feb. 21 and/or

Mondays, April 8 - 29

5:00 PM – 5:50 PM

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## Shhh... Top Secret

You get to be the detective! Solve the case of the missing snack, take fingerprints, make invisible ink, climb through a laser maze, and even leave with your own top secret name. Cheese pizza and lemonade will be provided and we might even have a special guest!

Ages: 6 – 11

Thursday, Feb. 15

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Lincoln Leisure Center

\$29

## Breakfast for Dinner

Today is International Pancake Day. What better way to celebrate than making breakfast for dinner? Come hungry and ready to eat your pancake creations.

Ages: 6 – 12

Wednesday, Feb. 21

5:15 PM - 6:30 PM

Lincoln Leisure Center

\$19



## Cupcake Crafters

Kids will learn to create delicious cupcakes, some basic decorating techniques and ideas to make their cupcakes one of a kind! The last day of class, they will be challenged to use what they have learned to build their very own creation.

Ages: 7 – 12

Wednesdays, March 6 – 20

5:30 PM – 6:45 PM

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## Safe Sitter

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 from Avanti's which will be a half gondola, chips, cookie, and a drink. Class is taught by certified Safe Sitter Instructors.

Ages: 11 – 14

Saturday, March 16, Normal Community Activity Center

Saturday, April 20, Lincoln Leisure Center

Saturday May 18, Lincoln Leisure Center

9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

\$60

## Make a Leprechaun Trap

Make a leprechaun trap together! Adult and child will work together to create a trap to catch the sneaky leprechaun as he is hunting for his pot of gold. All supplies will be provided.

Ages: 4 – 12 with an Adult

Saturday, March 9

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Lincoln Leisure Center

\$25

## Family Craft Fun – Easter

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

Ages 4 – 12 with an Adult

Saturday, March 9

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Lincoln Leisure Center

\$25

## Easter Eggs & More

Let's get creative and decorate eggs, make a craft and more!

Ages: 6 – 12

Thursday, March 21

5:15 PM – 6:30 PM

Lincoln Leisure Center

\$25

## Rhyme Time

Let's learn a classic rhyme and make a craft or do an activity that goes along with it. This will be a great introduction for children to be in a class all by themselves and help children spark their creativity. Children must be able to participate independently of their caregiver.

Ages: 3 - 5

Thursdays, April 4 - 18

5:00 PM – 5:45 PM

Lincoln Leisure Center

\$25

## Springtime Stories, Crafts & Snack

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 Spring snack!

Ages: 5 - 11

Thursdays, April 4 - 18

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Lincoln Leisure Center

\$34

## Let's Make Dinner

Today is National Pigs in a Blanket Day. What better way to celebrate than making dinner? Come hungry and ready to eat. We will make Pigs in a Blanket, a side, and dessert.

Ages: 6 – 12

Wednesday, April 24

5:15 PM – 6:30 PM

Lincoln Leisure Center

\$19



## Gift for Mom

Children of all ages will enjoy making their mom a special gift and card. This will be a one-of-a-kind gift for Mom!

Ages: 4 – 11

Monday, May 9

5:15 PM - 6:30 PM

Lincoln Leisure Center

\$19

# SPECIAL EVENTS



## Daddy/Daughter Dance & Sweetheart Dance

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to connect with your little one in a memorable and exciting way. Get ready for an afternoon full of laughter, music, and joy, as we celebrate the unique bond between you and your child.

Every pair attending will be treated to a special surprise, as well as a lovely photo to take home as a memento of this special occasion. The first session will be dedicated to the traditional Daddy/Daughter pairs. In the second session, we are excited to welcome any adult/child pair to join in the enjoyment! \*\* Pre-registration is required

Sunday, February 4  
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM – Daddy/Daughter Dance  
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM – Sweetheart Dance  
Miller Park Pavilion, Main Level  
\$30 for Adult/Child

## Paint with Me – Whales

Adult and child will create a scene on 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 a smock or old clothes, as we will be using acrylic paints. Snacks and drinks will be served. Instructor: Mary Jo from Inside Out Accessible Art

Ages: 5 – 12  
Sunday, January 21  
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM  
Miller Park Pavilion – Main Level  
\$35 for Adult/Child  
\$20 for additional child



## Paint with Me – Bunny

Adult and child will create a scene on 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 a smock or old clothes, as we will be using acrylic paints. Snacks and drinks will be served. Instructor: Mary Jo from Inside Out Accessible Art

Ages: 5 – 12  
Sunday, February 25  
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM  
Miller Park Pavilion – Main Level  
\$35 for Adult/Child  
\$20 for additional child

## Paint with Mary Jo – Dog

Follow along with step-by-step instructions from Mary Jo from Inside Out Accessible Art. We will provide all the supplies and take care of clean-up. Children will participate independent of an adult. Participants should wear a smock or old clothes, as we will be using acrylic paints. Instructor: Mary Jo from Inside Out Accessible Art

Ages: 10 and up  
Sunday, April 14  
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM  
Miller Park Pavilion – Main Level  
\$25 / person



## Visit from the Bunny

The Bunny will stop by your house for a quick visit, photo opp, and deliver a treat to your child. Approximate time for the stop will be emailed before the date of the visit. Must live in Bloomington or Normal City Limits.

Ages: 2 and up  
Tuesday, March 19 between 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM  
\$12  
\$5 - additional child in same household

# ART CLASSES



## Stacked Snowman Lighted Bottle

Participants will have the opportunity to complete a lighted bottle using acrylic paints on an up-cycled wine bottle.

Please dress for mess.

Instructor: Mary Jo from Inside Out Accessible Art.

Ages: 10 and up

Thursday, February 1

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Lincoln Leisure Center

\$19

## Clay Pottery for Youth – Feb.

Have you ever worked on the potter's wheel? Come out and use it 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

Ages: 7 – 12

Mondays, February 5 – 19

6:00 PM – 7:15 PM

Lincoln Leisure Center

\$55



## Parent/Child Sculpture Workshop

In just one hour, you can make a creative piece of art with shapes, wires, marshmallows, noodles, and more!

Create memories to last throughout the year.

Instructor: Bonnie Bernardi

Ages: 5 – 8 with an Adult

Saturday, February 17

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Lincoln Leisure Center

\$15 for Adult/Child

## Clay Pottery for Youth – May

Have you ever worked on the potter's wheel? Come out and use it 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

Ages: 7 – 12

Mondays, May 6 - 20

6:00 PM – 7:15 PM

Lincoln Leisure Center

\$55

### Learning to Throw

Ever wanted to give the potter's wheel a try? Come learn how to use it 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

Ages: 13 & up

Mondays, March 4 - 18

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Lincoln Leisure Center

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## Parks Puzzle Page

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# 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 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: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM • Wednesday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

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# OLDER ADULTS (55+)



## Miller Park Adult Center

We welcome and encourage all older adults to participate in the many programs and services mentioned online and in our brochure. Drop by the Center to meet with new and old friends and enjoy the pleasant surroundings! The Miller Park Adult Center offers a wide variety of activities and recreational opportunities. While everything at the Miller Park Adult Center is free, there are some programming that will require preregistration and a fee. Be sure to stop in and check what is going on for the week. You can also view our monthly activity calendar online now.

The Miller Park Adult Center provides senior services, information, and opportunities for the older adult. For more information or to get involved, call the Center at (309) 434 - 2255 or call our main office Monday through Friday at (309) 434 - 2260.

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: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Wednesday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM**

Please note 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 unseen events.

Miller Park Adult Center will be closed on the following days:  
Friday, December 22, 2023, through Tuesday, January 2, 2024  
Monday, January 15, Friday, March 29, and Monday, May 27

### Happenings at the Miller Park Adult Center

Learn a new game or meet a new friendly face. Come spend some time working on puzzle(s), picking up a book, or joining a game in process. Learn something new or teach someone else how to play. Socialization and working minds are very important skills to constantly keep you going. Check out these things you can do while visiting 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 own book selection of donated books to check out.



# Happenings at the Miller Park Adult Center



## 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.



## Billiards

Bring your cue sticks and a friend to play a friendly game of pool.

## Shuffleboard

Come out and enjoy the weather! Dust off the pucks and brush off the courts – you are ready to play! You don't have to know how to play – we will teach you. Bring a friend, get some coffee, and have some fun in the mornings.

## Strong for Life Exercise

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 & Fridays: 9:15 AM – 10:00 AM

## 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.

Five Crown – Every Friday

Dominoes – Every Tuesday

Phase 10 – Every Thursday

Hand & Foot – Every Wednesday and Friday

Bridge, Bunco, and Euchre welcome any day

**Bring a new game group to the Center!**



## Coffee 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: 9:00 AM

## Grocery Day

We can all be under tough times, but we are here to support you. Come out to the Adult Center to pick up perishable items that you need that are provided by Midwest Food Bank. No registration needed.

Occurs on either the 2nd or 3rd Thursday of Each Month.

**Day.....Date.....Time**

Th.....January 18..... 9:15 AM

Th.....February 15..... 9:15 AM

Th.....March 14..... 12:15 PM

Th.....April 18..... 9:15 AM

## 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. Some bingos are sponsored by Evergreen Senior Community. **Participants must register to save their seat.**

**Day.....Date.....Time.....Fee**

Th..... January 18..... 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM.....\$4

Th..... February 15..... 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM.....\$4

Th..... March 14..... 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM.....\$4

Th..... April 18..... 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM.....\$4

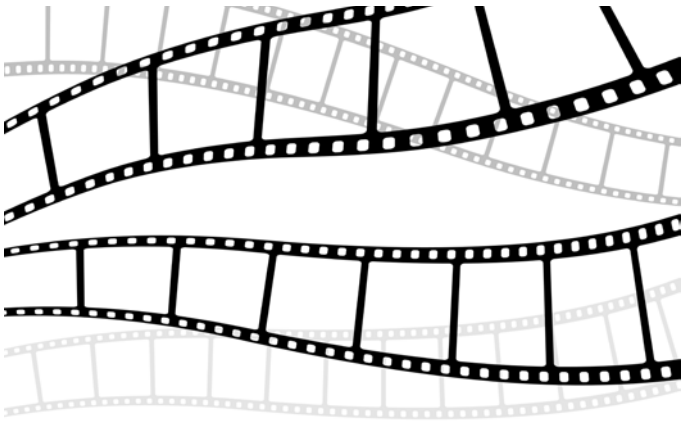


## Feeling Puzzled?

Come out and put together some puzzles or work on existing ones with a Center Supervisor. Puzzles are relaxing to work on and good for maintaining cognitive sharpness.

Thursdays: 12:30 PM

# Happenings at the Miller Park Adult Center



## Movie Matinees

Come out to the Pavilion 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. You do not need to go to the theater alone or travel late at night. See the monthly calendar for titles of movies.  
1st & 3rd Friday of Each Month: 11:45 AM

## Want to Start your own Group?

Come out any day and play any kind of cards, or even start a new group! To become involved with any group or to start something new, speak with the Center Supervisor or contact the Adult Center at (309) 434-2255.

## Special Interest Programs

### Cabin Fever – REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

Don't let the cold keep you from coming out and playing with us. We will have some hot lunch along with rounds of bingo. Join in the company of your friends and beat the wintery blues.  
**Location:** Miller Park Adult Center

Day.....Date .....Time.....Fee  
M.....Jan. 22 .....11:00 AM – 1:00PM .....\$15

### Simple Cooking

Come hungry because you will join our Adult Center Staff and make a meal. Each meal made will be a "5-ingredients or less". Everyone will have fun and enjoy in some good socialization.  
**Location:** Miller Park Adult Center

Day.....Date .....Time.....Fee  
Tu .....February 27 ..... 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM ..\$9  
Tu .....March 26 ..... 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM ..\$9  
Tu .....April 30 ..... 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM ..\$9

## Game Show Challenge

It's your time to be on the Game Show! Spend the day with us, have lunch, and play some games. Come for the challenge! You never know what you will win!

**Location:** White Oak Community Room

Day.....Date .....Time.....Fee  
Th .....Feb. 1 .....11:00 AM – 1:00 PM ...\$15



## Valentine's Bingo

Celebrate Valentine's Day by doing what you LOVE! We will be playing rounds of bingo while enjoying good company and food.

**Location:** Miller Park Adult Center

Day.....Date .....Time.....Fee  
W .....February 14 .....1:00 PM – 3:00 PM.....\$15



## Soup, Sandwich, & BINGO

Everyone's all-time favorite game! We will play some variations of bingo. Some may be a little different than you have played before! There will be a soup and sandwich bar to take the chill off.

**Location:** Miller Park Adult Center

Day.....Date .....Time.....Fee  
Tu .....February 27 .....12:00 PM – 2:00 PM....\$15

# Happenings at the Miller Park Adult Center



## Who's Feeling Lucky?

Everybody's favorite game! Enjoy an Irish lunch and play a few games of bingo. There will be some extra twists to the game as well as added challenges and activities to spark your luck.

**Location:** Miller Park Adult Center

**Day.....Date .....Time.....Fee**  
 Tu .....March 12 .....12:00 PM – 2:00 PM.... \$15



## Lunch at the Park

Start your morning off on the healthy side by coming out to the park and get moving! The weather is getting nicer out and it is time to shake off the flakes of the winter blues. Enjoy lunch and walking some of the trail to get your steps in!

**Location:** Miller Park Adult Center

**Day.....Date .....Time.....Fee**  
 F .....April 5 .....12:00 PM – 2:00 PM.... \$15



## Miller Bingo

Special Guest, Scott Miller, will be joining us this afternoon. As the guest Bingo Caller, he gets to call the shots! Come on out as it will be a great time! Snacks will be provided.

**Location:** Miller Park Adult Center

**Day.....Date .....Time.....Fee**  
 Tu .....April 9 .....12:00 PM – 2:00 PM.... \$15

## Outdoor Bingo

There's nothing more perfect than being outdoors and playing bingo. We will get outdoors this spring to enjoy the weather while playing our favorite game. Snacks will be provided.

**Location:** Tipton Park, North Shelter

**Day.....Date .....Time.....Fee**  
 F .....April 26 .....11:00 AM – 1:00 PM ... \$15

**Location:** O'Neil Park

**Day.....Date .....Time.....Fee**  
 Tu .....May 7 .....11:00 AM – 1:00 PM ... \$15

## Walk the Trail

The parks have so many benefits to offer for you. Wear your walking shoes because we are going to explore different park trails. Let's get your heart pumping today! Afterwards we will sit around and catch up with one another. Wear comfortable clothing, bring water, and a chair to sit and chat after our walk. A snack will be provided.

**Location:** McGraw Park

**Day.....Date .....Time.....Fee**  
 W .....May 29 .....9:30 AM – 11:30 AM... \$9

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# Older Adult Trips Ages 55+

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## 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.

Fee: \$15 per trip

February 7 ..... 8:15 AM – 12:00 PM

March 6 ..... 8:15 AM – 12:00 PM

April 3 ..... 8:15 AM – 12:00 PM

Maximum: 24

## Let's Hit the Road – Lunch Edition

Enjoy a social lunch one Wednesday a month with others at a restaurant out of town. Even though the destination (up to one hour 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.

Fee: \$15 per trip

February 21 ..... 10:15 AM – 4:00 PM

March 20 ..... 10:15 AM – 4:00 PM

Maximum: 24



## Antique Road...GO!

Whether you're on the hunt for that particular something special, or you're just interested in browsing and enjoying the nostalgia, join us for a day of antiques. We will check out a few different stores in Decatur while also making a stop in Clinton on the way home. We will also stop for a bite to eat around lunchtime.

Fee: \$15 (does not include lunch)

February 9

Depart: 9:00 AM

Return: 3:15 PM (approximately)

Maximum: 24

## Circa '21 Dinner Theater – Murder on the Orient Express

Join us as we venture west to the Quad Cities and the Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse, a historic, century-old theater that provides a taste of Broadway along the banks of the Mississippi. We'll enjoy a matinee show based on Agatha Christie's timeless murder mystery, Murder on the Orient Express. All aboard as we're sure to enjoy the glamour, intrigue, suspense, and humor that this show has to offer! Show includes lunch (your choice of one of three entrees), drinks, and dessert.

Fee: \$75

Location: Circa '21 – Rock Island, IL

Wednesday, February 28

Depart: 9:00 AM

Return: 6:30 PM (approximately)

Maximum: 24

# Older Adult Trips Ages 55+



## The Thrifty Trip

Back 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 previous Thrifty Trips. Program fee does not include any meals or gratuity.

Fee: \$15

Location: Multiple locations throughout Central Illinois

Friday, March 15

Depart: 9:30 AM – 4:45 PM (approximately)

Maximum: 24



## The Barn III – Conklin Dinner Theater

We're heading to The Barn III in Goodfield for a Sunday lunch matinee. Join us on Sunday, April 7 as we enjoy the hilarious, crowd-pleasing, cowboy musical comedy, *Chaps!* Fee includes transportation, full meal, drinks, and gratuity.

Fee: \$74

Sunday, April 7..... 11:00 AM – 4:15 PM (approximately)

Maximum: 24



## Coffee Crawl

Whether you're craving the caffeine, some deliciously fresh baked goods, a relaxing time to sit and chat with some friends, or all of the above, get ready for our Coffee Crawl. We'll drive you from coffee shop to coffee shop all around Central Illinois. This will be your chance to try some new coffee creations, as we'll be stopping at several places throughout the day. You can also plan to enjoy something for breakfast, brunch, or lunch along the way as well.

Fee: \$15

Thursday, April 25

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM (approximately)

Maximum: 15



## Progressive Parks Pizza Palooza Party

Spend an afternoon enjoying some of Bloomington's most popular parks while also enjoying some of Bloomington's most popular pizza. Ride along with us as waiting at each park will be a different pizza offering, straight from a local pizza place. Whether you're here to partake in a picture perfect, pleasant day in the park, or you plan on polishing off some palatable pieces of pizza, participation will be pleasing.

Fee: \$20

Wednesday, May 1

10:45 AM – 2:45 PM (approximately)

Maximum: 15

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## Fairbury Fun!

Just up the road a little ways, there is a little town with lots to do! Join us for a fun day in Fairbury. Our trip will include stops at various Fairbury-area shops and destinations, including lunch at Lost in Time, Inc. in downtown Fairbury. Wear those comfortable shoes as a good amount of walking can be expected.

Fee: \$20 (does not include lunch)  
Thursday, May 9  
Depart: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (approximately)  
Maximum: 24



## Starved Rock – Brooks & Dunn Tribute

Lunch and a show! Enjoy an afternoon tribute to one of country music's most popular and influential duos – Brooks & Dunn. You better Believe! They'll definitely Play Something Country as you'll be sure to find yourself doing the Boot Scootin' Boogie throughout the afternoon. And as always, the renowned Starved Rock Lodge hot lunch buffet is included.

\*please note that this is a music tribute duo and not Brooks and Dunn themselves\*

Fee: \$79  
Location: Starved Rock Lodge – Utica, IL  
Tuesday, May 14  
Depart: 10:00 AM  
Return: 4:15 PM (approximately)  
Maximum: 24



## 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.

Fee: \$20 per trip  
April 12 - 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM  
Weldon Springs

May 17 - 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM  
Sangamon River Forest Preserve (Fisher)  
Maximum: 24



## Weber House & Gardens

Tour the popular Weber House & Gardens in Streator. Sitting on two acres, the unique Weber House & Gardens immerses visitors in Storybook/Tudor architecture complimented with English-style gardens. Lunch in Streator will follow the tour.

Fee: \$30 (does not include lunch)  
Tuesday, May 21  
Depart 8:45 AM – 3:45 PM (approximately)  
Maximum: 24





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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 ambitious game on a great course. PVG has a full-service pro-shop, open sunrise to sunset, year round. For reservations or information, call (309) 434 - 2217.

### Indoor Golf Simulators – Prairie Vista

Come play some of the finest courses from across the world like: Pebble Beach, Medinah, Oakmont, and more in stunning 4k resolution on our indoor golf simulators at Prairie Vista. Regardless of the weather outside, it's always sunny and 72 here. Looking for that unique birthday party opportunity? Book our simulators and let your child's party choose between golf or they can hook up their favorite gaming station and play video games on our 10' x 12' foot screen in high def. Food and beverages are available for purchase as well. To book your time, call Prairie Vista at (309) 434 - 2217.





3002 Fox Creek Rd  
Bloomington, IL 61705  
(309) 434 - 2300

**BloomingtonGolf.org**

**4 1/2 Star Rating by Golf Digest in its  
2023 "Great Places to Play!"**

Home of IHSA Large School Finals

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. Water comes into play on seven holes. 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 practice fairway sand bunker.



### The Den Palmer Room

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 take down.

To arrange a time to view the facility and/or to make reservations, contact The Den at (309) 434 - 2300.  
Banquet/Meeting Room: Seating 168. Open year-round. Call (309) 434 - 2300 for rates.



1613 S. Main St.  
Bloomington, IL 61701  
(309) 434 - 2200

**BloomingtonGolf.org**

**3 Star Rating by Golf Digest in its  
2023 "Great Places to Play!"**

Highland Park, located on South Main Street, has numerous challenges on its 5,800 yard-long course including creek crossings, three lakes, well-placed sand traps, and tree-lined fairways. The Pro Shop has a full line of golf accessories. For reservations or information, call (309) 434 - 2200.



### Annual Snowbird Open

Individuals may register at the Pro Shop for this unique tournament to be played January 1, 2024!

# MILLER PARK ZOO



**MILLER PARK  
ZOO**

EST. 1891

1020 S. Morris Avenue,  
Bloomington  
(309) 434 – 2250  
[millerparkzoo.org](http://millerparkzoo.org)

## Admission Rates

beginning January 1st 2024

Youth (ages 3 – 12) – \$7.00

Adult (ages 13 – 59) – \$9.00

Senior Citizen (ages 60 & up) – \$7.00

Military & College Student with ID – \$7.00

Children (2 & under) – FREE

*Fees/Fees are subject to change.*

## Group Rates

Advanced registration required,  
restrictions apply, call (309) 434 – 2250.

## Hours

9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Open everyday except Thanksgiving and Christmas

## Daily Activities

Free with Zoo admission!

### River Otter Presentation

daily at 11:00 AM and 2:30 PM  
Zookeepers will chat with guests, answer questions, and feed the river otters.

### Snow Leopards Scheduled Feedings

daily at 4:00 PM  
Guests can watch the Zookeepers feed these animals.

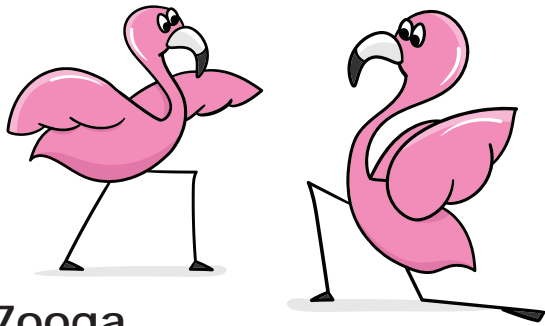
Contact the Zoo to learn about  
Tortoise feeding rates.  
Feedings are at 11:30 AM  
and make for a great gift experience!



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

[millerparkzoo.org](http://millerparkzoo.org)

# ZOO SPECIAL EVENTS



## Zooga

Jan. 6th – 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM  
Feb. 10th – 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM  
March 9th – 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

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 and safe form environment. Please register soon as this activity will fill up fast. This event is for all ages and skill levels.



## Active Senior Tours

Jan. 10th – 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM  
Feb. 14th – 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM  
March 13th – 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM  
April 10th – 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM  
May 8th – 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Grab your coffee and come on over to the Zoo for a brisk morning walk. Join other seniors as we walk the Zoo and learn about animals in the warm comfy ZooLab. Our volunteer trained tour guide will be talking about our Meerkats and a few other animals in the ZooLab. No need to register ahead of time. Tickets are \$5 at the door and free for members (must show your membership card to admissions) This event is for seniors 60+. Your guide will meet you at the Zoo entrance. If more information is needed, please email Silvia Schuh at [sschuh@cityblm.org](mailto:sschuh@cityblm.org) or call (309) 434-2826. Groups are welcomed, but please call ahead to register.



## Volunteer Round Up!

Jan. 18th – 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM or  
Jan. 20th – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Do you have some free time on your hands and would like to volunteer and give back to the community? Miller Park Zoo is looking for volunteers of all kinds and abilities. Join us for an informational session to find out what it takes to be a volunteer for Miller Park Zoo. Our Volunteer Coordinator will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. Registration is preferred but not necessary to attend. To register, email Silvia Schuh at [sschuh@cityblm.org](mailto:sschuh@cityblm.org) or call (309) 434 - 2250.

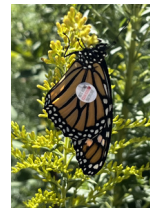


## Free Fridays in February!! February 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd

Back by popular demand, Miller Park Zoo will be hosting free admission Fridays once again. Admission only is free all day. No need to register just come on over. The animals can't wait to see you!

## National Learn about Butterflies Day

March 16th – 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM



Come and check out our display and learn about butterflies! MPZ will be offering our guests an opportunity to learn about butterflies in our area. We will be offering our guests an opportunity to fill out a worksheet. Answer questions like: Where do butterflies come from? What kind of butterflies live in McLean County? and other fun interesting facts. When completed, bring the worksheet to the gift shop, and exchange it for a special prize! We will also have a butterfly craft to make! There will not be any live butterflies since it is too early in the year for them. Please call Miller Park Zoo at (309) 434-2250 for more information.

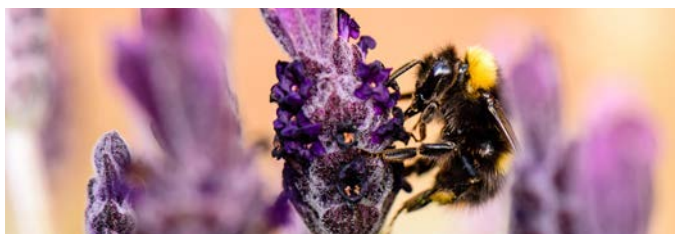
# ZOO SPECIAL EVENTS



## Bunny's Spring Jubilee

March 30 – 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Come on out and help Bunny celebrate Spring! We will have games (outdoor fun), crafts, free cookie decorating, and visits with the Zoo's live rabbits. Maybe a chance to take a picture with the BIG bunny himself! This event is suitable for all ages. There will be no Easter Egg hunt.



## Pollinators Rock!

April 15 – 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Join us on a day off from school to celebrate pollinators as we kick off our first event in a series to celebrate Earth Day. We will have a display of what pollinators are and why they are important. You will have a chance to play a scavenger hunt to win a prize.



## Recycled Art Sculpture contest

April 19 – 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Enter your recycled materials art sculpture in a contest being held by Miller Park Zoo. This is a fun and easy project idea for individuals of all ages. The idea is that you make the project at home using materials that are recyclable in our area. Create your masterpiece and bring it to the Zoo on April 19, 9:30-4:00PM. Entries will not be accepted after this date and time. Sculptures will be judged by our guests who visit the Zoo on April 20. Please email Silvia Schuh at [sschuh@cityblm.org](mailto:sschuh@cityblm.org) to register for the contest or for more information.



## Party for the Planet

April 20 – 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

This will be a fun day filled with fun activities for all. There will be outdoor games, booths, and crafts. We will be hosting local art crafters who make their art from recycled materials. Their art will be available to purchase. You will also get a chance to vote for your favorite recycled art sculptures.



## Endangered Species Day

May 18

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Chalk art contest  
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM Event at the Zoo

National Coalition for Endangered Species is hosting a chalk art contest. Miller Park Zoo will provide the chalk, supplies, and space. You supply the art concept and your drawing skills. Finished entries will be uploaded to NCES website for entry into the contest. If you would like to participate, please register by using the QR Code above.

## Endangered Species Day Event

Join us to learn about what it means for an animal/plant to be on the Endangered Species List. Miller Park Zoo works towards the conservation effort of these endangered species. You will learn about what SSP is by playing a scavenger hunt for a prize. Hear keeper talks and enjoy animal encounters. All activities are free with paid admission.

# 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 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.

The 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, so please register for only one class per month.

Friday, January 26, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Friday, January 26, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Friday, January 26, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Saturday, January 27, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Saturday, January 27, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Saturday, January 27, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Friday, February 23, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Friday, February 23, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Friday, February 23, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Saturday, February 24, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Saturday, February 24, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Saturday, February 24, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

**Fee:** Family Zoo Society members: \$10 per child;  
nonmembers: \$15 per child



## ZOO EXPLORERS Ages 6 – 11

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

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

Animal Senses – January 15

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM / 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Nocturnal Keeper – February 19

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM / 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Fee:** Family Zoo Society members: \$13 per child per session;  
nonmembers: \$17 per child per session



## ZOOSDAY CLUB Ages 7 – 13

Make friends (human & animal!), join in fun activities, and learn more about wildlife at this weekly after-school club.

February 6, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

February 13, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

February 20, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

February 27, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**Fee:** Family Zoo Society members: \$13 per child per session;  
nonmembers: \$17 per child per session

# ZOO EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## SPRING BREAK SAFARI CAMP Ages 6 - 11

Amazing Race: Animal Edition

We'll face fun challenges and obstacles that help us learn how animals deal with their own challenges in the wild. Along the way, we'll meet some Zoo animals, make a craft, and enjoy fun, educational activities. A snack will be provided. Bring a sack lunch and wear play clothes.

Activities are identical each day.

Tuesday, March 26, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Wednesday, March 27, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Fee:** Family Zoo Society members: \$35 per child;  
nonmembers: \$45 per child



## JUNIOR ZOOKEEPERS at Miller Park Zoo



The Junior Zookeeper program is for young people who want to learn more about wildlife and how a zoo works. JZKs begin by attending a one-week educational summer camp and can eventually become volunteers at the Miller Park Zoo!

Students currently in 5th grade or higher are eligible to begin this summer.

Space in the program is limited, so all interested students and their parent/guardian must attend one informational meeting in order to receive application materials.

Meetings will be held at the Miller Park Pavilion on

**March 4th, 5th, & 6th, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM.**

Choose the meeting date that fits your schedule; no reservation is required.

Doors will close and no one may enter after 6:35 PM.

Visit [millerparkzoo.org](http://millerparkzoo.org) for more information.

Contact Julia Benzel at (309) 434-2256 or [jbenzel@cityblm.org](mailto:jbenzel@cityblm.org) with questions.



# MILLER PARK ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY EVENT



## Miller Park Zoo Stampede

**March 2, 2024**

The Stampede 5K run/walk, 3K walk, and Fun Run (1/4 mile for children 10 and under) is the first on the Lake Run Club (LRC) calendar for the year and is held in historic Miller Park, the surrounding neighborhood, and Miller Park Zoo. Certified 5K Course!

**For details and registration, go to**

**[mpzs.org/stampede](https://mpzs.org/stampede)**

Kids Fun Run begins at 9:30 AM. 3K/5K begins at 10:00 AM.

\*You may register up to 30 minutes before the start of the event.

## Become a Zoo Member

Unlimited FREE admission to Miller Park Zoo

### Discounts on:

Education Programs, Concessions, Zootique, and Visits to AZA Zoos Nationwide

Join or renew today at [mpzs.org/membership](https://mpzs.org/membership)



**MILLER PARK  
ZOOLOGICAL  
SOCIETY**



MILLER PARK ZOO

# BLOOMINGTON ICE CENTER



201 S. Roosevelt Ave. • (309) 434 – 2875 • (309) 434 – 2880 Fax

## Open Skate Schedule

Valid January 2 – May 19, 2024

Please note the Bloomington Ice Center will be closed for

Open Skate, on the following dates:

January 26th & 27th and February 2nd & 3rd

### **Weekday Open Skate (Beginning 1/8)**

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

Extended on 1/15 MLK Day 11:00 AM – 2:30 PM

### **Weekend Open Skate**

Friday Nights – 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Saturdays – 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Sundays – 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

### **Open Skate Fees**

Admission – \$6.00 • Skate Rental – \$2.00

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: \$4.00 admission per person

25+ people: \$3.00 admission per person

See our website for additional information on all of our  
open skates at [BloomingtonIceCenter.com](http://BloomingtonIceCenter.com)





## 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](http://BloomingtonIceCenter.com)

## 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, paper plates, napkins, cups, utensils, beverage, and dessert. 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 packages.

## Special Themed Open Skates

### National Skating Month

**Saturday, Jan. 13: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

January is National Skating Month! Join us for skating exhibitions, games, giveaways, and a free learn to skate class! Come enjoy a fun-filled day at the rink and receive \$1.00 off admission! Visit [BloomingtonParks.org](http://BloomingtonParks.org) to reserve your spot for the FREE skating lesson.

### Onesie Pajama Party Skate

**Friday, Feb. 16: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

Grab that onesie or favorite (appropriate) PJ's and come out for a night of sleepover fun! Enjoy music and refreshments while you skate the night away!

### Friend and Me Skate

**Saturday, March 9: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

Bring your favorite stuffed animal or doll to skate for an afternoon of enjoyment! Skaters and their dolls will enjoy a free hot chocolate, cookie, and amenities that include a babysitting station.

### Decades Skate

**Friday, April 12: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

Come skate through the decades at the Bloomington Ice Center. Skaters who wear a decade inspired look will receive 50% off the admissions fee.

## 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.



# Hockey – Learn to Play Youth & Adult

All classes are co-ed – Required equipment listed in “Helpful Learn to Play Information.”

## Tots 1 – Ages 3 – 5

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

## Blades 1 – Ages 6 - 14

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

## Hockey Tots – Learn to Play – Ages 3 – 5

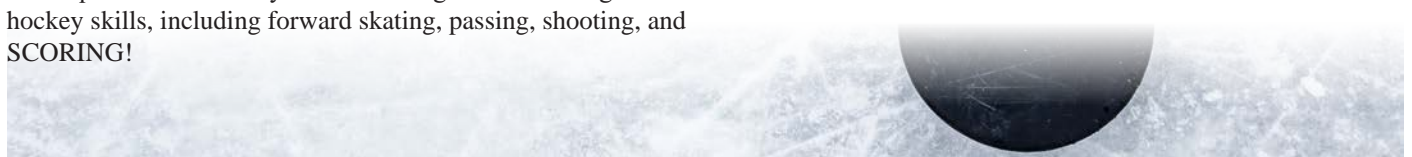
Pre-requisite: Tots 1. Players will be taught basic skating and hockey skills, including forward skating, passing, shooting, and SCORING!

## 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 required.



## Helpful Learn to Play Information

The Hockey Staff recommends that gear be rented or purchased prior to 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 cost of the program. Rental hockey equipment is available for \$25, plus deposit per session. The rental equipment fits 3 – 10 year olds. Please contact Brian Ludy at (309) 434 - 2878 or [bludy@cityblm.org](mailto: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 loose-fitting sweatshirt are heavily recommended.

## Hockey Tots and Hockey – Learn to Play

Helmet with face mask, 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 over), elbow pads, shin guards, gloves, stick, skates (rentals are ok), and hockey pants.

## Open Hockey

We will offer several 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](mailto: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: [BloomingtonIceCenter.com](http://BloomingtonIceCenter.com) for prices, monthly schedule, and times.



# Learn to Play Hockey

## Winter/Spring Session Schedule

### Class ..... Day ..... Winter ..... Time ..... Fee

Tots 1 – 3-5y.o..... Multiple ..... Find dates, times, and cost in Learn to Skate on page 55

Blades 1 – 6-14y.o..... Multiple ..... Find dates, times, and cost in Learn to Skate on page 55

### Class ..... Day ..... Winter 1 ..... Time ..... Fee

Hockey Tots 3-5y.o. .... Wed+Sat ..... 1/6 - 1/24 ..... 5:00 PM – 5:40 PM.....

Meets both Wed and Sat..... (6 Sessions) ..... 10:50 AM – 11:30 AM.....\$79

Hockey Learn to Play 6-14y.o. .... Wed+Sat ..... 1/6 - 1/24 ..... 5:00 PM – 5:40 PM.....

Meets both Wed and Sat..... (6 Sessions) ..... 10:50 AM – 11:30 AM.....\$79

Teen/Adult -Hockey Learn to Play ... Wed..... 1/10 - 2/14 ..... 8:50 PM – 9:50 PM.....\$89

Hockey Tots 3-5y.o. .... Thurs..... 1/11 - 2/8 ..... 10:40 AM – 11:20 AM.....\$59

Hockey Tots 3-5y.o. .... Mon ..... 1/15 - 2/19 ..... 5:00 PM– 5:40 PM.....\$79

Hockey Learn to Play 6-14y.o. .... Mon ..... 1/15 - 2/19 ..... 5:00 PM – 5:40 PM.....\$79

### Class ..... Day ..... Winter 2 ..... Time ..... Fee

Hockey Tots 3-5y.o. .... Wed..... 2/7 - 3/13 ..... 5:00 PM – 5:40 PM.....\$79

Hockey Learn to Play 6-14y.o. .... Wed..... 2/7 - 3/13 ..... 5:00 PM – 5:40 PM.....\$79

Hockey Tots 3-5y.o. .... Sat..... 2/10 - 3/16 ..... 10:50 AM – 11:30 AM.....\$79

Hockey Learn to Play 6-14y.o. .... Sat..... 2/10 - 3/16 ..... 10:50 AM – 11:30 AM.....\$79

Hockey Tots 3-5y.o. .... Thurs..... 2/15 - 3/21 ..... 10:40 AM – 11:20 AM.....\$70

Teen/Adult -Hockey Learn to Play ... Wed..... 2/21 - 4/3(NO 3/27) ..... 8:50 PM – 9:50 PM.....\$89

Hockey Tots 3-5y.o. .... Mon ..... 2/26 - 3/18 ..... 5:00 PM – 5:40 PM.....\$49

Hockey Learn to Play 6-14y.o. .... Mon ..... 2/26 - 3/18 ..... 5:00 PM – 5:40 PM.....\$49

### Class ..... Day ..... Spring..... Time ..... Fee

Hockey Tots 3-5y.o. .... Mon ..... 4/1 - 5/6 ..... 5:00 PM – 5:40 PM.....\$79

Hockey Learn to Play 6-14y.o. .... Mon ..... 4/1 - 5/6 ..... 5:00 PM – 5:40 PM.....\$79

Hockey Tots 3-5y.o. .... Wed..... 4/3 - 5/8 ..... 5:00 PM – 5:40 PM.....\$79

Hockey Learn to Play 6-14y.o. .... Wed..... 4/3 - 5/8 ..... 5:00 PM – 5:40 PM.....\$79

Hockey Tots 3-5y.o. .... Sat..... 4/6 - 5/11 ..... 10:50 AM – 11:30 AM.....\$79

Hockey Learn to Play 6-14y.o. .... Sat..... 4/6 - 5/11 ..... 10:50 AM – 11:30 AM.....\$79

Teen/Adult -Hockey Learn to Play ... Wed..... 4/10 - 5/15 ..... 8:50 PM – 9:50 PM.....\$89

Note: For all of the Clinic/Camps and/or Leagues listed below full hockey equipment is required.



### 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.

\*Skates, helmets, and sticks will be available to borrow for the practice.

Location: Bloomington Ice Center

### Age..... Day ..... Dates ..... Time ..... Fee

3 – 5..... Sat ..... 4/6 – 4/20..... 4:10 PM – 4:40 PM ..... \$45

6 – 10..... Sat ..... 4/6 – 4/20..... 4:10 PM – 4:40 PM ..... \$45

### National Try Hockey for Free Day

Saturday February 24th, 2024 – 4:20 PM – 5:10 PM at the Bloomington Ice Center

Ages 4 – 10 Free experience to try youth hockey. Equipment available to borrow.

No previous skating or hockey experience required. Pre-registration is required. [www.tryhockeyforfree.com](http://www.tryhockeyforfree.com)

### Skill Enhancement Clinic

Ages 3-7 year olds (min 8/max 36)

For 6U and 8U players that want to continue their progress, this clinic, through station work, will enhance their skating, stickhandling, passing, shooting, and scoring.

Full ice hockey equipment is required.

**Session ... Day ..... Date ..... Time ..... Fee**

Winter..... Sat.....3/2 - 3/16..9:20 AM - 10:00 AM.....\$35

Spring 1... Sat.....4/6 - 4/20..9:20 AM -10:00 AM..... \$35

Spring 2... Sat.....4/27 - 5/11..9:20 AM -10:00 AM..... \$35

### 3 on 3 Cross Ice Games for 6U and 8U

Ages 3-7 year olds (min 8/max 36)

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. Skill development for all players will be maximized. Games will be played at the 6U/8U level. 6U and 8U players are encouraged to register. No experience is required to participate. Full ice hockey equipment is required.

**Session ... Day .....Date ..... Time .....Fee**

Winter..... Sat..... 3/2 - 3/16... 10:00AM - 10:40 AM.....\$35

Spring 1... Sat.....4/6 - 4/20...10:00 AM - 10:40 AM..... \$35

Spring 2... Sat..... 4/27 - 5/11..10:00 AM - 10:40 AM..... \$35

### Little Icebirds Learn to Play

Through a partnership between the ISU Hockey Coaching Staff, the Bloomington Ice Center is offering an 8 week introduction to Hockey for beginner players at a minimal cost. Boys and girls ages four to ten who can skate will be sized with equipment to use for the duration of the class. Players will receive 8 Learn to Play practices ran by our college and youth hockey coaches. Each participant will be able to borrow gloves, helmet, shin pads, elbow pads, pants, shoulder pads, hockey socks, stick, and bag. Jerseys will be given to the players to keep.

Saturday 3/16 - 5/18 (No 3/23, 3/30) - 3:10 PM – 4:00 PM

Fee: \$195 Sessions 8



## 2024 Youth Hockey Leagues

*All players must be 2023 - 24 or 2024-25 members of the USA Hockey in order to participate in the Hockey Leagues.*

*To register as a USA Hockey player, go to: USAHockey.com.*

*This number will be required during registration online or at the rink.*

*For a registration form, visit Guest Services at the rink or register online at BloomingtonIceCenter.com.*

### Youth Leagues

The youth spring league will be played using 2024 - 25 age divisions to help players prepare for the upcoming fall season. Playing in the youth leagues will not affect eligibility to play other travel or tournament teams.

Youth Spring 3 on 3 League Registration Dates:  
Residents & Non-Residents: 2/26 - 4/1

### Youth Spring League 8U/10U

Bloomington Ice Center will run a 8U and 10U youth full ice league that will skate for 7 weeks (7 practices, 7 games), April 1 – May 18. Teams will be drafted as evenly as possible. Each team will practice once during the week (Monday or Wednesday) and play a full ice game on Saturday morning or afternoon. Age groups may be combined based on registration numbers. All games will be played at the Bloomington Ice Center or Arena. The individual player fee for the league is \$199. Goalie fees are \$89.

### Youth Spring League 12U/14U/16U/18U

Bloomington Ice Center will run a half ice 3 on 3 league that will skate for 7 weeks (7 practices, 7 games), April 1 – May 18. Teams will be formed at the 12U, 14U, 16U, and 18U levels based on 2024-25 USA Hockey Age Classifications. Teams will be drafted as evenly as possible. Each team will practice once during the week (Monday or Wednesday) and play a full ice or cross ice game each Saturday morning or afternoon. All games will be played at the Bloomington Ice Center or Arena. The individual player fee for the league is \$225. Goalie fees are \$99.



# 2024 Adult Hockey Leagues

All players must be 2023 - 24 or 2024-25 members of the USA Hockey in order to participate in the Hockey Leagues.

To register as a USA Hockey player, go to: [USAHockey.com](http://USAHockey.com).

This number will be required during registration online or at the rink.

For a registration form, visit Guest Services at the rink or register online at [BloomingtonIceCenter.com](http://BloomingtonIceCenter.com).

## Adult Winter League

Players (ages 18+) will register as an individual and the Bloomington Ice Center and Adult League Captains will form three divisions (beginner, intermediate, and high) and draft teams as evenly as possible. The first week will be evaluations, with teams formed after that. Most games will be on Sundays. A once a month weeknight or Saturday night game may be necessary. Teams will be a max of 15 players and minimum of 9 players. Players will play 12 team games plus one evaluation game. Fees include one jersey per year, officials, score keepers, and ice time. Register online to take advantage of a 2-payment option – pay \$100 when registering and \$100 2/1/24. Must register by January 4th, 2024

Evaluation date: 1/7

Evaluation times: Online

Sundays, Jan 7 – Apr 7 (Some weeknights or Saturdays)

4:10 PM – 11:40 PM (games will start between these times)

Players \$199

Goaltenders \$100

Registration Dates:

Residents & Non-Residents: 12/1 - 1/4



## Adult Spring 3 on 3 League

Individuals (ages 18+) will form their own team of five skaters and one goalie. The Adult League Committee will form 4 – 6 divisions. Games will be played on Sunday evenings. Each team will play two 30-minute games each week against different opponents. The games will be played cross ice with two or three games going on at once. Each game will consist of two 11- minute running time periods. Teams will play 12 total games. Contact Brian Ludy at [bludy@cityblm.org](mailto:bludy@cityblm.org) for individuals looking for teams. Must register by April 7, 2024.

Team \$594

(Individual Players) – \$99

Sundays, Apr. 14 – May 19

4:15 PM – 9:40 PM (games times will start between these times)

Registration Dates:

Residents & Non-Residents: 2/26 - 4/7



Thank you to our sponsors who helped offset some of the costs of the House Youth Hockey League this past year:

Blooming Tree Wealth Management • Midstate Gutters Inc

Barker Law Firm • Iron Coyote – Challenge Park

Bloomington Morning Hockey Club • PhotoSations

## Learn to Skate Ages 2+

The Bloomington Ice Center presents a Learn to Skate program creating a fun environment for skaters to learn new and challenging skills! Our program is designed to develop skaters of all ages as they progress through each level to reach their goals!

### 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, fieldtrips around rink and on-ice obstacle courses.

### Tots 1 – 3 – Ages 3 – 5

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

### Blades 1 – 6 – Ages 6 – 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 have knowledge of the sport, enabling them to advance to more specialized areas of figure 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.



**SAVE THE  
DATE**

Winter & Spring registration begins

**Dec. 1st**

for Bloomington Ice Center  
programs and classes!



# Learn to Skate Ages 2+

Class	Day	Winter 1	Time	Fee
Ice Explorers	Thurs	1/11 - 2/15	10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	\$70
Tots 1-3	Tues	1/9 - 2/13	5:30 PM – 6:00 PM	\$70
Tots 1-3	Wed	1/10 - 2/14	5:00 PM – 5:40 PM	\$79
Tots 1-3	Fri	1/5 - 1/19	5:00 PM – 5:40 PM	\$39
Tots 1-3	Sat	1/6 - 1/20	10:50 AM – 11:30 AM	\$39
Blades 1-6	Tues	1/9 - 2/13	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	\$70
Blades 1	Wed	1/10 - 2/14	5:00 PM – 5:40 PM	\$79
Blades 1-6	Fri	1/5 - 1/19	5:40 PM – 6:20 PM	\$39
Blades 1-6	Sat	1/6 - 1/20	11:40 AM – 12:20 PM	\$39
Jump & Spin	Tues	1/9 - 2/13	5:30 PM – 6:00 PM	\$70
Jump & Spin	Sat	1/6 - 1/20	11:40 AM – 12:20 PM	\$39
Teen/Adult Advance	Tues	1/9 - 3/13	5:00 PM – 5:45 PM	\$80
Teen/Adult	Tues	1/9 - 2/13	5:45 PM – 6:30 PM	\$80
Teen/Adult	Fri	1/5 - 1/19	5:00 PM – 5:40 PM	\$39

### Specialty Classes

Skate and Sweat	Sat	1/6 - 1/20	12:20 PM – 12:50 PM	\$35
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Class	Day	Winter 2	Time	Fee
Ice Explorers	Thurs	2/22 - 4/4 (not 3/28)	10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	\$70
Tots 1-3	Tues	2/20 - 4/2 (not 3/26)	5:30 PM – 6:00 PM	\$70
Tots 1-3	Wed	2/21 - 4/3 (not 3/27)	5:00 PM – 5:40 PM	\$79
Tots 1-3	Fri	2/9 - 3/15	5:00 PM – 5:40 PM	\$79
Tots 1-3	Sat	2/10 - 3/16	10:50 AM – 11:30 AM	\$79
Blades 1-6	Tues	2/20 - 4/2 (not 3/26)	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	\$70
Blades 1	Wed	2/21 - 4/3 (not 3/27)	5:00 PM – 5:40 PM	\$79
Blades 1-6	Fri	2/9 - 3/15	5:40 PM – 6:20 PM	\$79
Blades 1-6	Sat	2/10 - 3/16	11:40 AM – 12:20 PM	\$79
Jump & Spin	Tues	2/20 - 4/2 (not 3/26)	5:30 PM – 6:00 PM	\$70
Jump & Spin	Sat	2/10 - 3/16	11:40 AM – 12:20 PM	\$79
Teen/Adult Advance	Tues	2/20 - 4/2 (not 3/26)	5:00 PM – 5:45 PM	\$80
Teen/Adult	Tues	2/20 - 4/2 (not 3/26)	5:45 PM – 6:30 PM	\$80
Teen/Adult	Fri	2/9 - 3/15	5:00 PM – 5:40 PM	\$79

### Specialty Classes

Create a Routine	Sat	2/10 - 3/16	12:20 PM – 12:50 PM	\$70
Learn to Compete	Sat	2/10 - 5/11	12:20 PM – 12:50 PM	\$112

Class	Day	Spring	Time	Fee
Ice Explorers	Thurs	4/11 - 5/16	10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	\$70
Tots 1-3	Tues	4/9 - 5/14	5:30 PM – 6:00 PM	\$70
Tots 1-3	Wed	4/10 - 5/15	5:00 PM – 5:40 PM	\$79
Tots 1-3	Fri	4/5 - 5/10	5:00 PM – 5:40 PM	\$79
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Blades 1-6	Tues	4/9 - 5/14	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	\$70
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Jump & Spin	Tues	4/9 - 5/14	5:30 PM – 6:00 PM	\$70
Jump & Spin	Sat	4/6 - 5/11	11:40 AM – 12:20 PM	\$79

### Specialty Classes

Aspire to Figure Skate	Fri	4/5 - 5/10	5:00 PM – 5:40 PM	\$70
Create a Routine	Sat	4/6 - 5/11	12:20 PM – 12:50 PM	\$70

# Speciality Classes

## Skate and Sweat

Pre-requisite: Enrollment in Jump & Spin or higher.  
Join us for a fun filled half hour of conditioning and skating skill development! Each week will have a different musical theme and focus. Skaters are encouraged to bring a bottle of water.

## 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 program 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 discounted class fee.

## 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, \$21.00 yearly fee to participate in performances. Skaters will learn and refine routines that will be performed at a figure skating exhibition. Additional fees will apply for costumes.  
Day: Tuesdays: 1/9-5/7 (Not 3/26)  
18-week session Min/Max: 8/24  
Time: 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM  
Fee: \$180.00 (Payment Plans available online)

## 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), 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 upon instructor evaluation.

## Learn to Compete:

Pre-requisite: Blades 2/Tots 2  
This program is designed to train and prepare skaters currently enrolled in Bloomington Ice Center's LTS program for participation in the Illinois Basic Skills competition series. Skaters learn a choreographed routine to music that will be refined for competition. Learn to Compete is intended to introduce skaters to the excitement of competition, improve individual skating skills, and foster feelings of accomplishment and good sportsmanship. There will be a parent information meeting prior to the competition to provide all the information necessary to make your child's competition experience rewarding.

What you get with this class:

- 1) Skaters receive a professional choreographed routine to music
- 2) A copy of their skating music (to practice)
- 3) Certified USFS skating coach will put child out for competition
- 4) Receive an award for competing
- 5) 12 - 1/2 hour skating lessons
- 6) 4 FREE 1/2 hr. freestyle practice sessions (valued at \$25.00)

Saturdays: 2/10 - 5/11 (not 3/23, 3/30)

Time: 12:20 - 12:50 PM

Fee: \$120.00 (doesn't include competition entry fee)

Competition: 5/18/24 - 5/19/24

## Aspire to Figure Skate:

Pre-requisite: Blades 3 and 4 and up  
This special program combines all the elements of developing a figure skater! Skaters will partake in on-ice edge class, program artistry, technique development and parent education! All skaters enrolled will receive an Aspire shirt!

## 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. Plus, each session is tailored to you or your skater's goals and ability level.

*Interested in getting started with private lessons for you or your child? Please contact the Skating Director [ldanner@cityblm.org](mailto:ldanner@cityblm.org) to get started!*

# 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 & 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 and Recreation Department to plant, trim, spray, preserve, and remove any tree on City property to ensure 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. Any questions please call (309) 434 – 2280.

### 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 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](http://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 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 & Woodbury Park.

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



# Park Services & Facilities

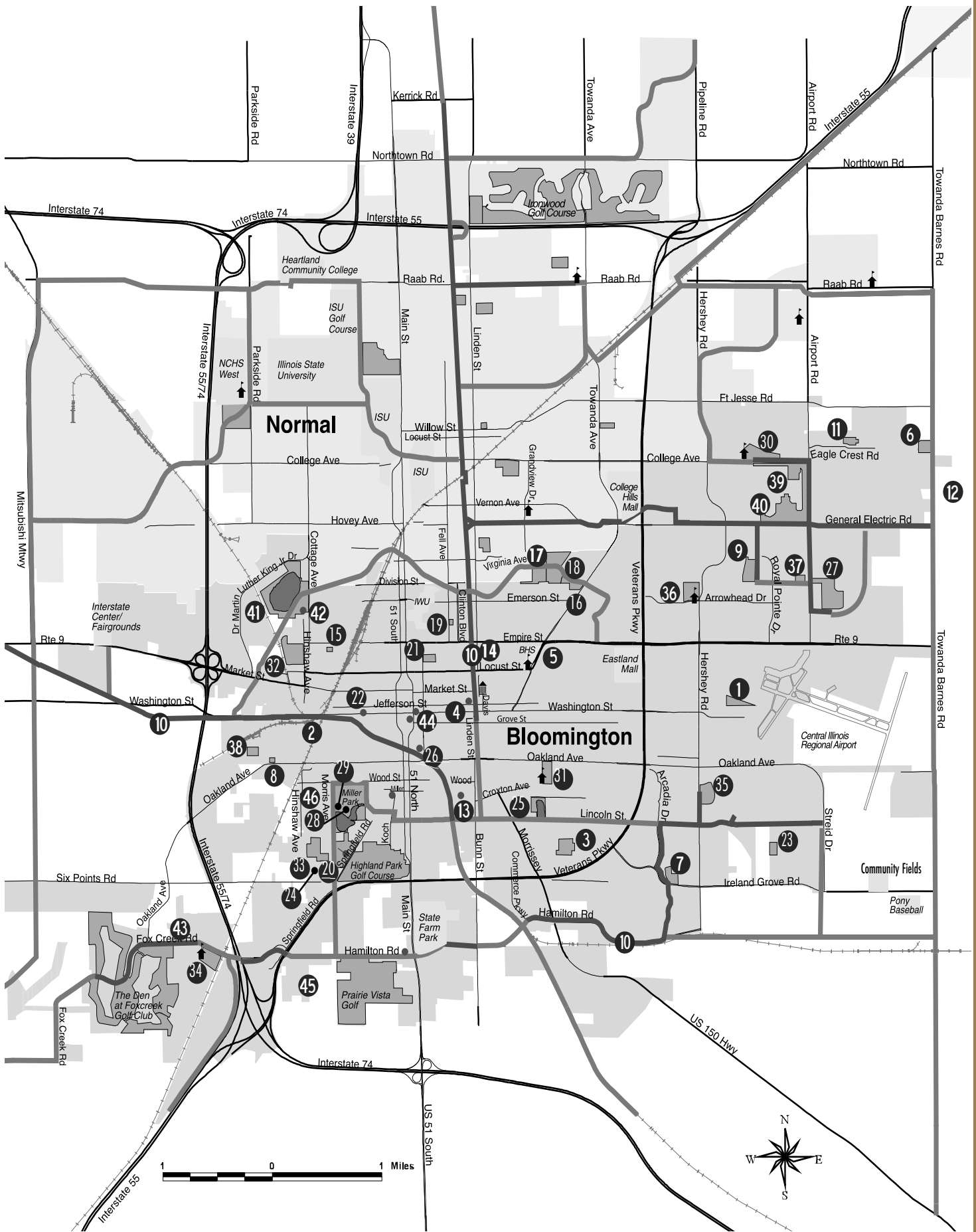
\* Restroom or Porta Potty Available  
 \*\* Porta Potty available June & July  
 + Inclusive Harmony Playground

Basketball Court  
 Fishing Lake  
 Football Field  
 18-Hole Golf Course  
 Meeting Room  
 Multi-purpose Area  
 Nature Area  
 Picnic Shelter  
 Playground Equip  
 Sand Volleyball Ct  
 Soccer Field  
 Softball Diamond  
 Swimming Pool  
 Tennis Courts(s)  
 Water Sprayground

L = Lighted

Park #	Park Name	Address	Basketball Court	Fishing Lake	Football Field	18-Hole Golf Course	Meeting Room	Multi-purpose Area	Nature Area	Picnic Shelter	Playground Equip	Sand Volleyball Ct	Soccer Field	Softball Diamond	Swimming Pool	Tennis Courts(s)	Water Sprayground
1.	Airport Park	3010 Winchester Dr	•				•	•	•		•	•					
2.	Alton Depot Park	101 S Western Ave						•	•								
3.	Angler's Lake Nature Preserve Park	1017 S Mercer St		•				•									
4.	Atwood Wayside*	303 N Robinson St							•								Trail Head
5.	BHS Tennis Courts	606 Towanda Ave													8L		
6.	Bittner Park*	3807 Rave Rd	•					•	•			•					
7.	Brookridge Park	2904 Ireland Grove Rd	•				•	•	•		•						
8.	Buck-Mann Park	116 Weldon St	•						•								
9.	Clearwater Park*	2716 Clearwater Ave	•					•	•	2	•						
10.	Constitution Park																24-Mile Linear Park
11.	Eagle Crest Park	2506 Chesapeake Ln	•					•	•								
12.	Eagle View	4001 Baywood	•					•	•	•	•	•					
13.	Emerson Park	717 Bell St							•								
14.	Empire Junction	713 1/2 Empire St					•	•									Multi Use Trail
15.	Evergreen Park	1205 Forrest St							•								
16.	Ewing I*	1420 Towanda Ave						•	•	•							Hedge Apple Woods
17.	Ewing II*	1001 Ethell Pkwy							•	•		2					
18.	Ewing III	901 Jersey Ave			•							•					
19.	Fell Avenue Park	1301 Fell Ave	•						•	•							
20.	Forrest Park*	1813 Springfield Rd							4	•							4 Fire Rings
21.	Franklin Park**	302 E Chestnut St								•							National Historic Site
22.	Friendship Park	719 W Jefferson St								•	•						
23.	Gaelic Park	3102 Cave Creek Rd	•	•	•			•	•	•		•	•				
24.	Hike Haven	1310 Hike Haven Court															
25.	Holiday Park	800 S McGregor St		•						2	•			•			
26.	Marie Litta Park	317 S Gridley St								•	•						
27.	McGraw Park*	3202 Cornelius Dr							•	•		•	•		6L	•	Lighted Baseball Field
28.	Miller Park*	1122 S Morris Ave		•						•	•		•			•	
29.	Miller Park Zoo	1020 S Morris Ave															
30.	Northpoint School/Park**	2602 College Ave	•		•					2	•		•	•			Butterfly Garden
31.	Oakland School/Park	1605 E Oakland Ave	•								•			2			
32.	O'Neil Park*	1515 W Chestnut St					•		•	•			2	•			Baseball field, Skatepark
33.	P.J. Irvin Park*	1601 McKay Dr						•	•	•							
34.	Pepper Ridge Park*	2502 Fox Creek Rd	•							•	•		•	2L			
35.	Rollingbrook Park*+	1002 S Hershey Rd	•				•		•	•		•	•		3		9 Pickleball Courts
36.	Stevenson School Park*	2106 Arrowhead Dr	•					•	•	•			•		3L		
37.	Suburban East Park**	3011 Lisa Ave	•							•	•		•	•			
38.	Sunnyside Park	407 E Erickson Ave	•							•			•				
39.	Tipton Park North*	2201 Stone Mountain Blvd	•					•	•	•		•	2			•	Born Learning Trail
40.	Tipton Park South*	2410 G.E. Rd		•				•	•	•							Life Trail System
41.	White Oak Park*	1514 Cottage Ave		•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•				1-Mile Walking Trail
42.	White Oak Comm. Room	1514 Cottage Ave					•										
43.	Westwood Park	2301 Ridge Creek Rd															
44.	Withers Park	204 E Washington St															Picnicking
45.	Wittenburg Park	509 Lutz Rd															Walking Path
46.	Woodbury Park	1214 Woodbury Place							•	•							

PARK SERVICES



# PARK SERVICES

# Registration Policies

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

**RESIDENT REGISTRATION** begins at 5:00 AM on January 3, 2024.  
**NON-RESIDENT REGISTRATION** begins at 5:00 AM on January 10, 2024.

Online registration will be available at 5:00 AM on the first day of registration; mailed, faxed and drop-off registration will be processed beginning at 8:00 AM 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 randomly 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 cancelled 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 \$5.00 service charge will be assessed per participant, per activity on any refund. No refunds for program costing \$5.00 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. With our new system, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Winter/Spring 2024 Registration Form  
Please print clearly. Missing information will delay your registration.

**Save Time – Register online at [BloomingtonParks.org](http://BloomingtonParks.org)!**

## Adult Account Contact

FIRST & LAST NAME	GENDER	BIRTHDATE
ALLERGIES/MEDICATIONS:		

## Additional Family Members

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

## 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.)

Flip over to continue registration.

*In order to process your registration correctly – form must be filled out completely*

Please list a 2nd choice if there is one in case a program is full

Registrant's 1st Name	Full Class Name	Location	Session (Start Date)	Day	Time	Fee

**Return form to**

- **Mail** – Parks, PO Box 3157, Bloomington, IL. 61702-3157, **Fax** – (309) 434 – 2483 or **Drop-off registration form:**  
The Hub (hours 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM)  
115 E. Washington St., Suite 103, Bloomington, IL. 61701
- Make a copy of the form or attach a separate piece of paper if additional lines are necessary.
- Checks Payable to: City of Bloomington

**Charge Information** – Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express. Not necessary if paying by check or cash.

Credit Card Number	Expiration Date
Card Holder ( <i>print name</i> )	Payment Amount
Authorized Signature	CVV #

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# HOW TO REGISTER

## FOUR SIMPLE WAYS TO REGISTER...

- **ONLINE:** Log onto [BloomingtonParks.org](http://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 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

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

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