

# LIFETIME SPORTS ACADEMY

## 2025

June 2-July 18  
McMillen Park



FORT WAYNE  
PARKS AND  
RECREATION



# GOLF



# TENNIS



# SWIMMING



# What is the Lifetime Sports Academy?



The Lifetime Sports Academy is a FREE 7-week program designed to teach basic skills in golf, tennis and swimming to boys and girls ages 7-17 through group lessons and supervised practice sessions. In addition to group lessons in these three sports, youth may participate in arts, crafts, organized games, tournaments and other activities offered at the pavilion throughout the day. Children are free to come and go as they please and may attend the Academy every day or attend only certain group lessons or scheduled activities. Free lunches are provided daily through Fort Wayne Community Schools summer lunch program.

## General Information

- ♦ Hours are 9 am-3 pm; Children must be picked up by 3 pm
- ♦ Participants must register online prior to their first visit.
- ♦ Participants must sign-in at the pavilion every day and get a hand stamped before going to lessons.
- ♦ Athletic shoes must be worn for tennis and golf.
- ♦ Group lessons and other Lifetime Sports Academy activities are for children ages 7-17. A child may begin participating on the day he/she turns 7. Children may participate in the pavilion program at age 6.
- ♦ Academy staff will not hold or dispense medication.
- ♦ The Lifetime Sports Academy office is located inside the golf course pro shop. The telephone number is 427-6760.
- ♦ A special Fun Day is planned for the final day of the program, July 18. Details will be released this summer.

## Supervision

The Academy is supervised by former Wayne High School teacher and track coach, Tom Hogan. A Safety Coordinator works with Mr. Hogan to monitor safety. The Academy has a discipline system which can be found online at [fortwaynepark.org](http://fortwaynepark.org) or in the Academy office upon request. Participants agree to follow rules outlined in the discipline policy.

## Instruction

All group lessons are taught by certified coaches and highly trained professionals and volunteers.

## The Lifetime Sports Academy is FREE

The Lifetime Sports Academy is funded by the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department and the Lifetime Sports Academy Committee and is offered to area youth FREE of charge.

## How to Sign Up

All children must be registered before participating in the Academy. Register online at [fortwayneparks.org](http://fortwayneparks.org). Children may register and begin attending the Academy any time throughout the 7-week program.

## Questions?

For more information about the Lifetime Sports Academy, you may call the Parks and Recreation Department at 427-6000 or, beginning June 2, you may call the Academy headquarters in McMillen Park at 427-6760.

**The Lifetime Sports Academy  
will be closed for holidays on  
June 19 and July 4.**

## Pavilion Program

### Monday-Friday, 9 am-3 pm

The McMillen Park Pavilion will be staffed from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day for children not participating in group lessons or waiting between lessons. The program is a balance of unstructured supervised play and organized activities. Children may participate in the Pavilion Program at age 6. The playground area in McMillen Park is not supervised by the Lifetime Sports Academy.



# Tennis

Tennis lessons are taught by a team of highly qualified tennis instructors. Tennis rackets and balls will be provided for the group lessons. Beginner tennis players are encouraged to use the Academy rackets. Each participant will become eligible to receive a free tennis racket after attending seven scheduled tennis lessons. This program is designed to teach basic shots, rules, strategies and sportsmanship and to prepare participants for singles, doubles and tournament play. Parents are asked to remain in the designated spectator area during lessons.

## Tennis Program Schedule

Time	Lesson
<b>Monday</b>	
9-10 a.m.	Int/Adv Match Play
10-11 a.m.	Int/Adv Match Play
11-11:45 a.m.	Int/Adv Match Play
1-1:45 p.m.	Open Tennis
2-2:45 p.m.	Open Tennis
<b>Tuesday</b>	
9-9:45 a.m.	Int/Adv Match Play
10-10:45 a.m.	Int/Adv Match Play
11-11:45 a.m.	Int/Adv Match Play
1-2 p.m.	Open Tennis Session
2-3 p.m.	Open Tennis Session
<b>Wednesday</b>	
9-9:45 a.m.	Beginning Lesson
10-10:45 a.m.	Beginning Lesson
11-11:45 a.m.	Beginning Lesson
1-1:45 p.m.	Int/Adv Lesson
2-2:45 p.m.	Int/Adv Lesson
<b>Thursday</b>	
9-9:45 a.m.	Beginning Lesson
10-10:45 a.m.	Beginning Lesson
11-11:45 a.m.	Beginning Lesson
1-1:45 p.m.	Int/Adv Lesson
2-2:45 p.m.	Int/Adv Lesson
<b>Friday</b>	
9-9:45 a.m.	Int/Adv Match Play
10-10:45 a.m.	Int/Adv Match Play
11-11:45 a.m.	Int/Adv Match Play
1-1:45 p.m.	Open Tennis
2-2:45 p.m.	Open Tennis

## Open Tennis Sessions

Supervised Open Tennis Sessions have been scheduled for children who wish to practice their tennis skills.

## Beginner Tennis Lessons

Beginner Lessons are designed for the player with little or no previous tennis instruction. Lessons will cover ground strokes, serving, net play, strategy and sportsmanship. The teaching staff will determine when a player is ready to move to the next level. Evaluations will be conducted throughout the Academy.

## Advanced Tennis Lessons

The teaching staff will determine when a child is ready for the advanced class based on above average skills, good sportsmanship and a desire to play competitive tennis. The child must be able to play a complete match without supervision.

## Intermediate/Advanced Tennis Match Play

League play sessions are offered once a week to give intermediate and advance students the opportunity to compete against opponents of equal ability and skill and practice their strokes, volleys and serves.

## Ace Club

Tennis participants who have been accepted into the intermediate/advanced group the previous year are eligible for the Ace Club. Participants must average 20 games per week in match play sessions and display knowledge of and a will to learn tennis scoring and court positioning.



# Golf

The golf lesson program is directed by Gary Whitacre, PGA Professional and Manager of Golf Operations for the Parks and Recreation Department. Academy golf instructors are PGA apprentices, experienced coaches and teachers. All necessary equipment will be provided for the group lessons. Participants become eligible to receive free golf equipment after passing a golf skills test and a golf rules test. Parents are asked to remain in the designated spectator area during lessons and open range.

## Courses Offered

Irons, Woods, Chipping, Putting, Pitching & Sand Play, Rules & Etiquette

## Group Lesson Schedule

Day	Time	Age	Lesson
Week 1 (June 2, 3)			
Mon.	(See schedule on back.)		
Tues.	10 a.m.	7-17	Irons & Woods
Tues.	11 a.m.	7-17	Putting
Tues.	1 p.m.	7-17	Pitching
Tues.	2 p.m.	7-17	Chipping
Tues.	2 p.m.	7-17	Par/Birdie: Adv Lessons
Week 2 (June 9, 10); Week 4 (June 23, 24); Week 6 (July 7, 8)			
Mon.	10 a.m.	7-17	Irons & Woods
Mon.	11 a.m.	7-17	Pitching
Mon.	1 p.m.	7-17	Chipping
Mon.	2 p.m.	7-17	Putting
Mon.	2 p.m.	7-17	Par/Birdie: Adv Lessons
Tues.	10 a.m.	7-17	Chipping
Tues.	11 a.m.	7-17	Putting
Tues.	1 p.m.	7-17	Pitching
Tues.	2 p.m.	7-17	Irons & Woods
Tues.	2 p.m.	7-17	Par/Birdie: Adv Lessons
Week 3 (June 16, 17); Week 5 (June 30, July 1); Week 7 (July 14, 15)			
Mon.	10 a.m.	7-17	Pitching
Mon.	11 a.m.	7-17	Putting
Mon.	1 p.m.	7-17	Irons & Woods
Mon.	2 p.m.	7-17	Chipping
Mon.	2 p.m.	7-17	Par/Birdie: Adv Lessons
Tues.	10 a.m.	7-17	Woods & Irons
Tues.	11 a.m.	7-17	Chipping
Tues.	1 p.m.	7-17	Pitching
Tues.	2 p.m.	7-17	Putting
Tues.	2 p.m.	7-17	Par/Birdie: Adv Lessons

## Golf Practice/Open Range Sessions

Supervised open range practice sessions with instruction are scheduled weekly. (See the schedule on back of brochure.)

## Testing

Skills testing will be conducted during Wednesday, Thursday and Friday open range sessions, beginning Week #2. Golfers will be tested only after they have attended each of the lessons offered and a staff person determines they are ready. Players failing to pass a test may be asked to repeat a lesson. Players who pass all skills tests will receive a set of golf clubs.

## Golf Learning Center

Those who have earned clubs through the Lifetime Sports Academy may play the Mad Anthony III's golf course free of charge. See the Director of Golf for your Player's Pass.

## Par Club

Players who have advanced their skills and passed a written rules and etiquette test may participate in the Par Club which includes a certificate, special lessons, supervised playing opportunities and league play. Par Club members must attend at least two lessons per week. 2024 Par Club members must re-apply to receive their 2025 Players' Pass.

## Birdie Club

Players who exhibit advanced scoring skills on the Mad Anthony III's Course will enter the Birdie Club and have the opportunity to play on the McMillen Golf Course. Members will be recognized with a certificate and must attend at least two lessons per week. 2024 Birdie Club members must re-test to earn their 2025 Players' Pass.

## Eagle Club

Eagle Club membership includes a certificate and a free membership at Foster Park Golf Course in addition to all current privileges. Birdie Club members who are at least 14 years of age are eligible once they pass a scoring test at McMillen Golf Course and a written test. Eagle Club members are required to volunteer one day per week at the Lifetime Sports Academy to maintain their playing privileges.



# Swimming

Group swim lessons will be held Monday through Thursday mornings and will be taught by skilled Learn-to-Swim instructors. Students will be assessed a beginning course level and have the opportunity to advance as they gain skills throughout the summer. Open Swims are scheduled every Friday morning from 9:30-11:30.

## Swim Skills Evaluation

All swim lesson participants should attend a skills evaluation to be placed in the appropriate class level. After June 5, swim evaluations will be conducted during the Group Swim Lessons (see schedule).

Time	Tuesday June 3	Wednesday June 4	Thursday June 5
10-10:45 a.m.	Ages 7-17 Last Name A-D	Ages 7-17 Last Name I-L	Ages 7-17 Last Name Q-T
11-11:45 a.m.	Ages 7-17 Last Name E-H	Ages 7-17 Last Name M-P	Ages 7-17 Last Name U-Z

## Course Descriptions

### Level 1 / Water Exploration

Provides an orientation to the aquatic environment and is designed to create a sound foundation for aquatic and safety skills

### Level 2 / Primary Skills

Expands on fundamental aquatic locomotion and safety skills.

### Level 3 / Stroke Readiness

Increase swimming skill competency; practice safety and rescue skills.

### Level 4 / Stroke Development

Develop confidence and competency in strokes and safety skills. Introduction of breaststroke and sidestroke.

### Level 5 / Stroke Refinement

Continue refinement of front crawl, elementary backstroke, breaststroke and sidestroke. Introduce butterfly, surface dives, and springboard diving.

## Group Swim Lesson Schedule

(Beginning June 9)

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.
<b>9:00-9:45 a.m.</b>				
Ages	7-17	7-17	7-17	7-17
Skill Levels	1, 2	1, 2	1, 2	1, 2
Last Name	A-F	N-R	A-F	N-R
<b>10:00-10:45 a.m.</b>				
Ages	7-17	7-17	7-17	7-17
Skill Levels	1, 2	1, 2	1, 2	1, 2
Last Name	G-M	S-Z	G-M	S-Z
<b>11:00-11:45 a.m.</b>				
Ages	7-17	7-17	7-17	7-17
Skill Levels	3, 4, 5	3, 4, 5	3, 4, 5	3, 4, 5
Last Name	A-L	M-Z	A-L	M-Z

## Open Swim Session

**Fridays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

All registered LSA participants and their parents are invited to join the fun every Friday morning.





**Registration forms may be downloaded at [fortwayneparks.org](http://fortwayneparks.org).**

<b>Lifetime Sports Academy Summer 2025 Schedule</b>					
<b>Time</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Open Driving Range Int/Adv Tennis Match Play Learn to Swim (A-F)	Open Driving Range Int/Adv Tennis Match Play Learn to Swim (N-R)	Open Driving Range Beginning Tennis Lesson Learn to Swim (A-F)	Open Driving Range Beginning Tennis Lesson Learn to Swim (N-R)	Open Driving Range Int/Adv Tennis Match Play
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Golf Lesson Int/Adv Tennis Match Play Learn to Swim (G-M) Birdie Club Testing	Int/Adv Tennis Match Play Golf Lesson Learn to Swim (S-Z)	Beginning Tennis Lesson Learn to Swim (G-M) Golf League Play Open Driving Range	Beginning Tennis Lesson Learn to Swim (S-Z) Golf Rules & Etiquette	Int/Adv Tennis Match Play Par/Birdie/Eagle Club Tourney Play Open Swim 9:30-11:30 a.m.
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Golf Lesson (ages 7-17) Int/Adv Tennis Match Play Advanced Learn to Swim (Levels 3, 4, 5, A-L)	Golf Lesson (ages 7-17) Int/Adv Tennis Match Play Advanced Learn to Swim (Levels 3, 4, 5, M-Z)	Open Driving Range Beginning Tennis Lesson Advanced Learn to Swim (Levels 3, 4, 5, A-L)	Open Driving Range Beginning Tennis Lesson Advanced Learn to Swim (Levels 3, 4, 5, M-Z)	Open Driving Range Int/Adv Tennis Match Play Open Swim 9:30-11:30
<b>12:15 p.m.</b>	FWCS Free Lunch	FWCS Free Lunch	FWCS Free Lunch	FWCS Free Lunch	FWCS Free Lunch
<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	Open Tennis Session Golf Lesson	Open Tennis Session Golf Lesson	Open Driving Range Int/Adv Tennis Lesson Golf League Play	Open Driving Range Int/Adv Tennis Lesson	Par/Birdie/Eagle Club Tourney Play Open Driving Range Open Tennis Session
<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	Golf Lesson Bogie/Par/Birdie Club Golf Lesson Open Tennis Session	Golf Lesson Bogie/Par/Birdie Club Golf Lesson Open Tennis Session	Open Driving Range Int/Adv Tennis Lesson	Open Driving Range Int/Adv Tennis Lesson	Open Tennis Session

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Look for our expanded League and Tournament play for the Par, Birdie and Eagle Clubs.

\* Open Range/Golf Practice Sessions will have instruction.