

# FALL/WINTER

Program Guide 2025-2026



PARK DISTRICT  
of OAK PARK

Seasonal  
registration is back.  
See page 3 for dates!



2015 Gold Medal Winner  
Gold Medal Finalist 2021-2025

Check out the new **Adults  
Leisure & Lifestyle** section!  
See pages 20-22

**Early Childhood Fun**  
is now all in once place!  
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Cover: Three gymnasts from PDOP's Beginner Girls gymnastic class working on their balance beam skills.



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**NEW!**

## New Look, Same Great Program Guide!

We refreshed our Program Guide to make planning easier! See some of the important changes below.

### Seasonal Registration!

Seasonal registration has returned allowing you to plan your activities in a way that works best for you!

See page 3 for seasonal registration dates and times.

### A Guide That's Easier to Navigate

Our table of contents now provides an easy way to search for programs based on age, interest, and location!

See the categories above left.

### Just for Adults: New Leisure & Lifestyle Section

Explore our programs designed exclusively for adults 21+ to get out, unwind, explore interests, and connect with others for a fun day or evening. See pages 20-22.

### Early Childhood in one spot!

We expanded our Early Childhood section to now include skating, hockey, swimming, dance and sports activities just for these youngsters!

See pages 42-49.

### Gymnastics Fee Changes

To better support our growing gymnasts, we're shifting advanced-level classes to a monthly tuition model starting this fall – allowing gymnasts to continuously enroll in class without re-registering during the school year. See page 78.

### Seasonal Registration Dates

#### Fall Registration

Resident: Aug 2, 8:30A

Non-Resident: Aug 9, 8:30A

#### Winter Registration

Resident: Dec 6, 8:30A

Non-Resident: Dec 13, 8:30A

#### Holiday Programs Registration

Resident: Oct 4, 8:30A

Non-Resident: Oct 11, 8:30A

### HOW TO REGISTER

Two easy ways to register for Park District programs, purchase memberships, rent facilities, and more:



#### 1. Online: [pdop.org/register](https://pdop.org/register)

- Browse and register for programs; purchase memberships, punch passes, merchandise, and gift cards; check and reserve park space.
- Log into your account to complete your transaction.

#### 2. Mobile: **Amilia App**

- Once in the Amilia App, press the Shop Icon.
- Select the Park District of Oak Park store.
- Browse and register for programs; purchase memberships, punch passes, merchandise, and gift cards; check and reserve park space.

### NEW TO THE PARK DISTRICT?

**Step 1:** Create an account on Amilia online or on your mobile phone (iOS, Android).

**Step 2:** Learn more about your new account features including viewing your entire family's activity schedule, accessing all your invoices and PDOP correspondence, and instructions on downloading the app. See below!

**Step 3:** Upload your photo ID to the app. Tips:

- Residency will be confirmed automatically for most addresses.
- View your family's activity schedule at a glance in your user account.
- When setting up a new account, please do not unsubscribe to emails from the Park District. This will eliminate all email correspondence including important information regarding program-specific changes or cancellations.

Programs fees throughout this guide are listed as: **Res Fee \$ - Fee \$**

The first price is Resident discount pricing, while the second price is the program fee (for non-residents).

### OTHER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### Refund Policies

- 1 Refunds/credits must be requested 48 hours before a program meets for the first time to get a refund less \$5 service fee. If requesting a refund 48 hours prior to the second class meeting, the refund will be reduced by a \$5 service fee plus the cost of the first class. No refunds or credits will be given less than 48 hours prior to the start of the second class.
- 2 Refund requests for trips and ticketed events must be received two weeks before the program meets to be eligible for a refund. Refunds within two weeks will be considered only if the vacated spot can be filled by a waitlist participant. For ticketed events that are full and without waitlist, no refund will be given unless otherwise stated.

#### Waitlist Policy

If registered and are placed on a waitlist and an opening becomes available, you will receive an email and you will have 48 hours from that time to complete your registration.

#### Customer Service

The Customer Service desk at Ridgeland Common Recreation Complex is open Monday - Friday, 8:30A-7:00P and Saturday & Sunday, 8:30A-5:00P. You can reach Customer Service at (708) 725-2000 or via email at [info@pdop.org](mailto:info@pdop.org).

**Stay Up To Date**  
on Park District news,  
events, programs, and  
plans. Scan the QR code to sign up for  
our weekly newsletter!



### PARK DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY POLICIES



#### Say Cheese!

Photos and videos are periodically taken of people participating in Park District programs and activities. All persons registering for Park District programs/activities or using Park District property, thereby agrees that any photo or video taken by the Park District may be used by the Park District for promotional purposes including its electronic media, videotapes, brochures, flyers and other publications without additional, prior notice or permission and without compensation to the participant.

#### Historic Properties Photography

Cheney Mansion, Pleasant Home, and Oak Park Conservatory are often used for filming, still photos, and feature films. A photography or filming permit is required for use of all historic properties and grounds. Contact us for more details on obtaining a permit.

- Cheney Mansion/Pleasant Home: (708) 725-2500
- Oak Park Conservatory: (708) 725-2400

# Important Numbers

**Customer Service:**  
**(708) 725-2000**  
**info@pdop.org**

In-Person at RCRC:  
Mon-Fri, 8:30A-7:00P  
Sat & Sun, 8:30A-5:00P

## Park District Hotline

**Report Park or Facility Damage:** Call (708) 725-2050 or visit the park district website at [pdop.org/maintenance-request](http://pdop.org/maintenance-request) to complete an online report!

## Field and Facility Conditions:

Call (708) 742-6366 or  
(708) - 7GAMEON

Smartphone:  
Check Statusfy App

Online:  
[pdop.org/facility-conditions](http://pdop.org/facility-conditions)

## Park District Websites

[pdop.org](http://pdop.org)  
[oakparkconservatory.org](http://oakparkconservatory.org)  
[cheneymansion.com](http://cheneymansion.com)  
[pleasanthomeop.com](http://pleasanthomeop.com)

## Financial Assistance

is available to apply toward the fees of programs, events, and activities, including memberships, passes, Clubhouse, and preschool.

See pages 8-10 for details or visit [pdop.org/findaid](http://pdop.org/findaid)

## OUR MISSION:

In partnership with the community, we enrich lives by providing meaningful experiences through programs, parks and facilities.

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Regular Park Board Meetings are generally held on the third Thursday of each month and the Committee of the Whole (COW) Meetings are generally held on the first Thursday of the month. All meetings are held at 7:30P at the John L. Hedges Administrative Center, 218 Madison Street, Oak Park. Public comment is welcome at these meetings. There is no COW meeting in July and August.

## *Dear Patrons,*

I hope you had a chance to enjoy the many parks, programs, and events offered this past season. From pools to parks and camps to concerts, the warmer months are a wonderful time to connect with family, friends, and neighbors while making the most of what the Park District has to offer.

As we transition into fall, I'm excited to share updates on two innovative and sustainable facility projects. Construction on the new Field Center will soon be underway. The new center will feature rammed earth walls — a natural building material that offers energy efficiency and long-term durability with minimal upkeep. Meanwhile, the next phase of geothermal installation at Cheney Mansion will take place this winter. This will mark the fourth geothermal system in the Park District helping us reduce environmental impact, improve year-round comfort, and preserve the historical elements of the mansion. We're proud to bring both sustainable and forward-thinking practices to Oak Park.

We are committed to building a strong future through our Comprehensive Master Plan. Staff are actively working toward our 2025 goals. You can explore the full plan and goals at [pdop.org/goals](https://pdop.org/goals). In the meantime, here is a snapshot of key initiatives currently underway:

- Continued collaboration with West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA)
- Advancing compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Implementing recommendations from our Parks & Facilities Assessment
- Developing a Climate Action Plan
- Expanding opportunities for passive recreation
- Maintaining CAPRA and Illinois Distinguished Agency accreditations
- Exploring alternative funding sources

Finally, I invite you to explore the new program guide, filled with longtime favorites and exciting new offerings. This season, we're pleased to bring back our seasonal registration timeline. This change, requested by many of you, helps families better plan and budget for participation. We've also expanded adult programming under a new category, **Adult Leisure and Lifestyle**, which features cooking, dance, music, and even magic which take place in our beautiful historic homes.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, thank you for your continued support and engagement with the Park District of Oak Park.

*I look forward to seeing you in the parks!*

Kathleen Porreca, President  
Board of Park Commissioners



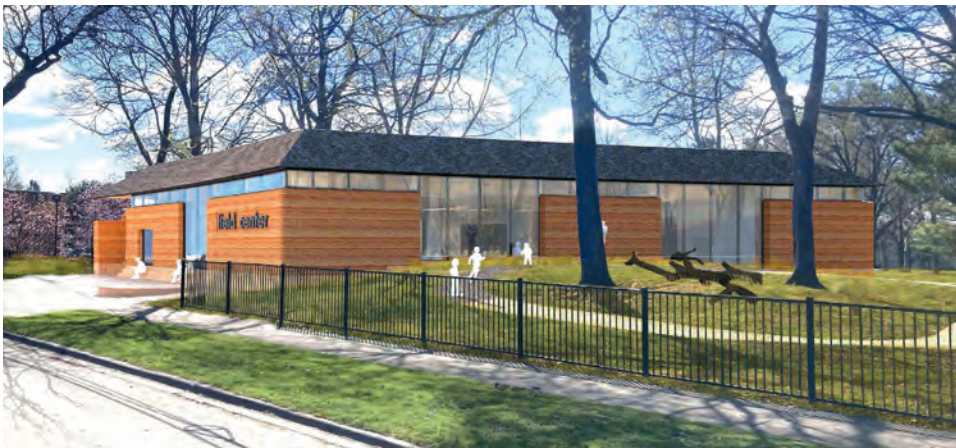
## PROJECT UPDATES



### Andersen Park

824 Hayes Ave, Oak Park

Andersen Park renovation is nearly complete. The updated park will feature new playground elements, outdoor fitness equipment, an expanded splashpad, a shaded picnic area, and a new welcoming park entrance on the north side of the park. Stay tuned – Andersen Park is set to reopen this fall.



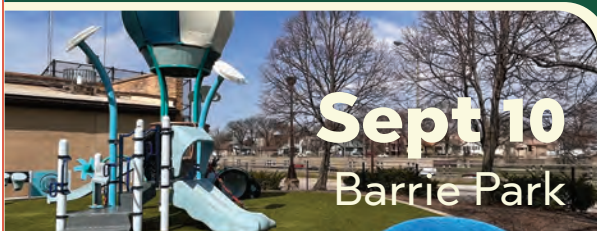
### Field Center

929 Berkshire Street, Oak Park

Construction of the new Field Center is officially underway. This exciting and innovative project will take approximately 12 months to complete. Once finished, the updated facility will allow us to expand our Clubhouse Afterschool program and provide dedicated space for dance classes and performances. We look forward to sharing progress along the way!

Join the conversation!

## PARK MASTER PLAN REVIEWS



***You're invited...***

### Park Master Plan Reviews

**Barrie Park: September 10, 7:30P**

**Andersen Park: December 3, 7:30P**

The Park District values community input and regularly hosts Master Plan meetings to hear from residents about the amenities and improvements they'd like to see. Your feedback helps us plan strategically, prioritize future projects, and strengthen applications for grant opportunities. We invite all residents to join us at the upcoming Master Plan meetings above.

**For meeting details, scan the QR code or visit [pdop.org/park-planning-projects](https://pdop.org/park-planning-projects).**





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## 2026 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



### Field Playground

932 Berkshire Street, Oak Park

New playground and splashpad equipment are coming to Field Park. A special thank you to our summer camp participants who helped shape the future of the playgrounds and splashpad by sharing their thoughts on the equipment they love most. Their ideas played a key role in the upcoming renovation, which is set to begin next spring.



### Longfellow Park

610 S Ridgeland Ave, Oak Park

In 2026, renovations will begin with the addition of dedicated pickleball courts in place of the existing tennis courts, an expanded splash pad, and a brand-new sensory garden at the park entrance. The playground and its surface will also be completely replaced with exciting new playground equipment. Looking ahead, the basketball courts are scheduled for resurfacing in 2029.



### Cheney Mansion Geothermal and Garden Renovation

220 N Euclid Ave, Oak Park

Work on the new geothermal system will continue indoors early next year. Crews will focus on installing ductwork, electrical and plumbing connections, piping, and the heat pump. This phase of the project is expected to be completed by early spring. At the same time, the outdoor garden will undergo renovation throughout fall of 2025 and spring of 2026, featuring native plantings, trees, and shrubs. New raised garden beds will be added to support ongoing donations of fruits and vegetables to Beyond Hunger.

Scan the QR code above for more information on Park District of Oak Park construction projects.



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of OAK PARK

## FOR INFORMATION

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## OUR MISSION

In partnership with the community, we enrich lives by providing meaningful experiences through programs, parks, and facilities.

## OUR GOAL

The Park District of Oak Park is dedicated to helping serve the residents of Oak Park. Financial Assistance is available to offer individuals and families in need the opportunity to participate in Park District of Oak Park programs. These funds are provided by the Park District of Oak Park and additional support provided by the Oak Park Township for children ages 6-17.

NOTE: The new 2026 financial assistance application will be available starting December 1. For more information and to apply, please visit [pdop.org/financial-assistance](https://pdop.org/financial-assistance).

# Financial Assistance 2025

2025 Application



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2025 Spanish Application



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## Q&A's

### Am I and/or my family eligible?

Eligible individuals and families must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Must be a resident of Oak Park
2. Meet the financial criteria (See application for details)
3. Provide proof of dependency (For dependent children)
4. Activity attendance, pass usage, and conduct will be a consideration annually when granting funds to repeat families

### What type of assistance is available?

- **Scholarship** funds can be used for all programs and passes offered by the Park District of Oak Park. (i.e. camps, programs, pool passes, group fitness classes, trips). Funds are not eligible for equipment purchases, facility, rentals, or family punch passes (i.e. skate rental, preschool playtime, open gym).
- **Childcare Discount Membership (CDM)** which can provide discounts off of eligible full day camps and our after school Clubhouse Program for children entering kindergarten through age 14.

### If approved, how much funding is available?

- **Scholarship:** up to **75%** of fees may be granted up to a maximum of \$300 per person. Funds are available on a first come, first served basis.
- **Child Discount Membership:** up to a **55%** discount on fees could be approved  
\*\*Applying for both is encouraged if you have dependent children K-14 yr old.

### When and how can I apply?

1. **Online:** Please visit [pdop.org/findaid](https://pdop.org/findaid) or use QR code to complete our on-line application. \*Proof of residency, income, and dependents will be submitted on-line.
2. **Paper:** Please complete the paper application on the following pages, front and back. \*Proof of residency, income, and dependents are submitted with the paper application. Please submit applications to Administration Building **218 Madison Street** or Ridgeland Common Customer Service at **415 Lake Street**.  
\*\*Acceptable forms can be found at [pdop.org/findaid](https://pdop.org/findaid).

### When will I know if my application has been approved?

Responses are given via email and/or phone within 3-10 days of receipt.

### Do I have to renew my application every year?

Yes, our financial assistance program runs from **January 1** through **December 31** of each year. Unused funds do not roll over to the new year. Please apply prior to your intended upcoming registration.



## APPLICATION FORM

### Please provide the following information

Are you applying for the Scholarship, CDM, or both? ☐ Scholarship ☐ CDM ☐ Both

Applicant/Parent/Guardian's Name:

Address:

Email:  Phone #:

Are you currently employed? ☐ Yes ☐ No Number of persons in household:  Children  Adults

Years/Months as an Oak Park resident:  Years  Months Do you own or rent? ☐ Own ☐ Rent

Have you ever received a scholarship from the Park District of Oak Park? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered no, how did you hear about the scholarship?

☐ Online ☐ Program Guide ☐ Word of Mouth ☐ School ☐ Other

Current year's total projected household income from all sources (please check range)

☐ less than \$15,000 ☐ \$15,000-\$20,000 ☐ \$20,000-\$25,000

☐ \$25,000-\$35,000 ☐ \$35,000-\$45,000 ☐ (If above \$45,000 list amount)

Type of proof provided:

Are you a recipient of Public Aid, Unemployment or Aid of Dependent Children (ADC)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your child(ren)/dependent in the free or reduce subsidized lunch program at school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If checked yes, do you give PDOP permission to confirm this with the school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Note:** If you do not give permission, please provide proof of residency, dependency, and income documents.

Please provide Public Aid # (if applicable)

Race/Ethnicity (\*Optional data will be used for Oak Park Township Statistics)

☐ American Indian or Alaka Native ☐ Black or African American ☐ Prefer Not to Answer

☐ Middle Eastern or North African ☐ Hispanic, Latino or Spanish ☐ Other

☐ White/Caucasian ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

### Please provide the following information regarding all family members who will be using the scholarship

Name (Last, First)	Date of birth MM/DD/YY	School if applicable	Grade	Your relationship to name listed	Check if applying your dependent for the (CDM)
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### Scholarship Distribution Chart

If approved, available monies will be allocated per individuals as displayed here.

Income Level	(%Scholarship)/ (%Fees Required)
<b>Tier 1</b>	75%/25%
<b>Tier 2</b>	55%/45%
<b>Tier 3</b>	35%/65%

### Childcare Discount Membership Allocation Chart

If approved, discount membership will be applied to eligible dependent.

Income Level	(%Scholarship)/ (%Fees Required)
<b>\$0-\$41,000</b>	55%/45%
<b>\$41,001-\$68,250</b>	40%/60%
<b>\$68,251-\$105,000</b>	25%/75%

**Note:** Applicant's income will be verified with tax return, paycheck stub, or other appropriate document.

**Note to Parent/Guardian:** Please circle the size of your household and your total household income below, and sign to verify your income. Household income must be equal to or less than the amounts listed for each pay period for your child to be eligible for the scholarship. You will need to present documentation verifying your income.

### Circle Household Size and Income: (Scholarship Applicant only)

Household Size (Please Circle One)	<b>Tier 1</b> (Fees Covered) Scholarship / Participant 75% / 25%	<b>Tier 2</b> (Fees Covered) Scholarship / Participant 55% / 45%	<b>Tier 3</b> (Fees Covered) Scholarship / Participant 35% / 65%
	Annual Income	Annual Income	Annual Income
<b>1</b>	19,578	27,861	36,897
<b>2</b>	26,572	37,814	50,078
<b>3</b>	33,566	47,767	63,259
<b>4</b>	40,560	57,720	76,440
<b>5</b>	47,554	67,673	89,621
<b>6</b>	54,548	77,626	102,802
<b>7</b>	61,542	87,579	115,983
<b>8</b>	68,536	97,532	129,164
Each additional family member add	+6,994	+9,953	+13,181

Income is defined as any monies earned before any deductions such as income taxes, social security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions, and bonds. It includes the following: (1) monetary compensation for services, including legal wages, salary, commissions or fees; (2) net income from non-farm self employment; (3) social security; (4) dividends or interest on savings, bonds or income from estates or trusts; (5) net rental income; (6) public assistance or welfare payments; (7) unemployment compensation; (8) government civilian employment or military annuities; (9) private pension or annuities; (10) alimony or child support payments; (11) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; (12) net royalties; (13) other cash income. Other cash income would include cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts, and other resources that would be available.

**OR**

If your family is faced with extraordinary bills, obligations or other responsibilities please indicate below, with an explanation why payment is not possible at this time.

I  hereby certify that all information on the application is true and accurate.

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Signature of Applicant's Parent/Legal Guardian

Date





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### Fall SKATING EVENTS

Skate Rental is included in all program fees. \$15 preregistration, \$20 at the door, or FREE with Rink Pass.



#### Teen Night at the Rink - Wicked Fun

**Friday, Sep 12, 7:30-9:30P**

Skate to a mix of hits from Wicked and today's top songs, enjoy a pizza dinner, and soak in the Oz-inspired vibes just for teens! Whether you're feeling more Elphaba or Glinda, it's a great chance to chill with friends, have fun, and make some awesome memories. **Ages 12-14**

#### Fright on Ice

**Friday, Oct 24, 6:30-9:00P**

Dress in your best costume and glide into a thrilling night on the ice! Enjoy a festive public skate with Halloween-themed music, fun off-ice games, creative crafts, and plenty of candy. The rink will be decked out with exciting decorations to set the scene for a night full of fun and surprises. **All Ages**

#### Give Back Glide

**Wednesday, Nov 26, 11:30A-1:30P**

Kick off the season with a fun-filled family skate while supporting the community! Bring a nonperishable food donation for Beyond Hunger's food drive (running November 12-26) and get \$2 off admission at the door. Lace up, hit the ice, and make a difference while enjoying time on the rink. **All Ages**

#### Oak Park Family Campout

**Saturday, Sep 13, 6:00P to**

**Sunday, Sep 14, 9:00A**

Get an introduction to camping at a site close to home! Start the evening with dinner by the campfire, listen to stories around the fire, and more! Fee is for two people with one tent and includes dinner, s'mores, and breakfast. **All Ages**

Res Fee \$55 - Fee \$72

Location: Lindberg Park

Supervisor: Hannah Garcia

#### Poisonous Plant Display

**FREE**

**Tuesday-Friday, Oct 1-31, 10:00A-4:00P**

Come see what poisonous plants grow inside the Conservatory! Surprisingly, we live in a world of plants that not only provide medicinal benefits, but also that ail us. View our collection of poisonous plants and learn about some of their myths and legends. This is a self-guided tour. Donations to the Conservatory are appreciated at the door. **All Ages**

#### Creepy Crawl

**Friday, Oct 3, 6:30-8:30P**

Spend the evening strolling through the ghoulish setting of Austin Gardens, decorate your own pumpkin, roast s'mores, and finish the evening with a magic show! Halloween costumes encouraged. Each person attending must be registered. **All Ages**

Res Fee \$15 - Fee \$20

Location: Austin Gardens

Supervisor: Hannah Garcia

#### Trunk or Treat

**FREE**

**Friday, Oct 24, 5:30-7:00P**

Don't miss out on this fa-BOO-less night of costumes and candy! This event is the perfect way to celebrate Halloween in a fun and safe environment. Local groups and organizations will transform their cars into haunted, wacky, and festive displays, handing out treats to all costumed trick-or-treaters. **All Ages**

Location: Ridgeland Common parking lot



### FRIGHT at Night

**Friday, Oct 17, 5:00-8:00P**

Our **Boo-tanical Conservatory** promises to put you in the Halloween spirit at this annual event! Come in costume and see what poisonous plants grow in the shadows of the Conservatory! Kids will enjoy Halloween carnival games.

Registration is required in advance for all attending. Admission is every half hour.

Res Fee \$10 - Fee \$15

**All ages welcome!**



### FALL FEST

**FREE**

**Sep 21, 11:00A-2:00P**

Join us at our family-friendly event in Rehm Park and Oak Park Conservatory.

Enjoy a carnival atmosphere with rides, music, games, and nature activities. Live animals will be at the Conservatory along with the Fall Mum & Bulb Sale!

**See page 70 to get your Rink Pass today!**



### Winter SKATING EVENTS

**Skate Rental is included in all program fees. \$15 preregistration, \$20 at the door, or FREE with Rink Pass.**

#### Skate with Santa

**Friday, Dec 19, 6:30-9:00P**

Take a spin on the ice alongside Santa himself, spreading cheer and posing for festive photos. Enjoy holiday music, seasonal decorations, and plenty of winter fun for the whole family. Whether you're skating, snapping pictures, or just soaking in the holiday magic, this is a must-do tradition you won't want to miss! **All Ages**

#### Noon Year's Eve Skate

**Wednesday, Dec 31, 10:30A-12:00P**

Celebrate the new year with bright decorations, festive giveaways, and a balloon drop at noon sharp! It's a family-friendly event packed with music, skating, and tons of fun. Don't miss this early celebration – perfect for those who want to start the party before bedtime! **All Ages**



#### My Doll and Me Skate

**Sunday, Jan 11, 3:00-5:00P**

Spend a charming afternoon at the rink with your favorite doll or stuffed animal! Stop by our DIY Doll Salon to pamper your special friend, and enjoy a skate together. Every participant receives a raffle ticket for a chance to win a coveted 2026 American Girl Doll of the Year! **All Ages**

#### Teen Night at the Rink - Valentine's Chill

**Saturday, Feb 14, 7:30-9:30P**

Grab your friends and get ready for a fun-filled night at the rink! Celebrate Valentine's Day with pizza and an exciting on-ice obstacle course. It's the perfect way to hang out, have fun, and make some memories! **Ages 12-14**

### WINTER EVENTS ❄️

#### Lunar New Year

**Saturday, Feb 21, 9:00A-12:00P**

**FREE**

Join Brookfield Zoo Chicago – ZAP! Conservation Science Adventures is joining together with the Oak Park Conservatory to celebrate the Lunar New Year, Year of the Goat. Free family event for all ages. Enjoy wildlife, hands-on activities, crafts, scavenger hunts, and more! Explore the Conservatory and learn more about Lunar New Year! **All Ages**  
Location: Oak Park Conservatory

#### Maple Sugar Festival

**Sunday, Mar 8, 11:00A-1:00P**

**FREE**

Join us in our parks to learn how maple sugar is made. Learn what trees you can tap and take part in tappings and tastings!  
Location: Austin Gardens

#### Shamrock Scavenger Hunt

**Mar 3-17, 10:00A-4:00P**

**FREE**

Join the hunt to find shamrocks that the leprechaun scattered around the Conservatory! Prizes will be awarded to those that find all seven shamrocks hidden among our plants. Living shamrocks will also be available for sale.  
Location: Oak Park Conservatory



**Accepting submissions for our Summer 2026 Concerts in the Park!** Please email a band bio and video/audio samples of your music for our committee to review and selections will be made by early February. From Dec 1-Jan 15, you can email any references, materials, and links to [susan.crane@pdop.org](mailto:susan.crane@pdop.org).

### SPRING EVENTS 🥚

#### Sensory Friendly Treats with the Bunny

**Sunday, Mar 28, 10:00A, 11:00A & 12:00P**

The Park District of Oak Park and West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA) welcome families with sensory sensitivities to Cheney Mansion and a visit with the Bunny! Bring your camera for your photo with the Bunny and go on an egg hunt in the backyard. Representatives will have appropriate activities and crafts along with sweets! **All Ages**  
Res Fee \$15 - Fee \$20  
Location: Cheney Mansion

#### Brunch with the Bunny

**Sunday, Mar 29, 10:00A-12:00P**

Enjoy a brunch buffet, fun activities, meet-and-greet, and egg hunt with our Bunny. Don't miss the chance to capture photos and enjoy a festive day. All attendees must be registered. Infants one year and younger do not need to be registered. **All Ages**  
Res Fee \$35 - Fee \$44  
Location: Cheney Mansion

#### Doggy Egg Scramble

**Saturday, Apr 4, 10:30A**

**FREE**

Bring your dog to the Doggy Egg Scramble. Dogs and owners will hunt or scramble through the field to find the most doggy treat-filled eggs. After the hunt, a special visitor will be available to take photos. This is an on-leash event for friendly dogs and families; children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Location: Maple Park Dog Park

#### The Egg Dash and Scramble

**FREE**

**Saturday, Apr 4, 9:00A, 10:00A & 11:00A**

The bunnies have left beautiful eggs in Maple Park for your children to dash and capture before they are scrambled! Children ages 3-10 are encouraged to bring baskets, bonnets, and bunny ears to participate in our annual scramble. Our Bunny will be on hand for pictures with the whole family, and we will have themed games before and after each dash. Although the event is free, all children will need a ticket to participate. **Ages 3-10. Tickets available beginning March 1 at these locations:**

- Candycopia (717 Lake Street)
- Ridgeland Common (415 Lake Street)
- CRC (225 Madison Street)

Location: Maple Park





### Save the Date!

Don't miss our popular holiday events this season!

- Resident Registration opens  
Saturday, October 4 at 8:30A
- Non-Resident Registration opens  
Saturday, October 11 at 8:30A

Visit [pdop.org/holidayevents](http://pdop.org/holidayevents)

### Cheney Mansion

#### Breakfast, Lunch & Tea with Santa!

**Saturday, Dec 6: Breakfast, 9:00-10:30A  
Lunch, 11:30A-1:00P • Tea, 2:30-4:00P**

Join Santa and his elves for this wonderful family tradition of music and a visit with Santa. Our period carolers will also be on hand to put you in the holiday spirit and the Oak Park Society of Model Train Engineers will have the holiday train on display. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to be donated to Sarah's Inn here in Oak Park. **All Ages**  
Per Person: Res Fee \$35 - Fee \$44

#### Cookies with Santa

**Wednesday, Dec 10**

**4:00-5:00P • 5:00-6:00P • 6:00-7:00P •  
7:00-8:00P**

Join the Holiday countdown at Cheney Mansion and have some cookies with Santa before he embarks on his annual journey around the world. Bring your wish list and your camera and snap a selfie with jolly Old St. Nick! Our last two time slots at 6:00P and 7:00P will feature a Santa with a darker complexion, celebrating the joy and diversity of the season.

**All Ages**

Res Fee \$16 - Fee \$21

**More Holiday Fun for  
Ages 21+ on page 22.**



#### Pet Photos with Santa

**Saturday, Dec 13**

**9:15A • 9:30A • 9:45A • 10:15A • 10:30A •  
10:45A • 11:15A • 11:30A • 11:45A • 12:15P  
12:30P • 12:45P**

Santa will be waiting for you and your four-legged family member in the Greenhouse on the grounds of Cheney Mansion to capture your holiday photo for the whole family! Only one person needs to register per family. Please have dogs on leashes. **All Ages**  
Res Fee \$75 - Fee \$95

#### Sensory Friendly Cookies with Santa

**Wednesday, Dec 17**

**5:00-6:00P • 6:00-7:00P • 7:00-8:00P**

The Park District of Oak Park and WSSRA welcome families in need of sensory-friendly events to visit with Santa! Take a photo with Santa and enjoy appropriate activities, cookies, and beverages while you wait. **All Ages**  
Res Fee \$16 - Fee \$21

#### Holiday Open House at Cheney Mansion

**Thursday, Dec 18, 3:00-8:00P**

Come and view the beautiful holiday decorations at Cheney Mansion. A suggested \$2 donation or non-perishable food item is requested for entry to benefit Beyond Hunger here in Oak Park. This is a drop-in program. **All Ages**

#### Little Helpers Workshop

**Friday, Dec 19, 6:30-8:00P**

Parents, need to finish last minute shopping? Drop off your little helper, where they can enjoy a kid-friendly dinner while also rotating through stations including toy testing, games, crafts and special treats to help Santa prepare for his big night. **Ages 4-7**  
Res Fee \$26 - Fee \$35

#### Brunch with The Grinch

**Saturday, Dec 20**

**9:00-10:30A or 11:30A-1:00P**

Get ready to Whobilate at Cheney Mansion – The Grinch is coming to town! Step into a whimsical winter wonderland as Whoville takes over Cheney Mansion for a magical holiday brunch! Dress in your Grinchiest green, style your hair Whoville-style, and join us for a festive celebration full of fun, food, and heartwarming cheer. Meet the Grinch, play games, and maybe even learn that Christmas isn't about the gifts – it's about something a little bit more. Help the Grinch's heart grow ten sizes as we share laughter, joy, and a whole lot of holiday spirit. All participants must be registered. Infants one year and younger need not register. **All Ages**  
Res Fee \$50 - Fee \$67



### Pleasant Home

#### A Charlie Brown Christmas Brunch - Live!

**Saturday, Nov 29**

**10:00A-12:00P • 12:30-2:30P**

Presented by Fitzgerald's Nightclub and the Park District of Oak Park, experience the nostalgia of Vince Guaraldi's *A Charlie Brown Christmas* played live with The Chris White Trio in the equally classic setting of the landmark property, Pleasant Home. Beautiful brunch buffet by BABYGOLD Barbecue. Two time slots available. All are welcome! Each person needs to be registered. Infants one year and younger do not need to be registered. **All Ages**  
Res Fee \$49 - Fee \$66

#### It's a Wonderful Life Family Movie Night - Pleasant Home

**Sunday, Nov 30, 3:00-6:00P**

Gather your loved ones and experience the magic of *It's a Wonderful Life*, the timeless holiday classic starring James Stewart! Join us for a cozy, heartwarming evening filled with festive cheer, nostalgia, fun trivia about the film, and holiday snacks. Because no man is a failure who has friends—come share this classic film with the ones who matter most! **All Ages**  
Per Pair: Res Fee \$30 - Fee \$39  
Additional Guest: Res Fee \$16 - Fee \$21

#### Holidays Around the World!

**Friday, Dec 12, 6:30-8:00P**

All "aboard" Flight 1225 on Holiday Airlines for your chance to experience holiday traditions in different countries and cultures. Let Pleasant Home be your "globe" as you make your way to each "country" for crafts, traditions, and treats. **Ages 5+ with Adult**  
Per Pair: Res Fee \$50 - Fee \$67  
Additional Guest: Res Fee \$20 - Fee \$25

**More Holiday Fun for  
Ages 21+ on page 22.**

#### Decorate Your Own Gingerbread House – Pleasant Home

**Saturday, Dec 13**

**11:00A-1:00P or 2:00-4:00P**

Grab your family and purchase a table at beautiful Pleasant Home to decorate your own Holiday Gingerbread House. We will have a light lunch to help power you through your creative blocks. Once finished, pose for a family selfie in the Great Hall of Pleasant Home. Price is per table per family. Only one family member needs to register. Each table can accommodate 8 people. **All Ages**  
Per Table: Res Fee \$135 - Fee \$155

#### Holiday Open House at Pleasant Home

**Thursday, Dec 18, 3:00-8:00P**

Come and view the beautiful holiday decorations at Pleasant Home and enjoy a docent led tour of this architectural gem! A suggested \$2 donation or non-perishable food item is requested for entry. This is a drop-in program. **All Ages**

#### Father Christmas

**Sunday, Dec 21**

**10:00-11:00A • 11:00A-12:00P**

Travel back in time and visit Father Christmas at Pleasant Home this holiday season. This Victorian-themed event will have something for everyone in your family. From treats, to stories by the fireplace, to holiday goodies! **All Ages**  
Res Fee \$26 - Fee \$35



#### Letters to Santa at Oak Park Conservatory

**FREE**

**Dec 2-21**

Visit Oak Park Conservatory to drop off your letter to Santa in our Santa Express mailbox. Print stationery from our website at [oakparkconservatory.org](http://oakparkconservatory.org). No registration required!

### Oak Park Conservatory

#### Candlelight Walk

**Friday-Sunday, Dec 5, 6, & 7, 5:30-7:30P**

Enjoy the beauty of the season with a Candlelight Walk. Children can have a magical experience seeing Santa in Mrs. Claus's holiday garden and have their photo taken with Santa amongst the beautiful poinsettias. Drop your wish list in his mailbox and receive a special treat from Santa! Shop our Winter Greens Market outside in our garden. Enjoy holiday music and refreshments will be served. Registration is required in advance for all attending. **All Ages**  
Res Fee \$10 - Fee \$15  
Location: Oak Park Conservatory

#### The Santa Trolley!

**Sunday, Dec 7 & 14**

**Various times and locations below**

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND** - Two days and two locations! While you wait to board the trolley, you can enjoy "elvish" games and activities or tour the beautiful showrooms at Oak Park Conservatory. While en route to the "North Pole", your Head Elves will help get you in the Holiday spirit with festive songs to sing! Santa and Mrs. Claus await your arrival at the beautiful Cheney Mansion or Pleasant Home along with entertainment, beverages, and cookies!

**All Ages**

Per Person: Res Fee \$26 - Fee \$35

Cheney:

9:15A • 10:15A • 11:15A • 12:15P • 1:15P • 2:15P

Pleasant Home:

9:45A • 10:45A • 11:45A • 12:45P • 1:45P • 2:45P





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**Pleasant Home is located  
in Oak Park's historic Mills  
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in the nation.**

Pleasant Home was built in 1897  
for John W. Farson and tailored  
to fit the Farson family's lifestyle.  
The 30-room, architectural gem  
is a showcase of 19th-century  
craftsmanship and artistry, with rich  
custom woodwork throughout the  
location, extraordinary art glass  
windows, a massive fireplace,  
intricate woodcarvings, and tile work.

Farson filled the grounds with  
gardens, fountains, and open-air  
porches. He welcomed community  
groups onto the lawn, hosted  
garden parties, and turned his home  
into a vibrant gathering place for  
neighbors.

Pleasant Home invites you to step  
inside, slow down, and connect  
with a story that's still unfolding.



# PLEASANT HOME

*Beauty & Architecture that is distinctly Oak Park*

### TOURS

The first and second floor is open for self-guided  
tours as well as free docent-led tours:

- Free, self-guided tours are available every  
Thursday, 12:00-3:00P.
- Free, docent-led tours are available on select  
Sundays.

### SPECIAL EVENT RENTALS

Pleasant Home is available to host small events with  
just a few friends or as many as 100 within the house  
and grand porch. With its beautiful architecture,  
Pleasant Home is the unique venue for events  
including weddings, rehearsal dinners, receptions,  
showers, corporate meetings and events, holiday  
parties, fundraisers and memorial services. Our  
professional staff looks forward to helping you create  
a unique and memorable event in this architectural  
gem. Please visit [pleasanthomeop.com](http://pleasanthomeop.com) to begin  
planning your special event.

### PROGRAMS

From concerts and seasonal events to public  
programs, there are plenty of ways to experience  
the beauty and history of this architectural gem. We  
invite you to browse the following pages for family-  
friendly events and activities for adults age 21+.





### FAMILY PROGRAMS

#### **Fairest of them All: A Snow White Celebration**

**Friday, Sep 12, 6:30-8:30P**

"Mirror, mirror on the wall"... Snow White and the dwarfs take center stage for an enchanting evening at Pleasant Home! Meet Snow White, sample wickedly delicious treats, enchanted photos, and create your enchanted mirror! Come dressed as one of your favorite dwarfs and properly welcome Snow White to beautiful Pleasant Home! Registration includes one caregiver and one child – only one name is needed to register.

**Ages 4+ with Adult**

Caregiver/Child: Res Fee \$50 - Fee \$67

Additional Guest: Res Fee \$16 - Fee \$21

#### **Monkey Around with Curious George**

**Sunday, Sep 28, 12:00-2:00P**

Go bananas with us for an afternoon of exploration, play, and discovery featuring everyone's favorite mischievous monkey, Curious George! This family-friendly event is packed with interactive activities, playful games, and plenty of monkey business for kids and parents alike. Let's get curious together, because adventure is always just around the corner! Registration includes one caregiver and one child – only one name is needed to register.

**All Ages**

Caregiver/Child: Res Fee \$45 - Fee \$58

Additional Guest: Res Fee \$16 - Fee \$21

#### **Spirits and Sparkle: Create a Haunted Mansion**

**Sunday, Oct 12, 12:00-2:00P**

Bring your family for a spooktacular event at Pleasant Home. We provide the mansions, and you decorate them just in time for Halloween! We will provide all the ghoulish trims you will need to make your mansion ready for display! A good ghoulish lunch will be provided so you can keep your strength up while you finish. Registration is per table, per family, and each table can accommodate six decorators! Only one person needs to be listed on the registration.

**All Ages**

Per Table: Res Fee \$135 - Fee \$155

#### **A Beatles Brunch with Fitzgerald's** **Saturday, Oct 18**

**10:00A-12:00P & 12:30-2:30P**

Come together for a morning of music and memories! Step into the swinging '60s and enjoy a magical morning of music, food, and fun at the historic Pleasant Home! Our Beatles Brunch is a celebration of the Fab Four complete with live tunes, a delicious brunch spread brought to you by Baby Gold Barbeque, and the timeless charm of John, Paul, George, and Ringo. **All Ages**

Res Fee \$49 - Fee \$66

#### **One Sweet Day in the Emerald City**

**Saturday, Nov 8, 1:00-3:00P**

Follow the yellow brick road to Pleasant Home for a day full of pink and green fun and treats. From sweet surprises, hands-on crafts, a Wicked dance party, and maybe a visit from Miss Green and Wickedly Seen. Come dressed as your favorite Wicked character and enjoy a perfectly popular afternoon of all things Oz. Registration includes one caregiver and one child – only one name is needed to register.

**Ages 7+ with Adult**

Caregiver/Child: Res Fee \$50 - Fee \$67

Additional Guest: Res Fee \$16 - Fee \$21

#### **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe Party!**

**Friday, Jan 9, 6:30-8:30P**

Journey to Narnia through the wonderful portal of lions and mirrors of Pleasant Home. Search the house for the items for Aslan's table and travel through the Mirror to enjoy the wonder-themed dinner with the favorite characters of the wonderful novel. Registration includes one caregiver and one child.

**Ages 6+ with Adult**

Per Pair: Res Fee \$45 - Fee \$58

Additional Guest: Res Fee \$16 - Fee \$21

#### **Victorian Valentine Tea Party** **Sunday, Feb 8, 12:00-2:00P**

Step back in time and enjoy a Victorian-era tea party. The main floor will be decked out with beautiful place settings, delicious treats, and teas to taste for you and your Valentine, as well as activities, games, and crafts. Registration includes one caregiver and one child – only one name is needed to register.

**Ages 4+ with Adult**

First Pair: Res Fee \$45 - Fee \$58

Additional Guest: Res Fee \$16 - Fee \$21

#### **Inventors & Imagination: A Steampunk Adventure**

**Friday, Feb 27, 7:00-9:00P**

Victorian elegance meets science fiction and innovation at Pleasant Home. Step into a time machine that takes you to the 19th Century Industrial Era. Create a wind toy, decipher codes, and design your own Steampunk goggles. Dress in your finest steampunk attire and step into a world of wonder where the past meets the future most magically. Registration includes one caregiver and one child.

**Ages 10+ with Adult**

Per Pair: Res Fee \$45 - Fee \$58

Additional Guest: Res Fee \$16 - Fee \$21

#### **Leprechaun Madness**

**Sunday, Mar 15, 12:00-2:00P**

Those rascally leprechauns have taken up residence in Mills Park and Pleasant Home again. Join us on a mad dash as we use clues to locate where they might be hiding all their gold! A delicious, themed lunch will be served. Registration includes one caregiver and one child – only one name is needed to register.

**Ages 4-8 with Adult**

First Pair: Res Fee \$45 - Fee \$58

Additional Guest: Res Fee \$16 - Fee \$21

#### **Jedi Training**

**Saturday, Mar 28, 11:00A-12:30P**

Spend time with your young hero mastering the ways of the Force with the help of our special Jedi Masters! You will have fun making your own lightsaber to train with our Jedi Master. Registration includes one caregiver and one child – only one name is needed to register. **Ages 4-8 with Adult**

First Pair: Res Fee \$50 - Fee \$68

Additional Guest: Res Fee \$16 - Fee \$21

**Adult Leisure & Lifestyle activities for ages 21+ on pages 20-22.**

# historic properties

## Cheney Mansion

Supervisor: Susan Crane

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**Cheney Mansion is  
reminiscent of a gracious  
English country home.**

It was designed by Charles E. White, Jr. in 1913 and designated a local landmark in 2004. Cheney Mansion is in good company within the Frank Lloyd Wright Historic District. Set on 2.2 acres of lush gardens, this 12,000-square-foot mansion, boasts three floors filled with a paneled library, multiple elegant reception rooms, six bedrooms, seven bathrooms, separate quarters for household staff, an outdoor patio, and a greenhouse.

Over the years, Cheney Mansion passed through the hands of Andrew and Mary Dole, and eventually to their niece, Elizabeth Cheney, a world traveler and antique collector who lovingly filled the home with treasures. The beautifully landscaped grounds feature a cutting garden with an espalier fence, woodland walk and waterfall garden. The grounds are open to the public until dusk everyday unless there is a private rental.

Cheney Mansion invites you to step inside and enjoy the beauty of this unique locale.



## CHENEY MANSION

*Distinctive Charm, Inspiring Setting*

### TOURS

Visitors can enjoy self-guided and docent-led tours:

#### **September-December:**

Wednesdays, 11:00A – 2:00P

#### **January-March:**

Please call to schedule: 708-725-2500

### SPECIAL EVENT RENTALS

Cheney Mansion is a distinctive venue available to host your special occasions for two to as many as 200 guests for events including weddings, rehearsal dinners, receptions, showers, graduations, corporate meetings and events, holiday parties, fundraisers, concerts and recitals, and memorial services. We are available seven days per week with rental options for one room, several rooms, our outdoor venue, or the entire indoor/outdoor space.

Our professional staff looks forward to helping you create a unique and memorable event within the distinctive beauty of Cheney Mansion. To learn more, we invite you to visit [cheneymansion.com](http://cheneymansion.com) to begin planning your special event.

### PROGRAMS

Whether exploring the fascinating history of past owners or attending a lively program inside its storied walls, we invite you to browse the following pages for family-friendly events and activities for adults age 21+.





# historic properties

## Cheney Mansion Family Programs

Supervisor: Susan Crane

### FAMILY PROGRAMS

#### Noodle Nirvana: A Pasta-Making Adventure for Teens

**Sunday, Sep 14, 12:00-3:00P**

This Fall, Chef Tara Humphrey from the Global Peel explores culinary techniques and global holidays through cooking. A hands-on cooking class where we will roll, cut, and savor our pasta and ramen. Let's eat and connect through cuisine, story, and tradition. We are all family around food. **Ages 12-16**  
Res Fee \$52 - Fee \$69

#### Sensory-Friendly Boo Bash

**Saturday, Oct 25**

**10:00-11:00A & 11:00A-12:00P**

The Park District of Oak Park and West Suburban Special Recreation Association welcome families in need of sensory-friendly events to Cheney Mansion for a fun Halloween party! Get in costume and bring your camera for photos with our Great Pumpkin. Each attendee must register and caregivers need to attend with children. **Ages 4-12 with Adult**  
Res Fee \$16 - Fee \$21

#### A Hocus Pocus High Tea

**Sunday, Oct 26, 2:00-3:30P**

This fun event brings together the bewitching world of magic and the traditional elegance of a high tea! Magical tables adorned with mystical decorations and whimsical details. You will be treated to a selection of teas and tantalizing treats that are fit for a witch's brew and participate in a host of magical activities. Registration includes one caregiver and one child – only one name is needed to register.

**Ages 4+ with Adult**

Caregiver/Child: Res Fee \$50 - Fee \$67  
Additional Guest: Res Fee \$20 - Fee \$25

**Find activities  
for ages 21+  
in our new  
Adult Leisure &  
Lifestyle section  
on pages 20-22.**



#### Adult and Child Cooking: Celebrating Diwali!

**Sunday, Nov 9, 12:00-3:00P**

Light up your kitchen! This Fall, Chef Tara Humphrey explores culinary techniques and global holidays through cooking. A hands-on workshop with a focus on sweet treats and vegetarian foods. Let's eat and connect through cuisine, story, and tradition. We are all family around food. **Ages 10+ with Adult**  
Caregiver/Child: Res Fee \$105 - Fee \$125

#### Winnie the Pooh's Adventure in the Hundred Acre Wood

**Sunday, Nov 23, 11:00A-12:30P**

Join us for a heartwarming adventure in the Hundred Acre Wood with your favorite bear and friends! This magical experience brings the enchanting world of Pooh to life with interactive activities, games, and delightful moments for all ages. Explore the woods with Pooh, Piglet, Tigger, and Eeyore as they share stories, laughter, and fun. Dress as your favorite character and bring your family for a day full of laughter, imagination, and sweet, honey-filled memories! Registration includes one caregiver and one child – only one name is needed to register.

**Ages 4+ with Adult**

Caregiver/Child: Res Fee \$45 - Fee \$58  
Additional Guest: Res Fee \$16 - Fee \$21

#### Bumble's Big Snow Bash

**Sunday, Jan 11, 12:00-2:00P**

Inspired by the lovable Abominable Snow Monster from the classic *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, this family-friendly indoor event is packed with Bumble-approved snacks and drinks, festive games, and frosty surprises! Bring a sense of adventure for this Yeti-sized winter adventure. Registration includes one caregiver and one child – only one name is needed to register.

**Ages 4+ with Adult**

Caregiver/Child: Res Fee \$50 - Fee \$67  
Additional Guest: Res Fee \$15 - Fee \$20

#### Frozen Castle Party

**Friday, Jan 23, 6:30-8:30P**

Cheney Mansion turns into the home of your favorite winter princesses for one night of fun, games, and the coolest dance party in town. You and your princess will be treated to a meet-and-greet and hang out while our princesses take up residence at Cheney Mansion. We will have snacks and treats for each guest. Registration includes one caregiver and one child – register one person. **Ages 4-8 with Adult**  
First Pair: Res Fee \$50 - Fee \$67  
Additional Guest: Res Fee \$20 - Fee \$25

#### Valentine's Dance Party

**Friday, Feb 13, 12:00-2:00P**

Cheney Mansion becomes immersed in glowing lights, music and dancing for this family fun Valentine's dance party. Games and, of course, glow sticks will abound. Lunch will be included. Registration includes one caregiver and one child – only need to register one name.

**Ages 4-10 with Adult**

First Pair: Res Fee \$45 - Fee \$58  
Additional Guest: Res Fee \$16 - Fee \$21



#### Lunch with the Dinos

**Saturday, Mar 7, 12:00-2:00P**

Lunch with the Dinos is a thrilling family dining adventure that transports you to the prehistoric world of dinosaurs! Surround yourself with life-like dinosaur replicas and prehistoric décor. Meet our paleontologists and learn the history of these prehistoric beasts, and try your hand at taming our T-Rex! Families can enjoy a meal that is both delicious and educational. Perfect for young explorers and their paleontologist pals at heart, this lunch experience promises a roaring good time for the whole family! **Ages 4-8 with Adult**  
Res Fee \$35 - Fee \$44

### HAVE FUN &

Unwind  
Connect  
Explore

Our 21+ programs are designed just for adults ready to reconnect through fun nights out!

Whether you're an empty nester, a parent with newfound free time, or simply looking for something beyond your usual routine, this is your chance to explore, create, and move in new ways.

Join us for cooking classes that spark your culinary creativity, dance nights that get your heart pumping, paranormal investigations that awaken your curiosity, or yoga that helps you breathe a little deeper.

These aren't your kids' park district programs – they're yours. Engaging experiences made for adults who want to rediscover fun!



## Dining & Dancing

### Dancin' at the Mansion

Every Monday is dance night at Cheney Mansion, and all are welcome! We are offering an "Intro to the Ballroom" and "Latin Rhythms" dance classes. Learn the steps to dance the night away! Our expert instructors will guide you through the steps at an easy pace so you can enjoy learning to dance, meeting new people, being active, and having fun! No experience or partner is required. Please bring rubber-soled shoes to class.

- **Fall 1:** Sep 16 - Oct 20
- **Fall 2:** Nov 3 - Dec 8
- **Winter:** Jan 19 - Feb 23

Location: Cheney Mansion



### Intro to the Ballroom Mondays, 7:00-7:55P

Whether you are an absolute beginner or have dance experience, this class is designed to get you moving and feeling comfortable on the dance floor. Learn the dance steps and techniques to help you develop rhythm, coordination and confidence. We will cover Swing/Jitterbug, Foxtrot, and Cha Cha.  
Res Fee \$100 - Fee \$120

### Latin Rhythms Mondays, 8:00-8:55P

Discover the joy and energy of Latin Music and dance to the sizzling tropical rhythms of Salsa, Cha Cha, Bachata, and Merengue, featuring music from Puerto Rico, Cuba, Columbia, and the Dominican Republic.  
Res Fee \$100 - Fee \$120

### Harvest Moon Wine, Dine & Dance Thursday, Oct 2, 7:00-10:00P

Let's heat up the dance floor and dance the beautiful fall night away. Join us under the lights and on the patio at Cheney Mansion for a night of dining and dancing guided by our expert Park District dance instructors and a DJ spinning you through the evening. Come as a couple or register with a friend! Registration for two includes dinner, dancing and drink tickets per person.  
Res Fee \$135 - Fee \$155  
Location: Cheney Mansion



## Culinary Adventures

### Cooking Around the World

Thursdays, 6:30-9:30P

#### Various Dates Below

Join Chef Tara Humphrey of Global Peel as she explores culinary techniques and global holidays through cooking! You will cook a gourmet meal that includes this timeless classic. Tara has planned menus and recipes for each session. Let's eat and connect through cuisine, stories, and tradition. Bring your favorite wine to sip or Tara will send suggested menu pairings.

Per Session: Res Fee \$65 - Fee \$85

Location: Cheney Mansion



- **Sep 11:** Flour Power Baking 101
- **Oct 9:** Oktoberfest
- **Nov 20:** First Nations: Savoring the Earth
- **Jan 8:** Hello Dumpling
- **Feb 12:** Lunar New Year Cooking and Dinner
- **Mar 12:** Beef Wellington



**Find more activities at our Historic Properties**  
on pages 17, 19, 24-25.



### Entertainment

#### The Magic Parlor with Bill Cook

Friday, Oct 24, 7:30-9:00P

**NEW**

Step into a world of mystery with world-class illusionist and close-up magician Bill Cook. In an intimate setting, you'll be mesmerized by sleight-of-hand illusions, mind-bending mentalism, and astonishing feats of magical mastery. Watch in awe as seemingly impossible tricks unfold right before your eyes, while our charismatic magician draws you into a world where reality is suspended. Light snacks and two drink tickets per person are included.

Res Fee \$65 - Fee \$85

Location: Pleasant Home



#### A Halloween Paranormal Investigation

Saturday, Oct 25, 7:00-9:00P

Join Other Side Investigations to connect with the previous owners of Pleasant Home. On this most haunting night, enjoy a thrilling journey through dimly lit corridors and specified rooms of Pleasant Home, rumored to be hotspots of paranormal activity. Armed with state-of-the-art equipment and your senses, you will delve into the unexplained throughout the home. Light snacks and two drink tickets are included with your registration.

Res Fee \$50 - Fee \$67

Location: Pleasant Home



### Music & Movement

#### "Casually Classical"

Friday, Sep 5, 7:00-9:00P

**NEW**

Suitable for both classical music novices and seasoned listeners alike, Casually Classical is a social gathering that features informal, unrehearsed classical chamber music played by local professional musicians. Come to savor refreshments, connect with friends and music lovers, enjoy the spontaneous atmosphere and maybe even request a favorite piece, all in the elegant settings for which chamber music was originally intended. Hosted by cellist and Oak Park resident, Jean Hatmaker. Light apps and two drink tickets are included with your registration.

Res Fee \$50 - Fee \$67

Location: Pleasant Home



#### Sunday Bend and Brunch

Sundays, 10:00A-12:00P

Jan 11 • Feb 1 • Mar 8

Rejuvenate your mind and body with an all-level, one-hour yoga class led by our expert PDOP instructor. If you enjoyed Sunday Funday outdoor yoga brunch at Cheney Mansion, you can now enjoy the warm, sophisticated atmosphere of Pleasant Home. There will be a brunch buffet in our Great Hall directly afterwards with flavorful savories and sweets. Two drink tickets are included in your registration.

Per Class: Res Fee \$35 - Fee \$44

Series: Res Fee \$85 - Fee \$105

Location: Pleasant Home



### Special Events

#### Yappy Hour!

Thursday, Sep 18

6:30-9:00P

Bring your furry best friend for festive fun on the patio and grounds of Cheney Mansion. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served as you mingle with other pet parents. Enjoy pet-friendly activities and meet new vendors. Yappy Hour is presented in partnership with Hinsdale Humane Society, whose mission to save animals began in 1953. (All dogs must be leashed.)

Res Fee \$36 - Fee \$45

\$15 of your registration fee goes to support the Hinsdale Humane Society!

Location: Cheney Mansion

*Yappy Hour*



### Plan Your Night Out!

New events are planned monthly and change frequently – so don't miss out! Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter and be the first to know about new classes, events, and one-night-only experiences. It's the easiest way to plan something local, fresh, and fun with friends (or for yourself).

Sign up now at [pdop.org/enews](http://pdop.org/enews)

### Sip & Create

#### Holiday Wreath Making at Cheney Mansion

**Friday, Nov 21, 7:00-9:00P**

Kick off holiday decorating or create the final touch with a beautiful wreath. We will have materials on hand for you to create a beautiful holiday wreath to adorn your favorite spot in your home or on your door! We will use a mixture of materials and craft elements to welcome the season! **Note:** Registration will close two days before the class to purchase materials for all participants. Enjoy a glass of wine and snacks as you create your wreath!

Res Fee \$37 - Fee \$50

Location: Cheney Mansion



#### Holiday Candle Making with Einnim Candle Bar

**Thursday, Nov 13, 7:00-9:00P**

Join Einnim and the Park District of Oak Park to make a custom candle fitting the season! An Einnim candle specialist will be in attendance to walk guests through the entire candle-making process. Choose from a variety of essential oils to create your perfect scent blend for your new favorite candle, fitting for this holiday season! Each 9 oz. candle provides 40-45 hours of burn time using 100% soy wax. Light snacks and two drink tickets are included with your registration.

Res Fee \$45 - Fee \$58

Location: Pleasant Home



#### Holiday Wreath Making at Pleasant Home

**Thursday, Dec 4, 7:00-9:00P**

Enjoy a night out with family, friends, or co-workers as you learn how to make a beautiful holiday wreath. We will have materials on hand for you to pick out and create a splash of elegance on your front door or wall. Etsy has nothing on us as we welcome the season! **Note:** Registration will close two days before the class to purchase materials for all participants. Enjoy a glass of wine and snacks as you embrace your creative side!

Res Fee \$37 - Fee \$50

Location: Pleasant Home



### Music & Cocktails

#### Krampusnacht: A Holiday Haunt

**Friday, Dec 5, 7:00-9:00P**

Step into the shadowy side of the holiday season where folklore and fright collide in a chillingly festive celebration! While Santa rewards the nice, Krampus comes for the naughty – so beware as this legendary Christmas beast roams the night. Whether you're a fan of the naughty elf himself or just looking for a unique way to celebrate the season, this cocktail party promises a night of thrills, chills, and twisted holiday cheer!

Res Fee \$35 - Fee \$44

Location: Pleasant Home



#### A Charlie Brown Christmas Cocktail Hour - Live!

**Saturday, Dec 13, 5:00-7:00P**

Presented by Fitzgerald's Nightclub and the Park District of Oak Park, you will experience Vince Guaraldi's holiday jazz masterpiece, *A Charlie Brown Christmas* performed live by the Chris White Trio whilst sipping on some classic holiday cocktails and nibbling on Cajun and Barbecue-inspired small bites. 'Tis the season for making this your new holiday tradition!

Res Fee \$49 - Fee \$66

Location: Cheney Mansion



#### Holiday Jazz Magic

**Wednesday, Dec 17, 7:00-9:00P**

The Halls of Pleasant Home will be decked with holiday cheer as The Garfield Park Jazz Collective performs smooth vibes and timeless holiday favorites in this beautiful and historic setting. Light snacks and two drink tickets are included in your registration.

Res Fee \$45 - Fee \$58

Location: Pleasant Home



#### Spellbound: Magic & Moonlight Eve of the Eve Dance

**Tuesday, Dec 30, 7:00-10:00P**

Step into a sparkling world of enchantment at Spellbound: Magic & Moonlight, an unforgettable "Eve of the Eve" celebration where elegance, wonder, and whimsy collide. Begin your evening with a delightful seasonal dinner, then prepare to be amazed by a strolling magician whose sleight-of-hand and spellbinding illusions will leave you mesmerized and smiling. After dinner and magic, take to the dance floor under twinkling lights as our dance instructors guide you through two fun and easy 20-minute lessons, no experience needed! In between, enjoy open dancing to the sounds of a live DJ spinning a perfect mix of timeless classics and contemporary hits. Registration for two includes dinner and drink tickets. Only one person needs to be registered.

Per Couple: Res Fee \$140 - Fee \$160

Location: Cheney Mansion



**For more Holiday Activities** see pages 14-15.



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Oak Park, Illinois  
708-725-2400  
[oakparkconservatory.org](http://oakparkconservatory.org)

*Owned and operated by the Park District of  
Oak Park*

**Oak Park Conservatory  
began as a community effort  
to provide a place to house  
exotic plants that residents  
collected during their  
travels abroad.**

The present Edwardian-style glass  
structure, built in 1929, houses a  
botanical collection of more than  
3,000 plants, some of which date  
back to the Conservatory's founding.

Oak Park Conservatory carries the  
distinction as one of the top three  
historical sites in Oak Park, drawing  
over 50,000 visitors annually. Free to  
the public, Oak Park Conservatory  
offers a rich atmosphere of flora  
and fauna throughout three indoor  
Conservatory showrooms including  
a Mediterranean Room, Tropical  
Room, and Desert Room. Urban  
outdoor gardens surround this city  
escape, representing Illinois native  
ecosystems in the outdoor Elsie  
Jacobsen Discovery Garden &  
Rubinstein Garden. Children can  
enjoy the Discovery Garden with  
its musical instruments, bee skep  
clubhouse, and a runnel water feature  
that recycles water to irrigate the  
Conservatory plantings.



**OAK PARK  
CONSERVATORY**

*Park District of Oak Park*

### VISITING HOURS

Enjoy Oak Park Conservatory from  
10:00A-4:00P, Tuesday-Sunday all year round.

### SPECIAL EVENT RENTALS

Let Oak Park Conservatory host your next party,  
special event, memorial service, wedding, or  
birthday party. Rentals at the Conservatory are  
available year-round. Please visit our website at  
[oakparkconservatory.org](http://oakparkconservatory.org) or contact our rental  
coordinator to plan your special event. Contact the  
Conservatory at (708) 725-2400 or via email at  
[oakparkconservatory@pdop.org](mailto:oakparkconservatory@pdop.org).

### PROGRAMS

The Conservatory hosts a variety of gardening  
programs and early childhood activities coupled with  
seasonal, one-time events and dedicated plant sales  
throughout the year.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in volunteering? Call (708) 725-2460 or  
email [coordinator@fopcon.org](mailto:coordinator@fopcon.org).

**See our Conservatory  
SPECIAL EVENTS**

on pages 24-25.



### Plant Help Desk

Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00P

**FREE**

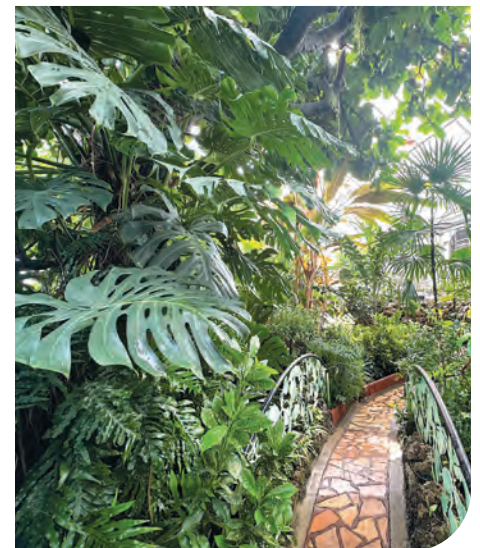
Bring your plant questions and issues to our Plant  
Help Desk sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Park  
Conservatory. Plant experts will help you with your  
questions. Plant repotting services are available.  
Email inquiries to [oakparkconservatory@pdop.org](mailto:oakparkconservatory@pdop.org) or  
call 708-725-2456, ext. 2.

### Conservatory Docents

**FREE**

Sundays, 1:00-3:00P

Ask our volunteer for information about plants  
growing in our showrooms. Friends of the Oak  
Park Conservatory volunteer docents share their  
knowledge about our collection and welcome your  
inquiries. **All Ages**



# historic properties

## Conservatory Programs & Events

Supervisor: Patti Staley

### Gardening Lectures

Thursdays, 7:00-8:00P

FREE



Sep 11 • Oct 16 • Nov 13 • Jan 22 • Feb 19

Join the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory to learn about different gardening topics. Registration is required. A virtual Zoom link will be sent to participants in advance. **Ages 18+**

### Sep 11, Growing Garlic

Garlic is usually harvested in July, but did you know that it is planted in the fall? You will learn about this easy-to-grow crop: what type of garlic to grow, when and how to plant it, and how to harvest your bulbs and scapes.

### Oct 16, Mysterious Moths

Though seldom seen due to their nocturnal nature, moths are every bit as beautiful and charismatic as their butterfly cousins. We will take a photographic journey into the intriguing world of moths, exploring which of our native plants are most enticing to these lovely Lepidopterans. The Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory are excited to host Chelsea Gottfried, co-author of *Gardening for Moths*, for this program. This lecture is co-sponsored by West Cook Wild Ones.

### Nov 13, Houseplant Pest Management

Pests aren't only in our gardens – they often end up on our houseplants, as well. You will learn about how to prevent pests from showing up, identify them if they do, and how to effectively treat them and keep them from spreading.

### Jan 22, Winter Sowing

Winter sowing is becoming a more widely known method of growing healthy seedlings, and we can start winter sowing now. You will learn about what equipment you'll need, how to set it up, and the timing for growing a variety of seeds.

### Feb 19, Drought-Tolerant Gardens

We can't change the amount of rainfall we receive, but we can adapt the way we garden. You will learn about drought-tolerant gardening: best plants to grow and how we can make the most effective use of the rainfall we do receive.

**See our Conservatory  
HOLIDAY EVENTS**  
on page 15.

### Fall Plant & Tool Exchange

Sunday, Sep 7, 9:30-11:30A

FREE

*Presented by the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory*  
Join other gardeners and share your favorite plants! Save your garden plastic pots and drop them off at our Garden Pot Return so they can be reused and kept out of landfills. Please bring at least one plant to participate in the plant exchange. **Ages 18+**  
Drop off, 9:30-10:30A / Pick up, 11:00-11:30A

### Seed Swap

Sunday, Jan 25

FREE

**FOPCON Members Only, 11:00A-12:00P**  
**Open to Public, 12:00-2:00P**

Join us at the Oak Park Conservatory on National Seed Swap Day to honor the great U.S. tradition of swapping seeds with neighbors. Browse a selection of herbs, vegetables, floral, perennial, and native seeds. We will have expert gardeners on hand to guide you in getting your garden off to a good start! Please label your seed donations with the variety, source, and year when possible. **Note: The first hour is open to FOPCON Members only. All Ages**

### Shamrock Scavenger Hunt

FREE

Tuesday-Sunday, Mar 3-16, 10:00A-4:00P

Join the hunt to find shamrocks that the leprechaun has scattered at the Oak Park Conservatory! Prizes will be given to those who can find all lucky seven shamrocks hidden among our plants! Living shamrocks will also be available for sale to take one home! No registration required. Drop-in activity.

**All Ages**

Location: Oak Park Conservatory

*Presented by the Friends of the  
Oak Park Conservatory*

## UNCorked

at Oak Park Conservatory

Friday, Sep 26, 6:00-8:00P

Celebrate early fall in the Rubinstein Garden with friends under the night sky with an evening of music and drinks. Admission includes two drink tickets, an appetizer, and a guided tour of the showrooms.

Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for FOPCON Members). Advance sales only. Tickets will not be sold at the door. FOPCON members receive a 20% discount. Contact [operations@fopcon.org](mailto:operations@fopcon.org) for a discount code before registering. **Ages 21+**

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

FREE

### at the Oak Park Conservatory

*Presented by the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory (FOPCON)*

Registration is required for all.  
Register online at [oakparkconservatory.org](http://oakparkconservatory.org)

### Toddler Exploration Time

Fridays, 9:30-10:15A & 10:30-11:15A

Young learners will be delighted with stories, lessons, and crafts led by our education volunteers. Each month is a different topic.

**Ages 18mos-5yrs**

- **Sep 19:** Fall Seeds
- **Oct 17:** Night Flyers
- **Nov 21:** Treeing Around
- **Jan 16:** Frosty
- **Feb 20:** What's That Sound?
- **Mar 20:** Pitter, Patter, Splash

### Story Time at The Conservatory

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30A

Enjoy nature-themed stories, songs, and puppets led by our Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory volunteers.

**Ages 18mos-5yrs**

### Bilingual Story Time

1st Wednesday of Each Month

10:00-10:30A, Sep 3 • Oct 1 • Nov 5 •

Dec 3 • Feb 4 • Mar 4

Enjoy a bilingual (English and Spanish) Story Time, plus songs, and finger play led by our Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory volunteers. **Ages 18mos-5yrs**

### Story Book Walk

Tuesdays-Sundays, Sep, 10:00A-4:00P

Visit Oak Park Conservatory during September and enjoy the Story Book Walk in the Elsie Jacobsen Discovery Garden sponsored by the Girl Scouts!







### FALL MUM & BULB SALE

Online Sale Begins August 22

In-Person Shopping begins September 19

Support the Oak Park Conservatory by shopping locally this fall with homegrown mums – fall's favorite flower.

This year we have grown an abundance of beautiful, unique, and hardy mums to brighten up your front porch and garden. Choose from two different sizes in a variety of colors! Order online early for best selections!

Plant in the fall to add color to your spring garden with easy-to-grow tulips, daffodils, and other bulbs. Rare to find, naturalizing and perennial favorite bulbs will be on hand such as Tulips, Naturalizing Daffodils, Hyacinths, Alliums, Fritillaria, Snowdrops and more.

Order online at [oakparkconservatory.org](http://oakparkconservatory.org)

Give your  
Valentine  
a gift that  
blooms.



### Valentine's Market

Order online Feb 1-10 and  
Shop In-Person Feb 10-15

Shop for blooming gifts from our greenhouse for your valentine or treat yourself! Locally grown and full of love, choose from blooming plants and plants such as succulents, tropical houseplants, fresh-cut bouquets, and more. Order early online for the best selections February 1-10 at [oakparkconservatory.org](http://oakparkconservatory.org). Order pick-up & shopping in person Feb 10-15 from 10:00A-4:00P.

at Oak Park Conservatory

## WINTER Greens



### MARKET & WORKSHOPS

#### Winter Greens Market

Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00A-4:00P

Nov 14-Dec 21

Shop the Oak Park Conservatory's Winter Greens Market for a selection of winter greens for your home. An array of fresh greens including balsam, fir, boxwood, winter berries, magnolia tips, spruce tops and more will be available along with many other natural items for your winter decoration needs! Shop from our selection of containers to put your own porch pots together.

#### Winter Greens Market Open House

Saturday, Nov 15, 10:00A-1:00P

The Winter Greens Market is such a magical time of year at the Conservatory! Live demos of creating holiday containers and wreaths will be going on throughout the day. Refreshments will be served!

#### Winter Greens Porch Pots Workshop

Thursday, Nov 20, 6:00-7:30P

Saturday, Nov 22, 10:00-11:30A

Winter porch pots are beautiful and easy to put together. Join our horticulturist for a fun time creating your own winter greens outdoor container. Each participant will take home a cold-weather outdoor container arrangement and discover inspiration to help you decide which boughs of greenery, branches, and accessories to gather for your arrangement. Materials and container are included. Additional shopping is available in our Winter Greens Market for more accents.

**Note:** Registration a minimum of one week in advance is required. **Ages 18+**  
Res Fee \$60 - Fee \$65

#### Winter Wreath Workshop

Thursday, Dec 4, 7:00-8:30P

Join in the fun and tradition of wreath making with fresh greens from the gardens! In this workshop, you'll create your own festive wreath using fresh greens and other botanicals. Learn how to make specialty wreaths from what grows in your garden! **Note:** Registration a minimum of one week in advance is required.

**Ages 18+**

Res Fee \$50 - Fee \$55

#### Holiday Plant Centerpiece Workshop

Thursday, Dec 11, 7:00-8:30P

Create a living holiday centerpiece for yourself or a gift! Join the horticulturist at Oak Park Conservatory in a fun evening of creating a unique centerpiece from popular, easy to grow holiday plants such as poinsettias, Christmas cacti, amaryllis and more! Learn how to keep your plants growing all winter long!

**Registration at least one week in advance is required. Ages 18+**

Res Fee \$50 - Fee \$55



## WEEKDAY PROGRAMS

### Morning Nature Journaling

**Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00A**

Immerse yourself in nature and learn to capture your observations through journaling. Explore drawing, writing, and mindfulness while you expand your skills as a naturalist and an observer of the outdoors. All materials provided, including a journal at your first session. **All Ages**  
Res Fee \$6 - Fee \$9

## HOMESCHOOL CLASSES

### Animals Uncovered

**Mondays, 10:30A-12:00P**

Let's dive in a little deeper! We're taking a look at some of our favorite creatures in the animal kingdom and discovering all we can. Join us as we get up close with animals and artifacts, make models, do experiments, and more. This class is aimed at younger children, but all are welcome. **Ages 5+**  
Res Fee \$17 - Fee \$22

### It's All Greek to Me

**Wednesdays, 10:30A-12:00P**

Calling all future historians! Join us for a study of Greek mythology, with new figures and myths introduced each week. Explore the tales of Atlas, Hades, the Muses, and more. **Ages 7+**  
Res Fee \$17 - Fee \$22

### Homeschool Science Fridays

**Fridays, 1:00-2:30P**

Budding Einsteins wanted! Unleash your curiosity in our hands-on science lab class. Explore physics, chemistry, biology and more through exciting experiments. **Ages 7+**  
Res Fee \$17 - Fee \$22

## MIXED-AGE PROGRAMS

are designed for both children and adults. Our one-day nature programs provide you with weekend fun guided by one of our naturalists. Come with family, friends, or enjoy nature by yourself. Registration is required. All programs are held at Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center, unless otherwise noted.

### Super Moon Viewing Party

**Thursday, Dec 4, 6:00-7:00P**

Come out to see the biggest full moon of the year! Hear the stories of the Cold Moon and learn about space science. Geared toward homeschool students. Everyone in attendance must register. **All Ages**  
Res Fee \$3 - Fee \$3  
Location: Barrie Park Sled Hill

## WEEKEND NATURE PROGRAMS

### Animal Adventure Hour

**Saturdays, 9:30-10:30A (dates below)**

Join us for an hour of animal fun! Each week we'll learn about a different animal using games, art, animal artifacts (both real and replica), and more! **Ages 5-10 with Adult**  
Res Fee \$20 - Fee \$25

- **Nov 22:** Let's Talk Turkey
- **Dec 6:** Chinchilla chinchilla
- **Dec 20:** Run, Run, Reindeer
- **Jan 10:** Penguin Parade
- **Jan 24:** Squirrel Appreciation Day
- **Feb 7:** Friends to Foxes
- **Mar 14:** Kicking Back with Kangaroos
- **Mar 28:** Wild About Wolves

### Science Discovery Days

**Saturdays, 11:00A-12:00P (dates below)**

Get those lab coats ready! We're learning through fun, with each class focusing on a different realm of the science world or famous figures in scientific history. Join us for games, art, and other activities to get those neurons firing. **Ages 7+**  
Res Fee \$20 - Fee \$25

- **Oct 4:** A Day with Jane
- **Oct 18:** Boneheads
- **Nov 8:** Rock & Mineral Testing Lab
- **Nov 22:** The Nature Art of Andy Goldsworthy
- **Jan 10:** Owl Pellet Dissection
- **Feb 7:** To Boldly Go with Nichelle Nichols
- **Feb 14:** Love Bugs (9:30-10:30A)
- **Mar 14:** Joan Proctor & Her Dragons

### What's in the Wild?

**Saturdays, 11:00A-12:00P (dates below)**

Discover the outdoors! Instead of a specific animal, we're exploring broader topics in the world around us. Join us for an hour of nature-themed art, games, and more! **Ages 4-10 with Adult**  
Res Fee \$20 - Fee \$25

- **Jan 24:** Fabled Fauna
- **Mar 28:** Kooky Camouflage

### Sustainable Workshops

**Saturdays, 11:00A-12:00P (dates below)**

Head to Austin Gardens for a weekend workshop! We'll provide all the materials for you to make your own environmentally-friendly project to take home. **Ages 8+**  
Res Fee \$25 - Fee \$30

- **Dec 6:** Birdseed Ornament Workshop
- **Dec 20:** Natural Material Gingerbread Houses
- **Feb 14:** Botanical Valentines Workshop

### Codes & Signaling

**Saturday, Sep 13, 11:00A-12:00P**

Using flags and other tools, we're going on a treasure hunt using coded messages around the park! Plus, take home our guide on the different types of Morse code, plus NATO, ground-to-air, ICS, and more! **Ages 6+ with Adult**  
Res Fee \$20 - Fee \$25

### Autumn Acorn Folk

**Saturday, Sep 27, 11:00A-12:00P**

Learn a little bit about the importance of oak trees and make some precious pixies out of acorns and other natural materials. **Ages 6+ with Adult**  
Res Fee \$20 - Fee \$25

### Climate Cafe

**Saturday, Sep 27, 12:30-2:00P**

Join Counselor Karina Conrad (LCPC) for a group discussion on the climate crisis. We will work together to build our knowledge and resilience, as we reflect on the uncertainties. Refreshments provided. **Ages 14+**  
Res Fee \$5 - Fee \$5



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## Mixed-Age Programs (Youth & Adult)

Supervisor: Hannah Garcia



### ARCHERY - All programs meet at Fox Center

#### Beginner Group Archery Lessons

**Mondays, 6:00-7:00P (3 weeks)**

For archers starting the sport. All equipment provided. **Ages 7-12**  
Res Fee \$85 - Fee \$105

#### Youth Archery Club

**Mondays, 7:00-8:00P (3 weeks)**

For archers who have passed the Beginner course. **Ages 7-12**  
Res Fee \$85 - Fee \$105

#### Open Archery & Range Time

**Mondays, 8:00-9:00P (3 weeks)**

All skill levels welcome, including beginners. Single class options available. **Ages 13+**  
Res Fee \$85 - Fee \$105

#### Adult-Child Archery Hour

**Fridays, 6:30-7:30P**

**Sep 12 • Oct 17 • Nov 7 • Dec 5 • Jan 23 • Feb 20 • Mar 13**

For Junior Archers who want to teach their adults a thing or two. Registration is for two people. **Ages 7+ with Adult**  
Res Fee \$31 - Fee \$36

#### Cupid Couple's Archery

**Fridays, 7:00-8:00P**

**Sept 26 • Nov 14 • Jan 9 • Feb 13 • Mar 20**  
Couple's archery lesson for date night! Registration is for two people – no experience necessary.

**Ages 16+**  
Res Fee \$31 - Fee \$36

#### Club Archery Game Nights

**Mondays, 7:00-8:00P**

An hour of fun outside of a standard class for Club Archers. Try a new challenge each week! **Ages 7-12**  
Res Fee \$22 - Fee \$27

- **Oct 13** - Battleship Archery Game Night
- **Jan 19** - Miniature Bullseye Archery Challenge

#### Try Archery for Beginners

**Mondays, 6:00-7:00P**

**Oct 13 • Jan 19 • Feb 16**

New to the sport and want to try it before committing to a full session? Try this introductory course! **Ages 7-12**  
Res Fee \$22 - Fee \$27

#### Club Archery Halloween Special

**Monday, Oct 27, 6:00-7:00P or 7:00-8:00P**

Our range is haunted, and we need your help to shoot the ghosts! Halloween costumes encouraged. **Ages 7+**  
Res Fee \$22 - Fee \$27

#### Club Archery Pumpkin Splat

**Monday, Nov 3, 6:00-7:00P or 7:00-8:00P**

Don't throw away those jack-o-lanterns! Use them for target practice instead! **Ages 7+**  
Res Fee \$22 - Fee \$27

#### Archery Club Olympic Games

**Monday, Feb 16, 7:00-8:00P**

Celebrate the Winter Olympics with us with archery games and challenges testing your accuracy, speed, and more. Can you take home the gold? **Ages 7-12**  
Res Fee \$22 - Fee \$27

#### Club Archery Color Burst

**Monday, Mar 2, 6:00-7:00P or 7:00-8:00P**

Celebrate Holi and create a colorful explosion with your arrows! **Ages 7+**  
Res Fee \$22 - Fee \$27

#### Marchery Madness Tournament

**Monday, Mar 30**

**Ages 7-12: 6:00-7:00P**

**Ages 12+: 7:00-8:00P**

Compete in a bracket against your fellow archers and win prizes along the way! **Ages 7+**  
Res Fee \$22 - Fee \$27

### ADVENTURES for Adults

#### Chain O'Lakes State Park Hiking Trip

**Saturday, Sep 20, 8:00A-4:30P**

Not just for adults! Join us for a day of hiking and picnicking among nature. Any participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. **Ages 8+**  
Res Fee \$28 - Fee \$33

#### Pumpkin Carving Date Night

**Friday, Oct 10, 6:30-8:30P**

Join us for an adults-only pumpkin carving date night, complete with local brews and Halloween tunes. **Ages 21+**  
Res Fee \$32 - Fee \$41  
Location: Austin Gardens

#### Adult Horseback Riding Trip

**Saturday, Oct 11, 11:00A-3:00P**

Head down to Forest View Farms with us for a group trail ride among the fall foliage. **Ages 18+**  
Res Fee \$45 - Fee \$58  
Location: Fox Center

#### Adult Rock Climbing Trip

**Saturday, Jan 17, 11:00A-3:00P**

Start the new year with an adventure and join us for a trip to Climb On indoor rock gym. **Ages 18+**  
Res Fee \$45 - Fee \$58  
Location: Fox Center

**Find Early Childhood  
Nature Programs  
on page 43.**

**Semi-Private Archery Lessons** are offered for youth and adults looking to improve their skills in a more individualized setting. Our trained instructors are available to coach and encourage all levels, from beginners to seasoned archers. Accessibility modifications available. Please email [hannah.garcia@pdop.org](mailto:hannah.garcia@pdop.org) for more details on pricing and sessions.

*Weekends are for  
creative fun with  
friends and family!*



## Mixed-Age Workshops and Series Programs

These one-day and series arts & crafts classes are open to kids and adults in an effort to promote an experience where multiple generations engage in the same learning experience.

These mixed-age programs aim to connect generations through the creative process in a fun and welcoming environment.

Studies have shown that these types of programs improve health and social connectivity for adults participating in arts/ intergenerational programs and an increased understanding of aging for youth.

## MONTHLY & WEEKEND WORKSHOPS

**For kids to adults! (Ages 7+)**

### Try-it: Ceramics

**Fridays, 6:00-8:00P**

**Sep 12 • Oct 10 • Nov 14 • Dec 12 •**

**Jan 9 • Feb 13 • Mar 13**

Want to explore clay? Join us for an introduction, discovery, and exploration of wheel and hand-building techniques. No take-home projects in this class. **Ages 7+**

Res Fee \$27 - Fee \$36

Location: Dole Center - Studio 2

### Pour Painting

**Saturdays, 10:00A-12:00P**

**Sep 6 • Oct 11 • Nov 15 • Dec 27 •**

**Jan 17 • Feb 28 • Mar 7**

Those pour painting videos are totally addictive! Come make your very own and we'll clean up the mess! Two canvas boards per person can be used. We'll also provide a large variety of colors and finishes to make your painting stand out. **Ages 7+**

Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3

### Creative Cooking

**Saturdays, 9:00A-12:00P or 12:30-3:30P**

**Sep 13 • Oct 4 • Nov 29 • Dec 6 •**

**Jan 3 • Feb 7 • Mar 14**

Creative Cooking offers life skills and artwork all wrapped into one awesome class! They are designed for students to explore their creativity in the kitchen! A different theme and recipe (or two!) will be introduced in each workshop. While the food cooks, bakes, or simmers, our little chefs will enjoy additional art and/or games during those times. Each child will go home with their recipes to share with the entire family. **Ages 5-12**

Res Fee \$30 - Fee \$39

Location: Andersen Center



### Beautifully Bizarre

**Sundays, 10:00A-12:00P**

**Sep 7 • Oct 5 • Nov 9 • Dec 7 •**

**Jan 4 • Feb 8 • Mar 8**

Some art is pretty, but this art is strange. Dip your toes into the unique and unusual in this mixed-media art class. Each class centers on a theme and utilizes a variety of materials. Supplies and instructions are included. **Ages 7+**

Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3

### Recycled Mixed Media

**Sundays, 1:00-3:00P**

**Sep 14 • Oct 12 • Nov 16 • Dec 14 •**

**Jan 11 • Feb 15 • Mar 29**

We all know there is too much waste in our world. Plastics, fabrics, scrap metal, and electronics litter our parks and our homes. Join us as we combine these materials with classic art supplies to create unique pieces of mixed media art. Participants are welcome to bring in their collections to add to our supply or turn old toys/junk drawer finds into new pieces.

**Ages 7+**

Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3

### Sundays Time Machine

**Sundays, 1:00P-3:00P**

**Sep 21 • Oct 19 • Nov 23 • Dec 28 •**

**Jan 25 • Feb 22 • Mar 22**

Go back in time and get crafty using classic art supplies like Shrinky-dinks, pipe cleaners, metal binder brads, oil pastels, and much more! Your instructor will have some seasonal/holiday-themed ideas for you to create great home and office decor.

**Ages 7+**

Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3

### Ceramics Open Studio

**Tuesdays, 4:30-6:30P or**

**Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00P**

Come on in to finish pieces you worked on in our other classes like Family Ceramics, Youth Ceramics, Beginners Ceramics, Beginners' Wheel, and Partner Ceramics. **Ages 12+**

Res Fee \$28 - Fee \$37

Location: Dole Center - Studio 2



### SEASONAL ART WORKSHOPS

Spend a few hours in the Art Studio at Dole Center! These one-day art workshops designed for children (7+) and adults alike are a great way to try a new art form or hone your craft. Our expert art instructors will guide you through each theme and provide all the necessary materials to complete a project at the end of each session. Registration is required and remains open until the workshop begins.

For kids to adults! (Ages 7+)

#### SEPTEMBER

##### Corn Husk Characters

Friday, Sep 5, 6:00-8:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

##### Locker Decor

Friday, Sep 19, 6:00-8:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

##### Mushroom Art

Saturday, Sep 20, 10:00A-12:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

##### Pet Thing

Sunday, Sep 28, 1:00-3:00P  
Res Fee \$21 - Fee \$26

#### OCTOBER

##### Build A Bug

Friday, Oct 3, 6:00-8:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

##### Wretched Wreaths

Sunday, Oct 12, 10:00A-12:00P  
Res Fee \$25 - Fee \$30

##### Haunted Pictures

Friday, Oct 17, 6:00-8:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

##### Monster Mash

Sunday, Oct 19, 10:00A-12:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

##### Halloween Trees

Friday, Oct 24, 6:00-8:00P  
Res Fee \$22 - Fee \$27

##### Monster Makeup

Saturday, Oct 25, 10:00A-12:00P  
Res Fee \$25 - Fee \$30

##### A Really Retro Halloween

Sunday, Oct 26, 1:00-3:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

##### Electric Bones

Friday, Oct 31, 6:00-8:00P  
Res Fee \$22 - Fee \$27

#### NOVEMBER

##### Dia De Los Muertos Art

Saturday, Nov 1, 12:00-2:00P  
Res Fee \$22 - Fee \$27

##### Gothic Jewelry

Friday, Nov 7, 6:00-8:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

##### Autumn Metallic Landscape

Saturday, Nov 15, 12:30-2:30P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

##### Painted Gourds

Friday, Nov 21, 6:00-8:00P  
Res Fee \$22 - Fee \$27

##### Paper Quilling

Sunday, Nov 30, 1:00-3:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23



#### DECEMBER

##### Beware of Krampus

Friday, Dec 5, 6:00-8:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

##### Glowing Silhouette Luminary

Saturday, Dec 13, 10:00A-12:00P  
Res Fee \$25 - Fee \$30

##### Letter to Santa

Friday, Dec 19, 6:00-8:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

##### A Very Vintage Christmas

Sunday, Dec 21, 1:00-3:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

#### JANUARY

##### 2026 Memory Keeper

Friday, Jan 16, 6:00-8:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

##### Vintage Silhouette Art

Sunday, Jan 18, 1:00-3:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

##### Winter Masks

Friday, Jan 23, 6:00-8:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

##### Winter Wonderland Art

Sunday, Jan 25, 10:00A-12:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

##### Winter Sky Northern Lights

Saturday, Jan 31, 10:00A-12:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

#### FEBRUARY

##### Very Vintage Valentines

Friday, Feb 6, 6:00-8:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

##### Fancy Flower Bouquet

Friday, Feb 20, 6:00-8:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

##### Wood Burning

Saturday, Feb 21, 10:00A-12:00P  
Res Fee \$20 - Fee \$25

#### MARCH

##### Paper Sculptures

Friday, Mar 6, 6:00-8:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

##### St Patrick's Art

Sunday, Mar 15, 1:00-3:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

##### Spring Has Sprung

Saturday, Mar 21, 10:00A-12:00P  
Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

For complete class descriptions scan the QR code below, or see the Arts & Crafts tile at [pdop.org/register](http://pdop.org/register)



SCAN ME

### ARTS & CRAFT SERIES CLASSES

Dive into your creative spirit with one of our fun series programs! Classes held in Dole Center Art Studio, unless otherwise noted, and are typically 2 to 3-week sessions. See Amilia for other details.

**For kids to adults!**  
(Ages vary)

#### Sunday Clay Day

**Sundays, 1:00-2:30P & 3:00-4:30P**

**Sep 7-Oct 12 • Oct 26-Nov 30 •**

**Jan 4-Feb 8 • Feb 22-Mar 29**

Play with clay! With hands-on projects, participants will learn essential techniques like hand-building and sculpting, allowing them to create unique functional and decorative pieces. **Ages 7+**

Res Fee \$122 - Fee \$142

Location: Dole Center - Studio 2

#### Youth Ceramics

**Mondays, 4:30-6:00P**

**Sep 8-Oct 13 • Oct 27-Dec 1 • Jan 5-Feb 9 •**

**Feb 23-Mar 30**

Designed for young artists, this engaging program introduces students to the exciting world of clay.

Through hands-on projects, participants will learn essential techniques like hand-building and sculpting, allowing them to create unique functional and decorative pieces. **Ages 7-17**

Res Fee \$122 - Fee \$142

Location: Dole Center - Studio 2

#### Beginners' Wheel

**Mondays, 6:30-8:00P**

**Sep 8-Oct 13 • Oct 27-Dec 1 • Jan 5-Feb 9 •**

**Feb 23-Mar 30**

In this hands-on class, you'll learn the fundamentals of working with clay on a pottery wheel. Throughout the class, our experienced instructors will guide you through the essential techniques, from centering the clay to shaping and trimming your creations. No prior experience is needed – just bring your enthusiasm! **Ages 12+**

Res Fee \$122 - Fee \$142

Location: Dole Center - Studio 2



#### Family Ceramics

**Saturdays (See Amilia for times)**

**Sep 6-Oct 11 • Nov 8-Dec 13 •**

**Jan 3-Feb 7 • Feb 21-Mar 28**

Explore a variety of hand-building techniques in addition to trying your hand at the wheel. The fee covers one adult and a child.

**Ages 4-12 with Adult**

Res Fee \$122 - Fee \$142

Location: Dole Center - Studio 2

#### Partner Ceramics

**Thursdays, 4:00-5:30P**

**Sep 4-Oct 9 • Oct 23-Dec 4 • Jan 8- Feb 12**

Explore a variety of hand-building techniques in addition to trying your hand at the wheel. Team up with a child and get creative on Thursday afternoons.

The fee covers two participants. **Ages 7+**

Res Fee \$122 - Fee \$142

Location: Dole Center - Studio 2

#### Beginners' Ceramics

**Thursdays, 6:00-7:30P**

**Sep 4-Oct 9 • Oct 23-Dec 4 • Jan 8-Feb 12**

Perfect for those new to pottery, this hands-on course introduces you to essential techniques like hand-building, wheel throwing, and glazing. With the guidance of our experienced instructors, you'll learn how to transform raw clay into beautiful functional, and decorative pieces. **Ages 7+**

Res Fee \$122 - Fee \$142

Location: Dole Center - Studio 2

#### Cartooning 101

**Tuesdays, 5:00-6:30P**

**Sep 2-Oct 7 • Oct 21-Nov 25 •**

**Jan 6-Feb 10 • Feb 24-Mar 21**

In this introductory class, students will learn the fundamentals of creating cartoons, including character design, storytelling, and visual communication.

The instructor will provide hands-on guidance and feedback to help students develop their skills. Whether you're a beginner or looking to refine your cartooning abilities, this class offers a supportive and creative environment to learn and grow. **Ages 7-17**

Res Fee \$40 - Fee \$55

Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3

#### Drawing & Painting

**Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00P**

**Sep 3-Oct 8 • Oct 22-Nov 26 • Jan 7- Feb 11**

Spend your evenings drawing and painting at Dole Center with professional support and guidance from a local artist and college instructor. Create distraction-free with a group of others looking to create. Instruction is made for all, and all skill levels are welcome. **Ages 12+**

Res Fee \$80 - Fee \$100

Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3

#### Youth Drawing & Painting

**Fridays 3:30-4:30P**

**Sep 5-Oct 10 • Nov 7- Dec 12 •**

**Jan 2-Feb 6 • Feb 20-Mar 27**

Do you doodle? Do you love color? Need some extra art classes in your life? Join our fun instructor and a group of other kiddos after school to draw and paint in our art studio at Dole Center! **Ages 7-12**

Res Fee \$48 - Fee \$65

Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3





### Stone Cutting and Jewelry Making

**Thursdays, 6:00-8:00P**

**Monthly, Sep-Mar**

Explore the wonders and beauty of lapidary arts. Learn to polish and smooth stones into fashionable accessories. All skill levels are welcome. Materials and instruction are provided, but we encourage students to purchase material if they are working on bigger pieces or are looking for a specific texture/color. **Ages 13+**

Per Class: Res Fee \$64 - Fee \$84

Location: Dole Center - Studio 1

### Soldering

**Fridays, 6:00-8:00P**

**Monthly, Sep/Nov/Jan**

Learn the art of soldering with our lapidary and jewelry-making instructor. Participants will work on a new project every class finishing with six. All supplies are included but participants are welcome to bring in their own. **Ages 13+**

Per Session: Res Fee \$106 - Fee \$126

Location: Dole Center - Studio 1

### Enameling

**Fridays, 6:00-8:00P**

**Monthly, Oct/Dec/Jan**

Learn the art of enameling with our lapidary and jewelry-making instructor. Participants will work on a new project every class finishing with six. All supplies are included but participants are welcome to bring in their own. **Ages 13+**

Per Session: Res Fee \$108 - Fee \$128

Location: Dole Center - Studio 1

### Stained Glass

**Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30P or 5:30-7:30P**

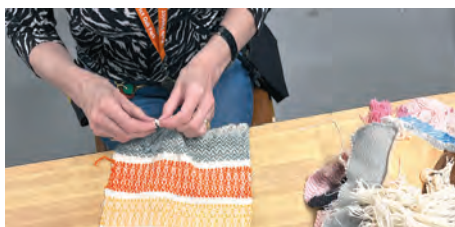
**Sep 2-Oct 7 • Oct 21-Nov 25 •**

**Jan 6-Feb 10 • Feb 24-Mar 31**

Unleash your creativity in our Stained-Glass Art class, designed for beginners and seasoned artists alike! This hands-on class will guide you through the enchanting world of Tiffany-style (copper foil method) stained glass, where you'll learn essential techniques such as glass cutting, foiling, and soldering. **Ages 14+**

Res Fee \$125 - Fee \$145

Location: Dole Center - Studio 3



### Screen Printing

**Fridays, 6:00-7:30P**

**Nov 7-Dec 12 • Jan 2-Feb 6**

Participants will explore basic techniques for designing and printing their custom artwork on fabric or paper. Each student will create their stencil, learn how to handle screen printing tools safely, and experiment with mixing vibrant colors to bring their ideas to life. This class is the perfect way to get creative, make something unique, and have fun! All materials are included. **Ages 9+**

Res Fee \$48 - Fee \$65

Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3

### Printmaking

**Fridays, 6:00-7:30P**

**Sep 5-Oct 10 • Feb 20-Mar 27**

Students will learn foundational printmaking techniques, including block printing, monoprints, and stamping while experimenting with texture, color, and layering. Through guided instruction and open creative time, students will explore their artistic voice in a supportive, engaging environment. All materials are provided, so artists need to bring their creativity and enthusiasm! **Ages 9+**

Res Fee \$48 - Fee \$65

Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3

### Learn to Sew Clothes

**Mondays, 4:00-6:00P**

**Sep 8-Oct 13 • Oct 27-Dec 1 •**

**Jan 5-Feb 9 • Feb 23-Mar 30**

Want to learn how to make your clothes from start to finish? Learn to use a simple pattern and to sew and finish your garment! Possible projects include a shirt, elastic-waist casual pants, a simple dress with pockets, or a raglan sleeve jacket. Maybe you've sewn before but would like to continue in a supportive environment with help – this class is also perfect for you. Plan to buy your fabric; you'll need 2-3 yards of woven cotton, depending on your project. No experience is necessary. **Ages 10+**

Res Fee \$119 - Fee \$139

Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3

### Quilting 101

**Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00P**

**Sep 3-Oct 8**

Each student will make their own lap-size or baby-size quilt from start to finish. Learn to use the sewing machine, how to cut the fabric, make the quilt sandwich, and do the top quilting and binding. Have a quilt you started? Bring that in! All fabric and thread are provided. **Ages 10+**

Res Fee \$119 - Fee \$139

Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3

### Shibori Dyeing

**Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00P**

**Oct 22-Nov 26 • Jan 7-Feb 11**

Learn the Japanese art of Shibori folding and dyeing. Learn the Arashi, Itajime, Kaneko, and Nemaki styles of folding/tying and two all-over patterns for two color dye processes. Use Procion fiber reactive dyes and make gorgeous fabrics each week that you can use to sew into garments or quilts, or dye all bandanas and T-shirts, your choice! **Ages 8+**

Res Fee \$119 - Fee \$139

Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3

### School's Out - Art Day!

**9:00A-12:00P or 9:00A-3:00P**

**Sep 1 & 23 • Oct 2 & 13 • Nov 26, 28**

**• Dec 22, 23, 26, 29, 30, & 31 • Jan 2, 5, & 19 • Feb 16 • Mar 30 & 31**

Join us for an art day! Enjoy a variety of art classes in the mornings and afternoons and spend your time out of school being creative with us! **Ages 7-12**

Half Day: Res Fee \$33 - Fee \$42

Full Day: Res Fee \$66 - Fee \$86

Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Rm 2



### YOUTH DANCE (Ages 6-12)

Our fun and interactive program offers a high-quality, affordable performing arts education that fosters community, self-awareness, musicality, and overall physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development.

**All classes held at GRC unless otherwise noted.**



#### Fall Session: Sep 6 - Dec 11

Thanksgiving Break, Nov 24 - Nov 30

#### Nutcracker Recital: Saturday, Dec 13

Dress rehearsal, Dec 12. Dates subject to change.

#### Winter Session: Jan 10 - Mar 19



### Early Childhood Dance Programs

See page 47.

**NEW!**

#### Ballet

Learn the foundations of ballet to enhance coordination, balance, strength, flexibility and creative expression. Prepares the early dance student by exploring music and movement.

#### Hip Hop

Explore basic hip-hop styles ranging from funk, house, popping/locking, and breaking. Learn how to move like your favorite dancers on *So You Think You Can Dance*, *World of Dance*, and more!

#### Acro

Discover strength, flexibility, and all sorts of fun tricks in our beginner acro class. No experience needed!

#### Jazz

Enjoy a popular, fun and energetic form of dance and move to your favorite tunes. Learn various styles of jazz techniques including classical, contemporary, and musical theatre.

#### Tap

Learn to tap like Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire. Dancers will be training their musical ear as well as their feet using rhythm, syncopation, and sound in addition to movement.

#### Combination Classes

Dancers develop strength coordination, and self-confidence through basic tumbling skills and dance class structure.

- **Hip Hop & Tumbling:** An energetic fusion of hip hop grooves and tumbling tricks, this high-energy class keeps kids moving, flipping, and having a blast!
- **Disney Jamz Jazz/Tap:** This awesome duo class will combine the energy and great tunes of Disney Jamz Jazz with the footwork and fun of Tap.

#### Fall 1

Sep 6 - Dec 11 (13 weeks)

#### Winter

Jan 10 - Mar 19 (10 weeks)

#### Ballet I

Day	Time	Ages
M	5:00 - 5:55P	6-8
W	5:00 - 5:55P	6-8

#### Ballet II

Day	Time	Ages
M	6:00 - 6:55P	9-12

#### Hip Hop

Day	Time	Ages
Sa	2:00 - 2:55P <b>D</b>	9-12

#### Acro

Day	Time	Ages
Tu	7:00 - 7:55P	9-12

#### Jazz

Day	Time	Ages
W	6:00 - 6:55P	9-12

#### Tap

Day	Time	Ages
W	6:00 - 6:55P <b>D</b>	9-12

#### Combination Classes

Day	Time	Ages
Hip Hop & Tumbling		
Th	6:00 - 6:55P	6-8
Sa	12:00 - 12:55P <b>D</b>	6-8

#### Disney Jamz Jazz/Tap

Tu	6:00 - 6:55P	6-8
Sa	1:00 - 1:55P <b>D</b>	6-8

**FALL:** Res Fee \$263 - Fee \$283

**WINTER:** Res Fee \$155 - Fee \$175

*Fee includes recital costume for Fall session.*

**D** = Held at Dole Center



### ADULT DANCE (Ages 15+)

Skip the ordinary workout and have a blast with our adult dance classes designed to boost your strength, flexibility, and coordination. No experience required!

Location: GRC, 2nd floor dance studio



#### Beginner Ballet

Designed for all levels to learn and practice the essentials of classical ballet including barre, center, and across the floor. All levels welcome.

#### Intermediate Ballet

This class consists of a modified intermediate ballet class, to continue your technique and training. Students should have prior ballet experience to sign up for this class.

#### Tap

This fun and musical form of dance is a great way to stay in shape while learning how to train your feet using rhythm, syncopation, and sound in addition to movement.

#### Broadway

In this fun and energetic dance class, you will learn dances to all your favorite musical hits: *Hamilton*, *Wicked*, *Chicago*, and more!

### Not ready to commit?

You can take any of these classes (with the exception of Tap) as a **Drop-In class for \$18** per class. Give it a try!

**Fall 1**  
Sep 8 - Oct 17 (6 weeks)

**Fall 2**  
Nov 3 - Dec 19 (6 weeks)

**Winter**  
Jan 12 - Mar 20 (10 weeks)

#### Adult Broadway

Day	Time	Ages
W	8:00 - 8:55P	15+

#### Adult Tap

Day	Time	Ages
Th	7:00 - 7:55P	15+

#### Adult Beginner Ballet

Day	Time	Ages
W	7:00 - 7:55P	15+
F	11:45A - 12:45P	15+

#### Adult Intermediate Ballet

Day	Time	Ages
M	7:00 - 7:55P	15+

**FALL 1 & 2:** Res Fee \$99 - Fee \$119

**WINTER:** Res Fee \$165 - Fee \$185

### Dancin' at the Mansion

Enjoy specialty dance classes at Cheney Mansion. Learn the steps and dance the night away with Intro to Ballroom. See page 20 for details.

### Private Dance Lessons

We offer private and couples lessons, tailoring each session to meet individual goals, ensuring a supportive and encouraging environment. Whether you are looking for a fun, choreographed wedding dance, or increasing technique/ability in different styles of dance, we will match you to the right instructor for optimal results. Please reach out to erin.coffman@pdop.org to receive more information including pricing and session length.



Supervisor: Erin Coffman

### MUSIC (Ages 6+)

Music is an adventure, whether it's music theory, private lessons, or playing in a group, choose your journey!

**Location:** Dole Center



### Private Guitar Lessons

For students that are just beginning or those with previous experience that want to fine tune their skills, this one-on-one setting provides learning to best fit students' interests and goals. With optional showcase opportunities twice a year, a performance setting will ensure confidence and achievement. Students must supply their own guitar. **Ages 6+**  
**Note:** Parent/Caregiver are asked to stay with child during lesson.

**Start dates vary.** Check online registration for available lesson times.

#### Beginner Guitar Lessons (30 min.)

4 classes per month  
Res Fee \$105 - Fee \$125

#### Intermediate Guitar Lessons (45 min.)

4 classes per month  
Res Fee \$147 - Fee \$167

#### Advanced Guitar Lessons (60 min.)

4 classes per month  
Res Fee \$188 - Fee \$208

### Group Guitar for Kids

**Wednesdays, 6:00-6:55P**

**Fall: Sep 24 - Nov 12**

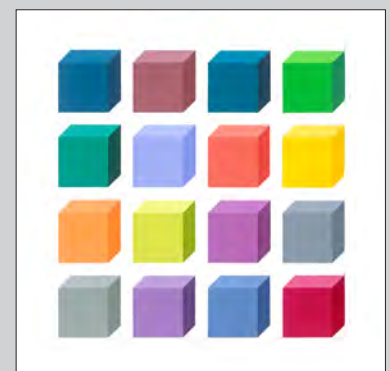
**Winter: Jan 14-Mar 4**

For students that are just beginning or those with previous experience, this is a great opportunity to fine tune your skills in a class setting that improves rhythmic interpretation of music while building community with your fellow classmates. Students must bring their own guitar. **Ages 8+**  
Res Fee \$160 - Fee \$180



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### THEATRE (Youth & Adults)

For students who are interested in diving deeper into the world of showbiz, we have classes for music, singing, dance, or all three! There will be an optional showcase at the end of the session that ensures an opportunity to perform and showcase these skills, providing a higher sense of confidence and achievement.

**Location: Dole Center**



**Fall Session: Sep 6 - Dec 11**

Thanksgiving Break, Nov 24 - Nov 30

**Nutcracker Recital: Saturday, Dec 13**

Dress rehearsal, Dec 12. Dates subject to change.

**Winter Session: Jan 10 - Mar 19**



### YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### Mini Musicals **NEW**

Kids will learn a few scenes and musical numbers from different shows. Students will have the opportunity to switch roles and act as many of the characters. The class will end in a small showcase in which the parents can watch the mini musical.

**See Ages Below**

**FALL:**

- Princess and the Frog (Ages 4-6)
- Seussical (Ages 7-12)

**WINTER:**

- Encanto (Ages 4-6)
- Newsies (Ages 7-12)

#### Discovering the Stage

A high-energy, fast-paced class that introduces theatre skills and activities for students who want to take the stage. Students will learn several warm-ups, games, and improvisation techniques to give them strong stage presence and confidence projecting their lines, as well as playing as an ensemble.

**Ages 4-6**

#### Stage Acting

Students will learn theatre warm-ups and improv games, while exploring stage presence, different types of theatre, and collaboration. They will act in a play and a dance, showcased at the end of the session.

**Ages 7-12**



### Early Childhood Dance Programs

See page 47.

**NEW!**

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Improv for Adults

Drop your inhibitions, get in touch with your creativity, and unleash your sense of play! Learning improvisational comedy is a great way to build confidence and make friends, and 1 out of 1 folks interviewed on Lake Street said it "seems pretty fun." This 8-week class will introduce (or review) the fundamentals of improv and give you the basic tools to build fun improvised scenes with your classmates. No experience required. **Ages 18+**

Fall 1 Sep 8 - Dec 11 (8-13 weeks)		
Winter Jan 12 - Mar 19 (8-10 weeks)		
Adult Improv		
Day	Time	
W	7:00 - 7:55P	
FALL & WINTER: Res Fee \$17 - Fee \$22		
Stage Acting		
Day	Time	
M	6:00 - 6:55P	
FALL: Res Fee \$202 - Fee \$222 WINTER: Res Fee \$155 - Fee \$175		
Discovering the Stage		
Day	Time	
M	5:00 - 5:40P	
FALL: Res Fee \$176 - Fee \$196 WINTER: Res Fee \$135 - Fee \$155		
Mini Musicals		
Day	Time	Musical
Th	5:00 - 5:40P	Princess and the Frog
FALL: Res Fee \$176 - Fee \$196		
Th	6:00 - 6:55P	Seussical
FALL: Res Fee \$202 - Fee \$222		
Th	5:00 - 5:40P	Encanto
WINTER: Res Fee \$135 - Fee \$155		
Th	6:00 - 6:55P	Newsies
WINTER: Res Fee \$155 - Fee \$175		

# performing arts

## Circus Arts

Supervisor: Erin Coffman

### CIRCUS ARTS (Ages 5+)

Is your little one constantly climbing, hanging, and jumping around? You may have a Circus Artist on your hands! Join us for a workshop focused on age-appropriate circus and developmental skills.

Location: Carroll Center



### Intro to Circus & Beginner Gym Wheel

We've partnered with instructors from CirqueExperience to host an Intro to Circus class including the Gym Wheel, juggling, plate spinning, etc. The Gym Wheel, also known as the Rhonrad or German Wheel, is a large, circular metal frame in which gymnasts perform acrobatics and stunts. No matter your age or skill level, anyone can learn the amazing circus arts of Gym Wheel, which involves rolling, spinning, flips, balances, and handstands! Ages 5+

Fall 1 Sep 6 - Oct 11 (6 weeks)	
Fall 2 Nov 1 - Dec 13 (6 weeks)	
Winter Jan 24 - Feb 28 (6 weeks)	
Intro to Circus & Beginner Gym Wheel	
Day	Time
Sa	3:00 - 4:00P
FALL & WINTER: Res Fee \$210 - Fee \$230	

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### Save the DATES

PREVIEW

All five of our 2025-2026 concerts (our 94th season) start at 4pm on Sundays at Concordia University.

**October 26 JAY FRIEDMAN, CONDUCTOR**  
 BEETHOVEN Triple Concerto  
 Michelle Taylor, violin  
 William Cernota, cello  
 David Leventy, piano  
 BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 3, Eroica

**December 14 MAURICE BOYER, CONDUCTOR**  
 TCHAIKOVSKY Nutcracker Suite  
 RAVEL Pavane pour une infante défunte; La valse  
 BIZET L'Arlesienne: Suites I+ II  
 HOLIDAY Sing-along

**February 15 MAURICE BOYER, CONDUCTOR**  
 BRAHMS Tragic Overture  
 Schicksalslied  
 MAHLER Songs from Des Knaben Wunderhorn  
 Nathalie Colas, soprano

**April 19 JAY FRIEDMAN, CONDUCTOR**  
 CONCERTO COMPETITION WINNER TBD  
 BERNSTEIN West Side Story Symphonic Dances

**June 14 JAY FRIEDMAN, CONDUCTOR**  
 SUK Morichen (Fairytale)  
 BRAUCH Violin Concerto No. 1,  
 Nikki Choi, soloist  
 (Concert underwritten by S/OP&RF violinist Dr. Marylou Witz)  
 GROESCH Piano Concerto No. 1 (World Premiere)  
 Mio Nakamura, soloist

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## Lifelong Learning Programs

Embrace education, investigation, vitality, and exploration as you embark on a journey of transformative personal growth and enrichment. Our Lifelong Learning programs are designed for adults 50 years and older and afford individuals the opportunity to rediscover their passion for education and make every day a new adventure!



AND MORE! To see the full schedule of programming, visit [pdop.org/lifelonglearners](http://pdop.org/lifelonglearners)

## What We Offer

### Dynamic Programs

Engage in a diverse array of regularly scheduled classes and workshops that cover a wide range of topics – from art and history to general recreation and wellness. Each program intends to inspire curiosity and stimulate your mind.

### Special Events

Participate in one-day special events featuring guest speakers, hands-on activities, and immersive experiences that allow you to delve deeper into subjects of interest. These events foster connection and community among fellow lifelong learners.

### Interactive Exploration

Enjoy opportunities for investigation through group discussions, collaborative projects, and trips. Explore new ideas and perspectives as you connect with others who share your passion for discovery.

### Focus on Vitality

Our programs emphasize holistic well-being, incorporating physical, mental, and emotional health into your learning experience. Engage in activities that promote an active lifestyle and encourage lifelong vitality.

- Lifelong Learning programs are grouped into three key categories: Arts & Crafts, General Recreation, and Health & Fitness.
- Most Lifelong Learning programs take place at Dole Center, 225 Augusta Street, Monday-Friday, 9:00A-3:00P.
- Registration is required for all programs. See the following pages for classes and fees.

## Interested in becoming an instructor or volunteer?

We are always looking for help at the  
Economy Shop and Dole Center.  
Contact us at (708) 725-2715 or  
[lifelonglearners@pdop.org](mailto:lifelonglearners@pdop.org).

# lifelong learning/active adult

## Lifelong Learning Membership

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### Ignite Your Curiosity Become a Lifelong Learning Member

For Adults 50+

Annual Membership: \$52

Unlock a world of knowledge and discovery with our Lifelong Learning Membership, designed specifically for adults over 50. Whether you want to deepen your knowledge, explore new hobbies, or connect with like-minded individuals, our vibrant community supports your journey.

#### BENEFITS:

- FREE or greatly reduced programming. Look for the  symbol in the guide.
- Program registration opens one day early for LLM participants.
- Phone-in registration is available.
- Four free pool passes to use at Rehm Pool or Ridgeland Pool.
- Discounted Tickets to Festival Theatre performances.
- Discounted Membership to Oak Park Society of Model Engineers.

#### PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP:

- Online: [pdop.org/LLM](https://pdop.org/LLM) or scan QR code
- In Person: Guest Service locations at RCRC
- By Phone: (708) 725-2000



SCAN ME



### Current Lifelong Learning Members

Welcome to a  
**NEW SEASON** of  
programming!



SCAN ME

Scan the QR code or visit the Lifelong Learning tile in Amilia to register for Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 programs. You must **register** for all programs and can do so online, in person, or by phone.

**Note:** If a program is full, reach out to our team for accommodations at [lifelonglearners@pdop.org](mailto:lifelonglearners@pdop.org) or (708) 725-2715. For last-minute cancellations, please contact customer service.

### Our Supportive Partner in Lifelong Learning

The Lifelong Learning programs at Park District of Oak Park are supported, in part, by The Senior Citizens Center of Oak Park and River Forest (SCCOPRF). SCCOPRF is the oldest senior citizens' center in Illinois and supports educational, social, and cultural activities for people over the age of 50. Through these activities, older adults can be inspired to continue their quest for lifelong learning, as SCCOPRF helps support their independence, broadens their horizons, and encourages their involvement with the community. SCCOPRF financially supports programming through efforts in fundraising, grant writing, sponsorships, and sales from the home goods room at the Economy Shop. To find out more, visit [sccopr.org](https://sccopr.org).





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All classes are **FREE** for  unless otherwise specified.

Please check Amilia for **registration requirements**.

## Arts & Crafts

### Ceramics

Mondays & Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00P  
\$7 per class for   
Per Class: Res Fee \$14 - Fee \$19

### Weaving Open Studio

Mondays, Thursdays, & Fridays  
12:00-3:00P  
Per Class: Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

### Stained Glass Open Studio

Thursdays & Fridays, 9:30A-12:00P  
Per Class: Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

### Introduction to Inkle Weaving

Mondays, 6:00-8:00P  
Sep 8-Oct 13 • Oct 27-Dec 1  
Per Session: Res Fee \$37 - Fee \$50

### Beginning Weaving

Mondays, 9:00A-12:00P  
Sep 8-Dec 15 • Jan 5-Mar 30  
Per Session: Res Fee \$172 - Fee \$192

### Intermediate/Advanced Weaving

Tuesdays, 9:00A-12:00P  
Sep 2-Dec 16 • Jan 6-Mar 31  
Per Session: Res Fee \$172 - Fee \$192



### Absolute Beginners Stained Glass

Tuesdays, 12:00-3:00P  
Sep 2-Dec 16 • Jan 6-Mar 31  
Per Session: Res Fee \$134 - Fee \$154

### Intermediate Stained Glass

Wednesdays, 12:00-3:00P  
Sep 3-Dec 17 • Jan 7-Mar 25  
Per Session: Res Fee \$134 - Fee \$154

### Advanced Stained Glass

Wednesdays, 9:00A-12:00P  
Sep 3-Dec 17 • Jan 7-Mar 25  
Per Session: Res Fee \$134 - Fee \$154

### Beginning Sewing

Thursdays, 9:00A-12:00P  
Sep 4-Dec 18 • Jan 8-Mar 26  
Per Session: Res Fee \$154 - Fee \$174

### Knitting/Crochet/Needlecraft

Mondays, 12:00-2:30P  
Per Class: Res Fee \$10 - Fee \$13

### Quilting

Tuesdays, 9:00A-12:00P  
Per Class: Res Fee \$14 - Fee \$19

### Sewing with Help

Tuesdays, 12:00-3:00P  
Per Class: Res Fee \$14 - Fee \$19

### Painting and More

Wednesdays, 9:30A-12:00P  
Per Class: Res Fee \$16 - Fee \$21

### Cardmaking

Fridays, 11:00A-12:30P  
Sep 5 • Oct 3 • Nov 7 • Dec 12 • Jan 9 • Feb 13 • Mar 13  
Per Class: Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

### Enameling

Fridays, 1:00-3:00P  
\$28 per class for   
Per Class: Res Fee \$42 - Fee \$55

### Soldering

Fridays, 3:00-5:00P  
\$28 per class for   
Per Class: Res Fee \$42 - Fee \$55

### Mixed Media Open Studio

Thursdays, 10:30A-12:30P  
Per Class: Res Fee \$18 - Fee \$23

### Lapidary

Thursdays, 1:00-3:00P & 3:00-5:00P  
\$7 per class for   
Per Class: Res Fee \$14 - Fee \$19



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All classes are **FREE** for  unless otherwise specified.

Please check Amilia for **registration requirements**.

### General Recreation

#### Dinner Club

Monthly. See Amilia for times and details.

#### Bookworms Bookclub

Thursdays, 10:30A-12:00P, Monthly

- Sep 25: The Great Divide
- Oct 23: Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine, and the Murder of a President
- Dec 4: The Salt Path: A Memoir
- Jan: TBA
- Feb: TBA
- Mar: TBA

#### Decades and Dialogues

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30P

- Sep 23: The Hours
- Oct 28: The Secret Life of Bees
- Nov 25: Station Eleven
- Dec 16: Remarkably Bright Creatures
- Jan-Mar: TBA

#### Day Trips

See Amilia for times and details.

- Sep 8: Mailboat Special Delivery Package Tour
- Oct 8: Reddick Mansion and Prairie Iron Presentation
- Nov 21: History & Tour of the Christkindl Market
- Dec 17: White Christmas
- Jan 15: The Insect Asylum
- Mar 30: Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures



#### Documentaries

Wednesdays, 1:00-3:30P, Weekly

Per Class: Res Fee \$3 - Fee \$3

#### Films

Thursdays, 1:00-4:00P, Weekly

Per Class: Res Fee \$3 - Fee \$3

#### Mahjong

Tuesdays, 10:00A-12:00P, Weekly

Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00P

Per Class: Res Fee \$3 - Fee \$3

#### Beginners' Bridge

Friday, 12:15-1:00P, Sep 5-Oct 10

Per Class: Res Fee \$3 - Fee \$3

#### Dole Bridge Club

Fridays, 1:00-3:30P, Weekly

Per Session: Res Fee \$3 - Fee \$3

#### Games with Friends: Scrabble

Fridays, 1:30-3:00P

Per Class: Res Fee \$3 - Fee \$3

#### Beginners' German

Tuesdays, 3:00-3:45P

Per Class: Res Fee \$3 - Fee \$3

#### Intermediate/Advanced German

Tuesdays, 3:45-4:30P

Per Class: Res Fee \$3 - Fee \$3

#### Spanish Immersion for Adults: Learn with a Native Speaker

Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00P &

Thursdays, 11:45A-12:45P

Per Class: Res Fee \$3 - Fee \$3

#### Conversations in Art

See Amilia for times and details.

Second Wednesday of the Month

10:30A-12:00P

#### Arm Chair Travelers

See Amilia for dates and details.

Third Thursday of the Month

10:30-11:30A

Per Class: Res Fee \$10 - Fee \$13

#### Computer & Smart Phone Help

Thursdays, 9:15-9:45A, Weekly

Per Class: Res Fee \$3 - Fee \$3





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### Health & Wellness

See Amilia for dates and details.

#### Basic Fitness

Tuesdays, 8:30-9:25A  
Wednesdays, 10:00-10:55A  
Thursdays, 8:30-9:25A  
Fridays, 10:00-10:55A  
Saturdays, 9:45-10:40A  
\$7 per class for   
Per Class: Res Fee \$12 - Fee \$15

#### Dancercise

Tuesdays, 10:00-10:50A  
Per Class: Res Fee \$3 - Fee \$3

#### Fit-Cardio & Strength with Chair

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 1:30-2:15P  
\$7 per class for   
Per Class: Res Fee \$12 - Fee \$15

#### Mat Pilates

Thursdays, 10:15-11:05A  
Fridays, 1:30-2:20P  
\$7 per class for   
Per Class: Res Fee \$12 - Fee \$15

#### Zumba Gold/Pilates with Chair

Thursdays, 12:30-1:30P  
\$7 per class for   
Per Class: Res Fee \$12 - Fee \$15

#### Line Dance with Indya!

Fridays, 11:15A-12:15P  
Per Class: Res Fee \$6 - Fee \$9

#### 40 + Double Dutch

Saturdays, 10:00-11:30A

#### Walking Club

Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00P  
Per Class: Res Fee \$3 - Fee \$3

#### Yoga

Mondays, 9:45-10:45A  
Thursdays, 2:00-3:00P  
\$7 per class for   
Per Class: Res Fee \$12 - Fee \$15

#### Yoga with Chairs

Mondays, 10:45-11:45A  
\$7 per class for   
Per Class: Res Fee \$12 - Fee \$15


#### Tai Chi for Arthritis

Mondays, 1:00-2:15P  
Per Class: Res Fee \$3 - Fee \$3

#### Inner Tai Chi

Wednesdays, 9:15-10:15A  
Sep 3-Oct 8 • Oct 29-Dec 10 •  
Jan 7-Feb 11 • Feb 18-Mar 26  
10% off for   
Per Class: Res Fee \$100 - Fee \$120  
No class 11/26

#### Virtual YoGong for the Seasons

Monthly  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30-10:30A  
10% off for   
Per Class: Res Fee \$59 - Fee \$76

#### Absolute Beginners Tai Chi

Fridays, 8:45-9:45A  
Per Class: Res Fee \$3 - Fee \$3

#### Tai Chi Colleagues

Fridays, 10:30-11:30A  
Per Class: Res Fee \$3 - Fee \$3



### Special Events


#### Urban Rivers Presentation

Monday, Sep 15, 10:00-11:00A  
Per Class: Res Fee \$3 - Fee \$3

#### Ulyssean Award Dinner

Wednesday, Sep 17, 6:00-9:00P  
Per Person: \$65

#### LLM Holiday Party

Friday, Dec 5, 11:00A-2:00P  
10% discount for   
Per Person: Res Fee \$30 - Fee \$35

#### Oak Park's Model Railroad Club



Family Days, Sundays 1-3 pm  
Come visit us and be the engineer



Dole Center, Lower Level

The Oak Park Society of Model Engineers  
[youtube.com/@oakparkmodelrrclub](https://youtube.com/@oakparkmodelrrclub)

Welcome to our new and improved Early Childhood/Preschool section — thoughtfully designed for our youngest community members and their families. To help busy caregivers quickly find what they need (and maybe discover something new), we've organized our offerings into six easy-to-navigate categories: Enrichment (with and without caregivers), Sports, Gymnastics, Dance, Swim School, and Learn to Skate.

**NEW!**

### Tot Obstacle Course

**Saturdays, 9:00-10:00A**

**Sep 6 • Nov 8**

Join us for gross motor fun with your toddler! Let them enjoy making big and small movements, bending, and being silly while having a blast.

**Ages 1-5**

Res Fee \$25 - Fee \$30

Location: Stevenson Center - Upper Level

### All Aboard for Toddler Train Fun!

**Saturday, Nov 8, 9:00-10:00A**

Let your toddler explore, play, and build with Thomas Trains and wooden tracks while making new friends!

**Ages 2-5**

Res Fee \$21 - Fee \$26

Location: Andersen Center

### Rock Painting

**Saturday, Sep 27, 9:00-9:50A**

Unleash your creativity and paint your very own colorful rocks! Join us for a fun-filled time of imagination, art, and endless possibilities! **Ages 2-5**

Res Fee \$25 - Fee \$30

Location: Carroll Center North

### Indoor Playground POWER Hour

**Sundays, 8:30-9:30A**

**Sep 7 • Oct 5 • Nov 2**

Come along with your toddler and move around to music and gross motor play at the indoor playground. Have some coffee while they go and play.

**Ages 12 months-36 months**

Res Fee \$13 - Fee \$18

Location: Stevenson Indoor Playground

### Totally Messy Thursday

**Thursdays, 1:00-2:00P**

**Oct 9 • Nov 13 • Dec 11**

Drop off your child for an exciting afternoon filled with messy, colorful fun! During this hands-on session, kids will explore painting with brushes, sponges, and even their fingers. Mix colors to see how new shades are created and chat about primary and secondary colors in a fun, age-appropriate way. They'll dive into sensory play with different textures, enjoy a short color-themed story or song, and fully immerse themselves in creative expression.

**Ages 3-5**

Res Fee \$28 - Fee \$37

Location: CRC - Multipurpose Room

### Messy Art for Tiny Hands

**Wednesdays, 9:30-10:15A**

**Oct 15 • Nov 19 • Jan 14 • Feb 18**

Join us for toddler playtime and socialization! Embrace the chaos with messy crafts and let your toddler's creativity shine! **Ages 2-5**

Res Fee \$23 - Fee \$28

Location: Barrie South Room / Andersen Center:  
See Amilia

### Canta, Pinta y Juega / Sing, Paint & Play: Español for Little Ones

**Fridays, 9:30-10:15A, Sep 19-Feb 20**

A joyful way for toddlers and parents to explore Spanish together through music and sensory focus.

**Ages 2-5**

Res Fee \$23 - Fee \$28

Location: Field Center

### Pop-Up Specialty Days

**12:00-1:30P (see dates below)**

Join us for a special holiday celebration! Explore traditions and crafts from various cultures. Check out our dates and times for a fun and educational experience for all ages! **Ages 1-5**

- **Sep 16:** Mexican Independence Day
- **Oct 20:** Diwali
- **Oct 31:** Halloween Town Celebration
- **Nov 2:** Dia de los Muertos
- **Nov 27:** Turkey Tots
- **Dec 22:** Hannukah
- **Dec 23:** Christmas
- **Dec 26:** Kwanzaa
- **Feb 14:** Happy Valentine's Day
- **Feb 17:** Chinese New Year
- **Mar 17:** St. Paddy's Day

Res Fee \$16 - Fee \$21

Location: Stevenson Center - Upper Level

### PJs with the Grinch

**Friday, Dec 12, 5:30-7:30P**

Join the Grinch for a fun-filled, festive PJ party! Perfect for capturing holiday memories, enjoying the cheer, and making this season extra special. Don't miss out on the Grinch-approved fun! **Ages 2-5**

Res Fee \$30 - Fee \$39

Location: Stevenson Center - Lower Level

### Kinder New Year's Sparkle Party

**Wednesday, Dec 31, 10:30A-12:15P**

Ring in the New Year with us at Stevenson's indoor playground! Crafts, dancing, balloon drops, apple juice toast, and lots of fun! **Ages 1-5**

Res Fee \$21 - Fee \$26 (one caregiver + one child)

Location: Stevenson Center Lower and Upper Level

### Pre-K Tiny Travelers

**Mondays, 8:00-9:00A**

Bring your junior globetrotter — we're travelling to a different country every week and learning about its wildlife using story, games, and more. Each week they'll get a new sticker for their passport, provided at your first session. **Ages 3-4 with Adult**

Res Fee \$12 - Fee \$15

Location: Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center

Supervisor: Hannah Garcia

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### NATURE CLASSES at Austin Gardens



Tuesdays & Thursday

Sep 9-Oct 2 • Oct 7-30 • Nov 4-27 •

Dec 2-23 • Jan 6-29 • Feb 3-26 •

Mar 3-19

#### Busy Bees and Butterflies

9:00-10:30A

Join us to promote healthy socialization for your little one! Explore interests through play, crafts, and story time, building independence and confidence along the way.

**Ages 15 months-2 years old**

Res Fee \$100 - Fee \$120

#### Mini Musicians

11:00-11:45A

Encourage musical creativity in your little one! Let them make their tunes with our instruments, exploring loud and quiet sounds.

**Ages 8 months-18 months**

Res Fee \$70 - Fee \$90

#### Toddler Mix & Play Fun!

12:00-1:00P

Let your toddler explore, mix, and create fun with hands-on activities. Perfect for little hands to discover new textures, colors, and shapes while having a blast! **Ages 2-4 years**

Res Fee \$70 - Fee \$90

#### Little Scientists

1:00-1:45P

Let your little one's curiosity run wild with our hands-on science experiments! We encourage messy, creative clothing and watch them explore and learn through mixing and experimentation.

**Ages 2-4 years**

Res Fee \$70 - Fee \$90

### Party Time at Cubhouse!



Celebrate your child's special day at the Cubhouse at Stevenson Center!

Throw an unforgettable birthday party at the Cubhouse, the Park District's enchanting forest-themed indoor playground.

Ideal for children five and under, the Cubhouse offers plenty of room for climbing, crawling, reading, drawing, and building!



Contact us for more information:

**Pilar Martinez**  
Coordinator  
Pilar.Martinez@pdop.org  
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### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

FREE

at the Oak Park Conservatory

*Presented by the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory (FOPCON)*

Registration is required for all.  
Register online at [oakparkconservatory.org](http://oakparkconservatory.org)

#### Toddler Exploration Time

**Fridays, 9:30-10:15A & 10:30-11:15A**

Young learners will be delighted with stories, lessons, and crafts led by our education volunteers. Each month is a different topic.

**Ages 18mos-5yrs**

- **Sep 19:** Fall Seeds
- **Oct 17:** Night Flyers
- **Nov 21:** Treeing Around
- **Jan 16:** Frosty
- **Feb 20:** What's That Sound?
- **Mar 20:** Pitter, Patter, Splash

#### Story Time at The Conservatory

**Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30A**

Enjoy nature-themed stories, songs, and puppets led by our Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory volunteers.

**Ages 18mos-5yrs**

#### Bilingual Story Time

**1st Wednesday of Each Month**

**10:00-10:30A, Sep 3 • Oct 1 • Nov 5 •**

**Dec 3 • Feb 4 • Mar 4**

Enjoy a bilingual (English and Spanish) Story Time, plus songs, and finger play led by our Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory volunteers. **Ages 18mos-5yrs**

#### Story Book Walk

**Tuesdays-Sundays, Sep, 10:00A-4:00P**

Visit Oak Park Conservatory during September and enjoy the Story Book Walk in the Elsie Jacobsen Discovery Garden sponsored by the Girl Scouts!



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## Enrichment Programs Without Caregivers

**Supervisor: Natalie Kurek • Coordinator: Pilar Martinez**

### Discovery Passport and Adventures

**Sep 13 • Nov 8 • Jan 10 • Mar 7**

Introduce your toddler to our mini passport program! Crafts, games, and PDOP activities included. We'll handle the rest! **Ages 2-5**  
Res Fee \$19 - \$24  
Location: Carroll North Room

### Sensory & Dramatic Play

**Saturdays, 9:00-10:30A**

**Oct 18 • Nov 15 • Jan 17 • Feb 14**

Join us for monthly themed sensory bin fun! Kids explore textures and imagination through hands-on play that engages all the senses!  
**Ages 3-6**

- **Oct:** Star Dust
- **Nov:** Bears
- **Jan:** Arctic Animals
- **Feb:** Amazon Rivers

Res Fee \$29 - Fee \$38

Location: Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center

### DIY Tortilla-Making for Kids

**Saturday, Nov 1, 10:15-11:15A**

Kids get hands-on making and tasting their own tortillas, sparking creativity and confidence in the kitchen! **Ages 2-4**  
Res Fee \$31 - Fee \$40  
Location: Barrie Center



### School's Out: Preschool Edition

**Weekdays, 8:30-11:45A/8:30-3:00P**

**Oct 2 • Oct 13 • Sep 23 • Dec 22-23 • Dec 26  
Dec 29-30 • Jan 2 • Jan 5 • Jan 19 • Feb 16 •  
Mar 30-Apr 3**

Join us on select District 97 days off for a day of games and discovery! Each day features a different theme. Dress for mess (indoor & outdoor). Full-day participants must bring a peanut/tree nut-free lunch.  
**Ages 3-5**

Res Fee \$29 - Fee \$38

Res Fee \$79 - Fee \$99

Location: Carroll Center North Room

### Bake, Decorate, and Celebrate!

**Sunday, Dec 7, 11:30A-1:00P**

Bake, decorate cookies, sing, dance, and spread holiday cheer! **Ages 2-5**  
Res Fee \$30 - Fee \$35  
Location: Andersen Center

### Monster Munch Pizza Party

**Friday, Oct 10, 5:30-7:30P**

Get ready for a monster-sized blast with pizza, tasty treats, and tons of fun! **Ages 2-6**  
Res Fee \$30 - Fee \$32  
Location: Carroll Center North Room

### Chef Toddler

**Saturdays, 9:00-10:00A**

**Nov 22 • Feb 7**

A fun session where your toddler can cut real veggies under supervision. It's a great way to boost motor skills and inspire a love for cooking! **Ages 2-5**  
Res Fee \$26 - Fee \$35  
Location: Andersen Center

### Programs for Caregivers

#### Reusable, Reliable & Adorable: Your Cloth Diaper Journey Starts Here

**Saturday, 11:30A-1:00P**

**Sept 27 • Jan 24**

Curious about cloth diapering but not sure where to start? Join our workshop to learn about options and maintenance, and enjoy the variety of patterns available.  
Res Fee \$27 - Fee \$32  
Location: Carroll Center North Room



Welcome to our Friendly, Forest-themed

# Cubhouse



An Indoor Playground at Stevenson Center



**Admission:**  
\$10/Child at the Door

**Season Pass:**  
\$72 (+\$20 per additional Child)  
For Kids 8 M - 5 Yrs



Our indoor playground offers room for kids to run and play, toys to build and pretend, and space for art and games! *There is a dedicated infant area as well.*



**49 Lake Street, Oak Park**  
Oct 1, 2025 - Apr 17, 2026 | Tues - Sat, 9:00A - 2:00P





Supervisor: Peyton Rapier

### Early Childhood Sports

To Register, see Early Childhood tile in Amilia.

Our energetic and age-appropriate sports programs introduce young children to movement, teamwork, and the fundamentals of active play-building confidence and coordination along the way. Caregivers are encouraged to get involved by volunteering as coaches in our youth sports leagues.



### Youth T-Ball League

Looking to develop your baseball skills? This league will teach participants the basics of throwing, hitting, running, and fielding. The first few weeks are practice only with the remaining weeks consisting of a brief warm-up followed by a game. **Ages 3-5**  
Res Fee \$107 - Fee \$127  
Location: Fox Park

#### Youth T-Ball League

#### Spring

Tu, Apr 21 - May 26 5:30-7:30P

Th, Apr 23 - May 28 5:30-7:30P

### Youth Soccer League

Join our Pee Wee Soccer League! The first two weeks will be practice only, and the remaining weeks will consist of practice/games. This is an introduction to the game of soccer, so no experience is necessary!

#### Indoor Soccer League (Ages 3-5)

#### Winter

Sa, 9:00A-3:00P Jan 17 - Feb 21

Res Fee \$113 - Fee \$133

Location: CRC

#### Outdoor Soccer League (Ages 3-6)

#### Spring

Sa, 9:00A-3:00P Apr 18 - May 30 (no class 5/23)

Res Fee \$113 - Fee \$133

Location: TBD

**Find Youth Sports  
for ages 6+  
on pages 65-69.**



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## Youth Dash

(Ages 5 and Under)

## Early Bird Registration

**8/1 - 9/1**

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### Preschool Gymnastics

To Register, see Early Childhood tile in Amilia.

Come to the GRC to explore movement and start learning basic gymnastics skills! Our Preschool Gymnastics classes emphasize fun while developing coordination and confidence in a structured environment. We offer three standard levels of classes designed for different ages. For children who are already in the program and find that they need to be challenged a little more, talk to your coach about the invite-only Gym Kids 3!

New this year, the Fall session has been divided into two shorter sessions. Registration for both Fall Preschool sessions will still open at the same time.

**Ages 2-5 (see age requirements in each program description)**

#### Session Dates

**Fall 1:** Aug 25 - Oct 19 (7-8 weeks)

**Fall 2:** Oct 20 - Dec 21 (7-9 weeks)

**Winter:** Jan 6 - Mar 29 (11-12 weeks)



**For our  
Preschool Playtime  
Open Gym**  
see page 78.

**NOTE: To enroll, students must be the indicated age by November 1, 2025 (Fall Session) or January 11, 2026 (Winter Session).**

#### Gym Tots (2-3 yrs)

Designed for a child and adult guardian to interact and explore movement skills together in a structured, playful environment. Only the child enrolled in the class can enter the gym; any other children must be supervised by another adult in the lobby. Class length: 45 minutes. *Must be accompanied by an adult.*

#### Gym Kids 1 (3½-4 yrs)

With an emphasis on fun, children develop strength, coordination, and self-confidence in a structured environment. Students are introduced to basic gymnastics positions and terminology using a variety of apparatus. Class length: 45 minutes.

#### Gym Kids 2 (4½-5 yrs)

With an emphasis on fun, children develop strength, coordination, and self-confidence in a structured environment. Students are introduced to basic gymnastics positions and terminology using a variety of gymnastics apparatus. Classes length: 1 hour.

#### Gym Kids 3 (3½-5 yrs)

**(Invitation only class)**

For children who are not yet old enough for Beginner, but need to be challenged further. Class length: 1 hour.

Fees will be lower for classes with skipped weeks due to holidays. Refer to Amilia for reduced pricing.

Fall 1 Aug 25 - Oct 19 (7-8 weeks)			
Fall 2 Oct 20 - Dec 21 (7-9 weeks)			
Winter Jan 6 - Mar 29 (11-12 weeks)			
Gym Tots (Ages 2-3)			
Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	9:00 - 9:45A	Sa	8:00 - 8:45A
W	9:00 - 9:45A	Su	8:30 - 9:15A
F	10:00 - 10:45A		9:30 - 10:15A
Gym Kids 1 (Ages 3.5-4)			
Day	Time	Day	Time
M	1:45 - 2:30P	F	9:00 - 9:45A
	3:30 - 4:15P		11:00 - 11:45A
	5:30 - 6:15P		4:30 - 5:15P
Tu	1:30 - 2:15P	Sa	5:30 - 6:15P
	3:30 - 4:15P		9:00 - 9:45A
	4:30 - 5:15P		
W	3:15 - 4:00P	Su	9:15 - 10:00A
	4:30 - 5:15P		10:15 - 11:00A
Th	3:30 - 4:15P		
	4:30 - 5:15P		
<b>FALL 1:</b> Res Fee \$97 - Fee \$117 <b>FALL 2:</b> Res Fee \$109 - Fee \$129 <b>WINTER:</b> Res Fee \$146 - Fee \$166			

Fall Aug 25 - Oct 19 (7-8 weeks)			
Fall 2 Oct 20 - Dec 21 (7-9 weeks)			
Winter Jan 6 - Mar 29 (11-12 weeks)			
Gym Kids 2 (Ages 4.5-5)			
Day	Time	Day	Time
M	12:30 - 1:30P	Th	3:30 - 4:30P
	3:30 - 4:30P		4:30 - 5:30P
	4:30 - 5:30P		5:30 - 6:30P
Tu	3:30 - 4:30P	F	4:30 - 5:30P
	4:30 - 5:30P		5:30 - 6:30P
	5:30 - 6:30P	Sa	10:00 - 11:00A
	12:30 - 1:30P		11:00A - 12:00P
W	3:15 - 4:15P	Su	10:15 - 11:15A
	4:30 - 5:30P		
Gym Kids 3 (Ages 3.5-5)			
Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	5:30 - 6:30P	Sa	9:00 - 10:00A
Th	5:30 - 6:30P		
<b>FALL 1:</b> Res Fee \$128 - Fee \$148			
<b>FALL 2:</b> Res Fee \$144 - Fee \$164			
<b>WINTER:</b> Res Fee \$192 - Fee \$212			



### Early Childhood Dance

**To Register, see Early Childhood tile in Amilia.**

Our fun and interactive program offers a high-quality, affordable performing arts education that fosters community, self-awareness, musicality, and overall physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development.

**Location: GRC unless otherwise noted.**

#### Fall Session: Sep 6 - Dec 11

Thanksgiving Break, Nov 24 - Nov 30

#### Nutcracker Recital: Saturday, Dec 13

Dress rehearsal, Dec 12. Dates subject to change.

#### Winter Session: Jan 10 - Mar 19

#### Parent & Tot Creative Movement

A fun and engaging class where parents and toddlers explore movement, music, and imagination together through playful dance activities.

#### Ballet

Learn the foundations of ballet to enhance coordination, balance, strength, flexibility and creative expression. Prepares the early dance student by exploring music and movement.

#### Jazz

Enjoy a popular, fun and energetic form of dance and move to your favorite tunes.

#### Tumbling

Dancers develop strength, coordination, and self-confidence through basic tumbling skills and dance class structure.

#### Tap

Dancers will be training their musical ear as well as their feet using rhythm, syncopation, and sound in addition to movement.



Fall 1 Sep 6 - Dec 11 (13 weeks)		
Winter Jan 10 - Mar 19 (10 weeks)		
Parent & Tot Creative Movement		
Day	Time	Ages
Tu	9:00 - 9:40A	2-3
F	11:00 - 11:40A	2-3
<b>FALL:</b> Res Fee \$176 - Fee \$196 <b>WINTER:</b> Res Fee \$135 - Fee \$155		
Itty Bitty Ballet		
Day	Time	Ages
W	4:00 - 4:40P	2-3
Sa	9:00 - 9:40A	2-3
	9:00 - 9:40A <b>C</b>	2-3
Tiny Tappers		
Day	Time	Ages
W	4:00 - 4:40P <b>D</b>	2-3
Mini Dance & Tumbling		
Day	Time	Ages
Tu	4:00 - 4:40P	2-3
Sa	10:00 - 10:40A	2-3
	10:00 - 10:40A <b>C</b>	2-3
	11:00 - 11:40A <b>D</b>	2-3
<b>C</b> = Held at CRC • <b>D</b> = Held at Dole		
<b>FALL:</b> Res Fee \$231 - Fee \$251 <b>WINTER:</b> Res Fee \$135 - Fee \$155		
Fee includes recital costume for Fall session.		

Fall 1 Sep 6 - Dec 11 (13 weeks)		
Winter Jan 10 - Mar 19 (10 weeks)		
Pre-Ballet		
Day	Time	Ages
M	4:00 - 4:40P	4-5
Th	4:00 - 4:40P	4-5
Sa	11:00 - 11:40A <b>C</b>	4-5
Disney Jamz Jazz		
Day	Time	Ages
Th	5:00 - 5:40P	4-5
Twinkle Toes Tap		
Day	Time	Ages
W	5:00 - 5:40P <b>D</b>	4-5
Combination Classes (Ages 4-5)		
Day	Time	Class
Sa	11:00 - 11:40A	Hip Hop & Tumbling
Tu	5:00 - 5:40P	Dance & Tumbling
<b>C</b> = Held at CRC • <b>D</b> = Held at Dole		
<b>FALL:</b> Res Fee \$231 - Fee \$251 <b>WINTER:</b> Res Fee \$135 - Fee \$155		
Fee includes recital costume for Fall session.		

**Theater Programs  
for kids age 4-6  
on page 35.**

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## Swim School

Supervisor: Abby Sacks • Coordinator: Cameron Bayer

### Swimming Program

To Register, see Early Childhood tile in Amilia.

Introduce your little one to the water with swim lessons for ages 3 months to 5 years. Children are grouped by age and ability, and our experienced coaches ensure they're placed in the right stage based on swimming and safety skills.



### StarTots

This class is designed to foster comfort in the water while training caregivers in water safety and drowning prevention. Swimmers learn mobility in the water, confidence, and independence. StarTots must be accompanied in-water by a caregiver for their lessons. **Ages 3-36 months**

### Swim School

Swim School is divided into five stages reflecting the five core competencies of functional swimming: trust and submersion, body position and air recovery, forward movement and direction change, rotary movement, and integrated movements.

This course will develop a high comfort level in the water and teach functional swimming skills. Students will work within their skill groups to develop their skills using age-appropriate learning activities. Learning is self-paced but challenging. Students register by age and are tested on their skills during the first day of class. **Ages 3-5**

**Youth Swimming**  
for ages 6+,  
see page 76.

**Fall 1**  
Sep 7 - Oct 19 (7 weeks)

**Fall 2**  
Oct 26 - Dec 21 (8 weeks)  
No class 11/30

**Winter**  
Jan 4 - Feb 22 (8 weeks)

#### StarTots

Day	Time	Location
Su	10:15 - 10:45A	Local High School

#### Swim School

Day	Time	Location
Su	9:10 - 9:40A	Local High School
	9:45 - 10:15A	
	10:20 - 10:50A	
	11:00 - 11:30A	
	11:35A - 12:05P	

**FALL 1:** Res Fee \$79 - Fee \$99

**FALL 2:** Res Fee \$91 - Fee \$111

**WINTER:** Res Fee \$91 - Fee \$111

Fees will be lower for classes with skipped weeks due to holidays. Please refer to Amilia for reduced pricing.



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- Summer Camp Guide available online Jan 31
- Resident Registration begins Feb 7
- Nonresident Registration begins Feb 14



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### Learn to Skate & Hockey

To Register, see Early Childhood tile in Amilia.

Discover the joy of skating! Our Pre-School Learn to Skate and Hockey classes help young skaters build confidence, coordination, and fun on the ice in a safe, supportive, and engaging environment.



#### Caregiver and Tot

In this class, your tot will learn to sit and stand up with skates on/off-ice, march in place, march forward, and more with their caregiver on the ice to help ease the transition. **Ages 2-5**

#### Learn to Skate - Snowplow 1

If your child is new to skating, this is the place to start! Based on the established Snowplow curriculum, our instructors teach your tot to skate in a fun, play-focused environment. Skaters will learn the proper way to fall and stand up, march in place, and march across the rink. **Ages 3-5**

*Prerequisite: Children should be able to follow instruction and have a desire to learn to ice skate.*

#### Learn to Skate - Snowplow 2

This course builds on Learn to Skate 1 and progresses your tot toward competence of basic skating skills in a fun, play-oriented environment. **Ages 3-5**

*Prerequisites: Learn to Skate 1, Snowplow Sam 1, or Mini Cubs 1.*

#### Learn to Skate - Snowplow 3

This course builds on Learn to Skate 2 and progresses your tot toward competence of basic skating skills in a fun, play-oriented environment. **Ages 3-5**

#### Ice Cubs Hockey

For the aspiring young hockey player who has already mastered the skating skills taught in Learn to Skate 1 & 2 (or Mini Cubs 1 & 2). In this class, your child will learn the fundamentals of hockey and will develop basic skating, stickhandling, passing, and shooting skills in a fun, game-based class. **Ages 4-6**

*Prerequisites: Learn to Skate 1 & 2 (or Mini Cubs 1 & 2).*

Fall 1			
Sep 2 - Oct 12 (6 weeks)			
Fall 2			
Oct 13 - Dec 7 (7 weeks)			
No class 11/25, 11/26, 11/29, 11/30			
Winter			
Jan 5 - Feb 28 (8 weeks)			
Caregiver and Tot			
Day	Time	Day	Time
Th	5:50 - 6:20P	Sa	11:55A - 12:25P
Learn to Skate - Snowplow 1			
Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	4:50 - 5:20P	Sa	11:55A - 12:25P
Th	4:30 - 5:00P	Sa	1:20 - 1:50P
Learn to Skate - Snowplow 2			
Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	4:50 - 5:20P	Sa	11:55A - 12:25P
Th	4:30 - 5:00P	Sa	1:20 - 1:50P
Learn to Skate - Snowplow 3			
Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	4:50 - 5:20P	Sa	1:20 - 1:50P
Th	4:30 - 5:00P		
Ice Cubs			
Day	Time	Day	Time
W	6:00 - 6:45P	Su	8:30 - 9:15A
<b>Fall 1:</b> Res Fee \$84 - Fee \$104 <b>Fall 2:</b> Res Fee \$98 - Fee \$118 <b>Winter:</b> Res Fee \$112 - Fee \$132			

### Ice Show | 2026

Join us for our annual showcase featuring **ALL** our talented participants from our Winter Skate Academy!

Don't miss the chance to shine on the ice! Register **NOW** for our Winter Ice Skating Session and be part of the show!

*Must register by January 31*

**Show dates: March 13-15**  
**Tickets on Sale: March 1**

**For Youth Skating & Hockey ages 6+, see pages 71-75.**

### TEEN ADVENTURE CLUB TRIPS

Transportation provided to and from location. All meet at Fox Center.

Supervisor: Hannah Garcia

#### Horseback Riding at Forest View Farms

**Tuesday, Sep 23, 9:30A-4:00P**

Saddle up Teen Adventure Club, we're spending our day on horseback! Join our friends at Forest View Farms for an equestrian adventure. **Ages 12-17**

Res Fee \$55 - Fee \$72

#### Hiking at Shabbona Lake

**Thursday, Oct 2, 9:30A-4:00P**

It's the perfect time of year for a hike! Join us as we explore the beautiful Shabbona Lake State Recreation Area. **Ages 12-17**

Res Fee \$46 - Fee \$59

#### Taking the Shot at Blackwell Forest Preserves

**Thursday, Oct 23, 9:30A-4:00P**

Join us for a morning hike, plus take aim at Blackwell Forest Preserves' outdoor archery range! **Ages 12-17**

Res Fee \$50 - Fee \$67

#### On Belay at Climb On Rock Gym

**Saturday, Dec 27, 9:30A-4:00P**

Strap in and get belaying! Can you reach the top of the indoor climbing wall? **Ages 12-17**

Res Fee \$55 - Fee \$72

#### Geocaching at Busse Woods

**Thursday, Feb 12, 9:30A-4:00P**

Get your GPS ready –we're going on a treasure hunt! Spend the day with us as we hunt for geocaches in the DuPage County Forest Preserves. **Ages 12-17**

Res Fee \$50 - Fee \$67

#### Wayfinding in the Wild

**Tuesday, Mar 17, 9:30A-4:00P**

We're exploring all things orienteering! Plus, brush up on your survival skills and learn how to find your way without any tools at all!

**Ages 12-17**

Res Fee \$50 - Fee \$67

### TEEN TRIPS

Transportation provided to and from location. **Ages 10-15.**

#### Jump into the School Year!

**Monday, Aug 18, 10:00A-2:30P**

Kick off the school year with a high-flying adventure at Altitude Trampoline Park in Lombard, IL! Take a break from homework and leap into fun with trampolines, dodgeball, foam pits, and obstacle courses. It's the perfect way to bounce into a great year ahead!

Res Fee \$66 - Fee \$86

Location: Meet at Barrie Center

#### Indoor Go-Kart Racing!

**Tuesday, Aug 19, 10:00A-2:30P**

Join us for a trip to Scene75 in Romeoville, IL. Get ready to experience the exhilaration of indoor go-kart racing with arcade play and laser tag!

Res Fee \$55 - Fee \$72

Location: Meet at Barrie Center

#### Jonamac Orchard

**Saturday, Sep 20, 9:00A-3:00P**

Join us for a fun-filled trip to Jonamac Orchard in Malta, IL! Explore the corn maze, pick fresh apples, sip on delicious cider, and enjoy fall treats like donuts and caramel apples. Whether you're up for an adventure or just want to relax in the crisp autumn air, this is the perfect seasonal getaway for teens!

Res Fee \$68 - Fee \$88

Location: Meet at Longfellow Center

#### Face Your Fears at Disturbia

**Saturday, Oct 18, 6:00-10:00P**

Get ready for a night of thrills and chills at Disturbia Haunted House in Downers Grove, IL! Step into a world of terrifying twists, eerie encounters, and heart-pounding scares as you navigate one of the most intense haunted houses around. Do you dare to enter? Brace yourself for a scream-worthy adventure!

Res Fee \$48 - Fee \$65

Location: Meet at Longfellow Center

#### Haunted Hayrack Ride

**Saturday, Oct 25, 6:00-10:00P**

Join us for a trip to Curse of the Bayou and pumpkin carving in Lockport, IL!

Res Fee \$48 - Fee \$65

Location: Meet at Longfellow Center

#### Great Big Game Show!

**Saturday, Jan 24, 6:00-10:00P**

Step into the spotlight at The Great Big Game Show in Oak Brook, IL! Compete in fast-paced, interactive games inspired by classic TV game shows – test your trivia skills and win bragging rights. With lights, buzzers, and tons of excitement, this high-energy experience is fun, friendly competition!

Res Fee \$70 - Fee \$90

Location: Meet at Longfellow Center

#### Astro Fun World

**Saturday, Mar 28, 7:00-9:30P**

Get ready for an epic adventure at Astro Fun World – the ultimate glow-in-the-dark experience! Join us for a thrill-packed trip where you and your friends can challenge each other in arcade games, race to victory on the go-kart track, battle it out in laser tag, test your skills in mini golf, and conquer the high ropes course – all under glowing neon lights!

Res Fee \$60 - Fee \$77

Location: Meet at Longfellow Center

## PROGRAMS

#### Safe Sitter Essentials

**Saturdays, 9:30A-3:00P**

**Sep 20 • Oct 18 • Nov 15 • Dec 20 • Jan 17 • Feb 21 • Mar 21**

Safe Sitter prepares students to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. Students learn life-saving skills such as how to rescue someone who is choking, and helpful information like what to do if there is severe weather. The lessons are filled with fun activities and role-playing exercises. Safe Sitter course content includes safety skills, childcare skills, and life/business skills. There will be a pizza lunch and juice will be provided.

**Ages 11-15**

Res Fee \$98 - Fee \$118

Location: Fox Center

#### Self Care Saturdays

**Saturday, 7:30-9:30P**

**Oct 4 • Dec 6 • Feb 7 • Apr 4**

Join us for an evening of relaxation and creativity as we craft personalized pampering kits, creating delightful treats for your self-care routine. Indulge in the process and leave with a collection of luxurious goodies to enjoy at home. **Ages 10-15**

Res Fee \$29 - Fee \$38

Location: Fox Center



# teens: middle school & high school

## Special Interest

Supervisor: Abby Meachum



### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Thrive: Building Confidence & Coping Skills

**Saturday, Sep 13, 7:30- 9:30P**

Do you feel overwhelmed? We have a supportive and interactive event designed to help teens build confidence, manage stress, and develop practical coping skills. Through guided activities, discussions, and mindfulness techniques, you'll gain tools to navigate challenges and connect with others in a safe, judgment-free space all guided by a LCP!

**Ages 10-15**

Res Fee \$29 - Fee \$38

Location: Fox Center

#### Spooky Scavenger Hunt

**Friday, Oct 17, 7:30-9:30P**

Join us in a park district tradition – a puzzle and scavenger hunt designed to keep players on their toes while they search for answers all over Austin Gardens. Players will be provided with a flashlight and there will be prizes and candy. **Ages 11-15**

Res Fee \$27 - Fee \$36

Location: Austin Gardens

#### Viral Food Challenge

**Friday, Nov 21, 7:30-9:30P**

Put trending TikTok and famous internet foods to the test! From weird food combos to epic snack hacks, participants will taste, rate, and even try recreating some of the most viral food trends. Will it be a delicious win or a shocking failure? Come find out!

**Ages 11-15**

Res Fee \$28 - Fee \$37

Location: Fox Center

#### Mastering Everyday Hair

**Friday, 7:30- 9:30P**

**Dec 19 • Jan 16**

Learn quick and easy hairstyling tips to keep your hair looking great every day! From effortless braids to sleek ponytails and time-saving hacks, this hands-on workshop will help you master styles for school, sports, and special occasions. **Ages 11-15**

Res Fee \$28 - Fee \$37

Location: Barrie Center

#### Love You to Pizzas

**Friday, Feb 6, 7:00-9:30P**

Who needs a Valentine when you have a giant cookie pizza? Frosted, sprinkled, and loaded with sweetness – perfect for sharing with your crush, your besties, or just treating yourself. **Ages 11-15**

Res Fee \$28 - Fee \$37

Location: Fox Center

#### Lucky Charm Resin Figures

**Friday, Mar 6, 7:00-9:00P**

Create your own everlasting good luck! In this hands-on workshop, you'll encase 4-leaf clovers in resin to make unique charms, keychains, or keepsakes. Preserve your luck in a beautiful, one-of-a-kind piece of art! **Ages 10-15**

Res Fee \$28 - Fee \$37

Location: Barrie Center

#### Glow-in-the-Dark Dodgeball

**Friday, Mar 20, 7:30-9:30P**

3...2...1...Go! Come one come all to the ultimate dodgeball game. Come alone or with a group of friends for a fun evening of glow-in-the-dark dodgeball! **Ages 10-15**

Res Fee \$28 - Fee \$37

Location: Carroll Center

### Noodle Nirvana time at Cheney Mansion!

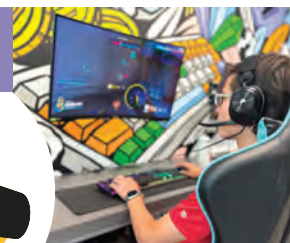
Join us for this pasta-making adventure for teens with Chef Taraga Humphrey, where you'll learn to make your own pasta and learn the traditions of this culinary cuisine! **Ages 12-16.**

See page 19 for details.



## CRC YOUTH AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Join our **FREE Youth Afterschool Program** for Oak Park middle and high school youth. Registration opens August 1.



Access the CRC amenities and activities every school day from 3:00-6:00P for the 2025-2026 school year.

- Open play in the gymnasium and Esports Lounge
- Homework help from Triton College tutors
- Health & wellness workshops, arts & crafts sessions, dance & fitness classes, sports tournaments, and more!

Register by scanning the code below:



AFTERSCHOOL





## INTRO WORKSHOPS

### 101 Marvel Rivals

Friday, 6:30-8:00P

Oct 17 • Jan 23

Team up with your favorite Marvel heroes and dive into this action-packed session, where you'll learn the basics, develop team strategies, and jump into exciting matchups full of explosive abilities and dynamic gameplay. **Ages 12+**

Res Fee \$27 - Fee \$36

### 101 League of Legends

Friday, 6:30-8:00P

Sep 19 • Oct 10 • Jan 16

Discover the thrilling world of Multiplayer Online Battle Arenas (MOBA) with League of Legends. Participate in interactive sessions, where you'll explore the game's mechanics firsthand. Discover how to control your champion, use abilities, and work as a team to achieve victory. **Ages 13+**

Res Fee \$27 - Fee \$36

### 101 Pokemon Trading Cards

Friday, Oct 24, 3:15-5:15P

Saturday, Feb 28, 3:15-5:15P

Learn how to build a deck, understand card types, and grasp game mechanics from friendly, knowledgeable instructors. Join us for a Pokémon TCG Learning & Battle Day, where trainers of all experience levels can come together to learn, play, and grow their skills! **Ages 10-14**

Res Fee \$27 - Fee \$36

## COMPETITIVE PLAY

All challenges can be played anytime during our hours of operations: M-Th, 3:00-8:00P (*Afterschool program reserved 3:00-6:00P on school days*); Sa, 10:00A-12:00P; Su, 10:00A-12:00P & 3:00-5:00P

### Gaming Quest

Come play at the lounge to set the highest score in this month-long event and be featured in our newsletter! Ask an Esports Staff member to help track your score. **All Ages**

Res Fee \$10 - Fee \$13

### Fortnite

Sep 1-30: Victory Royales (Solo/Squad)

### Smash Bros

Nov 1-30: Solo Total Wins

### Minecraft

Oct 1-31: Halloween Theme Build

Mar 1-31: Spring Theme Build

### Mario Kart Tournament

Calling all racers to compete in a high-speed showdown of skill and strategy. Rev up your engines and race to the finish line at our Mario Kart tournament! **All Ages**

Youth - Friday, 6:30-8:00P

Sep 12 • Nov 7 • Jan 9 • Mar 14

Teen - Saturday, 4:15-6:15P

Nov 15 • Mar 21

Adult - Saturday, 6:30-8:00P

Nov 15 • Mar 21

Res Fee \$27 - Fee \$30

### Smash Bros. League

Saturday, 3:15-4:15P, Oct 18-Nov 1

Go head-to-head with local players in exciting weekly matches. Learn new techniques, test your reflexes, and climb the leaderboard as you fight for glory.

**Ages 10+**

Res Fee \$52 - Fee \$69

### Snowy Summit Esports Challenge

Dec 23 - Jan 2

Compete for victory, enjoy winter-themed fun, and claim the title of Winter Champion across a range of exhilarating esports challenges. **Ages 8+**

Res Fee \$10 - Fee \$13

### Fortnite League

Saturday, 3:15-4:15P, Jan 31- Feb 14

Each week features organized, friendly matches that bring players together for fun, structured gameplay. Build, survive, and show off your skills as you compete and grow alongside other Fortnite enthusiasts. **Ages 10+**

Res Fee \$52 - Fee \$69

**Find our  
Youth Special Interest  
programs on page 54.**





Supervisor: Abby Meachum

**All programs listed on this page take place at the CRC Esports Lounge.**

### INTERACTIVE TECH LAB

#### Code & Play

**Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30P, Sep 30-Nov 25**

Explore the exciting world of interactive programming using p5.js, a beginner-friendly JavaScript library for creative coding. Design playful animations, build interactive experiences, and bring your digital ideas to life! This program introduces the fundamentals of coding in a fun and engaging way, encouraging experimentation and creativity through hands-on projects. **Ages 10+**  
Res Fee \$240 - Fee \$260

#### App & Web Prototyping: From Sketch to Figma

**Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30P, Sep 30-Nov 25**

Bring your ideas to life by designing and building your own website or app! Learn the full prototyping process from sketching and paper prototypes to digital design in Figma. By the end, you'll have a functional project and a solid foundation in UX/UI design and ready for web development! **Ages 10+**  
Res Fee \$240 - Fee \$260

#### Scratch Jr Coding

**Thursdays, 6:30-7:30P, Sep 25 - Nov 13**

Kids will use Scratch Jr to explore the basics of coding by designing their own characters, stories, and animations. As they piece together simple coding commands, they'll learn foundational skills like sequencing, problem-solving, and logical thinking! **Ages 5-8**  
Res Fee \$240 - Fee \$260

#### Roblox: Map Creation

**Saturdays, 3:15-4:15P**

**Nov 22-Dec 13 • Jan 3-24**

Design your own adventure game in Roblox Studio. Create immersive worlds where players can explore, collect, sell, and upgrade. Using Roblox's built-in tools, design a fun, engaging game loop that is playable in Roblox. No coding required! **Ages 8-10**  
Res Fee \$140 - Fee \$160



### YOUTH/TEEN ESPORTS

#### Imposter Invasion: Survive the Among Us Experience

**Saturday, 3:15-4:15P**

**Sep 13 • Oct 11 • Feb 21 • Mar 14**

Gather your crewmates and prepare for an evening of mystery, strategy, and suspense as you work together to uncover impostors lurking among you. **Ages 10+**  
Res Fee \$27 - Fee \$36

#### Roblox Rockstars

**Saturday, 4:15-6:15P**

**Sep 6 • Nov 8 • Jan 10 • Feb 7 • Mar 7**

Embark on an exciting adventure at our Roblox event! Join us for a day of endless imagination, creativity, and fun in the virtual world of Roblox. Create your own games, customize your avatar, and explore a universe filled with millions of games created by players just like you. **Ages 7+**  
Res Fee \$27 - Fee \$36

#### Minecraft Masters

**Saturday, 4:15-6:15P**

**Sep 13 • Oct 11 • Jan 17 • Feb 21 • Mar 14**

Explore, build, and quest with friends, whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game. With mini-games, challenges, and friendly competitions. **Ages 7+**  
Res Fee \$27 - Fee \$36

### GAMING CELEBRATIONS

#### Halloween Gaming Event

**Thursday, Oct 30, 7:30-9:00P**

Join us for a fun-filled day of gaming delights, where ghosts and gamers unite for a frightfully good time. Dive into thrilling horror games selected by our staff. **Ages 8+**  
Res Fee \$27 - Fee \$36

#### New Year, New Game!

**Friday, Jan 2, 2:30-6:00P**

Kick off the new year with a fresh start in gaming! Learn a new game, grind ranks in your favorite title, or relax and connect with fellow gamers. Try out new genres, sharpen your skills, and set epic gaming goals for the year ahead! **Ages 8+**  
Res Fee \$27 - Fee \$36

#### Duos Day

**Friday, Feb 13, 2:30-6:00P**

Grab your favorite partner and dive into epic duo matches across a variety of games. Whether you prefer intense shooters, thrilling battle royales, or strategic team-based games, Duos Day has something for every dynamic duo. **Ages 10+**  
Res Fee \$27 - Fee \$36

#### Women+ in Gaming

**Friday, Mar 6, 6:30-8:00P**

Join us in celebrating Women's History Month with a night dedicated to recognizing and uplifting women+ in gaming! Learn about trailblazing women+ in the gaming and esports industry, play your favorite games, and connect with fellow gamers. Compete, learn, or just have fun! **Ages 8+**  
Res Fee \$27 - Fee \$36

## ESPORTS LOUNGE

### BIRTHDAY RENTALS

**Make your next birthday unforgettable!**

Book our Esports Lounge at the CRC and enjoy a fully-equipped space for all your gaming needs.

◀ Reserve your date today Abby.Meachum@pdop.org | 708.725.2169 ▶

# special interest

## Workshops & Series Programs

Supervisor: Hannah Garcia

### ONE-DAY WORKSHOP for Youth, Tween & Teen

#### Magic Academy: One Day Wonders!

**Fridays, 6:45-7:45P**

**Sep 26 • Nov 14 • Dec 12 • Feb 13 • Mar 20**

Have a magical time with professional magician Aaron Fasel, renowned professional magician from 312 Magic! Impress your family and friends with tricks that involve cards, ropes, coins, or even mind-reading. Each child receives magic props to take home, and brand new tricks are taught each time!

**Ages 5-12**

Res Fee \$22 - Fee \$27

Location: Fox Center



#### Knight Armor Demonstration

**Fridays, 6:30-7:30P**

**Oct 24 • Jan 16**

Travel back in time to Italy in the 14th century and see how knights wore their armor! Join Cavaliere Xander as he adorns and prepares his suit of transitional plate armor for battle. Both children and adults are welcome. **Ages 6+**

Res Fee \$25 - Fee \$30

Location: Fox Center

#### Puzzle Palooza!

**Saturday, Feb 21, 2:00-4:15P**

Compete in the jigsaw competition of the century! Grab your team and compete to see who can complete the same 500-piece puzzle the fastest. The first three teams to finish will win a prize. **Ages 10+**

Res Fee \$20 - Fee \$25

Location: Barrie Center



### SERIES PROGRAMS

#### Magic Academy

**Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00P**

**Sep 9-Oct 7 • Nov 4-Dec 2 •**

**Jan 13-Feb 10 • Feb 24-Mar 24**

Featuring the internationally recognized and award winning 'Discover Magic' curriculum, professional magician Aaron Fasel will amaze you with new tricks and guide you in how to perform them yourself! Each week, junior magicians will focus on one of the Eight Traits of a True Magician and leave class with a new prop and file folder for their magic dossier so they can perform at home. **Ages 5-12**

Res Fee \$219 - Fee \$239

Location: Barrie Center

#### LEGOs with Snapology

**Ages 6-12: Fridays, 6:00-7:00P**

**Sep 12-Oct 17 • Nov 7-Dec 12 •**

**Jan 17-Feb 21 • Feb 27-Apr 3**

**Ages 4-6: Saturdays, 10:00-11:00A**

**Ages 7-14: Saturdays, 11:00A-12:00P**

**Sep 13-Oct 18 • Nov 8-Dec 13 •**

**Jan 18- Feb 22 • Feb 28-Apr 4**

Build and create with LEGOs! Learn about the world around you, create amazing robots, and more with new projects each week. Check Amilia for class theme specifics. **Ages 4-14**

Res Fee \$117 - Fee \$137

Location: Longfellow Center

#### Chess Scholars

**Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30P**

**Sep 9-Oct 14 • Oct 28-Dec 2 •**

**Jan 6-Feb 10 • Feb 24-Apr 7**

Develop your child's intellect through the royal game of chess! Each class will consist of a fun, interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Beginner and experienced players are welcome. **Ages 5-12**

Res Fee \$135 - Fee \$155

Location: Barrie Center

#### Adventures in STEAM

**Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30P**

**Sep 10-Oct 15 • Oct 29-Dec 3 •**

**Jan 7-Feb 11 • Feb 25-Apr 8**

This exciting program brings together elements of science, art, and math in a hands-on, action-packed environment! Join us to conduct experiments, play games, and unlock your creativity through building challenges and projects. **Ages 5-11**

Res Fee \$145 - Fee \$165

Location: Barrie Center

#### Amigos Spanish Club

**Thursdays, 6:30-7:30P**

**Sep 11-Oct 16 • Oct 30-Dec 4 •**

**Jan 8-Feb 12 • Feb 26-Apr 9**

Learning Spanish is as easy as *uno, dos, tres!* In *Amigos* Spanish club, children will learn numbers, colors, shapes, greetings, days of the week and more. We will be singing, clapping, and counting our way towards learning a new language. No previous knowledge of Spanish is necessary. **Ages 5-12**

Res Fee \$145 - Fee \$165

Location: Barrie Center



### GET READY FOR SUMMER CAMPS!

Summer Camp Guide available online Jan 31

Resident Registration begins Feb 7

Nonresident Registration begins Feb 14







# school's out

## Clubhouse School-Age Childcare Program & School's Out

Supervisors for these programs are listed below each description.

### Clubhouse Registration

**Jan 19:** Priority Registration

**Jan 24:** Open Registration

Visit [pdop.org/clubhouse](http://pdop.org/clubhouse) for details.

### Clubhouse Afterschool 2026-2027

**FOR AGES 5-12**



Supervisor: Abby Meachum

School is out, and it's time for fun! During Clubhouse, children participate in a variety of structured and unstructured activities. Indoor and outdoor learning experiences feature fun recreational activities, such as group games and sporting activities, as well as time to relax, read, do homework, and participate in quiet activities like arts & crafts and table games. An after-school snack will be provided each day.

*Clubhouse follows the District 97 calendar and meets on all school days (including half-days). On full days off of school, consider signing up for our Passport to Adventure program.*

**Only Oak Park residents are eligible for this program.** See below for the specific schools served by each Clubhouse location and availability. If the program is full, sign up for our wait list free of charge. \$100 non-refundable administration fee is due at time of registration.

Clubhouse	Schools Served
Carroll Center	Lincoln Students
Barrie Center	Irving Students
Longfellow Center	Longfellow Students
Dole Center	Whittier Students
Fox Center	Lincoln Students
Andersen Center	Beye Students
Andersen Center	Hatch Students
Austin Gardens	Holmes Students
Field Center	Mann Students

#### Program Days/Times:

**M/Tu/Th/F, 3:00-6:00P**

**W, 2:30-6:00P**

### School's Out Programs

#### School's Out - Art Day!

**9:00A-12:00P or 9:00A-3:00P**

**Sep 1 & 23 • Oct 2 & 13 • Nov 26-28 • Dec 22, 23, 26, 29, 30, & 31 • Jan 1, 2, 6, & 19 • Feb 16 • Mar 30 & 31**

Join us for an art day! Enjoy a variety of art classes in the mornings and afternoons and spend your time out of school being creative with us! **Ages 7-12**

Half Day: Res Fee \$33 - Fee \$42

Full Day: Res Fee \$66 - Fee \$86

Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 2

#### Day Camp for Curious Minds



**8:00A-3:00P or 8:00A-6:00P**

**Sep 23 • Oct 2 • Oct 13 • Oct 24 • Nov 26 • Jan 5 • Jan 19 • Feb 13 • Feb 16 • Mar 17**

Join us on your days off school for art, games, and science-fueled fun! Each day is themed around a different discipline of science to keep things new and exciting. **Ages 5-11**

#### Care Per Day

**Regular**

**8:00A-3:00P**

Res Fee \$62 - Fee \$79

**Extended**

**8:00A-6:00P**

Res Fee \$83 - Fee \$103

Location: Fox Center

Supervisor: Hannah Garcia

#### Passport to Adventure



**8:00A-3:00P or 8:00A-6:00P**

**Sep 23 • Oct 2 • Oct 13 • Oct 24 • Nov 26 • Jan 5 • Jan 19 • Feb 13 • Feb 16 • Mar 17**

Join the Park District of Oak Park on your day off from school! On select days when District 97 students are off, spend your day off with us laughing, exploring, and trying something new! Make sure to update your Passport for our many field trips we will attend! (Field trips will be added to Amilia later.)

**Ages 5-11**

#### Care Per Day

**Regular**

**8:00A-3:00P**

Res Fee \$62 - Fee \$79

**Extended**

**8:00A-6:00P**

Res Fee \$83 - Fee \$103

Location: Longfellow Center

Supervisor: Abby Meachum

#### Snapology: LEGOs & More

**9:00A-12:00P or 1:00-4:00P**

**Sep 23 • Oct 2 • Oct 13 • Oct 24 • Nov 26 • Jan 5 • Jan 19 • Feb 13 • Feb 16 • Mar 17**

Build and create with our friends at Snapology!

Spend your morning or afternoon exploring your favorite fictional worlds with LEGOs or get hands-on with STEM by making slime or fidget spinners!

Each session has a different theme, check Amilia for specifics. **Ages 5-12**

Res Fee \$55 - Fee \$72

Location: Barrie Center

Supervisor: Hannah Garcia

#### Chess Workshop

**1:00-4:00P**

**Sep 23 • Oct 2 • Oct 13 • Oct 24 • Jan 5 • Jan 19 • Feb 13 • Feb 16 • Mar 17**

Develop your child's intellect through the royal game of chess! Each class will consist of a fun, interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Both beginner and experienced players are welcome.

**Ages 5-12**

Res Fee \$50 - Fee \$67

Location: Barrie Center

Supervisor: Hannah Garcia

#### School's Out Sports

Enjoy a day out with our sports partners having fun with others.

Supervisor: Chad Drufke

#### Chicago Fire Soccer Day Camp

**Oct 13**

**Ages 6-12**

9:00A-12:00P (Res Fee \$65 - Fee \$85)

1:00-4:00P (Res Fee \$65 - Fee \$85)

9:00A-4:00P (Res Fee \$115 - Fee \$135)

Location: Longfellow Park

#### Strikes Softball Club Day Clinics

**Sep 23 • Oct 2**

**Ages 6-10, 10:00A-12:00P**

**Ages 10-14, 1:00-3:00P**

Res Fee \$60 - Fee \$80

Location: Stevenson Center

**CRC YOUTH AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM** Stop by for fun!

See page 51 for details.





# camps

## Winter

Supervisors for these programs are listed below each description.

### WINTER BREAK CAMPS

#### Winter Break: Day Camp for Curious Minds



**Monday-Friday, Dec 22-Jan 2**  
**8:00A-3:00P or 8:00A-6:00P**

Join us on your days off school for art, games, and science-fueled fun! A different science project is done each day to keep things new and exciting. **Ages 5-11**  
Regular Care Per Day: Res Fee \$62 - Fee \$79  
Extended Care Per Day: Res Fee \$83 - Fee \$103  
Location: Fox Center  
Supervisor: Hannah Garcia

#### Winter Break Camp at Ridgeland Common

**Monday-Friday, Dec 22-Jan 2**  
**8:00A-3:00P or 8:00A-6:00P**

Each day offers an exhilarating hour on the ice, complemented by a variety of traditional camp games, creative crafts, and engaging activities. Our camp promises laughter, learning, and the joy of making new friends! **Ages 6-12**  
Regular Care Per Day: Res Fee \$82 - Fee: \$102  
Extended Care Per Day: Res Fee \$106 - Fee: \$126  
Supervisor: Jason Henington

#### Icy Game-a-Thon

**Monday-Friday, Dec 22-Jan 2**  
**12:00-2:30P**

Cool off this winter break with our Icy Game-a-Thon. Each day spotlights a different game and the more titles you join, the better your shot at earning the title of Icy Game-a-Thon Champ! **Ages 7+**

**Dec 22:** Minecraft **Dec 23:** Among Us  
**Dec 26:** Fortnite **Dec 29:** Roblox  
**Dec 30:** Fall Guys **Jan 2:** Smash Bros

Res Fee \$31 - Fee \$40  
Location: CRC - Esports Lounge  
Supervisor: Abby Meachum

#### Snapology: LEGOs & More

**Monday-Friday, Dec 22-Jan 2**  
**9:00A-12:00P or 1:00-4:00P**

Spend your morning or afternoon exploring your favorite fictional worlds with LEGOs or get hands-on with STEM by making slime or fidget spinners! Check Amilia for each session's theme! **Ages 5-12**  
Res Fee \$55 - Fee \$72  
Location: Barrie Center  
Supervisor: Hannah Garcia

#### Streaming and Content Creation

**Monday-Friday, Dec 22-Jan 2**  
**11:00A-12:00P**

This camp is designed for aspiring streamers and creators who want to learn the ins and outs of building an online presence. Participants will explore video production, live streaming techniques, audience engagement, and essentials of branding. By the end of the session, they will have created their own content and developed valuable online skills. **Ages 11-15**  
Res Fee \$140 - Fee \$160  
Location: CRC - Esports Lounge  
Supervisor: Abby Meachum

#### Passport to Adventure: Winter Break Camp



**Monday-Friday, Dec 22-Jan 2**  
**8:00A-3:00P or 8:00A-6:00P**

Join the Park District of Oak Park on your day off from school! On select days when District 97 students are off, we've got a daily field trip and some activities planned that you can sign up for! Spend your day off with us laughing, exploring, and trying something new! Regular care is offered from 8:00A-3:00P and extended care is offered from 8:00A-6:00P. **Ages 5-12**  
Regular Care Per Day: Res Fee \$62 - Fee \$79  
Extended Care Per Day: Res Fee \$83 - Fee \$103  
Location: Longfellow Center  
Supervisor: Abby Meachum

### SPRING BREAK CAMPS

#### Spring Break: Day Camp for Curious Minds



**Monday-Friday, Mar 30-Apr 3**  
**8:00A-3:00P or 8:00A-6:00P**

Join us on your days off school for art, games, and science-fueled fun! A different science project is done each day to keep things new and exciting. Regular care is offered from 8:00A-3:00P and extended care is offered from 8:00A-6:00P. **Ages 5-11**  
Regular Care Per Day: Res Fee \$62 - Fee \$79  
Extended Care Per Day: Res Fee \$83 - Fee \$103  
Location: Fox Center  
Supervisor: Hannah Garcia

#### Passport to Adventure: Spring Break Camp



**Monday-Friday, Mar 30-Apr 3**  
**8:00A-3:00P or 8:00A-6:00P**

Join the Park District of Oak Park on your day off from school! On select days when District 97 students are off, we've got a daily field trip and some activities planned that you can sign up for! Spend your day off with us laughing, exploring, and trying something new. Regular care is offered from 8:00A-3:00P and extended care is offered from 8:00A-6:00P. **Ages 5-12**  
Regular Care Per Day: Res Fee \$62 - Fee \$79  
Extended Care Per Day: Res Fee \$83 - Fee \$103  
Location: Longfellow Center  
Supervisor: Abby Meachum

#### Minecraft Modding

**Monday-Friday, Mar 30-Apr 3**  
**12:00-2:00P**

Unlock your creativity and learn the basics of coding while designing your very own Minecraft map! In this hands-on event, participants will use Minecraft's built-in coding tools to create custom landscapes and interactive elements. No prior coding experience is needed—just bring your imagination and get ready to build! **Ages 8-10**  
Res Fee \$280 - Fee \$300  
Location: TBD  
Supervisor: Abby Meachum

#### 101 Game Development

**Monday-Friday, Mar 30-Apr 3**  
**10:00A-12:00P**

This hands-on program introduces young creators to the fundamentals of building a game from level design and coding to game art and mechanics. Using beginner-friendly tools, participants will learn how to bring their ideas to life and create their very own playable experiences. **Ages 11-17**  
Res Fee \$280 - Fee \$300  
Location: TBD  
Supervisor: Abby Meachum

**Camps will not be held on  
12/24, 12/25, 12/31,  
and 1/1.**



### Dive into these dynamic classes this Fall and dominate the New Year!

#### Cardio, Strength, Flexibility, and Fun!

In Park District fitness classes, enjoy the comforts of a smaller class setting and high-quality, certified instructors who teach to all levels and abilities. Stay active, build your fitness community, and connect with others who share your fitness journey. PDOP fitness offers:

- Convenient locations: CRC, Ridgeland Common, and Stevenson Center
- Monthly memberships and punch pass packs
- **First class is free!** Please reach out to [erin.coffman@pdop.org](mailto:erin.coffman@pdop.org) to receive your free class promo code!

### Ultimate Fitness Membership: \$55/month

#### Sign Up Now!

- Unlimited fitness classes at CRC and ALL PDOP LOCATIONS.
- CRC Gym Membership includes access to indoor walking/running track, fitness center, Childcare Playzone, and more!

### Single & Multi-Class Punch Passes

Enjoy these passes for drop-in opportunities on your favorite fitness classes. All class cards can be used by the ENTIRE family.

- **10-Class Card:** Res Fee \$99 - Fee \$119
- **5-Class Card:** Res Fee \$60 - Fee \$77
- **Single Class:** Res Fee \$16 - Fee \$21

To see the full schedule scan the QR code or visit [pdop.org/fitness](http://pdop.org/fitness)



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### The Park District offers a variety of fitness classes to meet every fitness need. Learn more about each class below:



#### BODYPUMP

LesMills BODYPUMP™ is the original barbell class that strengthens your entire body. This workout challenges all your major muscle groups by using the best weight room exercises, like squats, presses, lifts, and curls. Great music, awesome instructors, and your choice of weight inspires you to get the results you came for and fast!

#### BARRE FITNESS

This fusion class consists of Pilates, ballet, and strength training. Exercises will focus on abs, glutes, and inner thigh muscles, as well as upper body, to achieve long lean muscle tone and also to give that booty a pop! Class is done in bare feet, socks with grips, or ballet shoes.

#### CYCLE

Gear up for a high-energy ride that challenges you. Our classes mix intervals, hills, sprints, and more to pumping music, helping you burn calories and build endurance. Join us for a workout that's fun and effective... together we ride!

#### HIIT

This high-intensity circuit workout combines strength training and cardio in short, intense bursts, targeting your entire body. Expect a mix of moderate and high-impact exercises designed to boost both your aerobic and anaerobic fitness for maximum results.

#### NIA

This unique fitness class blends dance, martial arts, and healing to achieve your fitness goals and express yourself through movement and sensation. Come experience Nia in this barefoot, aerobic, movement based class. Appropriate for all fitness levels; no dance experience necessary.

#### WERQ

Love dancing to the latest pop, rock, and hip hop hits? WERQ® is a fun and fierce dance fitness class that will get your heart pumping and strengthen your muscles!

#### YOGA

Unwind and find strength with yoga, perfect for beginners and experienced yogis alike. This practice cultivates flexibility, balance, and inner peace, guiding you to connect breath with movement and deepen your personal yoga journey.

#### ZUMBA

Zumba fitness is like no other workout you will ever experience! It combines Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow dance moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program. You will fall in love with the infectious music and body-beautifying benefits.

#### LOW IMPACT FULL-BODY WORKOUT

Join this class for a rejuvenating fitness experience that's gentle on your joints while effectively targeting every muscle group. Low-Impact Full-Body Workout offers a satisfying blend of strength, flexibility, and cardio, suitable for all fitness levels.

#### PILATES

Experience a dynamic Pilates class designed to strengthen your core, improve flexibility, and enhance overall body awareness.

#### KICKBOXING

Get ready to punch and kick your way to fitness in our high-energy kickboxing class! Build strength, boost endurance, and unleash your inner fighter while having a blast with a motivating community!

# fitness & wellness

## Specialty Classes

Supervisor: Erin Coffman



### FITNESS-AT-A-GLANCE

M	MORNING:	EXPRESS BODY PUMP (RCRC)	NIA (RCRC)	
	MIDDAY:	EXPRESS BODY PUMP (RCRC)		
	EVENING:	ZUMBA (CRC)	CYCLE (RCRC)	POWER VINYASA (CRC)
TU	MORNING:	NIA (STEVENSON)	YOGA BARRE (CRC)	
	MIDDAY:	PILATES (CRC)		
	EVENING:	LOW-IMPACT FULL-BODY WORKOUT (CRC)	WERQ (CRC) EXPRES CYCLE+FOAM ROLLING (RCRC)	PILATES (CRC)
W	MORNING:	EXPRESS BODY PUMP (RCRC)	BODY PUMP (RCRC)	BEG/CONT YOGA (CRC)
	MIDDAY:	PILATES (CRC)		
	EVENING:	YOGA SCULPT (CRC)	NIA (RCRC)	CORE STRENGTH (CRC)
TH	MORNING:	CYCLE + FOAM ROLLING (RCRC)	NIA (RCRC)	
	EVENING:	BODY FLOW (RCRC)	CORE & CARDIO DANCE FITNESS (RCRC)	SUNSET SLOW FLOW YOGA (CRC)
F	MORNING:	LIGHT BODY WORK (CRC) PILATES (CRC)	BODYPUMP (RCRC)	NIA (STEVENSON)
	EVENING:	POWER VINYASA (CRC)		
SA	MORNING:	BODYPUMP (RCRC) CYCLE (RCRC)	BOOTCAMP: STRENGTH TRAINING (CRC)	FOAM ROLLING (RCRC) WERQ (CRC)
SU	MORNING:	NIA (RCRC) CYCLE (RCRC)	LOW IMPACT FULL-BODY WORKOUT (RCRC)	YOGA BARRE (CRC) CARDIO HIIT+CORE (CRC)



### SPECIALTY CLASSES

Res Fee \$16 - Fee \$21

*(Included with Ultimate Fitness Membership)*

#### Halloween Werq-Out

**Tuesday, Oct 28, 6:15-7:00P**

This Werq class is a bone-rattling dance party set to your favorite Halloween jams!

Location: CRC

#### Holiday HIIT's

**Sunday, Dec 14, 9:45-10:30A**

Get ready to jingle all the way to a great workout with this festive HIIT routine set to your favorite holiday tunes where you will deck the halls with sweat!

Location: RCRC



#### Partner Slow Flow Yoga

**Thursday, Feb 12, 6:30-7:30P**

Experience the benefits of connection and balance in our partner yoga class, designed to strengthen both body and bond.

Location: CRC

#### St. Paddy's Day Low Impact

**Tuesday, Mar 17, 5:30-6:15P**

Wear all your favorite green workout gear to this fun St. Paddy's Strength Training class, where we will be Sham-rockin' out!

Location: RCRC

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# CRC

COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER



## Welcome to the Park District of Oak Park's Community Recreation Center.

*It's all here for you!*

- Indoor walking/running track
- Gymnasium with open gym times throughout the day dedicated to basketball, pickleball, volleyball, and more
- Fitness center with the latest cardio & strength equipment
- Group exercise & dance studio
- Esports Lounge with open play times for youth and adults
- Community and multipurpose rooms for birthday parties
- Childcare in the Playzone room
- Inclusive locker room that welcomes all humans
- Access to Community Mental Health Board resources



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### Membership Options:

Membership Type	Monthly Fee	
	Resident	Nonresident
Track Membership (Ages 12+)	Free	Not available
Daily Drop-In	\$15	\$15
Adult Membership (Ages 19+)	\$25	\$50
Teen Membership (Ages 12-18)	\$20	\$40
Jr. Membership (Age 8-11, allowed with a 16+ member)	\$5	\$10
Ultimate Fitness Membership*	\$55	\$110
<b>Special Add-ons:</b>		
Playzone Membership (per child)	\$15	\$30

### In-Depth Fitness Equipment Class

Wanting a more "in-depth" review of our fitness equipment? Want to learn how to bench press properly or learn how to use the universal/pin-pull weight machines appropriately? In our one-hour class sessions, we will show you techniques on how to correctly use the CRC fitness equipment. We will teach safety and proper etiquette as well. You might even learn a few fitness secrets that can enhance your workout routine! Come ready to workout and learn from certified staff.

Supervisor: Chris Evans

Res Fee \$50 - Fee \$67		Fall	Winter
Ages	Day/Time	Dates	Dates
Adult (Ages 19+)	W, 7:30 - 8:30P	Sep 3 - Sep 17 Nov 5 - Nov 19	Jan 7 - Jan 21 Mar 4 - Mar 18
Adult (Ages 19+)	M, 1:00 - 2:00P	Sep 8 - Sep 22 Nov 3 - Nov 17	Jan 5 - Jan 19 Mar 2 - Mar 16
Youth (Ages 12-18)	W, 6:30 - 7:30P	Sep 3 - Sep 17 Nov 15 - Nov 19	Jan 7 - Jan 21 Mar 4 - Mar 18

## CRC YOUTH AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Join our **FREE** Youth Afterschool Program for Oak Park middle and high school youth.

### Registration opens August 1.

Access the CRC amenities and activities every school day from 3:00-6:00P for the 2025-2026 school year. Scan the QR code to register.



AFTERSCHOOL

- Open play in the gymnasium and Esports Lounge
- Health & wellness workshops, arts & crafts sessions, dance & fitness classes, sports & more!
- Homework help from Triton College tutors



Location: 229 Madison Street, Oak Park IL 60302 · [pdop.org/crc](http://pdop.org/crc)

Hours: Monday - Friday: 5:30A - 10:00P · Saturday: 6:00A - 7:00P · Sunday: 7:00A - 5:00P





# adult sports

## Leagues

Supervisor: Peyton Rapier

### Adult Sports Leagues

Engage in friendly competition and foster a sense of community with our adult sports leagues, offering a variety of team-based activities tailored for participants of all skill levels. All leagues are in a team-based format – you oversee fielding your own team. All prices you see are per team and not per person!



#### Adult Softball Leagues

Play ball! 14-inch Men's and Co-ed leagues available with games beginning in April. This league is for semi-competitive teams that enjoy the social aspect of the sport. (8 game regular season) **Ages 18+**  
Location: RCRC

##### Men's Softball

###### Winter 2

Tu, Apr 21 - Jun 9 Res Fee \$830 - Fee \$850

F, Apr 24 - Jun 12 Res Fee \$830 - Fee \$850

##### Co-Ed Softball

###### Winter 2

F, Apr 24 - Jun 12 Res Fee \$830 - Fee \$850

#### Adult Co-Ed Soccer Leagues

Goal! This adult recreational league emphasizes fun and participation. Games are played on synthetic turf at Ridgeland Common and OPRF High School.

**8-game regular season. Ages 18+**

Location: RCRC

##### 7 vs 7 Soccer

###### Winter 2

Th, Apr 9 - May 28 Res Fee \$845 - Fee \$865

##### 11 vs 11 Soccer

###### Winter 2

Su, Apr 12 - Jun 7 Res Fee \$1220 - Fee \$1240

#### Adult Dodgeball League

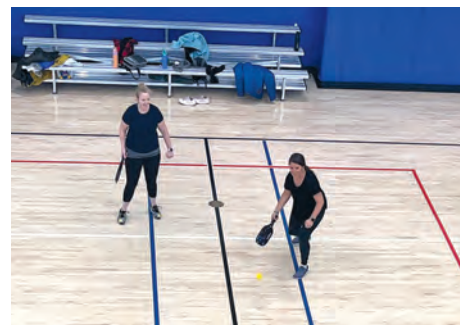
Remember the 5 D's of dodgeball: dodge, duck, dip, dive, and dodge! Looking to join our brand new Dodgeball League? Gather your friends and join us at the CRC. The league will be six weeks of childhood nostalgia and fun! Only one person is needed to register a team. **Ages 18+**

Location: CRC

##### Dodgeball

###### Fall 2

W, Nov 12 - Dec 17 Res Fee \$260 - Fee \$280



#### Adult Pickleball League

Leagues are divided by skill level. Bring your own paddles and compete against other players in your skill range! Only one player needs to sign up for a team. **Ages 18+**

Location: CRC

##### Pickleball

###### Fall 2

F, Nov 7 - Dec 19 Res Fee \$140 - Fee \$160

###### Spring

F, Jan 23 - Feb 27 Res Fee \$140 - Fee \$160

#### Adult Basketball Leagues

Join us for our adult basketball league. This league is 5 vs 5 with a six-week season and one night playoff. Only one person needs to sign up for the team!

**Ages 18+**

Location: CRC

##### Men's Basketball

###### Winter 2

Th, Jan 8 - Feb 12 Res Fee \$682 - Fee \$702

##### Women's Basketball

###### Fall 1

Th, Sep 18 - Oct 23 Res Fee \$682 - Fee \$702

###### Spring

Th, Apr 2 - May 7 Res Fee \$682 - Fee \$702

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# adult sports

## Programs

Supervisor: Peyton Rapier

### Adult Tennis

Join our adult tennis program to improve your skills, stay active, and enjoy friendly competition with fellow players in a supportive environment. **Please note price may vary based on number of weeks in session. Ages 18+**

Location: Taylor Park

#### Beginner Guidelines

Never played before or played some during youth or as an adult recreationally. Some success rallying ball back and forth but would like to develop more shot quality. Would like a firm understanding of stroke technique production and footwork. Needs basic game coaching, scoring, and tactical playing experience.

#### Intermediate Guidelines

Can rally successfully, but still desires more ball control and better movement. Aware of different stroke types but needs correction and/or practice in some areas. Aware of covering court spaces, but unable to exploit opponents' weaknesses. Developing conditioning, consistency, shot depth, game, and style of play.

#### Beginner Tennis

##### Fall 1

M, 6:30 - 8:00P Sep 22 - Oct 13

M, 8:00 - 9:30P Sep 22 - Oct 13

W, 6:30 - 8:00P Sep 24 - Oct 15

W, 8:00 - 9:30P Sep 24 - Oct 15

Res Fee \$109 - Fee \$129

#### Intermediate/Advanced Tennis

##### Fall 1

Tu, 6:30 - 8:00P Sep 23 - Oct 14

Tu, 8:00 - 9:30P Sep 23 - Oct 14

Th, 6:30 - 8:00P Sep 25 - Oct 16

Th, 8:00 - 9:30P Sep 25 - Oct 16

Res Fee \$109 - Fee \$129



### Adult Pickleball Lesson

What is the fastest growing sport in the USA? It's pickleball – a paddle sport which combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Pickleball can be played on a tennis court with a lowered net. It is played with a perforated plastic baseball (similar to a whiffle ball) and wood or composite paddles. Participants will be sorted by skill level. Participants are required to bring their own paddle. **6 weeks.**

**Ages 18+**

Location: Barrie Park

#### Beginner Pickleball

##### Fall 1

W, 5:00 - 6:00P Sep 24 - Oct 29

Res Fee \$65 - Fee \$85

#### Intermediate Pickleball

##### Fall 1

Th, 5:00 - 6:00P Sep 25 - Oct 30

Res Fee \$65 - Fee \$85

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**Check out our  
Pickleball League  
on page 61.**



### Adult Skating: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced

*Adult Beginner* class introduces falling and recovery, forward marching, glides, swizzles, snowplow stops, two-foot turns, and gliding into dips. No experience required for the beginner level. *Adult Intermediate* class will build on Beginner skills and include forward stroking, forward and backward crossovers, three turns, and t-stops. *Advanced Adult* classes cover waltz jumps, front and back edges, 10 & 2 turns, and one-foot spins. **Ages 18+**

Fall 1 Sep 2 - Oct 12 (6 weeks)		
Fall 2 Oct 13 - Dec 7 (7 weeks) No class 11/25, 11/26, 11/29, 11/30		
Winter Jan 5 - Feb 28 (8 weeks)		
Adult Skating		
Day	Time	Level(s)
Th	9:55 - 10:35A	Beginner (1-3)
	10:35 - 11:15A	Inter./Adv. (4-6)
	5:50 - 6:30P	All Levels
Sa	12:40 - 1:20P	Intermediate
	1:20 - 1:50P	Beginner
<b>Fall 1:</b> Res Fee \$118 - Fee \$138 <b>Fall 2:</b> Res Fee \$137 - Fee \$157 <b>Winter:</b> Res Fee \$157 - Fee \$177		



### Adult Hockey 101

This class provides an environment for adults to give hockey a try. No experience is required. Skills taught include skating basics, such as backward skating, crossovers, and stopping, as well as stick handling, passing, and shooting skills. Equipment Required: Skates (free rental available), shin pads, hockey pants, elbow pads, gloves, helmet, and stick (shoulder pads recommended). **Ages 18+**

### Adult Hockey 201

This class provides skill development and gameplay. Geared towards novice and intermediate players, each week will feature coach-led drills designed to improve player's ability in skating, stick & puck work, and positional hockey. Classes end with a scrimmage game. Full equipment is required for this program. **Ages 18+**

Fall 1 Sep 2 - Oct 12 (6 weeks)		
Fall 2 Oct 13 - Dec 7 (7 weeks) No class 11/25, 11/26, 11/29, 11/30		
Winter Jan 5 - Feb 28 (8 weeks)		
Adult Hockey 101		
Day	Time	Level(s)
Tu	9:30 - 10:45P	Adult Hockey 101
F	10:30 - 11:45P	Adult Hockey 101
<b>Fall 1:</b> Res Fee \$118 - Fee \$138 <b>Fall 2:</b> Res Fee \$137 - Fee \$157 <b>Winter:</b> Res Fee \$157 - Fee \$177		
Adult Hockey 201		
Day	Time	Level(s)
Tu	9:30 - 10:45P	Adult Hockey 201
F	10:30 - 11:45P	Adult Hockey 201
<b>Fall 1:</b> Res Fee \$134 - Fee \$154 <b>Fall 2:</b> Res Fee \$156 - Fee \$176 <b>Winter:</b> Res Fee \$178 - Fee \$198		

**Youth Skating**  
on pages 71-75.

### Women's Beginner Hockey

This class follows the Adult Hockey Beginner curriculum. No experience is required. Enjoy Sunday mornings on the ice! Equipment Required: Skates (free rental available), shin pads, hockey pants, elbow pads, gloves, helmet, and stick (shoulder pads recommended). If you identify outside the gender binary, you are also welcome. **Ages 18+**

### Adult Recreational Hockey

This in-house recreational hockey program offers a chance to play in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Games consist of three 20-minute running clock periods with a referee. In addition to AHAI/USA Hockey Rules, the program does not allow checking or slap shots and has a zero tolerance policy for unsportsmanlike conduct. Participants should have experience playing hockey at the high school level or higher due to speed of the games. Sign-ups for the league are done on an individual basis. The league reserves the right to move players around teams to ensure balance and quality of the program. Full equipment is required. Players will receive a jersey. **Ages 18+**

Fall 1 Sep 2 - Oct 12 (6 weeks)		
Fall 2 Oct 13 - Dec 7 (7 weeks) No class 11/25, 11/26, 11/29, 11/30		
Winter Jan 5 - Feb 28 (8 weeks)		
Women's Beginner Hockey		
Day	Time	Level(s)
F	3:00 - 4:00P	Women's Beginner
Su	7:15 - 8:15A	Women's Beginner
<b>Fall 1:</b> Res Fee \$118 - Fee \$138 <b>Fall 2:</b> Res Fee \$137 - Fee \$157 <b>Winter:</b> Res Fee \$157 - Fee \$177		
Adult Recreational Hockey		
Day	Time	Level(s)
Su	9:15 - 10:30P	Adult
<b>Fall 1:</b> Res Fee \$160 - Fee \$180 <b>Fall 2:</b> Res Fee \$187 - Fee \$207 <b>Winter:</b> Res Fee \$214 - Fee \$234		

### Partner Sports Programs

The Park District of Oak Park partners with organized adult athletic programs to bring you high quality adult sports and martial arts experiences!

**Ages 14+**

#### Ultimate Ninjas Elmhurst

Each class is structured to provide progressive growth over the course of the session, and each set of obstacles and circuits are aimed at providing a foundation of strength, agility, and balance. Our mission is to strive to have all achieve and be fulfilled and grow in perseverance, athleticism and confidence...AND HAVE FUN DOING IT! Held at Ultimate Ninjas. **Ages 14+**

Location: Ultimate Ninjas in Elmhurst,  
684 W. Lake St. in Elmhurst

#### Ultimate Ninjas

**Fall & Winter** (See Amilia for dates.)

W, 6:30 - 7:20P Res Fee \$182 - Fee \$202

#### Fencing

**Thursdays, 8:30-9:25P**

En garde! Diana Unger, a certified coach with the United States Fencing Association with more than 25 years of fencing experience, will teach you the basics of fencing, and advanced techniques, based on your skill level. Participants must purchase and bring their own fencing mask and jacket. Participants must obtain a \$29 U.S. Fencing Membership prior to the first day of class. Participants need to bring a glove for the hand they write with, it does not have to be a fencing glove. A light winter glove, work or gardening glove will do. **Ages 15+**

Location: Fox Center

#### Fencing

##### Fall 1

Th, 8:30 - 9:25P Sep 11 - Nov 20

Res Fee \$185 - Fee \$205

##### Winter 1

Th, 8:30 - 9:25P Jan 8 - Mar 19

Res Fee \$185 - Fee \$205

#### Illinois Shotokan Karate

ISKC's karate classes offers a good mix of strength training with cardiovascular and flexibility exercises. Students increase their coordination, agility and poise, as well as learn lasting personal safety skills. They also benefit from the mental stimulation of learning the choreographed moves of the kata and the discipline of conforming to the class rules. Please find specific dates/times/fees on our online registration platform by searching for karate. Adult registration can be found in the Youth Sports Amilia tile.

No class 9/18, 9/22, 11/27. **Ages 14+**

Location: Stevenson Community Center

#### Shotokan Karate

**Fall 1** (See Amilia for times and fees.)

M, Sep 8 - Dec 15 Th, Sep 4 - Dec 18

**Winter 1** (See Amilia for times and fees.)

M, Jan 5 - Mar 23 Th, Jan 8 - Mar 26

#### Oak Park Aikido

Discover the transformative power of aikido, a martial art that combines self-defense with the pursuit of inner harmony. Unlike traditional combat arts, aikido focuses on redirecting energy rather than confronting it head-on, allowing practitioners to neutralize conflict with grace and control. Through dedicated practice, you'll develop physical strength, flexibility, and agility while cultivating a calm, focused mind. Aikido offers more than just physical training – it's a path to increased confidence, mental clarity, and personal growth.

Whether you're a beginner or are experienced, there's a place for you on the mat in Oak Park! **Ages 15+**

Location: Carroll Center

#### Aikido

##### Fall 1

Tu, Sep 2 - Dec 16

F, Sep 5 - Dec 19

See Amilia for times and fees

##### Winter 1

Tu, Jan 6 - Mar 31

F, Jan 9 - Mar 27

#### KH Kim Taekwondo

Taekwondo is a 2,000-year-old martial art offering a variety of benefits for people of all ages and abilities. Students have the opportunity to improve concentration, self-esteem, achieve lifelong physical fitness, and learn self-defense skills. Classes are taught under the direction of Grand Master Ki Hong Kim (9th Dan Kukkiwon World Taekwondo Headquarters). On the first day, students will get sized for their uniform (\$50 fee) by the instructor which is required to complete the class and test for belt rank. Tests happen, for an additional fee, at the instructor's discretion when the student has learned the appropriate skills. Green belt students (Ages 7+) are required to have complete sparring gear, which is purchased from the Instructor. **Ages 15+**

Location: Stevenson Community Center

#### Taekwondo

##### Fall 1

Tu, Sep 2 - Dec 16 Res Fee \$210 - \$230

W, Sep 3 - Dec 17 Res Fee \$210 - \$230

See Amilia for times

##### Winter 1

Tu, Jan 6 - Mar 17 Res Fee \$154 - Fee \$174

W, Jan 7 - Mar 18 Res Fee \$154 - Fee \$174

See Amilia for times

#### Modern Arnis

This is a complete self-defense system that trains practitioners to be proficient with both weapons and empty hands. This class will introduce students to single stick, double stick, empty hand and ground control drills and techniques to significantly improve skills, reflexes, agility and power. Two rattan sticks will be required by the second session and can be purchased through the instructor. **Ages 15+**

Location: Stevenson Community Center

#### Modern Arnis

##### Fall 1

Sa, Sep 6 - Nov 15

Res Fee \$145 - Fee \$165

See Amilia for times

##### Winter 1

Sa, Jan 10 - Mar 21

Res Fee \$145 - Fee \$165

**Find our Youth Sports on pages 65-69.**



## Youth Sports Leagues

Our youth sports leagues provide opportunities for children to develop physical skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship in a fun and supportive environment. Leagues run 6-8 weeks, depending on the league. All of our leagues require volunteer coaching. If you are interested, contact Peyton Rapier at [peyton.rapier@pdop.org](mailto:peyton.rapier@pdop.org).

**Ages 6-18**



### 1st & 2nd Grade Basketball League

This program is geared to first and second grade boys and girls. The first two weeks will be practice only and the remaining weeks will consist of practice/games. Games and practice will be for one hour between 9:00A-2:00P on Saturdays. Your time slot will vary from week to week. The league schedules will be sent out prior to the start of the season. Participants will also receive a unique jersey for their team! **Ages 6-8**

Location: CRC

#### 1st & 2nd Grade Basketball League

##### Fall 2

Sa, 9:00A-2:00P Nov 1 - Dec 6  
Res Fee \$117 - Fee \$137

### Preseason Basketball League

All players will receive a uniform and basketball with the cost of registration. Practices will take place on either Tuesday or Thursday evenings between 6:00-9:00P for the 3rd-8th grade level with games on Sundays and practices on Tuesdays or Thursdays. 3rd-8th grade leagues will compete in an annual end-of-season tournament. **Ages 9-14**

Location: D97

#### Preseason Basketball League

##### Fall 2

Su, 9:00A-2:00P Nov 16 - Dec 21  
Res Fee \$82 - Fee \$102

### Youth Basketball League

All players will receive a uniform and basketball with the cost of registration. Practices will take place on either Tuesday or Thursday evenings between 6:00-9:00P for the 3rd-8th grade level with games on Sundays and practices on Tuesdays or Thursdays. 3rd-8th grade leagues will compete in an annual end-of-season tournament. **Ages 9-14**

Location: D97

#### Youth Basketball League

##### Winter 1

Su, 9:00A-2:00P Jan 6 - Mar 15  
Res Fee \$131 - Fee \$151

### High School Basketball League

Welcome to our high school basketball league! Only one player is needed to register a team for this league. Teams will need to provide a parent coach to be on the bench and players may not play on their high school team as well. **Ages 14-18**

Location: CRC

#### High School Basketball (Ages 14-18)

##### Winter 2

Th, 6:30-9:30P See Amlia for fees & dates

### Youth Volleyball League

Join our youth volleyball league where participants will learn fundamentals, strategies, and teamwork with parent-volunteer coaches. The league is designed so that all teams are balanced and all athletes have a chance to play. Participants practice one hour per week for two weeks followed by four weeks of game play. **Ages 10-13**

Location: CRC

#### Volleyball

##### Fall 1

Sa, 9:00A-2:00P Sep 6 - Oct 11  
Res Fee \$113 - Fee \$133

##### Spring

Sa, 9:00A-2:00P Mar 7 - Apr 18  
Res Fee \$113 - Fee \$133



## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEER COACHES

We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to coach our Youth basketball, volleyball & soccer teams!

Help us create memorable experiences for young athletes while sharing your love of the game. All coaches must be the caregiver of a child in the program. Contact [peyton.rapier@pdop.org](mailto:peyton.rapier@pdop.org) if you are interested.



**For our  
Early  
Childhood  
Sports  
programs  
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## Programs

Supervisor: Peyton Rapier

### Early Childhood Sports Programs

on page 45.

**NEW!**

#### Basketball

An energetic and engaging basketball class tailored for ages 5-8, fostering fundamental skills development, teamwork, and a love for the game.

**Ages 5-8**

Location: CRC

#### Volleyball

Engaging volleyball classes that are designed to focus on fundamental skills, teamwork, and serving.

**Ages 8-14**

Location: CRC



Please note price may vary based on number of weeks in session.

Fall 1 Aug 25 - Oct 8 (6 weeks)		
Fall 2 Oct 20 - Nov 26 (6 weeks)		
Winter 1 Dec 1 - Dec 17 (3 weeks)		
Winter 2 Jan 5 - Feb 11 (6 weeks)		
Basketball		
Day	Time	Ages
M	6:00 - 6:45P	5-6
W	6:00 - 6:45P	5-6
M	6:45 - 7:30P	7-8
W	6:45 - 7:30P	7-8
Fall & Winter 2: Res Fee \$90 - Fee \$110 Winter 1: Res Fee \$45 - Fee \$60		
Beginner Volleyball		
Day	Time	Ages
Tu	6:00 - 6:45P	8-14
Tu	6:45 - 7:30P	8-14
Advanced Volleyball		
Day	Time	Ages
Tu	7:30 - 8:15P	8-14
Fall & Winter 2: Res Fee \$100 - Fee \$120 Winter 1: Res Fee \$45 - Fee \$60		



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### Take on the Youth Mile

at our Frank Lloyd Wright Races! See page 11.



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### Partner Sports Programs

The Park District of Oak Park partners with organized youth athletic programs to bring you high quality youth sports and martial arts experiences!

Please note price may vary based on number of weeks in session.

#### Ultimate Ninjas Elmhurst

Each class is structured to provide progressive growth over the course of the session, and each set of obstacles and circuits are aimed at providing a foundation of strength, agility, and balance. Our mission is to strive to have all achieve and be fulfilled and grow in perseverance, athleticism and confidence...AND HAVE FUN DOING IT! Held at Ultimate Ninjas at 684 W. Lake St. in Elmhurst.

##### Ages 3-13

Location: Ultimate Ninjas in Elmhurst, 684 W. Lake St. in Elmhurst

#### Ultimate Ninjas

##### Fall & Winter

See Amilia for days/times Res Fee \$182 - Fee \$202

#### Fencing

En garde! Diana Unger, a certified coach with the United States Fencing Association with more than 25 years of fencing experience, will teach you the basics of fencing, and advanced techniques, based on your skill level. Participants must purchase and bring their own fencing mask and jacket. Participants must obtain a \$29 U.S. Fencing Membership prior to the first day of class. Participants need to bring a glove for the hand they write with, it does not have to be a fencing glove. A light winter glove, work or gardening glove will do. **Ages 10-18**

Location: Fox Center

#### Beginning Fencing

**Day/Time** **Fall 1** **Winter 1**

Th, 6:30 - 7:25P Sep 11 - Nov 20 Jan 8 - Mar 19

Res Fee \$185 - Fee \$205

#### Continuing Fencing

**Day/Time** **Fall 1** **Winter 1**

Th, 7:30 - 8:25P Sep 11 - Nov 20 Jan 8 - Mar 19

Res Fee \$185 - Fee \$205

#### Boxing

In a fun and safe environment, students will learn self-defense utilizing boxing techniques. Students learn how to punch, block and use boxing combinations depending on skill level achieved.

##### Ages 6-14

Location: Longfellow Community Center

#### Boxing

**Day/Time** **Fall 1** **Fall 2**

M, 6:00 - 6:45P Sep 8 - Oct 13 Nov 3 - Dec 8

M, 6:50 - 7:20P Sep 8 - Oct 13 Nov 3 - Dec 8

Res Fee \$103 - Fee \$123

**Day/Time** **Winter 1**

M, 6:00 - 6:45P Jan 26 - Mar 16

M, 6:50 - 7:20P Jan 26 - Mar 16

Res Fee \$137 - Fee \$157

#### Chicago Edge Jr's Soccer

The Chicago Edge Juniors Soccer program is aimed at creating the next generation of young soccer players in the Oak Park/River Forest community. The Edge Juniors program is a fun soccer program for young players ages 4-7 years old and is aimed at developing the fundamental skills of soccer in a fun and dynamic environment. Coached by the professional soccer coaches at Chicago Edge Soccer Club, one of Oak Park's youth travel soccer clubs. **Ages 4-7**

Location: Fox Park (outdoor); Brooks School (indoor)

#### Chicago Edge Juniors Soccer

##### Fall 1 & 2

F, Sep 5 - Oct 17 Sa, Sep 6 - Oct 18

Su, Nov 16 - Dec 14

See Amilia for times and fees

##### Winter 1

Su, Jan 11 - Feb 8

See Amilia for times and fees

##### Winter 2

Su, Feb 15 - Mar 15

#### Chicago Fire Soccer

Chicago Fire FC classes are the perfect opportunity for girls and boys of all abilities to develop their soccer skills and their love for the game! Working in small groups with professional coaches from Chicago Fire FC, these classes will focus on technical development and social-emotional learning, to elevate them as both players and people. **Ages 3-12**

No class 11/26

Location: Longfellow Park (outdoor), Longfellow School (indoor)

#### Chicago Fire Soccer

##### Fall

W, Sep 3 - Sep 24 W, Oct 8 - Oct 29

W, Nov 19 - Dec 17

Res Fee \$96 - Fee \$116

See Amilia for times

##### Winter

W, Jan 14 - Feb 4 W, Feb 11 - Mar 4

Res Fee \$96 - Fee \$116

See Amilia for times

#### OPYBS Baseball/Softball

This is a skills class taught by coaches from Oak Park Youth Baseball and Softball, where general skills for the sport are taught for development. Baseball basics include throwing, catching, hitting, fielding, pitching and running the bases. **Ages 5-9**

Location: Fox Park Ball Diamond

#### Baseball/Softball

##### Baseball

M, Sep 8 - Sep 29

Res Fee \$65 - Fee \$85

See Amilia for times

##### Softball

Th, Sep 11 - Oct 2

Res Fee \$65 - Fee \$85

Find more **Youth & Teens Programs** on pages 50-53.

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## Partnership Programs

Supervisor: Chad Drufke

### Strikes Softball Club

Come improve your player's fundamental skills! These classes focus on skill development such as pitching, throwing form, hitting technique and baserunning! Players of all skillsets are welcome and will be challenged based on their own skills.

**Ages 5-10** A parent player class will be offered for ages 5-6 and a player only class for ages 7-10.

Location: Stevenson Park Ball Diamond

#### Strikes Softball Club

Fall

W, Sep 3 - Sep 24

Res Fee \$80 - Fee \$100

### Rise Field Hockey

During the first two weeks, participants will focus on basic skill, some advanced skills, team concepts and rules of the game. The remaining four weeks will be small-sided games. Athletes need a stick, mouthguard, and shin guards. **Grades K-8**

Location: Julian Turf Field

#### Rise Field Hockey

Fall 1: Sep 3 - Oct 8

W, 5:15 - 6:15P Gr K-4 Res Fee \$155 - Fee \$175

W, 6:15 - 7:30P Gr 5-8 Res Fee \$185 - Fee \$205

### 1000 Watts Flag Football

What better way to start your spring than with 1000 Watts NFL Flag Football League! Each session begins with a practice followed by two 20-minute halves. At the end of the session, there is a single elimination tournament. The winner of each division will be crowned Super Bowl champs! Players will be placed on teams and receive their own NFL jersey and flag. Please note your game times will be determined and communicated after registration period has completed. **Grades K-6**

Location: Maple Park

#### Flag Football

Fall

Su, Sep 7 - Nov 9

Res Fee \$345 - Fee \$365

See Amilia for times

**Find more Youth & Teens Programs**  
on pages 50-53.

### Jr. Huskies Basketball Academy

Jr. Huskies Basketball Skills Academy, the official feeder program for OPRF High School Basketball, offers a 6-week program for boys and girls in grades 3-8. Led by experienced coaches, players will develop essential skills, fundamentals, and learn offensive/defensive concepts through competitive drills and scrimmages. This program introduces participants to the OPRF basketball system, helping them prepare for the next level and guiding them toward becoming future Huskie basketball players. **Grades 3-8**

Location: D97 TBD

#### Basketball Academy

Fall 1

Tu, Sep 9 - Oct 14

Res Fee \$150 - Fee \$170

See Amilia for times

### East Ave. Lacrosse

East Ave Lacrosse is proud to bring some of the best high school and college coaches in the state to Oak Park for fast-paced, fun training sessions designed to challenge and engage players of all skill levels and experience. **Ages 4-14**

Location: Julian Turf Field

#### Basketball Academy

Fall 1

Sep 2 - Oct 21

See Amilia for dates, times & fees

### Illinois Shotokan Karate | Ages 4+

ISKC's Karate classes offer a good mix of strength training, along with cardiovascular and flexibility exercises. Students increase their coordination, agility and poise, as well as learn lasting personal safety skills. They also benefit from the mental stimulation of learning the choreographed moves of the kata and discipline of conforming to class rules.

**Ages 4-6 (pre-karate) and Ages 7+ (youth/adult).** No class 9/18, 9/22, 11/27

Location: Stevenson Community Center

#### Shotokan Karate

Fall 1

M, Sep 8 - Dec 15

Th, Sep 4 - Dec 18

See Amilia for times and fees

Winter 1

M, Jan 5 - Mar 23

Th, Jan 8 - Mar 26

See Amilia for times and fees

### KH Kim Taekwondo

Taekwondo is a 2,000-year-old martial art offering a variety of benefits for people of all ages and physical abilities. Students have the opportunity to improve concentration, self-esteem, achieve lifelong physical fitness, and learn self-defense skills. Classes are taught under the direction of Grand Master Ki Hong Kim (9th Dan Kukkiwon World Taekwondo Headquarters). On the first day, students will get sized for their uniform (\$50 fee) by the instructor which is required to complete the class and test for belt rank. Tests happen, for an additional fee, at the instructor's discretion when the student has learned the appropriate skills. All green belt students (Ages 7+) are required to have complete sparring gear, which is purchased from the Instructor. **Ages 15+**

Location: Stevenson Community Center

#### Taekwondo

Fall 1

Tu, Sep 2 - Dec 16

Res Fee \$210 - \$230

W, Sep 3 - Dec 17

Res Fee \$210 - \$230

See Amilia for times

Winter 1

Tu, Jan 6 - Mar 17

Res Fee \$154 - Fee \$174

W, Jan 7 - Mar 18

Res Fee \$154 - Fee \$174

See Amilia for times

### Aikido for Kids

Aikido is a way of harmony, not combat. Children who study aikido develop and expand their mental and physical awareness while learning cooperation and respect for others. Instruction begins with exercises to stretch and strengthen young bodies and improve attention, coordination, and motor skills. Falling with confidence is a big part of training, followed by learning the principles of movement which allow students to practice techniques with partners. **Ages 15+**

Location: Carroll Center

#### Aikido

Fall 1

Tu, Sep 2 - Oct 7

Res Fee \$65 - Fee \$85

Fall 2

Tu, Oct 14 - Nov 18

Winter 1

Tu, Jan 6 - Feb 10

Res Fee \$65 - Fee \$85

Winter 2

Tu, Feb 17 - Mar 24



Supervisor: Peyton Rapier



### Skyhawk Tennis Lessons

Serve up fun with Skyhawks Tennis! Designed for beginners and intermediate players, this program enhances tennis skills and enjoyment. We focus on refining techniques, practice sessions, and match play to develop consistent, well-rounded players. Each session also fosters personal growth, emphasizing sportsmanship and perseverance. **Ages 8-14**  
Location: Taylor Park

#### Skyhawk Tennis Lessons

##### Spring 1

Sa, April 19 - May 10

Res Fee \$102 - Fee \$122

##### Spring 2

Sa, May 31 - Jun 21

##### Summer

Sa, Aug 2 - Aug 23

Res Fee \$102 - Fee \$122

### Chicago Union Ultimate Frisbee

Looking to advance your ultimate skills? Look no further – take part in our elite ultimate frisbee program with the professional Ultimate team the Chicago Union! **Ages 8-11**

Location: Andersen Park

#### Chicago Union Ultimate Frisbee

##### Fall 1

W, 4:00 - 5:30

Sep 17 - Oct 22

Res Fee \$60 - Fee \$80



### Elite Academy Ultimate Frisbee

The Chicago Union professional frisbee team is hosting Elite Academy practices geared towards intermediate to advanced players. Join us for practices led by professional players, focusing on the more complex aspects of the game. Each week we will build off the concepts from the previous week and use them in scrimmages at the end of practice. The Academy team also has a chance to go to a tournament this fall. **Ages 11-15**

Location: Stevenson Park

#### Ultimate Frisbee

##### Fall 1

M, 5:00 - 6:30

Sep 15 - Oct 20

Res Fee \$70 - Fee \$90

**Find Adult Tennis Lessons** on page 62.



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# adult & youth sports

## Paul Hruby Ice Arena / Ridgeland Common Recreation Complex

The Paul Hruby Ice Arena, located at 415 Lake Street, offers year-round public skate, ice skating, figure skating, and hockey classes.



### Public Skate

Public skate sessions are offered Monday-Friday from 11:30A-1:00P (Noon Skate) and every Friday, 6:30-8:15P, Saturday Cosmic Skate, 6:30-8:15P and Sunday, 12:45-2:45P.

### Specialty Skate

Specialty skate sessions offered include Stick & Puck (for open hockey and skill practice) and a variety of age-based open hockey sessions including Hruby Skate 40+ and 60+. See the up-to-date schedule at [pdop.org/schedules](http://pdop.org/schedules) or scan QR code.

### Special Events

Special event skates are all-ages themed skating events that are scheduled throughout the year. See page 12-13 for this season's special events.

### Customer Service: (708) 725-2000 or [customerservice@pdop.org](mailto:customerservice@pdop.org)

Customer Service is now open Monday-Friday, 8:30A-7:00P and Saturday & Sunday, 8:30A-5:00P for in-person, phone and email assistance at Ridgeland Common.

### Rink Membership



Our Rink Pass provides year-round entry to any Public Skate, Noon Skate, School's Out Skate, and special events at the rink. Rink Passes also include a \$4 discount on Stick & Puck. Res Fee \$82 - Fee \$94

### Public Skate

**\$12 (includes skates)**

Skate rental is now included in the cost of skating and hockey lessons. Suggested items to bring include:

- Helmet
- Long socks
- Warm jackets
- Gloves
- Long pants



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## Glide into your favorite activity with Public Skate!

Embrace the cold and slide into winter with the coolest way to spend your weekend.

- Friday Nights, 6:30-8:15P  
Start your weekend on the ice!
- Cosmic Skate: Saturdays, 6:30-8:15P – Skate under the stars with dazzling cosmic lighting!
- Sundays: 12:45-2:45P  
Chill out with family and friends!

**Fee: \$12/person, skates included!**



## Celebrate Your Child's Birthday on Ice!

Looking for a cool way to throw an unforgettable birthday party? Host it at the rink!

Party Package Includes:

- A private party room with dedicated attendant
- Skates for all party guests

Parties are only available during Public Skate sessions on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Your party will be the highlight of the season!

**Visit [pdop.org/birthdayparties](http://pdop.org/birthdayparties) to reserve your date!**



## Room Rentals at RCRC Now Available!

The Medium or Large activity rooms are available to rent at Ridgeland Common.

Either room is perfect for hosting birthday parties, meetings, or other small events.

We offer flexible room layouts at an affordable hourly rate. Rentals are available on weekends from 8:30A to 10:00P.

**To learn more, visit [pdop.org/rentals](http://pdop.org/rentals) or scan the QR code.**



**NEW!**





**For Early Childhood Skating & Hockey programs** see page 49.

**NEW!**



## LEARN TO Skate Academy

If your child is a beginner at skating or you just want them to continue to develop their skills, we have a class for you! Our coaches will teach your child the fundamentals of skating in a fun, safe, and encouraging environment.

*Free Skate Rental is now included in all classes.*

### How do I get started skating? What class should I take first?

If your child has never skated before, the first class they should take is Learn to Skate - Snowplow 1 (Ages 3-5) on page 49 or Basic 1 (Ages 6-14). This class will teach the basics of skating from standing and falling, to marching, and taking your first strides. If they are 2-5 and would benefit from having a caregiver on the ice with them, we recommend starting with Caregiver & Tot. In this class, your child will be on the ice with a caregiver to provide support while a coach leads them through the process of learning to skate.

Once your child has completed Learn to Skate - Basic 1 and Learn to Skate - Basic 2, they may enroll in Basic 3. If your child has previous skating experience, please email [skateacademy@pdop.org](mailto:skateacademy@pdop.org) to determine which Figure Skating level they should start with.

### Helmets Are Mandatory

**For Caregiver/Tot, Learn to Skate 1 & 2, and Basic 1 & 2 classes**

Head protection is highly recommended for all other levels. Please bring your own bike, hockey, skateboard helmet, or protective halo. A limited number of helmets are available to borrow.

### Basic 1-6 Skating Progression (Ages 6-15)

- BASIC 1** Fundamentals of skating: marching, falling, standing, snowplow stops, glides
- BASIC 2** Skills developed: Forward swizzles, snowplow stops, glides, backwards wiggles and more.
- BASIC 3** Skills developed: Forward stroking, half swizzle pumps, 2-foot turns and more.
- BASIC 4** Skills developed: Forward edges, crossovers, outside 3-turn from stand still and more.
- BASIC 5** Skills developed: Backward edges and crossovers, beginning 1-foot spin and more.
- BASIC 6** Skills developed: Continue to perfect Basic 5 skills and more.

### Learn to Skate - Basic 1

Whether your child is interested in figure skating, hockey, or just wants to learn to skate, this class is the perfect introduction to the fundamentals of skating. This class introduces marching across the ice, falling and standing up, snowplow stops, two-foot glides and exercises that build up and reinforce those skills.

**Ages 6-14**

*Prerequisite: Children should be able to follow instruction and have a desire to learn to ice skate.*

### Learn to Skate - Basic 2

Building on the skills introduced in Learn to Skate 1, this course will teach forward swizzles, snowplow stops, two foot and one-foot glides, backwards wiggles and exercises that build up and reinforce those skills. **Ages 6-15**

*Prerequisites: Learn to Skate 1, Basic 1, or Mini Cubs 1.*



#### Fall 1

Sep 2 - Oct 12 (6 weeks)

#### Fall 2

Oct 13 - Dec 7 (7 weeks)

No class 11/25, 11/26, 11/29, 11/30

#### Winter

Jan 5 - Feb 28 (8 weeks)

#### Learn to Skate - Basic 1

Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	4:50 - 5:20P	Sa	11:55A - 12:25P
Th	4:30 - 5:00P	Sa	1:20 - 1:50P
	5:50 - 6:20P		

#### Learn to Skate - Basic 2

Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	4:50 - 5:20P	Sa	11:55A - 12:25P
Th	4:30 - 5:00P	Sa	1:20 - 1:50P
	5:50 - 6:20P		

**Fall 1:** Res Fee \$84 - Fee \$104

**Fall 2:** Res Fee \$98 - Fee \$118

**Winter:** Res Fee \$112 - Fee \$132

**Skates included with all classes.**



## START YOUR Figure Skating

We teach the fundamentals of figure skating following the United States Figure Skating Learn to Skate curriculum. Our experienced coaches guide skaters through every level, from standing on the ice to mastering jumps and spins. Beyond skill development, participation in our academy opens doors to exciting opportunities, including participation in our skating exhibitions and the annual Ice Show, where skaters can showcase their talents. Skaters learn new skills, forge lasting connections, and stay active in a welcoming and supportive environment.

### 2025 Holiday Exhibition

**Participants must be registered for Fall Session 2 Skate Academy**

Join us for a winter wonderland-themed showcase celebrating the joy of the holiday season through the artistry of skating. Figure skaters Basic 3 and above are invited to showcase their skills set to their favorite holiday tune. Skaters interested in participating can create their own routines or hire a Skate Academy coach for private lessons to create a routine. Skaters must provide their own costume.

### Ice Show 2026

**Participants must be registered for Winter Skate Academy**

The Skate Academy's annual Ice Show is an event for all Academy participants to showcase their skating skills to friends and family. The show offers a platform for participants to demonstrate their growth and techniques acquired during their time in our academy. Skaters will hone their skills and grace the ice in captivating routines, complete with costumes that are included in registration. Secure your spot in the Ice Show by registering alongside your Winter Session class, and get ready to shine on the ice in this skating showcase. Rehearsals begin the last weekend in February and are noted in registration.

### Basic 3

In the Basic 3 class, skaters continue to build confidence and develop fundamental skating skills. This level focuses on forward stroking, forward and backward swizzles, one-foot glides, and basic backward skating. Skaters will also learn a snowplow stop and beginning two-foot turns. Basic 3 is perfect for those who have mastered Basic 2 and are ready to progress toward more advanced techniques in a supportive, fun environment. **Ages 6-15**

*Prerequisites: Basic 2*

### Basic 4

The Basic 4 class builds on skills learned in Basic 3, helping skaters gain strength, balance, and control on the ice. Skaters will learn forward outside and inside edges, backward one-foot glides, backward swizzles, a two-foot spin, and forward crossovers. This level introduces more advanced elements that lay the groundwork for higher-level figure skating and hockey skills in a fun and encouraging environment. **Ages 6-15**

*Prerequisites: Basic 3*

### Basic 5

In the Basic 5 class, skaters continue to develop their technique with a focus on strength, control, and coordination. This level introduces backward crossovers, beginning one-foot spins, hockey stops, and forward outside three-turns. These skills form the foundation for more advanced figure skating moves and prepare skaters for Basic 6 and beyond. **Ages 6-15**

*Prerequisites: Basic 4*

### Basic 6

The Basic 6 class is the final level of the Basic Skills curriculum, focusing on refining technique and introducing more advanced elements. Skaters will learn forward inside three-turns, T-stops, bunny hops, side toe hops, and a stronger one-foot spin. This level prepares skaters for the transition into specialty areas like figure skating, hockey, or synchronized skating, building confidence and control on the ice. **Ages 6-15**

*Prerequisites: Basic 5*

**Skates included with all classes.**



**Fall 1**  
**Sep 2 - Oct 12 (6 weeks)**

**Fall 2**  
**Oct 13 - Dec 7 (7 weeks)**  
No class 11/25, 11/26, 11/29, 11/30

**Winter**  
**Jan 5 - Feb 28 (8 weeks)**

#### Basic 3

Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	4:10 - 4:50P	Sa	12:40 - 1:20P
Th	5:05 - 5:45P		

#### Basic 4

Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	4:10 - 4:50P	Sa	12:40 - 1:20P
Th	5:05 - 5:45P		

#### Basic 5

Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	4:10 - 4:50P	Sa	12:40 - 1:20P
Th	5:05 - 5:45P		

#### Basic 6

Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	4:10 - 4:50P	Sa	12:40 - 1:20P
Th	5:05 - 5:45P		

**Fall 1:** Res Fee \$101 - Fee \$121  
**Fall 2:** Res Fee \$118 - Fee \$138  
**Winter:** Res Fee \$135 - Fee \$155



## ADVANCED Figure Skating

Figure Skating Academy offers intermediate and advanced skaters additional programs tailored to enhance specific skills, complementing their Freeski classes. These include Spin Class, Advanced Jumps & Spins, and Tackle that Axel/Double Jumps. Prior to enrolling in advanced specialty classes, participants must obtain approval from the Skate Academy Coordinator by contacting skate\_academy@pdop.org.

### Advanced Jumps & Spins

Prerequisite: Participants must receive passing permission from the Skate Academy Coordinator prior to entering this level. Must have a clean Axel and working on doubles. Advanced Jump and Spins will develop double jumps and advanced spinning including flying camel and flying sit spin, illusions, walleyes, rockers, counters, brackets and additional footwork.

### Spin Class

This class will work on all levels and variations of spins, from fast back scratch, front scratch, sit spin, camels, layback, attitude, combination spins and even up to a flying camel.

### Tackle that Axel/Double Jumps

Prerequisite: Skaters must be currently enrolled in Free Skate 5 and up to enroll in this class. The most difficult jumps to master are Axel Jump and Double Jumps. This class gives skaters the opportunity to focus on these jumps and work closely with the instructor on the key techniques necessary to achieving these jumps.

### Elite Advanced Skating

Prerequisite: Participants must receive passing permission from the Skate Academy Coordinator and Class Instructor prior to entering this level. Must be able to land two double jumps consistently to participate.

## PreFS, Freeski (FS) 1-6, Advanced Skating (Ages 6-18) Progression

PRE-FS	Skills developed: C-turns, waltz jump, Ballet jump and more.
FS1	Skills developed: Consecutive edges, half flip, toe loop and more.
FS2	Skills developed: Outside & inside consecutive edges and spirals, half lutz and more.
FS3	Skills developed: Forward & backward crossovers, consecutive swing rolls and more.
FS4	Skills developed: Spiral sequence, forward power three turns, sit spin and more.
FS5	Skills developed: Continue to perfect Freeski 4 skills.
FS6	Skills developed: Alternating back crossovers, 5-step C-turns sequence and more.

Fall 1 Sep 2 - Oct 12 (6 weeks)			
Fall 2 Oct 13 - Dec 7 (7 weeks) No class 11/25, 11/26,11/29, 11/30			
Winter Jan 5 - Feb 28 (8 weeks)			
Pre-FS			
Day	Time		
Tu	4:10 - 4:50P		
FS 1			
Day	Time		
Tu	4:10 - 4:50P		
FS 2			
Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	4:10 - 4:50P	Sa	11:15 - 11:55A
FS 3			
Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	5:20 - 6:00P	Sa	11:15 - 11:55A
FS 4			
Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	5:20 - 6:00P	Sa	11:15 - 11:55A
FS 5			
Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	5:20 - 6:00P	Sa	11:15 - 11:55A
FS 6			
Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	5:20 - 6:00P	Sa	11:15 - 11:55A
<b>Fall 1:</b> Res Fee \$118 - Fee \$138 <b>Fall 2:</b> Res Fee \$137 - Fee \$157 <b>Winter:</b> Res Fee \$157 - Fee \$177			



Fall 1			
Sep 2 - Oct 12 (6 weeks)			
Fall 2			
Oct 13 - Dec 7 (7 weeks)			
No class 11/25, 11/26,11/29, 11/30			
Winter			
Jan 5 - Feb 28 (8 weeks)			
Advanced Jumps & Spins			
Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	5:20 - 6:00P	Sa	8:35 - 9:15A
Spin Class			
Day	Time		
Th	4:30 - 5:00P		
Tackle That Axel/Double Jumps			
Day	Time		
Th	5:05 - 5:45P		
Elite Advanced Class			
Day	Time		
Sa	8:35 - 9:15A		
<b>Fall 1:</b> Res Fee \$118 - Fee \$138			
<b>Fall 2:</b> Res Fee \$137 - Fee \$157			
<b>Winter:</b> Res Fee \$157 - Fee \$177			



# youth sports

## Learn to Play Hockey

Supervisor: Jason Henington | Coordinator: Emily Franciskowicz

## HOCKEY FUN + Fundamentals

The Park District of Oak Park focuses on gameplay and skill development! Aligned with industry leaders Learn to Skate USA and USA Hockey, our program emphasizes skating, skill development, and most importantly, FUN! Our goal is to develop stronger skaters equipped to join the Ice Bears in the Northwest Hockey League while fostering friendships and a love for the sport.

### How do I get started playing hockey?

All new participants should choose their hockey class based on their age. If your child has never skated before, they should pass Learn to Skate 1 & 2 before progressing to our hockey classes. Players age 3-5 who have already taken Learn to Skate 1 & 2 should register for Ice Cubs (see page 49); ages 6-13 years should register for Hockey 101; and ages 14+ should register for Adult Beginner. **Coming into the Academy with previous experience?** Feel free to inquire at [hockey@pdop.org](mailto:hockey@pdop.org) for participant-specific level recommendations.

### No Gear? NO PROBLEM!



Hockey is a physical sport. As such, full gear is required for all levels, including helmet with face mask, shoulder pads, elbow pads, hockey gloves, hockey pants, shin pads, hockey socks, and skates.

We include equipment rentals if you are enrolled in one of our Hockey Academy classes. Contact [hockey@pdop.org](mailto:hockey@pdop.org) to schedule a fitting which must be done prior to the first day of class. Free skate rentals are included in all classes.

### Hockey 101 (Ages 6-13)

Your child will learn fundamental skills for hockey including edge control, balance, passing, shooting, and stickhandling.

*Prerequisites: Learn to Skate 1 & 2, or Snowplow Sam 1 & 2, or Mini Cubs 1 & 2*

### Hockey 201 (Ages 6-13)

For the young hockey player who has already completed Hockey 101. In this course your child will build on the skills they've already learned while adding more advanced skating, shooting, passing, and stick-handling techniques. This course prepares your child to enter the Ice Bears Academy.

*Prerequisites: Hockey 101 or Mighty Cubs 1*

### Advanced Power Skating & Skills (Ages 6-14)

For the hockey player who wants to take their hockey skills to the next level. Your child will learn advanced hockey skating techniques and skills. They'll work toward mastery of inside and outside edges, power stops and starts, advanced pivots, crossovers for speed, and more. Additionally, players will work on stickhandling, puck protection, passing, shooting and more! This course requires players to have mastery of Hockey 101 and 201 skills.

*Prerequisites: Hockey 201, Ice Bears Academy, Ice Bears Hockey Team, or currently playing Travel Hockey*

### Hockey Shooting Clinic (Ages 6-14)

This class covers fundamentals of shooting the puck including wrist shots, snap shots, toe-drag shots and more.

*Prerequisites: Hockey 201 or Mighty Cubs 2*

### Goalie Clinic (Ages 6-14)

This class covers the fundamentals of the goalie position. Goalies who register for this class may also attend Ice Bears Academy Cross-Ice games on Sundays. Players in this class should have completed Hockey 201 or have completed one session of Ice Bears Academy or Ice Bears Travel Hockey. Goalies on the Ice Bears Hockey Team may participate in this class.

*Prerequisites: Ice Bears Academy or Ice Bears Hockey Team*



**Fall 1**  
**Sep 2 - Oct 12 (6 weeks)**

**Fall 2**  
**Oct 13 - Dec 7 (7 weeks)**  
No class 11/25, 11/26, 11/29, 11/30

**Winter**  
**Jan 5 - Feb 28 (8 weeks)**

#### Hockey 101

Day	Time	Day	Time
W	6:00 - 6:45P	Su	8:30 - 9:15A

#### Hockey 201

Day	Time	Day	Time
W	6:00 - 6:45P	Su	8:30 - 9:15A

**Fall 1:** Res Fee \$107 - Fee \$127  
**Fall 2:** Res Fee \$125 - Fee \$145  
**Winter:** Res Fee \$143 - Fee \$163

#### Advanced Power Skating & Skills

Day	Time
Su	9:30-10:15A

#### Hockey Shooting Clinic

Day	Time
Su	10:30 - 11:15A

#### Goalie Clinic

Day	Time
Su	10:30 - 11:15A

**Fall 1:** Res Fee \$117 - Fee \$137  
**Fall 2:** Res Fee \$136 - Fee \$156  
**Winter:** Res Fee \$156 - Fee \$176

**Skates included with all classes.**



## ICE BEARS

The Ice Bears are the PDOP in-house travel team. The Ice Bears offer teams at the 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U levels. The team plays in the NWHL.

*Prerequisites: Ice Bears Academy, Mighty Cubs 4, or Pre-Evaluation.*

**Interested in joining the Ice Bears?**

**Fall registration opens July 11.**

Visit [pdop.org/icebears](http://pdop.org/icebears) for more details.

## ICE BEARS Academy

Ice Bears Academy is a new course this year that will help your player make the transition from Hockey Academy to our Ice Bears Hockey Team. Ice Bears Academy players will participate in a weekly multi-station skills practice alongside players from our Ice Bears teams. Academy players will also participate in a weekly small-area games on Sundays as players develop their in-game awareness, hockey IQ, and apply the skills they've been practicing.

### Ice Bears Academy

Ice Bears Academy is for the young hockey player aspiring to play on a hockey team and who has mastered the skills taught in Hockey 201. Players will be on the ice two days a week with one day dedicated to multi-station skills training and one for cross-ice games.

*Prerequisites: Hockey 201 or Mighty Cubs 2*



Skates included with all classes.

Fall 1		
Sep 2 - Oct 12 (6 weeks)		
Fall 2		
Oct 13 - Dec 7 (7 weeks)		
No class 11/25, 11/26, 11/29, 11/30		
Winter		
Jan 5 - Feb 28 (8 weeks)		
Ice Bears Academy (Ages 6-8)		
Day	Time	
W	4:45 - 5:45P	Registration includes both days.
Su	11:30A - 12:30P	
Ice Bear Academy (Ages 9-12)		
Day	Time	
W	7:00 - 8:00P	Registration includes both days.
Su	11:30A - 12:30P	
Fall 1: Res Fee \$261 - Fee \$281		
Fall 2: Res Fee \$304 - Fee \$324		
Winter: Res Fee \$347 - Fee \$367		



## 2025 SIGNATURE EVENTS

**JAZZ THAW**  
MARCH 8 & 9

**OAKTOBERFEST**  
SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

**THURSDAY NIGHT OUT**  
JUNE 5 - AUGUST 28

**WINTERFEST**  
DECEMBER 6

**SHOP OUTDOOR SALE**  
JULY 17 - 20

**HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**  
DECEMBER 20

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT [DOWNTOWNOAKPARK.NET](http://DOWNTOWNOAKPARK.NET)



### SWIMMING PROGRAM CURRICULUM

The swimming curriculum is for students ages 6 months to adult.

Classes are separated by ages and stages. There are five swimming stages based on core swimming competencies.

Benchmarks are established at each stage in the program that combines swimming and safety skills and are a barometer for which stage a swimmer is in.

Sign up based on your swimmer's age and our swim coaches will identify what stage of learning they are in and place them in the appropriate class.

**Note:** All fall and winter swimming sessions may be subject to change based on facility availability.

#### How do I get started swimming?

All new participants should choose their swim class based on their age. New swimmers ages 3 months to 5 years can check out swim classes on page 48. Ages 6-13 years should register for Swim School, and ages 14+ should register for Adult Beginner. Coming into Swim Academy with previous experience? Contact us at [swimacademy@pdop.org](mailto:swimacademy@pdop.org) for participant-specific level recommendations.



#### Swim School (Ages 6-13)

Swim School is divided into five stages reflecting the five core competencies of functional swimming: trust and submersion, body position and air recovery, forward movement and direction change, rotary movement, and integrated movements. This course will develop a high comfort level in the water and teach functional swimming skills. Students will work within their skill groups to develop their skills using age-appropriate learning activities. Learning is self-paced but challenging. Students register by age and are tested on their skills during the first day of class.

#### Stroke School (Ages 6-13)

This course is for students who have mastered functional swimming and would like to fine-tune techniques and develop endurance. Students refine freestyle and learn stroke technique for the four competitive strokes. Students ages 11+ who are familiar with all strokes are also encouraged to register for Swim Team Prep, listed under Specialty Swim Classes.

Fall 1 Sep 7 - Oct 19 (7 weeks)		
Fall 2 Oct 26 - Dec 21 (8 weeks) No class 11/30		
Winter Jan 4 - Feb 22 (8 weeks)		
Swim School		
Day	Time	Location
Su	9:20 - 10:00A	Local High School
	10:05 - 10:45A	
	10:50 - 11:30A	
	11:35A - 12:15P	
Stroke School		
Day	Time	Location
Su	10:50 - 11:30A	Local High School
	11:35A - 12:15P	
<b>FALL 1:</b> Res Fee \$106 - Fee \$126 <b>FALL 2:</b> Res Fee \$122 - Fee \$142 <b>WINTER:</b> Res Fee \$122 - Fee \$142		
Fees will be lower for classes with skipped weeks due to holidays. Please refer to Amilia for reduced pricing.		

**NEW!**  
For Early Childhood Swimming programs, see page 48.








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### Swim Team Prep (Ages 11-14)

Students refine swim strokes and develop an understanding of basic training principles such as using a pace clock, starts and turns, and racing. This program is an introduction to competitive swimming in a friendly environment. Students who have not taken swim lessons with PDOP in the past must contact Swim Coordinator to register for this program.

### Jr. Lifeguard (Ages 11-14)

Jr. Lifeguards supplement their swimming skills with fun lessons in first aid, CPR, and lifeguarding. This class is taught by members of the internationally awarded Park District of Oak Park lifeguard team and teaches swimmer water safety skills through games and activities.

### Adult Beginner (Ages 14+)

Join us for this welcoming class designed for adults who are new to swimming or looking to build comfort and confidence in the water. Our experienced instructors will guide you through basic skills at your own pace, focusing on foundational techniques in a supportive, stress-free environment.

### Adult Intermediate (Ages 14+)

This intermediate level is intended for adults familiar with the four main strokes of swimming and comfortable swimming 25 yards in deep water. Class time will be split between stroke development and endurance training and is designed to help swimmers learn the fundamentals of competitive swimming.

### Aqua Fitness (Ages 14+)

This energetic fitness class in water is a fun way to exercise any time of the year! An instructor will lead you through a set of Zumba and Aquatic Fitness workouts that are designed to focus on a full body workout. No experience required.



Fall 1 Sep 7 - Oct 19 (7 weeks)		
Fall 2 Oct 26 - Dec 21 (8 weeks) No class 11/30		
Winter Jan 4 - Feb 22 (8 weeks)		
Swim Team Prep		
Day	Time	Location
Su	10:05 - 11:05A	Local High School
FALL 1: Res Fee \$159 - Fee \$179 FALL 2: Res Fee \$182 - Fee \$202 WINTER: Res Fee \$182 - Fee \$202		
Fees will be lower for classes with skipped weeks due to holidays. Please refer to Amilia for reduced pricing.		

Fall 1 Sep 7 - Oct 19 (7 weeks)		
Fall 2 Oct 26 - Dec 21 (8 weeks) No class 11/30		
Winter Jan 4 - Feb 22 (8 weeks)		
Adult Beginner		
Day	Time	Location
Su	9:15 - 9:55A	Local High School
Adult Intermediate		
Day	Time	Location
Su	8:30 - 9:10A	OPRF High School
FALL 1: Res Fee \$106 - Fee \$126 FALL 2: Res Fee \$136 - Fee \$156 WINTER: Res Fee \$136 - Fee \$156		
Fees will be lower for classes with skipped weeks due to holidays. Please refer to Amilia for reduced pricing.		

# WORK FOR PDOP THIS SUMMER

Applications for 2026 Lifeguards and Camp Counselors opens Nov 24

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# gymnastics

## Fall/Winter 2025-2026 Registration

Supervisor: Keith Kerrigan

### WELCOME TO THE Gymnastics & Recreation Center (GRC)

21 Lake Street • (708) 725-2200  
Email: [gymnastics@pdop.org](mailto:gymnastics@pdop.org)

The Gymnastics and Recreation Center (GRC) offers instructional programs that provide opportunities for kids and adults of all ages to enjoy gymnastics from preschool programs to competitive level as well as open gym sessions and special events throughout the year.

#### About Our Instruction

Comparable to any private club, the GRC can meet the needs of any new or experienced gymnast. Careful time and attention are spent on class placement to make sure all students have a rewarding and enjoyable gymnastics experience.

The GRC follows the guidelines of the USAG Developmental Program. Students learn a progressive skill curriculum with an emphasis on safety and progressions. Student progress is documented as they continue through the program. All full-time coaching staff have their USA Gymnastics Safety Certification and Safe Sport Certification.

#### Here is an overview of what we offer:

- **Gymnastics Classes:** Recreational classes available for toddlers through adults.
- **Competitive Team:** Girls and boys teams, serving levels 3-10, our team competes in local and national competitions.
- **Open Gym:** Drop in and enjoy all the gymnastics amenities during our open gym times.
- **Parents' Night Out (Ages 5+):** Available for caregivers to enjoy an evening sans kids while kids have a blast at the GRC featuring fun, games, and pizza!
- **Specialty Classes:** Tumbling, cheerleading, ninja and more classes available to a variety of ages.

### NEW! Registration & Fee Structure

More information at [pdop.org/gymnastics](http://pdop.org/gymnastics)

We're excited to share some updates to our gymnastics program registration and fee structure for the 2025-2026 school year. These changes are designed to better meet the needs of both new and continuing gymnasts.

#### Entry Level Classes

##### Beginner Girls 1; Beginner Boys; Specialty Classes; Adult Classes

Our entry-level classes continue to be session-based, with each session lasting approximately 7-8 weeks. Fees are listed on each page per session, per class.

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis, and registration dates are as follows:

Fall 1 & 2	Winter
Resident: Saturday, Aug 2 at 8:30A	Resident: Saturday, Dec 6 at 8:30A
Non-Resident: Saturday, Aug 9 at 8:30A	Non-Resident: Saturday, Dec 13 at 8:30A

#### Advanced Level Classes

Tuition is based on the average of a nine-month school year (Sep-May) with a consistent monthly fee regardless of how many times the class meets during that month. Fees for each class are as follows:

##### Beginner Girls 2

##### Advanced Beginner Girls/Boys:

Resident \$94 / Non-Resident \$114

##### Intermediate:

Resident \$140 / Non-Resident \$160

##### Advanced Intermediate:

Resident \$180 / Non-Resident \$200

#### Additional Information

**Waitlists:** If a class is full, please join our waitlist. If an opening becomes available, you will receive an email to register.

**Make-up Policy:** Make-up classes are not offered. Students can request a free pass to an Open Gym session in place of a missed class.

**Cancellation Policy:** See cancellation policies for individual programs on their pages.

### Open Gymnastics Sessions

Drop in at the Gymnastics and Recreation Center to enjoy all the amenities during our open gym times. Registration opens 7 days before each Playtime or Open Gym, and you can cancel up to 24 hours before the event. **Pre-Register to ensure your spot.** Walk-ins will not be accepted after maximum registrations are initially reached.

#### Preschool Playtime (Ages 1-6) Open Aug 25, 2025 through May 31, 2026

This open gym is a favorite to keep the little ones busy! All children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.

\$7 per visit or \$6 with prepaid 10-visit pass for \$60

Tu, 10:15-11:45A      Wed, 10:15-11:45A

Thu, 10:15-11:45A      Fri, 1:00-2:30P

#### Open Gym (Ages 6-Adult)

This program is intended for anyone who wants to practice independently to improve their skills. No gymnastics experience required!

\$13 per visit or \$12 with prepaid 5-visit pass for \$60  
Sun, 4:30-6:30P

#### Parents' Night Out (Ages 5+) 4th Friday of every month unless otherwise indicated

Parents, enjoy an evening to yourselves while your kids have a blast at the GRC featuring fun, games, and pizza! \$30 per child. Registration opens four weeks in advance.

Special Open Gyms and Family Open Gyms will be scheduled during the Thanksgiving and Winter breaks.

**Early Childhood  
Gymnastics,**  
see page 46.

**NEW!**

## Beginner Gymnastics

### Participation Requirements

To enroll, your child must be 6 years old by November 1, 2025 (Fall Session) or January 11, 2026 (Winter Session).

### Registration Information

Below are the open registration dates for both Fall and Winter gymnastics programs.

**FALL 1 (AUG 25-OCT 19)**

**FALL 2 (OCT 20-DEC 21)**

No class Sep 1, Oct 31 after 2:30P, Nov 26-30

- **Resident Registration opens:**

Saturday, August 2 at 8:30A

- **Non-Resident Registration opens:**

Saturday, August 9 at 8:30A

**WINTER (JAN 5-MAR 29)**

No class Jan 19

- **Resident Registration opens:**

Saturday, December 6 at 8:30A

- **Non-Resident Registration opens:**

Saturday, December 13 at 8:30A

### Cancellation Policy

Cancellations up to 48 hours before the first class:  
Payment can be refunded or credited minus a \$5 cancellation fee.

Up to 48 hours before the second class:  
Refund/credit is reduced by the cost of the first class as well as the \$5 cancellation fee.

Any later than 48 hours before the second class:  
No refund/credit will be given.



### Beginner Girls 1 (6+)

For the beginning gymnast. If you're new to the program, start here! Classes are 1 hr, 20 min.

Beginner Girls 1 (Ages 6+)			
Day	Time	Day	Time
M	4:00 - 5:20P	F	4:00 - 5:20P
	5:30 - 6:50P		5:30 - 6:50P
Tu	4:00 - 5:20P	Sa	9:00 - 10:20A
	5:30 - 6:50P		10:30 - 11:50A
	7:00 - 8:20P		12:00 - 1:20P
W	3:00 - 4:20P	Su	11:30A - 12:50P
	4:30 - 5:50P		1:00P - 2:20P
Th	4:00 - 5:20P		
	5:30 - 6:50P		
	6:40 - 8:00P		
	6:40 - 8:00P (9+)		
<b>FALL 1:</b> Res Fee \$168 – Fee \$188			
<b>FALL 2:</b> Res Fee \$189 - \$209			
<b>WINTER:</b> Res Fee \$252 – Fee \$272			

### Beginner Boys 1 (6+)

For the beginning gymnast. If you're new to the program, start here! Classes are 1 hr, 20 min.

Beginner Boys (Ages 6+)			
Day	Time	Day	Time
M	7:00 - 8:20P	Th	4:00 - 5:20P
Tu	5:30 - 6:50P	F	4:00 - 5:20P
W	3:00 - 4:20P	Sa	9:00 - 10:20A
<b>FALL 1:</b> Res Fee \$168 – Fee \$188 <b>FALL 2:</b> Res Fee \$189 - \$209 <b>WINTER:</b> Res Fee \$252 – Fee \$272			

**Tumbling &  
Cheerleading**

See page 81.

**Take on the Youth Mile**  
at our Frank Lloyd Wright  
Races! See page 11.



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# gymnastics

## Advanced Gymnastics

Supervisor: Keith Kerrigan

### Advanced Level Gymnastics

#### Participation Requirements

To enroll, your child must be 6 years old by November 1, 2025 (Fall Session) or January 11, 2026 (Winter Session).

Each of the following classes requires students to have mastered the skills of the previous level. Our coaches conduct skill evaluations during each session and will let students know when they're ready to graduate. Students need approval from the GRC coaching staff in order to be marked eligible for those higher-level classes.

#### Tuition & Registration

The Park District's advanced gymnastics program for classes Beginner 2 and above are moving to a monthly tuition system for the 2025-26 school year. This monthly fee allows your gymnast to be continuously enrolled in class without needing to re-register during the school year! Gymnasts will be automatically evaluated to be sure they are in the appropriate class for their level. You will be informed if a class change is needed.

You may register at any time throughout the school year provided you pass the skills test to enroll in a particular class **and** there are spaces available. Tuition is based on the average of a nine-month school year (Sep-May) with a consistent monthly fee regardless of how many times the class meets during that month. **Fees for each class are as follows:**

#### Beginner Girls 2, Advanced Beginner Girls or Boys

Monthly: Res Fee \$94 - Fee \$114

#### Intermediate

Monthly: Res Fee \$140 - Fee \$160

#### Advanced Intermediate

Monthly: Res Fee \$180 - Fee \$200

#### Cancellation Policy

If you need to cancel out of your class, contact us at [gymnastics@pdop.org](mailto:gymnastics@pdop.org). You must request your cancellation by the 15th of the month in order to have the next month's installment cancelled. Otherwise, only the subsequent installments will be cancelled.



#### Beginner Girls 2 (6+)

For girls who have mastered the required skills of Beginner Girls 1 and have received a written notification from their coach to sign up for this level.

#### Advanced Beginner Girls (6+)

For girls who have mastered the required skills of the Beginner Girls 1 & 2 program and have received written notification from their coach to sign up for this level. Classes are 1 hr, 20 min.

#### Intermediate & Up Girls (6+)

For girls who have mastered the skills required for their previous levels and have received written notification from their coach to sign up for this level. Intermediate Girls (6+) 2 hour class; Advanced Intermediate Girls (6+) 2.5 hour class.

Beginner Girls 2 (Ages 6+)			
Day	Time	Day	Time
M	4:00 - 5:20P	Sa	10:30 - 11:50A
	5:30 - 6:50P		12:00 - 1:20P
W	3:00 - 4:20P	Su	11:30A - 12:50P
	4:30 - 5:50P		1:00 - 2:20P
F	5:30 - 6:50P		
Advanced Beginner Girls (Ages 6+)			
Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	4:00 - 5:20P	Th	5:30 - 6:50P
	7:00 - 8:20P	Sa	10:30 - 11:50A
Intermediate (Ages 6+)			
Day	Time		
W	6:00 - 8:00P		
Adv. Intermediate Girls (Ages 6+)			
Day	Time		
Tu	6:00 - 8:30P		



#### Advanced Beginner Boys (6+)

For boys who have mastered the required skills of the Beginner Boys program and have received written notification from their coach to sign up for this level.

#### Intermediate & Up Boys (6+)

For boys who have mastered the skills required for their previous levels and have received written notification from their coach to sign up for this level.

Advanced Beginner Boys (Ages 6+)			
Day	Time	Day	Time
M	4:00 - 5:20P	W	4:30 - 5:50P
Intermediate & Up Boys (Ages 6+)			
Day	Time		
Th	6:40 - 8:40P		



**Tumbling & Trampoline**  
See page 81.

### Adult Gymnastics & Specialty Gymnastics Classes

#### Participation Requirements

To enroll, your child must be 6 years old by November 1, 2025 (Fall Session) or January 11, 2026 (Winter Session).

#### Registration Information

Below are the open registration dates for both Fall and Winter gymnastics programs.

##### Fall 1 (Aug 25-Oct 19)

##### Fall 2 (Oct 20-Dec 21)

No class Sep 1, Oct 31 after 2:30P, Nov 26-30

- **Resident Registration opens:**  
Saturday, August 2 at 8:30A
- **Non-Resident Registration opens:**  
Saturday, August 9 at 8:30A

##### Winter (Jan 5-Mar 29)

No class Jan 19

- **Resident Registration opens:**  
Saturday, December 6 at 8:30A
- **Non-Resident Registration opens:**  
Saturday, December 13 at 8:30A



#### Cancellation Policy

Cancellations up to 48 hours before the first class: Payment can be refunded or credited minus a \$5 cancellation fee.

Up to 48 hours before the second class: Refund/credit is reduced by the cost of the first class as well as the \$5 cancellation fee.

Any later than 48 hours before the second class: No refund/credit will be given.



Fall 1 Aug 25 - Oct 19 (7-8 weeks)		
Fall 2 Oct 20 - Dec 21 (8-9 weeks)		
Winter Jan 6 - Mar 29 (11-12 weeks)		
Tumbling & Trampoline		
Day	Time	Ages
M	6:30 - 7:30P	6-8
	7:45 - 8:45P	9+
Tu	6:45 - 7:45P	6+
Sa	12:00 - 1:00P	6+
<b>FALL 1:</b> Res Fee \$128 - Fee \$148 <b>FALL 2:</b> Res Fee \$144 - Fee \$164 <b>WINTER:</b> Res Fee \$192 - Fee \$212		
Ninja Training		
Day	Time	Ages
Su	1:00 - 2:20P	6+
Tumbling for Cheerleading		
Day	Time	Ages
W	7:00 - 8:20P	12+
Adult Gymnastics		
Day	Time	Ages
Th	7:00 - 8:20P	18+
<b>FALL 1:</b> Res Fee \$168 - Fee \$188 <b>FALL 2:</b> Res Fee \$189 - Fee \$209 <b>WINTER:</b> Res Fee \$252 - Fee \$272		
Fees will be lower for classes with skipped weeks due to holidays. Please refer to Amilia for reduced pricing		

#### Tumbling & Trampoline

This co-ed class focuses on basic tumbling and trampoline skills. Students will learn skills based on a progression chart and have the opportunity to progress at their own rate, from beginner to advanced tumbling, trampoline and tumble track skills. Classes are 1 hour. Each class has its own age range; to enroll, your student must be the indicated age by November 1, 2025 (Fall Session) or January 11, 2026 (Winter Session).

#### Ninja Training NEW

Unleash your inner ninja! Combining elements of parkour and gymnastics, this class will challenge students to build strength, skill, and confidence through an ever-changing rotation of obstacle courses. Every class is a new mission to complete! Classes are 1 hr 20 min.

#### Tumbling for Cheerleading

Learn tumbling, cheerleading style! This class focuses on tumbling skills for school cheer squads and for competitive cheerleading. We emphasize technique, form, and drills to master the tumbling needed for your squad performance to be breathtaking. Classes are 1 hr 20 min.

#### Adult Gymnastics (18+ yrs)

This is a co-ed instructional class for adults who are interested in learning gymnastics or maintaining their gymnastics skills. Time will be spent on gymnastics equipment, as well as strength training and stretching. Classes are 1 hour.





### LOOKING FOR A SPACE TO HOST YOUR NEXT GATHERING?

ROOM RENTALS ARE BACK!

**Fox and Andersen Centers, and RCRC Activity Rooms are open for rentals.**

Perfect for hosting birthday parties, family gatherings, meetings, and other small events! These centers offer flexible room layouts at an affordable hourly rate.

Rentals are available 8:30A-10:00P, with options outside these hours subject to additional charges. Two-hour rental minimum.



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### Leash & Clean Up After Your Pawsch



We all love our furry friends. Part of being a responsible pet owner is keeping our shared spaces in the park clean and ensuring the safety of all park patrons. **PLEASE:**

- Leash your dog while visiting our parks
- Pick up after your pet
- Keep your dog out of plant beds

Let's work together to maintain a pristine and pleasant environment for everyone!



**PARK DISTRICT**  
of OAK PARK

## Off-Leash Dog Parks & Permits

Residents and non-residents are invited to enjoy the Park District of Oak Park's two off-leash dog parks below. Your four-legged friends can expend energy exercising and socializing with other dogs in a safe and healthy environment, while you socialize with other permit holders who share your love of dogs.

### Dog Park Locations:

- Ridgeland Common Dog Park (415 Lake Street)
- Maple Park (1105 S. Maple Avenue)



### Prerequisites

Permits are required to use dog parks. To apply for a Dog Park Permit, owners must provide proof of a valid village dog license receipt in the village of your residency, including the license number. Additionally, proof of vaccinations for the current year, including Rabies, Distemper, Kennel Cough/Bordetella, Parainfluenza and Parvovirus are required. Proof of a negative fecal test for intestinal parasites within the last year must also be provided at the time of registration.

Please remember that all dogs must be on a leash in all other Park District spaces.

### Park District Dog Park Permits

All dog park permit documentation mentioned above should be emailed to [info@pdop.org](mailto:info@pdop.org). Non-resident pass sales are limited to the first 200 purchasers in a 12-month period. Permits are valid for one year from the date of purchase.

### Dog Park Permit Required for Park Entry

Dog parks use a key card access system. Members must bring their permit card to access the parks. Dog parks are maintained and inspected by Park District staff. Dog owners, who are not in compliance with dog park rules and requirements, may be subject to fines, as well as dismissal from dog park use.

For a full list of rules and regulations, please visit [www.pdop.org/dogs](http://www.pdop.org/dogs).

### Permit Fees:

**Residents:** First Dog FREE • Second Dog FREE

**Non-Residents:** First Dog \$20 • Second Dog \$10

**R/NR Deposit:** \$10 (Refunded once returned and membership is not renewed)

**Limit 2 dogs per household.**



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### No Smoking

In accordance with Park District Ordinance 7.23, no smoking of any kind (cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, pipes, marijuana or other tobacco products) is allowed on Park District property. Thank you for cooperating.

### No Alcohol

In accordance with Park District Ordinance 7.23, no alcoholic liquor, intoxicating substances or other drugs are allowed on Park District property. Thank you for cooperating.

### No guns

No guns are allowed in our parks or facilities.

### Only Water Allowed on Turf Fields at RCRC, Irving School, Julian Middle School and Brooks Middle School

Water is the only consumable allowed on the turf field. No other drinks or food are permitted. This includes chewing gum, candies, seeds, oranges, Gatorade, juice, etc. Food and drink other than water will stain the turf and will cause unsanitary conditions.

### Bikes in Our Parks

No person may ride a bicycle within any park facility where the use of bicycles is posted as prohibited. No person may use a bicycle at any time in a manner that interferes with or threatens any other person.

### No Skateboarding

Skateboarding is prohibited on park benches, monuments, or other park features as posted.

### No private tennis lessons allowed on Park District tennis courts.

According to Park District Ordinance, no person shall conduct any private instruction, lesson, or class in any Park Facility at any time except as previously approved by the Park District.



### About Dogs in our Parks

For the safety of our patrons, dogs are not allowed in Park District playgrounds unless serving as a service animal. Dogs are allowed in our regular parks as long as they are on a leash which is no longer than 8 feet at all times. Please kindly pick up waste from your pet. For dog park information, please see page 82.

## Operating Hours

Outdoor facilities are available  
weather permitting.

### Stevenson Skate Park

The 12,000 sq. ft. skate park is free. Helmets must be worn.

*Hours of Operation:*

M-F, Sa, Su ..... 8:00A - 8:00P

### Barrie Park Sports Courts

These FREE Sports Courts feature 6 dedicated pickleball courts and 2 half-court basketball areas.

*Hours of Operation:*

M-F, Sa, Su ..... 8:00A - 8:00P

### Stevenson Basketball Courts

Three half-court basketball courts at Stevenson Park are free.

*Hours of Operation:*

M-F, Sa, Su ..... 8:00A - 8:00P

### Longfellow Basketball Courts

This basketball court is free to all ages.

*Hours of Operation:*

M-F, Sa, Su ..... 8:00A - 8:00P

### Field, Andersen, Fox & Longfellow Splash Pads

*Hours of Operation:*

Memorial Day-Labor Day ..... 9:00A - 7:00P

### Rehm Trains

The FREE hand-operated trains cruise along a track inside the playground at Rehm Park!

*Hours of Operation:* Closed for the season

Take a  
**BRISK WALK**  
in our **PARKS**



**Walking is a great way to get some exercise. The only equipment you need are your legs and walking shoes!**

### Walking Paths (Approximate 1-mile equivalent)

- Austin Gardens ..... 4 laps
- Barrie Park ..... 3 laps
- Euclid Square Park ..... 4 laps
- Lindberg Park ..... 2 laps
- Longfellow Park ..... 3 laps
- Maple Park: N to S path loop ..... 1.5 laps
- Mills Park ..... 6 laps
- Scoville Park ..... 3 laps
- Taylor Park ..... 2 laps
- Stevenson Park ..... 4 laps

### Longer Trips (Roundtrip distance in miles!)

- Austin Gardens to Lindberg Park .... 2.1 mi
- Barrie Park to Euclid Square Park .... 1.8 mi
- Field Park to Taylor Park ..... 1.3 mi
- Longfellow Park to Euclid Square .... 2.2 mi
- Lindberg Park to Taylor Park ..... 1.4 mi
- Maple Park to Fox Park ..... 2.3 mi
- Stevenson Park to Andersen Park .... 1.8 mi
- Taylor Park to RCRC ..... 2.0 mi

**Find links to each path mapped out in the park at [pdop.org/walkingpaths](http://pdop.org/walkingpaths)**

## Carry In/Carry Out Program

We all understand the importance of caring for our environment so that we leave our planet better than we found it for future generations. Each one of us can make a difference. The same is true for our parks. Here is your opportunity to be a good park steward.






















We are asking for your help and cooperation in keeping our parks clean and safe through our Carry In/Carry Out program. You simply need to carry out all waste and recyclables you bring into the park. Basically leave the park the way you found it. **It's that simple.**



## Individual Park & Facility Amenities

Hours for Playgrounds: Sunrise to Sunset • Hours of Parks: 6:00A -10:00P

Lights Disabled at 10:00P • \*\*\*Park Type (N=Neighborhood; M=Mini; C=Community) • Court/Hit Board Lights: \*On Timer, \*\*Manual-control • SyT=Synthetic Turf • Accessible

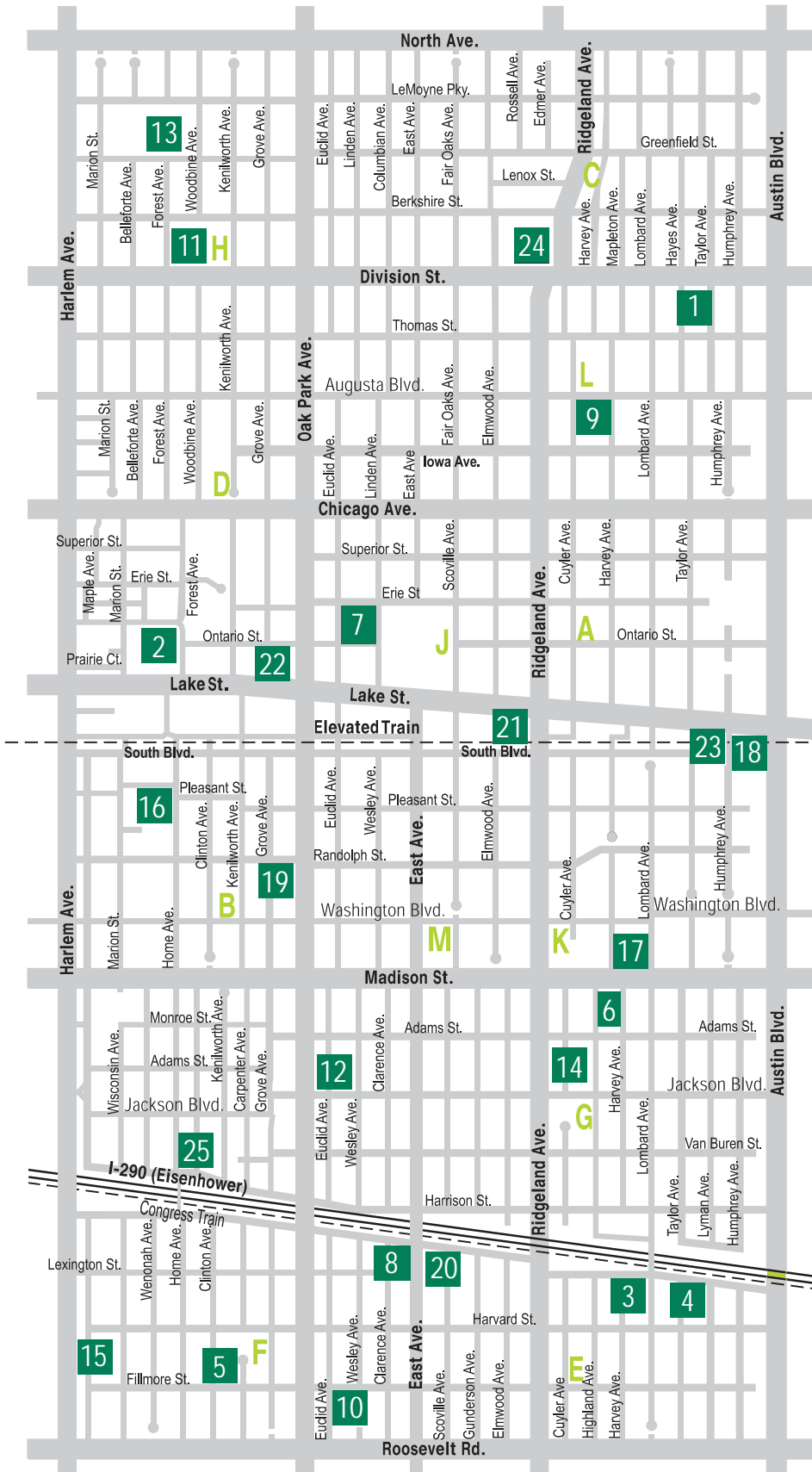
<div></div> <div>PARK DISTRICT of OAK PARK</div>		Administrative Center	Andersen Park & Center	Austin Gardens	Barrie Park & Center	Carroll Park & Center	Cheney Mansion	Community Recreation Ctr.	Conservatory	Dole Center	Euclid Square	Field Park & Center	Fox Park & Center	Gymnastics & Recreation Center	Lindberg Park	Longfellow Park & Center	Maple Park	Mills Park / Pleasant Home	Randolph Park	Rehm Park & Pool	Ridgeland Common Rec. Complex	Scoville Park	Stevenson Park & Center	Taylor Park	Wenonah Park	
WI-Fi Available		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X					X	X	X			
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Fields & Courts	All-purpose Field		1		1	1					1	1	1		2	1	2			1	1		1	1		
	Baseball/Softball Field				60'	60'					60'	60' (2)	60'		90' (2)	60'	60' (2)				60' (2)		60'			
	Basketball Court				½ (2)			X								full							½ (3)			
	Soccer Field		X		X							X	X		X	X	X			X	X		X	X		
	Tennis Court										4				3	2*	2**			2		3**		6**		
	Pickleball				X			X			X						X							X		
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Special Site Features	Ceramic/Art Studio									X																
	Community Center		X	X	X	X						X	X			X							X			
	Dance Studio									1				1								1	1			
	Dog Park																X				X					
	Gymnastics Center													X												
	Ice Rink: Indoor(i); Outdoor(o)															X(o)					X(i)			X(o)		
	Indoor Playground													X									X			
	Fitness/Multipurpose Studio							X		3				2							2					
	Nature Area			X			X		X						X			X				X		X		
	Outdoor Fitness Equip.				X														X							
	Pavilion/Gazebo											X			X		X							X		
	Permittable Picnic Area											1			1		1							2		
	Picnic/Chess Tables		4	3								X	4	4	1	4		4		2	1	2			4	2
	Program Registration								X		X			X							X					
	Public Restrooms																									
	Rental/Banquet Facilities		X		X	X	X		X			X	X			X		X			X		X			
	Skateboard Park																						X			
	Sled Hill				X																			X		
	Spray/Splashpad		X										X	X			X									
	Outdoor Swimming Pool																				X	X				
	Trains (hand-powered)																				X					
Play Equip	Equipment for 0-5 yrs		X		X	X					X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	
	Equipment for 5+yrs		X		X						X	X	X			X	X			X			X	X		

### PARKS & FACILITIES

1. **Andersen Center/Park** (824 N. Hayes)
2. **Austin Gardens** (167 Forest Avenue)
3. **Barrie Center** (1011 S. Lombard)
4. **Barrie Park** (127 Garfield Street)
5. **Carroll Center/Park** (1125 S. Kenilworth)
6. **Community Recreation Center** (229 Madison St.)
7. **Elizabeth F. Cheney Mansion** (220 N. Euclid)
8. **Oak Park Conservatory** (615 Garfield Street)
9. **Dole Center** (255 Augusta)
10. **Euclid Square Park** (705 W. Fillmore)
11. **Field Center/Park** (935 Woodbine)
12. **Fox Center/Park** (624 S. Oak Park Avenue)
13. **Lindberg Park** (1151 N. Marion)
14. **Longfellow Center/Park** (610 S. Ridgeland Ave)
15. **Maple Park** (1105 S. Maple Ave)
16. **Mills Park/Pleasant Home** (217 S. Home)
17. **Hedges Administration Center** (218 Madison)  
(21 Lake Street)
19. **Randolph Park** (Grove & Randolph)
20. **Rehm Pool and Park** (515 Garfield)
21. **Ridgeland Common Recreation Complex (RCRC) & Paul Hruby Ice Arena**  
(415 Lake Street)
22. **Scoville Park** (800 W. Lake Street)
23. **Stevenson Center/Park** (49 Lake Street)
24. **Taylor Park** (400 W. Division)
25. **Wenonah Park** (Wenonah & Harrison)

### OTHER PROGRAM LOCATIONS

- A. **Beye School** (230 N. Cuyler)
- B. **Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School**  
(916 Washington Boulevard)
- C. **Hatch School** (1000 N. Ridgeland Avenue)
- D. **Holmes School** (508 N. Kenilworth Avenue)
- E. **Irving School** (1125 S. Cuyler Avenue)
- F. **Lincoln School** (1111 S. Grove Avenue)
- G. **Longfellow School** (715 Highland Avenue)
- H. **Mann School** (921 N. Kenilworth Avenue)
- J. **Oak Park & River Forest High School**  
(201 N. Scoville Avenue)
- K. **Percy Julian Middle School** (416 S. Ridgeland)
- L. **Whittier School** (715 N. Harvey Avenue)
- M. **Fenwick High School** (505 W. Washington Blvd)





### Park Permits (Available Apr 15-Oct 31)

If you are planning an event in a park in Oak Park, you may need to secure a park permit in order to proceed with your event. Certain activities that require a permit include, but are not limited to:

- Gatherings/events with 12 or more participants
- Bringing outside equipment into a park
- Events requiring a specific location within a park
- Professional filming or photography
- Food or merchandise sales or sampling
- Use of any amplified sound, including microphones or radios

### Obtaining a Park Permit

To apply for a permit or determine if your activity requires a permit, please visit [pdop.org/permits](http://pdop.org/permits). Fill out the appropriate permit request and submit it to the Park District at least three weeks prior to the proposed activity. Requests must be accompanied by the application fee (\$10 for residents, \$25 for non-residents) to be processed. Questions? Email [reservations@pdop.org](mailto:reservations@pdop.org).

### Picnic Patio & Shelter Permits (Available Apr 15-Oct 31)

Permits may be reserved for the Field Park gazebo, Taylor Park patio, Taylor Park Picnic Shelter, Lindberg Park Picnic Shelter or Maple Park Picnic Shelter during the spring/summer/fall seasons between 9:00A-8:00P for a minimum of 3 hours. **Reservations can be made starting March 15.**

Location	Max. Capacity	Fee	Grilling Allowed?
Field Park Gazebo	Up to 25	Res Fee: \$18/hour Fee: \$27/hour	Not allowed
Taylor Park Patio	Up to 50	Res Fee: \$20/hour Fee: \$30/hour	Allowed on adjacent <u>provided</u> grills only
Taylor Park Picnic Shelter	Up to 35	Res Fee: \$20/hour Fee: \$30/hour	Not allowed
Lindberg Park Picnic Shelter	Up to 35	Res Fee: \$20/hour Fee: \$30/hour	Not allowed
Maple Park Picnic Shelter	Up to 35	Res Fee: \$20/hour Fee: \$30/hour	Not allowed
Rehm Park Picnic Shelter	Up to 35	Res Fee: \$20/hour Fee: \$30/hour	Not allowed

## Accessibility

The Park District of Oak Park welcomes the opportunity to assist residents and visitors with disabilities to enjoy our facilities, programs and services. The Park District is a public entity as defined under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) which prohibits the District from discriminating against individuals with disabilities (as defined by the ADA) in all programs, activities, and services. We are committed to complying with all applicable provisions of Title II as well as all other federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to persons with disabilities.

The Park District works closely with our partner, West Suburban Special Recreation Association, who provides recreation programs for adults and children with physical impairments, mental disabilities, or any other type of disability. Residents of all ages with disabilities can participate in year-round programming specifically designed to meet their individual needs through inclusion support of Park District programs and participation in WSSRA programs.

To contact WSSRA directly, please call (847) 455-2100 or visit [www.wssra.net](http://www.wssra.net). To request an inclusion aide for a Park District of Oak Park program, please indicate your request on the program registration form which can be completed online at [pdop.org](http://pdop.org) or in-person. See page 2 for registration locations and hours.

For assistance with special needs at public meetings, please contact Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant, at (708) 725-2017 or [karen.gruszka@pdop.org](mailto:karen.gruszka@pdop.org). For assistance and general information on accessibility at the Park District of Oak Park, contact Bill Hamilton, Superintendent of Properties & Planning at [bill.hamilton@pdop.org](mailto:bill.hamilton@pdop.org) or (708) 725-2052.

## Facility Rentals

The Park District of Oak Park offers a variety of venues for your special occasions, including Cheney Mansion, Pleasant Home and the Oak Park Conservatory – unique historic properties well-suited for weddings, showers and corporate functions. Our recreation centers throughout the community are great settings for birthday parties, showers and other gatherings.

### Cheney Mansion

[cheneymansion.com](http://cheneymansion.com)  
Susan Crane, [susan.crane@pdop.org](mailto:susan.crane@pdop.org)  
(708) 725-2500

### Pleasant Home

[pleasanthomeop.com](http://pleasanthomeop.com)  
Susan Crane, [susan.crane@pdop.org](mailto:susan.crane@pdop.org)  
(708) 725-2300

### Oak Park Conservatory

[oakparkconservatory.org](http://oakparkconservatory.org)  
Patti Staley, [patti.staley@pdop.org](mailto:patti.staley@pdop.org)  
(708) 725-2500

### RCRC, Andersen Center, and Fox Center Room Rentals

[pdop.org/room-rentals](http://pdop.org/room-rentals)  
[reservations@pdop.org](mailto:reservations@pdop.org)  
(708) 725-2000

## Birthday Parties

[pdop.org/birthdayparties](http://pdop.org/birthdayparties)

### Gymnastics Parties

[gymnastics@pdop.org](mailto:gymnastics@pdop.org) or (708) 725-2200

### Oak Park Conservatory Parties

Patti Staley, [patti.staley@pdop.org](mailto:patti.staley@pdop.org)  
(708) 725-2400

### Esports Gaming Parties

Abby Meachum, [abby.meachum@pdop.org](mailto:abby.meachum@pdop.org)  
(708) 725-2169

### Rink Parties

Keely Garbacz, [keely.garbacz@pdop.org](mailto:keely.garbacz@pdop.org)  
708-725-2309

### Cubhouse Indoor Playground Parties

Natalie Kurek, [natalie.kurek@pdop.org](mailto:natalie.kurek@pdop.org)  
708-725-2155

### Pool Parties

Abby Sacks, [abby.sacks@pdop.org](mailto:abby.sacks@pdop.org)  
708-725-2303

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## Customer Service

### Ridgeland Common Recreation Complex (RCRC)

415 Lake Street  
Oak Park, IL 60302  
Phone: (708) 725-2000  
Fax: (708) 725-2301

### Field, Facility, & Pool Conditions

Smartphone: Check Statusfy App  
Online: [pdop.org/facility-conditions](http://pdop.org/facility-conditions)  
(708) 742-6366 or (708)-7GAMEON

### Report Park or Facility Damage (708) 725-2050

**AEDs are located** on exterior walls of bathrooms and buildings at Taylor, Lindberg, Stevenson, Ridgeland Common, Carroll, Barrie, Longfellow, Fox, Scoville and Maple Parks in the spring, summer and fall.

## Key Dates

### Fall Program Registration

Res: Saturday, Aug 2 • Non Res: Aug, 9

### Holiday Program Registration

Res: Saturday, Oct 4 • Non Res: Oct 11

### Winter Program Registration:

Res: Saturday, Dec 6 • Non Res: Dec 13



**PARK DISTRICT**  
of OAK PARK



**(708) 725-2000;**

**Mon-Fri: 8:30A-7:00P**

**Sat & Sun: 8:30A-5:00P**



**[www.pdop.org](http://www.pdop.org)**

## Affiliate Groups

### American Youth Soccer Organization

[www.opayso.org](http://www.opayso.org)

### Chicago Edge Soccer Club

[www.chicagoedgesc.com](http://www.chicagoedgesc.com)

### East Ave Lacrosse

[www.eastavelacrosse.com](http://www.eastavelacrosse.com)

### Festival Theatre

[www.oakparkfestival.com](http://www.oakparkfestival.com)

### Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory

[www.fopcon.org](http://www.fopcon.org)

### Oak Park River Forest Pony League

[www.oprfpony.com](http://www.oprfpony.com)

### Oak Park River Forest Youth Football

[www.oakparkyouthfootball.org](http://www.oakparkyouthfootball.org)

### Oak Park Windmills

[www.oakparkwindmills.org](http://www.oakparkwindmills.org)

### Oak Park Youth Baseball and Softball

[www.opybs.org](http://www.opybs.org)

### OPRF Alliance

[oprfalliancesoccer.com](http://oprfalliancesoccer.com)

### OPRF Ultimate

[www.oprfyu.org](http://www.oprfyu.org)

### Senior Citizens' Center of Oak Park and River Forest

[sccopr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sccopr@sbcglobal.net)

### Southeast Oak Park Community Organization

[www.seopco.org](http://www.seopco.org)

### West Suburban Special Recreation Association

[www.wssra.net](http://www.wssra.net)

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