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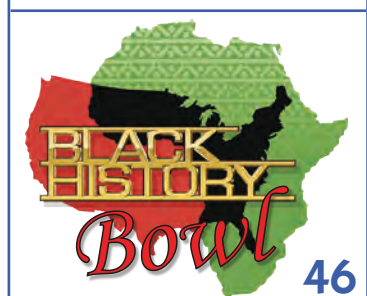
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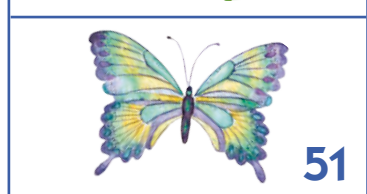
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The Great Outdoors

Lindenwood Nature Preserve

600 Lindenwood Ave.

Open every day from dawn until dusk

Lindenwood Nature Preserve is a 110-acre dedicated nature preserve featuring 4 hiking trails of varying length (one is wheelchair and stroller accessible), a pond, and an open-air pavilion. Hiking, wildlife viewing, photography, picnicking, and just relaxing are a few of the activities you'll enjoy at the preserve. Admission is free. Follow us on Facebook for nature news, updates, and announcements! Sorry, no pets or bikes allowed!



Hands-On Wilderness Survival

A canoe trip on a fast, cold river; an epic mountain bike ride; or just a short hike in the woods can take an unexpected turn. A twisted ankle on a solo trip, a casualty in your group, getting lost or a rapid change in the weather can change a fun adventure into a serious situation. Be prepared for any scenario. Our Wilderness Survival course will cover such topics as survival priorities and planning, search and rescue, austere medical treatment, shelter building, fire starting, signaling for help, and finally, gear selection and review. This is a hands-on class where students will learn by doing. Instructor Russ Kolkman is a known survival expert both locally and nationally. He has over 25 years of training and experience teaching people how to fight and survive in the most hostile environments in the world.

Code	Date	Day	Time
248105-S1	4/27	Sa	9 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$110

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Take a Hike

Sunrise Saturday Hikes



Our Saturday morning guided hikes are back! We've added one early bird hike in March and April. See what is happening in the natural world as we welcome the spring season. Each hike will have a different focus that highlights our local ecology while connecting to broader lessons in biology. We'll meet at the parking lot and the hikes will commence promptly at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Please call Eden at 427-6008 for more information! Guided hikes are free and open to all ages. No pre-registration is required.

Date	Day	Time
3/16	Sa	8-9 am
3/16*	Sa	10-11 am
4/20*	Sa	8-9 am
4/20	Sa	10-11 am

* Accessible hikes on the Trail of Reflection

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.

Spring Wildflower Walk



Join the Lindenwood naturalist for a hike along the Trillium Trail, named after our famous wildflower. This half-mile trail features a variety of beautiful wildflowers including the Wild Geranium, Spring Beauty, Jack in the Pulpit and of course the Trillium. Learn about plant names, uses and habitats while enjoying their beauty. All ages are welcome. This program is free and no pre-registration is required.

Date	Day	Time
5/11	Sa	10-11 am
5/18	Sa	10-11 am

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve, 600 Lindenwood Ave.



Register on-line at
www.fortwayneparks.org

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Outdoor Kids

Lindenwood Field Trips & Outings

May 1-October 31

Let us plan a nature outing for your class or group. Lindenwood Nature Preserve offers a variety of hands-on environmental education field trip opportunities. Our programs can accommodate wheelchairs, strollers and walkers on our ADA compliant Trail of Reflection. For a complete list of programs/topics, please visit the Lindenwood page at fortwayneparks.org. The cost is \$2/participant/hour; a minimum fee of \$20 / \$40 will be charged for 1-hour / 2-hour programs, respectively. Teachers, care givers, and adult chaperones are free-of-charge. Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance by contacting Eden at 427-6008 or eden.lamb@cityoffortwayne.org.

Nature Story Time

*Adult/Child

Join the naturalist for a story and short hike along Trillium Trail. Search for beautiful wildflowers that adorn this path during the spring and summer. Ages 10 and under. The program is free, however, pre-registration is required and space is limited. Registration deadline: May 20. Min. 5. Max. 25.

Code	Date	Day	Time
348114-S1	5/26	Su	1-2 pm

Fee: FREE

Location: Lindenwood Nature Preserve,
600 Lindenwood Ave.

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Fun with Fishing

This educational program is designed to teach new and beginning anglers everything they need to know to "go fish." You will learn how to tie your line, handle a fish, and stay safe on and near the water in this hands-on program. Everything you need will be provided, but you may bring any of your own equipment if you like. Ages 8-14. Registration deadlines: April 5 and May 3. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253903-S1	4/13	Sa	12-2 pm
253903-S2	5/11	Sa	12-2 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$15

Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.



River Camp

Fort Wayne developed around the confluence of three rivers: the St. Joseph, the St. Marys, and the Maumee. Learn all about the role our rivers have played in the history of our city and how they are still used today. Campers will learn about our rivers through hands-on exploration and leave with an enthusiasm for our waterways. Water activities, outdoor games, fishing, science experiments, dragon boat paddling, pontoon excursions, canoe paddling, hiking, river clean-up and water safety are all part of the fun! A confirmation letter will be sent out with details a week prior to camp! Ages 8-12. Registration deadline: July 1. Min 20. Max. 40.

Code	Dates	Days	Time
348915-M1	7/29-8/3	M-F	9 am-4 pm

Sessions/Fee: 5/\$115

Location: Shoaff Riverlodge, 6401 St. Joe Rd.

Gone Fishin'

Free Fishing Days in Fort Wayne Parks

Indiana's free fishing days are April 20, May 18, and June 1-2. Indiana residents do not need a fishing license or a trout/salmon stamp to fish the state's public waters. Enjoy fishing at Salomon Farm Park, Hurshtown Reservoir, Shoaff Park, Johnny Appleseed, Franke, Guldlin or Headwaters Park. Check out Salomon Farm Park for special youth fishing events and mark your calendar for Hurshtown Reservoir's June 1st Family Fishing Derby!

Hurshtown Reservoir

16000 Roth Road, Grabill, IN
Opens for the season May 1
Open Tuesday-Sunday, 7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Hurshtown Reservoir may be the best fishing spot in Allen County. It also features a 2.75 mile walking path, areas for picnics, an outdoor volleyball space, and row boat rentals. Admission is only \$4/car or 50¢ to walk or bicycle in. Season passes are available! For more information call Eden at 427-6008 or Hurshtown Reservoir at 627-3390 during our hours of operation.



Walk or Ride

Wild Walkers

2nd and 4th Fridays of each month

Share your knowledge of nature as you explore some of northeast Indiana's finest outdoor areas in this nature-oriented group. Wild Walkers is an adult hiking group that meets the second and fourth Fridays of each month for a walk on the wild side. Each hike features a different natural area in the region (parks, wetlands, nature preserves, etc.) and carpooling is available when necessary. The 2019 schedule is posted on our website at www.fortwayneparks.org or you may call Eden at 427-6008 to request a schedule by mail.

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Mengerson Nature Preserve



Join us at Mengerson Nature Preserve where you will see a forest in three stages of succession: (1) a formerly open meadow with stands of hawthorn and gray dogwood; (2) an early-stage woods of elm, shagbark hickory and maple, with some mature forest of sugar maple beech, oak and shagbark and shellbark hickory; and (3) a beech/maple forest where you may find thick patches of spring wildflowers. ACRES Land Trust guides will lead the hike. Registration deadline: May 22. Min. 8. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
242800-W1	5/29	W	10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$8/\$13 after February 20
Location: Mengerson Nature Reserve, 5895 Stelhorn Rd.

Horseback Riding



In this introduction to horseback riding you will tour one of Fort Wayne's finest equestrian facilities, learn some amazing facts about horses and the equipment necessary for riding, then get in the saddle for a bit. In Horseback Riding 201 you will work on improving your riding skills and learn the importance of connecting and communicating, or partnering, with your horse. Please wear boots or closed toe shoes. Summit Equestrian Center is a PATH International Premier Accredited Center with a highly trained staff of equine specialists. Visit www.SummitEquestrian.org to learn more about the facility. Ages 18+. Registration deadlines: March 7, April 11 and May 3. Min. 5.

Code	Date	Day	Time
Horseback Riding 101 (max. 12)			
242367-R1	3/14	Th	10 am-12 pm
242367-R2	4/18	Th	10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$34/\$39 after deadlines

Code	Date	Day	Time
Horseback Riding 201 (Max. 8)			
242367-R4	5/9	Th	10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$34/\$39 after May 3
Location: Summit Equestrian Center, 10808 LaCabreah Lane



right here in Fort Wayne!

Salomon Farm Park

Salomon Farm Park

817 W. Dupont Rd.
Hours: Daily, 6:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

Salomon Farm Park is a true historic gem and a perfect location for walking, biking, bird watching and much more. The Salomons established the farm in 1871, but visitors will notice the endearing 1930's theme. Stop by for a visit to admire historic buildings, relax at the wetlands, or enjoy our fully paved 1.8 mile trail around the property. Follow us on Facebook for news, updates, and announcements!



Farm Kids



The Buzz About Bees

***Adult/Child**

If you have a busy little bee at home, bring them to the farm to learn what all of the buzz is about! Instructor Glenn Hile, local bee keeper and owner of Glenn's Natural Honey, will share the importance of bees using fun, age appropriate, hands-on activities. Ages 3-5. Registration deadline: March 6 and March 27. Min 6. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253902-T1	3/19	T	9:30-10:30 am
253902-T2	4/9	T	9:30-10:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$10

Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Field Trips on the Farm

May 1-31 and August 5- September 9
Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Farm tours are available at Salomon farm in 1-2 hour increments. Typically a farm tour will feature lots of hands on time with our animal friends and also highlight composting, gardening and farm life back in the old days. A wagon ride is available upon request for farm tours of 1 ½ hours or more. All ages welcome! Field trip scheduling is subject to availability and reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance. Please contact dalton.grimes@cityoffortwayne.org or call Salomon Farm at 427-6790 with questions or to schedule your visit. Field trip cost is \$3/participant/hour. Teachers, care givers, and adult chaperones are free. A minimum fee of \$30/hour applies to all groups. We can accommodate up to 30 students per tour and 1:10 chaperone: student ratio is recommended.

Animal Playdates

***Adult/Child**

The rabbits, chickens and goats at Salomon Farm are all excited to meet you! You will learn all about them in these hands-on, interactive play dates which include making treats and goodies for our furry friends. Each play date features a different animal, so pick your favorite or plan to meet them all! Ages 3-6. Registration deadlines are 5 working days prior to each play date.

Code	Date	Day	Time
Play Date with Rabbits (Min. 3. Max. 6.)			
253915-M1	4/29	M	10-11 am
253915-R1	5/2	Th	10-11 am
Play Date with Goats (Min. 6. Max. 12.)			
253915-M2	5/6	M	10-11 am
253915-R2	5/23	Th	10-11 am
Play Date with Chickens (Min. 6. Max. 12.)			
253915-R3	5/9	Th	10-11 am
253915-M3	5/20	M	10-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$10

Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Farmin' Fun Day Camp

June 10 – July 26

Join us for a week of farming fun this summer! Care for farm animals, hike in the woods, play in the creek, grow vegetables, learn about bee-keeping, go on hayrides, and more! See page 43 for details and sign up today! Just don't miss the FARMIN' FUN!

Fun with Fishing

This educational program is designed to teach new and beginning anglers everything they need to know to “go fish.” You will learn how to tie your line, handle a fish, and stay safe on and near the water in this hands-on program. Everything you need will be provided, but you may bring any of your own equipment if you like. Ages 8-14. Registration deadlines: April 5 and May 3. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253903-S1	4/13	Sa	12-2 pm
253903-S2	5/11	Sa	12-2 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$15

Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Little Roots: Culinary Classes for Preschoolers

***Adult/Child**

Empower your little one to create his/her own healthy snacks. We’ve partnered with Wholesome Roots Cooking to offer fun, age appropriate cooking classes bursting with hands-on activities and healthy concept learning through games and activities. Younger siblings are welcome to stay with their caregiver, but any child participating in class must register. Ages 2-5. Instructor Meghan Hauser is the founder of Wholesome Roots Cooking and is a certified Healthy Hands Cooking instructor. Registration deadlines are one week prior to the start of each class. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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253909-T1	3/5	T	10-11 am
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Hippity Hop Pears

253909-T2	4/16	T	10-11 am
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Growing and Cooking with Herbs

253909-T3	5/21	T	10-11 am
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25

Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Farmers in Training Orientation

Monday, May 20, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Old Barn at Salomon Farm Park
817 W. Dupont Rd.**

Salomon Farm welcomes teen volunteers. If you love animals, dirt, tractors or have a green thumb in the garden, we could use your help on the farm. Our new Farmers in Training program for youth ages 13-17 will provide hands-on training in live-stock care, the use of farm equipment, gardening, beekeeping and more. Farmers in Training will meet every other Monday from 5:30-7:00 p.m. The program is free. Attend the orientation on May 20 to find out more and to sign up. For questions, please contact our farm operations supervisor at gretchen.winters@cityoffortwayne.org.

Cook Your Own Adventure: Culinary Classes for Elementary

Poor planning often leads to poor choices, but with a little know-how and some fun recipes, kids and families can attack hunger with great tasting snacks that also have a nutritional punch. We will make several healthy recipes to inspire healthy habits at home! Each Healthy Hands cooking class begins with a nutrition lesson/game and includes hands-on cooking and instruction. Each child will have an opportunity to eat the delicious snack they made! Ages 5-13. Instructor Meghan Hauser is the founder of Wholesome Roots Cooking and is a certified Healthy Hands Cooking instructor. Registration deadlines are 5 business days before each class. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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Mama Mia Thatsa Pasta (gluten free option)

253921-W1	3/20	W	6-7:30 pm
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Mystery Box Junior

253921-W2	4/24	W	6-7:30 pm
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Don’t Underestimate Chocolate

253921-W3	5/22	W	6-7:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$40

Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.



SALOMON FARM PARK
Fiber Arts Celebration 2019
Free Community Festival

Fri **May 17** 10-3 • Sat **May 18** 10-5

817 W. Dupont Rd., Fort Wayne, IN



Hands-on Demonstrations

Weaving • Spinning • Crafting & More

Live Animals • Sheep Shearing

Craft and Supply Vendors



The Fiber Arts Celebration is sponsored by the Flax and Fleecers Spinning Guild of Fort Wayne and PBS 39. Call Eden at 260-427-6008 for more information. Due to the nature of this event, pets are not allowed.



Working on the Farm

Salomon Farm Volunteer Orientation

Salomon Farm Park Learning Center
817 W. Dupont Rd.

Salomon Farm Park relies on volunteers to care for the animals and to plant and tend the vegetable gardens and orchard (April-October). If you are interested in volunteering with the animals or in the garden, please plan to attend the appropriate volunteer orientation. Some experience with animals is preferred of our animal care volunteers, however, training will be provided. Garden volunteers meet every Monday and Thursday morning from April through October and share in the garden produce. You do not have to commit to the whole season or for every scheduled work day and no previous gardening experience is required. Both orientations will be held in the Learning Center, the first building upon entering the park. Volunteers must be 18 years of age. Interested youth please see our Farmers in Training program.

Garden Volunteer Orientation

Monday, April 22, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Contact Eden (427-6008 or eden.lamb@cityoffortwayne.org) by April 12 to sign up.

Animal Care Volunteer Orientation

Saturday, March 23, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Contact Kellie (427-6005 or kellie.adkins@cityoffortwayne.org) by March 13 to sign up.



Backyard Fruit Production

Tuesdays, March 12-April 9, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Aspiring backyard fruit growers . . . here is your opportunity to learn from experts at the Purdue Extension Office ways to increase the success and satisfaction of quality fruit production in your home landscape. Class meets in the Learning Center. Please register online by March 5 at tinyurl.com/PurdueFruit2019. For more information, please contact Terri at ttheisen@purdue.edu or call the Purdue Extension office at 481-6826.

Get Creative



The Art of Blacksmithing for Women

When a creative yet pragmatic skill becomes functionally obsolete, it enters the realm of fine art. Such is the story of blacksmithing. Once an essential and vital trade, blacksmithing has become a metal art and many women have started to take an interest in this typically male-dominated activity. In this introductory class you will learn about forge operation, blacksmithing equipment and tools. Each participant will create a small metal hook before moving on to a simple project. The following protective equipment is required: leather closed-toed shoes, full-length pants, natural fiber clothing (cotton, wool, etc.), and all loose hair must be tied back. Gloves and protective eye wear will be provided. Registration is required. Registration deadline: March 29. Min. 3. Max 6.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253820-S1	4/6-4/13	Sa	9 am-11 am

Sessions/fee: 2/\$15

Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Looking for Instructors

The Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide variety of classes and workshops at Salomon Farm Park and we are always looking for new ideas. If you are interested in teaching a class, contact Eden Lamb at 427-6008 or e-mail eden.lamb@cityoffortwayne.org.

Find us on 
Salomon Farm Park

Dog Power!



Best in Snow! Mushing 101

Are you looking for something fun and different to do with your dog? Join Belva Sutton of Heartland Musers for an introduction to this exciting mode of transportation. You will learn about mushing equipment and how it is used, various training styles and common training issues and how to avoid them. We'll cover all the elements necessary for safely traveling by dog power. Dogs must possess non-reactive behavior, be up to date on their shots and kept on a leash throughout the clinic. Please bring your dog's favorite treats. Limit 1 dog per owner. Ages 18+. Belva Sutton has owned and trained Alaskan Malamutes for over 30 years. Registration deadline: March 1. Min. 5. Max 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253821-S1	3/9	Sa	1-3 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$10

Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Register on-line at
www.fortwayneparks.org

Exploring in the Kitchen

A Celebration of Ireland

Enjoy a taste of some of the classic dishes of Ireland! We'll begin with soda bread and then put that soda bread to use in a classic bread pudding flavored with Irish cream! Finally, we'll experiment with Yellow Man, an Irish honeycomb treat! Ages 16+. Instructor: Chad Seewald. Registration deadline: March 8. Min. 5. Max 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253804-S1	3/16	Sa	10 am -1:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

Location: Salomon Farm Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Homemade Breads

There is simply nothing better on a cold day than a piece of warm fresh-baked bread. And it's not nearly as hard as it might seem! We'll go over the basics for two different types of bread, a simple French loaf and a Japanese Milk bread that makes the absolute best sandwich bread ever! Ages 16+. Instructor: Chad Seewald. Registration deadline: January 4. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253822-S1	4/6	Sa	10 am-1 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

Location: Learning Center, Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd

Spring Desserts

Explore some of the bright fresh flavors of spring with Sweets So Geek! We'll make two quick and easy desserts that focus on the beauty of the season! We'll explore the easiest Lemon Tart ever and Strawberry Rhubarb Crumble Bars. Bring your notebook and containers to take home some of the treats. Ages 16+. Instructor: Chad Seewald. Registration deadline: April 12. Min. 5. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253813-S1	4/20	Sa	10 am-12:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$45

Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Week Day Brunchin'

Hosting brunch can be a stressful task unless you can do much of the prep work in advance. Enjoy mimosas and mocktails while we show you how to take the crunch out of hosting a brunch. Ages 21+. Instructor: Chef Renee Williams. Registration deadline: May 7. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253916-T1	5/14	T	6-8pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$50

Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Baking with Sweets So Geek 103

This four-week baking class builds upon some of the techniques explored in earlier sessions, but is open to anyone who wants to be a better baker. You'll learn some alternative uses for yeast doughs, like pretzels and a quick spin on chocolate babka. We'll take sauces to a new level and make a quick ice cream (or two). We'll make pate a choux, crême puffs and maybe try something even more decadent. The class finale will be flambés and brûlées! Ages 16+. Instructor: Chad Seewald. Registration deadline: April 1. Min. 5. Max 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
253826-M1	4/8-4/29	M	6-8:30 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$110			

Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Vegetarian Cooking



If it's due to dietary restriction or by choice, eating vegetarian doesn't have to be boring and bland. Experience the delicious taste of vegetarian cuisine as you prepare three separate meals that you can easily replicate at home. You will be guided by Chef Patrick Whetstone who practices his culinary artistry at The Personal Palate. Age 18 +. Registration deadline: April 11. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253908-R1	4/18	Th	6-8 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$35			

Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Vegan Meal Prep



Vegan diets are becoming more and more popular, however, there are challenges that come with them. We'll share some breakfast, lunch and dinner options to help spice up your menu. Ages 16+. Instructor: Chef Renee Williams. Registration deadline: May 6. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253912-M2	5/13	M	6-8pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$46			

Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd

Straight from the Garden



Are you sick of plain steamed vegetables? Do you ever get frustrated trying to figure out what to serve with a beautiful cut of meat? Transform your garden vegetables into delicious and healthy side dishes that are satisfying, healthy and delicious. Ages 16+. Instructor: Chef Renee Williams. Registration deadline is one week prior to the scheduled class date. Min 6. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253918-T1	3/5	T	6-8pm
253918-T1	5/7	T	6-8pm
253918-T3	5/21	T	6-8pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$46			

Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd

Meet Our Chefs

Chad Seewald

Chad learned about desserts while working his way up from dishwasher to head pastry chef at a five star restaurant and mixed that knowledge with his love of all things geeky to create the one-of-a-kind shop, Sweets So Geek, that specializes in custom cakes, ice cream made in the store, desserts, and geeky themed chocolates.

Renee Williams

Chef Renee Williams is a graduate of Johnson and Wales in Charlotte, NC. She has an Associate's degree in Culinary Arts with a Nutrition focus as well as a Bachelor's degree in Beverage Management. She now works with the wonderful folks at Parkview Mirro Center.

Patrick Whetstone

Chef Patrick Whetstone graduated from Johnson and Wales University in North Miami and opened David Bouley's Evolution inside the Ritz-Carlton in South Beach before making his way back to Indiana where he practices his culinary artistry at The Personal Palate.

Healthy Alternatives with Chef Renee Williams

Experience the world of healthy alternatives! This class will focus on transforming those rib-sticking comfort foods into healthy meals the whole family will love. We will learn about new techniques and new ingredients along the way. Ages 16+. Instructor: Chef Renee Williams. Registration deadline is one week prior to the scheduled class date. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253911-M1	3/4	M	6-8pm
253911-M2	5/6	M	6-8pm
253911-M3	5/20	M	6-8pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$46			

Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.



Healthy Eating



Being health conscious doesn't mean you have to sacrifice appetite or flavor in your meals. Learn how to prepare three different meals that don't lack flavor or creativity. You'll get recipes and learn techniques that can be applied in all aspects of cooking. Chef Patrick Whetstone of The Personal Palate will have you eating healthy in just two hours. Age 18 +. Registration deadline: March 28. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253907-R1	4/4	Th	6-8 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$35			
Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd			

Meals on a Budget

Learn how to feed your family and stretch your budget. Allow Chef Patrick Whetstone from The Personal Palate to show you some tricks of the trade as you help produce creative meals that would impress your family and friends without breaking the bank. This class will cover meals that are under \$5 to produce without sacrificing quality. Age 18 +. Registration deadline: March 14. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253904-R1	3/21	Th	6-8 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$35			
Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.			

Chef Patrick Whetstone

Patrick Whetstone graduated from Johnson and Wales University in North Miami and opened David Bouley's Evolution inside the Ritz-Carlton in South Beach before making his way back to Indiana where he practices his culinary artistry at the Personal Palate.

Quick Dinner Solutions

With the hustle and bustle of our lives today, a home-cooked meal can be more dream than reality. Give us one Thursday evening and together we'll prepare three separate meals from start to finish with each one only taking 20 minutes. That's a home-cooked meal reality! Instructor: Chef Patrick Whetstone. Age 18 +. Registration deadline: March 28. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253905-R1	3/28	Th	6-8 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$35			
Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.			

Savory Sauces

Bring flavor to your favorite dish by pairing it with a savory sauce. Learn how a simple sauce can change the complexity of a dish. You will make a few simple sauces that provide a foundation for a variety of other sauces by just adding a few ingredients. Age 18 +. Instructor: Chef Patrick Whetstone. Registration deadline: May 9. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253910-R1	5/16	Th	6-8 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$35			
Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.			

Handmade Pasta

Some of the best foods are the messiest to make! Grab your apron and prepare for to get sticky as we make our own pasta from scratch. We'll dip into the various sauces that allow the pasta to shine and be the main focus of the meal. Ages 18+. Instructor: Chef Patrick Whetstone. Registration deadline: May 23. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253909-R1	5/30	Th	6-8 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$35			
Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.			



Pick Your Hobby

Farmers' Market Call for Vendors

Wednesdays, 4:00-7:00 p.m., June 5-September 4
Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

We are now accepting applicants for the 2019 Salomon Farmers' Market season. Our vendors produce their goods within a 75 mile radius of Salomon Farm Park. Our produce vendors are required to grow their own fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs and we strive to find vendors who embrace sustainable and organic growing practices. The market also may include baked goods, honey, maple syrup, handmade craft vendors, food vendors, entertainment, and children's activities. Interested vendors please contact Eden at 427-6008 or e-mail eden.lamb@cityoffortwayne.org for details.



Tri-State Antique Tractor Club

3rd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

The Tri-State Antique Tractor Club is an organization that is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of old farm machinery. If you've ever been to our Fall Harvest Festival you've surely seen the TSA Tractor Club at work! Join the club and meet other tractor enthusiasts, assist in tending the crop fields, and get the chance to learn and work on a myriad of antique farm equipment pieces. The club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Center. For more information please contact kellie.adkins@cityoffortwayne.org or call 427-6005.

Gardeners of America Club

2nd Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Love gardening? Join the club! The Fort Wayne chapter of Gardeners of America meets at 6:30pm on the second Thursday of the month in the Wolf Family Learning Center at Salomon Farm Park. All gardening skill levels are welcome. For more information about the club or a particular meeting, leave a message for Simone at (260) 486-2167 or Kathy at (260) 637-6242. Also, please visit our Little Free Library in front of the Learning Center.



MD & Me: Walk-n-Learn



3rd Tuesday, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Beginning May 21

Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Come jump-start your exercise program by listening to a physician presentation on a specific health topic, and then join us on a walk on the paved Salomon Farm Park loop trail. The trail is paved asphalt, making it a great choice for people with strollers, wheelchairs, or walkers. During your walk, you will have the opportunity to ask the physician your own questions. Each session will have free blood pressure screenings, educational materials and snacks. In case of inclement weather, we will meet at Salomon Farm Park Old Barn and decide if we need to relocate to walk the indoor track next door at the Parkview YMCA. Register for any of the Walk-n-Learn events online at www.parkview.com/mdandme or call 1-866-784-6706.

Tuesday, May 21

Kristen Gerhardstein, MD

PPG-Family Medicine

**Vegan vs. Keto: What You Need to Know
Before Changing Your Diet**

This program is made possible in partnership with Parkview Health.



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HEALTH**

Photography at the Farm

Salomon Farm has become a popular site for both professional and amateur photographers alike. If you plan on taking photos at the park and haven't completed our Photography Registration document, please contact Kellie Adkins at kellie.adkins@cityoffortwayne.org or 260-427-6005 to register. You only need to complete the form one time and there is no cost to register.

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**Watch your mailbox for the
Summer Fun Times on May 8.**

Come join the club!

SALOMON FARM PARK

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OLD BARN

Available May-October

Built in 1874

Beautiful rustic structure
in a park setting

Tables/chairs provided

Seating Capacity 170

ADA accessible

Starting at \$335 (M-Th),
\$700 (F-Su)



Booking for 2019 and 2020!

To schedule a tour or book your event, please call 427-6790.

WOLF FAMILY LEARNING CENTER

Available Aug-May

Expanded in 2018

Modern building in a
park setting

Full kitchen

Modern amenities

Tables/chairs provided

Seating capacity 150

ADA accessible

Starting at \$425 (M-Th),
\$850 (F-Su)



Going Places

Let's Go to the Show!

Broadway in Chicago presents "Hamilton"

Our motorcoach stops first on Michigan Avenue at Water Tower Place where we will gather at the Mity Nice Grill to enjoy American dishes, served family style for lunch (included). Then it's a short ride to the Private Bank Theatre for a matinee performance of "Hamilton," the story of founding father Alexander Hamilton told on stage like you've never seen before. Combining a historically accurate plot with hip-hop and R&B songs, this musical has fast become one of the most innovative productions ever to hit the theater world. Inspired by the 2004 book "Alexander Hamilton" by Ron Chernow, the musical recounts the story of Hamilton's life from childhood all the way through to the tragic end. Among the historical figures appearing in supporting roles are Hamilton's wife, Eliza Schuyler Hamilton, Aaron Burr, George Washington, James Madison and King George III. A supper stop (on your own) will be made on the way home at Culver's in Valparaiso.

Code	Date	Day	Fee
275017-W1	3/20	W	\$197
Departs 8:00 a.m. from Bob Arnold Park, Parnell at E. State Blvd. Returns: 10:30 p.m.			

Broadway in Chicago presents "Cats"

Based on T.S. Eliot's "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats," this show is set in a larger than-life junkyard playground and is alive with our favorite feline characters. The Jellicle Cats come out to play on one special night of the year – the night of the Jellicle Ball. One by one they tell their stories for the amusement of Old Deuteronomy, their wise and benevolent leader, who must choose one of the cats to ascend to the Heaviside Layer and be reborn into a whole new Jellicle life. Our motorcoach stops first on Michigan Avenue at Water Tower Place where we will gather at the Mity Nice Grill to enjoy American dishes served family-style for lunch (included). Then it's a short ride to the Oriental Theatre in Chicago's Loop for a matinee performance. A supper stop (on your own) will be made on the way home at Culver's in Valparaiso.

Code	Date	Day	Fee
375202-S1	8/3	Sa	\$145
Departs 8:00 a.m. from Bob Arnold Park, Parnell at E. State Blvd. Returns: 10:30 p.m.			

Chicago Flower and Garden Show

"FLOWERTALES" is the theme of the Chicago Flower and Garden Show this year. After arriving at Chicago's Navy Pier we will move immediately to the 700-passenger ship "Spirit of Chicago" for a 2-hour luncheon buffet, floral arrangement demonstration . . . and incredible skyline views! After docking, you can stroll through the corridor filled with beautiful stained glass windows on your way to the Flower and Garden Show. You will enjoy lush theme gardens, creative tablescapes, demonstrations by florists and chefs, gardening seminars and the popular marketplace. Whether you are a beginning gardener needing the basics, a seasoned pro wanting to take things to the next level or a horticultural aficionado seeking what's new and trendy, you will find Chicago's first blush with spring to be invigorating. The luncheon cruise and admission to the show are included. A continental breakfast will be served en-route and a fast food stop (on your own) will be made on the way home.

Code	Date	Day	Fee
175000-S1	3/23	Sa	\$115
Departs: 8:00 a.m. from Bob Arnold Park, Parnell at E. State Blvd. Returns: 10:30 p.m.			

Springtime in Chicago featuring the "One of a Kind Show"

Shop 'til you drop trip in downtown Chicago! We'll visit the Magnificent Mile and take in the "One of a Kind Show" at the Merchandise Mart where over 600 artists display and sell their unique offerings. The coach will drop off behind Nordstrom's on Wabash and at the Merchandise Mart on Wells St. At day's end, everyone will board at the Corner of Grand and Wabash. A continental breakfast will be served en route. Lunch in Chicago and a fast-food stop on the way home are on your own.

Code	Date	Day	Fee
275005-S1	4/27	Sa	\$60
Departs 8:00 a.m. from Bob Arnold Park, Parnell at E. State Blvd. Returns: 10:30 p.m.			

Cancellations on day trips are subject to a \$5 or 10% (whichever is greater) per person cancellation fee. Cancellations made within one week of departure will be refunded only if replacements can be found. There are no refunds for NO-SHOWS. All day trips include the service of a Travel Service escort, motorcoach transportation and all necessary gratuities, including those to the escort and motorcoach driver. All trips feature NO SMOKING on the motorcoaches.

Chicago Cubs Baseball

Join us as we head to Chicago's historic Wrigley Field for another exciting season of Chicago Cubs baseball! Lower terrace, infield seats are reserved for each game to watch all your favorite players in action as they battle for another World Series win. A box lunch and beverage (included) is provided en route to the ballpark. A fast food stop (on your own) will be made on the way home.

Code	Date	Day	Fee
Cubs vs. Phillies			
375000-R1	5/23	Th	\$130
Cubs vs. Rockies			
375000-R2	6/6	Th	\$130
Cubs vs. Braves			
375000-R3	6/27	Th	\$130
Cubs vs. Reds			
375000-W1	7/17	W	\$130
Cubs vs. Athletics			
375000-W2	8/7	W	\$130
Cubs vs. Giants			
375000-R4	8/22	Th	\$130

Departs: 8:30 a.m. from Bob Arnold Park, Parnell at E. State Blvd. Returns: 10:30 p.m.



Tulip Time Festival

Holland, Michigan blooms with hospitality as this charming city welcomes us to its 90th Tulip Time Festival. Our day starts out with a luncheon buffet cruise on the "Holland Princess." Then, a short tour of the tulips lined streets as we proceed toward Centennial Park where 200 juried exhibitors will be showing fine art and original crafts for sale. Be sure to check out the downtown shops bursting with spring deals before departure. A continental breakfast will be served en route and a supper stop (on your own) will be made on the way home.

Code	Date	Day	Fee
275007-S1	5/4	Sa	\$95

Departs 8:00 a.m. from Bob Arnold Park, Parnell at E. State Blvd. Returns: 10:30 p.m.

Reserve Your Seat Now!

We are now taking reservations for the following trips. Visit www.fortwayneparks.org or call 427-6000 for a trip brochure.



Horse Country

June 15-16

Our Kentucky weekend features racing after dark at Churchill Downs and visits to the Keeneland Horse Farm and Godolphin at Jonabell Farm.

Single \$455; Double \$355
Deposit \$100 Trip Code # 375003-S1

Tall Ships Celebration & Birch Run Mall

July 18-20

Set your sights on the magnificent tall ships as they sail into Bay City, Michigan and enjoy shopping at over 145 stores in the Birch Run Outlet Mall.

Single \$785; Double \$654, Triple \$619,
Deposit \$300 Trip Code # 375103-R1

New York City

September 16-20

Four days in the Big Apple . . . Statue of Liberty, 9/11 Memorial, Times Square, Macy's, Empire State Building, Central Park, the Guggenheim, Carnegie Hall, Battery Park, and much more!

Single \$1,650; Double \$1,550
Deposit \$500 Trip Code # 475105-M1

Mackinac Island & the Grand Hotel

October 13-15

Our annual Mackinac Island trip features two nights at the beautiful Grand Hotel, gourmet meals, a carriage tour of the island, afternoon tea and daily activities.

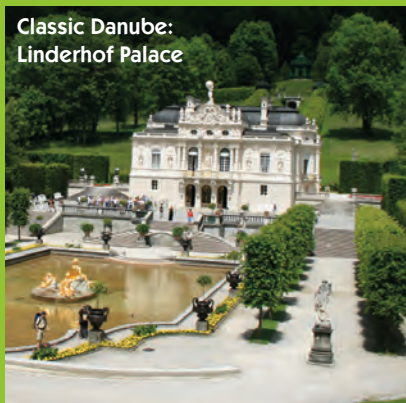
Single \$860; Double \$710; Triple \$660
Deposit \$250 Trip Code # 475103-S1

Questions? 427-6017
sharon.dosen@cityoffortwayne.org

Portugal & Its Islands



Classic Danube:
Linderhof Palace



Albuquerque
Balloon Fiesta



2019 Extended Trips and Tours

Individual trip brochures may be viewed online at www.fortwayneparks.org Click on Programs > Day & Extended Travel. Click on the trip name for a brochure. To see a full itinerary and brochure for the trip, just click on the underlined portion.

June 15-16Horse Country

By motorcoach, races after dark at Churchill Downs, Keeneland Horse Farm and Godolphin at Jonabell Farm; 2 days, 4 meals (\$355 double, \$455 single)

July 16-28 Alaska Discovery: Land & Cruise

Includes 7-night Princess Cruise; 13 days, 25 meals (\$5,749 double, \$8,749 double w/airfare)

July 18-20Tall Ships Celebration & Birch Run Premium Mall

Bay City, Michigan by motorcoach, Tall Ships Celebration, rides on the Islander and Appledore; 3 days, 6 meals (\$619 triple, \$654 double, \$785 single)

July 21-28Pacific Northwest & California

Washington, Oregon and California; 8 days, 10 meals (\$3,379 double w/ airfare)

August 30-September 11Portugal & Its Islands: Estoril Coast, Azores & Madeira Islands

Lisbon, the Portuguese Riviera, Fatima, Obidos, and St. Michael Island – Azores; 13 days, 18 meals (\$5,299 double w/airfare)

August 13-September 13Exploring Britain & Ireland

England, Ireland, Scotland, & Wales; 15 days, 20 meals (\$5,399 double, \$6,399 single w/airfare)

September 16-20 New York City

By motorcoach, Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, Times Square, the 9/11 Memorial, two Broadway Shows and more; 5 days, 6 meals (\$1,550 double, \$1,950 single)

September 18-27 Reflections of Italy

Rome, the Colosseum, Assisi, Perugia, Siena, Florence and Venice; 10 days, 13 meals (\$4,699 double w/airfare)

September 30-October 10Classic Danube

Includes 7-night Danube River Cruise, Linderhof Palace, Oberammergau, Munich, Regensburg, Passau, Linz, Wachau Valley, Vienna and Budapest; 11 days, 24 meals (\$4,979 double w/airfare)

October 11-16 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

Albuquerque and Santa Fe; 6 days, 7 meals (\$2,769 double w/airfare)

October 13-15 Mackinac Island and the Grand Hotel

By motorcoach, carriage tour of the island, planned day activities, movies, a champagne reception and more; 2 nights, 3 days, 5 meals (\$710 double, \$660 triple, \$860 single)

October 23-November 1Iconic Israel

Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Caesarea, Tiberias, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Jericho, Qumran, the Dead Sea and Bethlehem; 10 days, 15 meals (\$4,899 double w/airfare)

December 29-January 2California New Year's Getaway

Tournament of Roses Parade; 5 days, 5 meals (\$2,899 double w/airfare)

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August 4-15Alpine Explorer & Glacier Express Train With Oberammergau Passion Play

The Oberammergau Passion Play is produced only once every ten years! Don't miss this opportunity! 12 days, 17 meals (\$7,099 w/airfare and tickets to play)

Special Interest

Stand Up and Dance!



Line Dancing for Fun & Fitness **F4**

This class is designed for the beginner but will also appeal to the more seasoned line dancer. We will cover the basic steps and terminology while incorporating them into popular dances. Music ranges from pop, classic rock, country, and Latin to funk. Ballroom styles such as swing, foxtrot, waltz, rumba, cha-cha, etc. will be included and taught in a line dance format. No special shoes or clothing are required. Ages 13+. Instructors: Philip and Carol Fretz. Registration deadline: March 19. Min. 10. Max. 50.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242204-T1	3/26-5/14	T	7-8 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$36/\$41 after March 19			
Location: Franke Park Pavilion #1, Sherman Blvd.			

Clogging **F4**

Clogging resembles tap dancing but with double time steps that are executed with a flat foot rather than on the balls of your feet. It is fun for all ages and provides a great aerobic workout!! Beginning Plus is for individuals who have the basic knowledge of the clogging steps and at least 10 weeks of lessons. Continuing class is for individuals who have knowledge of the basic clogging steps and combinations. Ages 13+. Instructor Elizabeth Hoy has been clogging for over 20 years. Registration deadline: April 2. Min. 6. Max. 20. There will be no class on May 28.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Beginning +			
242200-M1	4/8-6/17	M	5:30-6:15 pm
Intermediate			
24200-M2	4/8-6/17	M	6:15-7 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 10/\$42/\$47 after April 2			
Location: Franke Pond Pavilion, Sherman Blvd.			
Continuing			
242200-T2	4/9-6/11	T	6:15-7 pm
Advanced			
242200-T1	4/9-6/11	T	7:15-8:15 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 10/\$42/\$47 after April 2			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

Adult Tap Dance **F4**

Tap dancing is great exercise and a great way to spend an evening. You'll learn tap dance technique and performance skills. No previous experience is required for the beginner class. The advanced class requires some previous tap dance training. Please wear tap or hard-soled shoes. Instructor: Linda Mullenhour. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: March 12. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Beginners 18+			
242207-T1	3/19-5/7	T	5:30-6:15 pm
Beginning Plus			
242207-T2	3/19-5/7	T	6:15-7 pm
Advanced			
242207-T3	3/19-5/7	T	7-8 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$24/\$29 after March 12			
Location: Psi Ote Upper Pavilion, Bob Arnold Park, Parnell Ave. at E. State			

The Sound of Music

You Can Play the Ukulele

Learn how to hold a ukulele, use a chord chart and strum with confidence in less than three hours. You'll leave the class with the skills necessary to play from any book of ukulele music. We'll start slow, and using lots of repetition, work up to playing real tunes. Handouts will have chords and lyrics for a variety of songs. The class fee includes a ukulele which is yours to keep. Ages 9-adult. Instructor: Richard Ash. Registration deadline: May 11. Min. 10. Max. 30.

Code	Date	Day	Time
242411-S1	5/18	Sa	9:30 am-12 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$72/\$77 after May 11			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			





Terrible Orchestra

Get the violin you played in high school out of the attic and come join our “orchestra” for adults (2+ years of experience is preferred) that just want to have fun making music and learning to play again. You will need to bring your instrument and a music stand. We will provide the sheet music. Modeled after the Scottish Really Terrible Orchestra, a group of friends who just wanted to get together and play, this class will have some instruction as well as “rehearsal” time as a group. If you are an adult beginner taking lessons, you are welcome to enroll. String players are especially needed but all are welcome. When registering for the class, please let us know what instrument you will be playing. Instructor Debra Graham is a member of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and directs the Northeast Indiana Talent Education beginning and intermediate ensembles and has taught elementary through middle school orchestras for over 30 years. Registration deadline: March 25. Min. 10. Max. 30.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242308-M1	4/1-5/6	M	7-8:30 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$38/\$43 after March 25			
Location: Heffner Pavilion, 1903 St. Mary's Ave.			

WAYne Finding

Friday, April 26, 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Pickup info packet & rules

Monday, April 29, 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Completed tasks due (NO EXCEPTIONS)

Walk, run or drive...SAFELY on this unforgettable, epic scavenger hunt adventure of a lifetime! Teams of two comprised of **one adult (18+)** and **one child (17 & under)** will travel Fort Wayne and the surrounding areas completing tasks of various point values. Once the event has concluded and scores have been tallied, the top three teams with the highest accumulative point value will be awarded prizes. All participants will receive a WAYne Finding t-shirt that **MUST** be worn at all times while completing tasks. Teams must stay **TOGETHER** while completing all tasks and obey all laws on foot or in vehicle. Each team is responsible for their own mode of transportation. At least one team member must pick up your information packet and rules on Friday, April 26 and drop-off your completed tasks and answers by 4:30 on Monday, April 29 (NO EXCEPTIONS). This event requires each team to have active Gmail and Facebook accounts in order to submit proof of completion for certain tasks. Registration begins March 29th at 9:00 am and ends April 12th at 4:30 pm. Call 427-5043 to register by phone or stop by the Community Center at 233 W. Main St., Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. You will need to submit a team name as well as birthdates and shirt sizes for each team member when you register. Fee: \$40/team. NO REFUNDS. Registrations accepted after April 12th will be assessed a \$20 late fee with no guarantee of your teams requested tee shirt sizes. Registration code: 243905-S1.



Sign up for an adventure!

Talk to Me



Conversational German

Every 4th citizen of Fort Wayne is of German heritage. Fort Wayne even had a German newspaper at one time. Is there German in your background? Get a taste of the German language and culture with instructor Peter Blaettner. Peter is a native of Hamburg, Germany and has been teaching German for 19 years in high school and University of St. Francis. Min. 5. Max. 10. Registration deadline: March 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242604-T1	3/19-5/7	T	6-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$76/\$81 after March 12

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Spanish 101

Spanish rivals English as the language of choice in the Americas with over 250 million native Spanish speakers in South, Central and North America. It is also one of the easiest languages for English speakers to learn. Spanish I is for those with little or no knowledge of the Spanish language. The Continuing class is for those who have advanced beyond Spanish I. A drop-in Spanish class is also offered for those who want to practice their language skills. Ages 13+. Instructor Benigna (Betty) Rodriguez grew up on the Texas-Mexico border. She is fluent in both Spanish and English and has taught at the Community Center for over 11 years. Registration deadline: March 13. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Spanish I

242600-W1 3/20-5/8 W 6-7:30 pm

#Sessions/Fee: 8/\$76/\$81 after March 13

Continuing Spanish

242600-W2 3/20-5/8 W 1:30-3:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$70/\$75 after March 13

Drop-in Continuing Spanish

3/19-5/7 T 1:30-3:30 pm

Drop-in fee: \$1

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

I Can Fix It

Chair Recovery

Why give up your comfortable chair when a new exterior will bring it back to life? Bring your chair (no recliners, sofas or love seats) to the first class with fabric intact, if possible. We'll determine the amount of material needed for your project and discuss fabric selection. You will learn basic frame repair, spring tying, pattern layout, cushion styles and furniture styles. In most cases you will be able to reupholster your chair in the 10 weeks of class. No experience is necessary. Instructor Larry Brooks has been reupholstering furniture for over 33 years and operates his own shop. Call Larry at 260-426-5010 for more information or to determine if your chair is right for this class. Age 18+. Registration deadline: April 1. Min. 8. Max. 12. There will be no class on May 27.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242902-M1	4/8-6/17	M	6-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/\$101/\$106 after April 1

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Chair Caning

It is very common for a cane chair to start losing its caning long before the frame itself begins to deteriorate. If you have a chair that's in good shape structurally, you can replace the cane yourself and return the chair to its former glory. Painting or varnishing the frame should be done in advance, if needed, and your chair must be stripped of cane and have holes around the seat area. We'll provide the cane and the instruction necessary to complete your chair seat by the end of the 5-week class. Please note that this class overlaps with the Chair Recovery class for an hour. A supply list will be provided with your registration receipt or may be found on our website at www.fortwayneparks.org. Instructor Larry Brooks has been reupholstering furniture for over 33 years and operates his own shop. Call Larry at 260-426-5010 for more information or to determine if your chair is right for this class. Age 18+. Registration deadline: April 8. Min. 5. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242903-M1	4/15-5/13	M	5:30-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 5/\$48/\$53 after April 8

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Questions? 427-6000

Watch your mailbox for the Summer Fun Times on May 8.

Sew What!

Return of the Rag Rug

Rag rug making is just one of many “forgotten skills of self-sufficiency” used by pioneers on the frontier. Like many others, it has returned more as a hobby than a necessity. The rag rug is made from long strips of fabric that are braided, coiled and sewn into a flat spiral. They can be solid color, multi-colored, circular, square, left with ragged edges or seamed for a neater finish. They are a great way to use fabric scraps and, as the pioneers can attest, they make great rugs. For a Blue Jean Rag Rug you will need to bring 5 pairs of worn out jeans. For the Rag Rug you will need to bring sheets or long scraps of fabric, scissors and a large needle. We also have large balls of fabric for you to use. If you have a portable sewing machine, please bring it to class. Ages 13+. Instructor: Linda Wade. Registration deadlines: March 14 and April 18. Min.5. Max. 10.

Code	Date	Day	Time
242032-R1	3/21	Th	5:30-8:30 pm
242032-R2	4/25	Th	5:30-8:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$23/\$28 after deadlines

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Sewing Survival 101

Have you ever wished that you could fix that hem in your pants or sew a button back on? In Sewing Survival you will learn how to use a sewing machine . . . how to thread it, select stitches and various other features, and how to sew a straight seam. You will learn simple alteration techniques such as hemming pants and/or dresses. Please bring to class any items of clothing that require minor alterations or repairs to work on in class. Our equipment is limited, so please bring the following to class if you can: a portable sewing machine, tape measure, pins, thread, scissors and a seam ripper. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: April 9. Min. 4. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242040-T1	4/16-5/7	T	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 4/\$40/\$45 after April 9

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Hand Embroidery

Embroidery has been used for centuries to tailor, patch, mend and reinforce clothing and eventually developed into the art of embroidery for decorative purposes. After learning the fundamentals of embroidery, from selecting materials to the six basic stitches, you will be able to embellish your projects with style and expensive looking touches. Bring a pair of pillow cases to class. All other necessary supplies and materials will be provided. Ages 16+. Instructor: Linda Wade. Registration deadline: March 28. Min. 5. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242034 -R1	4/4-4/18	Th	6-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 3/\$29/\$34 after March 28

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

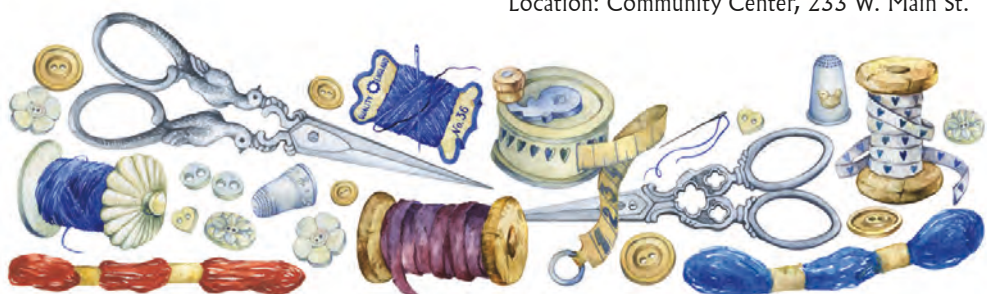
Continental Knitting for Beginners

This style of knitting is more like crochet because you hold the yarn in your left hand. It's the opposite hand of your working needle, but it's closer to your actual work. Continental knitting is sometimes called “picking” or left-handed knitting. You will learn how to cast on, knit, purl stitch and bind off. You will also learn about yarn gauge and how to measure. You will knit a dish cloth from a pattern. Please bring to class two #7 knitting needles and a skein of 100% cotton yarn. “Sugar and Cream” and “Lion’s Brand Cotton” are recommended. Registration deadline: March 14. Min. 3. Max. 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242036-R1	3/21-5/2	Th	1-3 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$21/\$26 after March 14

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Time to start a new hobby?

Clay and Glass



Beginning Pottery

Pottery is one of the most ancient arts. Excavations in the Near East have revealed that primitive fired-clay vessels were made there more than 8,000 years ago. You will learn both hand building and wheel throwing techniques, how to prepare clay, select a design, and various glazing techniques. Every student will create six unique pieces to take home (a cylinder, vase and bowl by wheel, a coiled creamer, slabbed box and your own creation by hand). A supply list will be provided with your receipt or you may view it online at www.fortwayneparks.org. All pieces will be fired at the Community Center and may be picked up one week after the last class. Each class session includes time for set-up and clean-up and may extend to an extra session depending on the condition of the pottery as it is dried and fired. Ages 13+. Instructor Brandon Furniss has been working with clay over 20 years and teaching in the area for 8. Registration deadlines: March 4 and April 29. Min. 5. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242004-M1	3/11-4/15	M	6-9 pm
242004-M2	5/6-6/10	M	6-9 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$94/\$99 after deadlines

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Flower Pot Pottery

Get yourself ready for spring planting with two small/medium sized flower, herb or succulent pots you will create using white earthenware clay and a potter's wheel. A wide selection of glazes will be available to personalize your pottery however you like. No experience necessary. Just bring your imagination. Instructor: Onie Mensch. Registration deadlines: February 23 and April 6. Min. 3. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242025-S1	3/2-3/30	Sa	1:30-3:30 pm
242025-S2	4/13-5/11	Sa	1:30-3:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 5/\$70/\$75 after deadlines

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Beginning Glass Fusing

If you apply heat to glass, it will soften. If you continue to apply heat, the glass will become more fluid and flow together. Two or more pieces of glass will stick (or "fuse") to each other. When the right kind of glass is heated and then cooled properly, the resulting fused glass piece will be solid and unbroken and can be quite beautiful if you know what you are doing. In this beginning class, you will make several fused glass jewelry pieces and a small glass plate while learning about basic glass fusing. All necessary materials will be provided. Ages 16+. Instructor: Juanita Miller. Registration deadline: March 26. Min. 4. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242016-T1	4/2-4/16	T	6-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 3/\$67/\$72 after March 26

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Pencils and Paints

Intro to Colored Pencils

Add a little life to your drawings with color!! You will learn a variety of drawing techniques that are unique to colored pencils, including hi-lighting and shading. You will draw from patterns provided by the instructor. All necessary supplies will be provided including a kit that is yours to keep. Instructor: Marilyn Copeland is a nationally certified and accredited art instructor. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: March 19. Min. 5. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242030-T1	3/26-4/30	T	1:30-4 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$82/\$87 after March 19

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Oil and Watercolor with Marilyn Copeland

Explore important painting techniques such as color mixing, color value and composition with Marilyn Copeland, a nationally certified and accredited art instructor. The first three weeks will introduce you to Oil Painting and the next three weeks you will learn about Watercolors. The class is open to all skill levels. Age 18+. Instructor Marilyn Copeland has been painting and teaching various forms of art for over 30 years. Registration deadlines: March 18. Min. 5. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242006-M1	3/25-4/29	M	5:30-8 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$79/\$84 after March 18

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Register on-line at
www.fortwayneparks.org

For Your Well-being



I-Pad/Cookbook Holder

Bring a bit of rustic flair to your kitchen counter-top. Choose from a variety of colors and phrases to choose from when decorating your 12" x 12" wood iPad/cookbook holder. No experience is necessary. All supplies are provided. Instruction provided by Wood and Limm Art Studio. Registration deadline: May 9. Min. 5. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
242416-R1	5/16	Th	6-8:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$43/\$48 after May 9

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Wood Spring Centerpiece

Brighten your Easter dinner table with a custom centerpiece. A 14" x 5" wood box is pre-assembled and ready for you to paint/stain and personalize with a variety of phrase options. No experience is necessary. All necessary supplies will be provided. Instructors are provided by Wood and Limm Art Studio in New Haven. Registration deadline: April 6. Min. 5. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
242334-S1	4/13	Sa	10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$43/\$48 after April 6

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Meditation with Sound Immersion

Experience the wonderful world of meditation with sound immersion, an ancient art that uses vibrational tones to reset and restore cellular and emotional patterns in the physical and energetic body. Sound immersion is a simple and direct-connect to the powerful benefits of meditation – promoting deep restorative relaxation and a calm mind. The harmonic resonance orchestrates an energetic reset to release stress and tension. Instructor Deborah Connelly is certified in deep relaxation, stress reduction, mind detoxification and group meditation by the International Academy of Sound Healing for physical, mental and emotional wellness. Beginners are welcome. Please bring a blanket and wear comfortable, light-colored clothing. It is recommended to remove any metal on your body, as metals have their own frequency and may interfere in the process. Registration deadline: March 4. Ages 16+. Min. 8. Max. 25.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242366-M1	3/11-4/15	M	7:30-8:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$48/\$53 after March 4

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Essential Oils

Essential Oils have been used throughout history for spiritual, emotional and physical health. In our beginner class you will learn how to safely use pure essential oils for your personal health and wellness. The advanced class will focus on the science and chemical makeup of essential oils and how they affect the limbic system and emotions. This class includes a make-and-take using more advanced oils. Ages 16+. Instructor: Sara Lauer. Registration deadlines: March 4 and April 1. Min. 6. Max. 25.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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The Basic: Getting Started

242041 -M1	3/11	M	6-8 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$23/\$28 after March 4

Advanced Emotions & Essential Oils

242041-M2	4/8	M	6-8 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$29/\$34 after April 1

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Community Center Rental

The Community Center at 233 W. Main Street offers beautiful, flexible space for large and small events. The Center is audio-visually equipped and has a full service kitchen facility. Alcohol is permitted at the Center and there are no restrictions on catering. Call Billy at 427-6463 for details and the full range of options or check our website at www.fortwayneparks.org.

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Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation
Community Center

by mail, by fax, or use our drop box.

Preventive Lifestyle



Adopting a preventive lifestyle can help you avoid, reverse and possibly even eliminate hypertension, type II diabetes, obesity, osteoporosis and osteoarthritis. Weekly lectures and related recipes will get you on the road to wellness. Instructor Linda Edquid is a registered nurse. She has been teaching and doing community outreach in the health industry for over 20. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: April 3. Min. 5. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242501-W1	4/10-5/29	W	3-4:30 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$25/\$30 after April 3			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

A Picture is Worth . . .

Digital Photography from the Beginning

Digital cameras can do some pretty amazing things! Whether you are using a newer smart phone (not more than 2 years old), an upscale point and shoot, or an SLR, you'll take better pictures once you understand presets, shutter speed, aperture, ISO and other basic mechanics and terminology. We will take short excursions outside when weather permits. Please bring all your photography equipment to class. Ages 18+. Instructor: Lee Penrod. Registration deadline: February 26.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242116-T1	3/5-4/23	T	1-3 pm
242116-T2	3/5-4/23	T	4:30-6:30 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$89/\$94 after February 26			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			



Get with the Program!

Microsoft Windows 10 (50+)

Our Windows classes are designed for those with little or no computer experience. You will learn very basic terminology, hardware, components of a window and how to manipulate a window. You will then learn how to cut, copy and paste text, graphics and files. These tasks are common to just about every computer program. Finally, you will learn how to organize your files so they are easy to locate and tricks for finding files when they do get misplaced. Knowledge of the Windows operating system is a pre-requisite for most of our other computer classes. You should have access to a computer outside of class for practice. Instructor: Keith Hering. Registration deadline: March 20. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242100-W1	3/27-5/22	W	1-3 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$36/\$41 after March 20			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

Microsoft Excel 2007-2010

Excel is a powerful, yet relatively easy-to-master tool for organizing, analyzing and displaying information such as personal finances or an inventory. You will learn how to enter data, create formulas and display charts. Experience with windows, file management, word processing and the cut, copy and paste tool is required. Registration deadline: April 18. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242109-W1	4/24-5/29	W	10 am-12 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$32/\$37 after April 18			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

Getting to Know Your Android System (50+)

Do you feel like your Smart Phone or Tablet is smarter than you are? From batteries, to signals, to apps and games ... you will learn all about your handy little device. We'll cover texting, settings, maintenance, trouble shooting and even what to do if you lose your phone. You'll learn how to use Google calendar and many other free, user-friendly applications. Bring your phone to class and show it who's boss. Note: This class is not for Windows phones/tablets or iPhones/iPads. Instructor: Kelley Doyle. Registration deadline: March 11. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242120-M1	3/18-4/22	M	2:45-4:45 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$32/\$37 after March 11			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.			

Questions? 427-6000



Jump Drives & Memory Cards 101

Whether you call it a jump drive, a thumb drive, a USB stick, a flash drive or a thing-a-ma-bob . . . Bring your handy little device to class and learn how save information (including photos) to it and how to organize that information into files and folders. Experience with Windows, file management, word processing, internet surfing and cut/copy/paste tools is required. Instructor: Keith Herring. Registration deadlines: March 6. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Date	Day	Time
242123-W1	3/13	W	1:30-3:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$16/\$21 after March 6

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Mind Sharpening Brain Training

Mondays in April, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Keep your mind active and regularly challenged and you may spend a shorter part of life in a state of decline. Using the application Luminosity, you can challenge yourself in math skills, vocabulary and reading skills. You can also learn how to sign up for your own account that can be accessed from any computer, smartphone or tablet that has internet access. Drop in any Monday during the month of April from 12:30-2:30 p.m. to start your brain training. Drop-in fee: \$1

eBay: Buying and Selling

eBay is the most popular shopping destination on the internet. With millions of shoppers in almost every country around the globe, someone is looking for what you're selling while someone else is selling what you want. Get in on the action! Learn how to register with eBay and PayPal, how bidding works, how to use the "My eBay" page, and all about member profiles and feedback points. We will cover auction costs, how to take pictures of your item, write a description, upload your photos, set your price, receive payment and ship your item to the buyer. By the last class, you should be ready to auction your first item! Experience with Windows, file management, word processing, internet surfing and cut/copy/paste tools is required. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: February 26. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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242104-T1 3/5-4/9 T 10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$48/\$53 after February 26

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Computer Lab

The Community Center Computer Lab is open to the public and staffed by a volunteer on Mondays 2:30-2:30 p.m. and Thursdays 9:00-11:00 a.m. No reservation is necessary. Just drop in.

Lab Fee.....	\$1/hour
B/W Copies	10¢ single/15¢ double
Color Copies	15¢ single/25¢ double
Photo Prints.....	35¢ for 4" x 6"
.....	\$1.50 for 8.5" x 11"

Sports & Fitness

See You on the Court

Recreational Volleyball **F4**

Volleyball is one of the top three most-played sports in the world. It doesn't matter how old you are, how fit you are or how athletic you are. This high-energy, zero body contact, mixed team sport is loads of fun and no matter what level you play at, volleyball can help improve your fitness and coordination. Recreational Volleyball is informal play with no officials. Teams form once players arrive and play proceeds for 2 hours. Registration deadline: March 13. Max. 18.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
244800-T1	3/19-5/14	T	7-9 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$24/\$29 after March 13			
Location: Northwood Middle School, 1201 E. Washington Center Rd.			

Recreational Basketball **F4**

As exercise goes, it doesn't get much better than a fun team sport that requires no expensive equipment or major time commitments. Basketball is good for your heart, your muscles, your bones, your brain, your gut, your social life and your stress level. And, it's FUN! Who needs more convincing than that? Pick a night and join us for a few games of basketball in an informal, yet structured setting. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: March 13.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
244000-M1	3/18-5/13	M	7-9 pm
244000-W1	3/20-5/15	W	7-9 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$26/\$31 after March 13			
Location: Blackhawk Middle School, 7200 E. State Blvd.			

Operation F4 – Fight for a Fitter Fort

F4 is a fitness for life implementation program sponsored by Mayor Henry and the City of Fort Wayne. Its goal is to improve and sustain the health of every citizen. **F4** identifies and/or creates community health, nutrition, and fitness resources. **F4** then promotes the coordinated use of those resources through the **F4** website, employers, churches, public and private agencies. Programs in the Fun Times that meet these guidelines are designated with the **F4** logo.



Adult Tennis Lessons **F4**

Did you know tennis helps build strength in your upper body, legs, hips and abdomen; improves your speed and overall flexibility and burns up to 450 calories in an hour of moderate play? All of these benefits from a sport that is so much fun! You must learn to play! Our beginning classes introduce the rules of tennis, basic strokes, serving, and volleying. Intermediate classes focus on consistency of strokes and volleys and the introduction of more advanced strokes. Please bring your own racket. Balls will be provided. Ages 13 and older. Registration deadline: April 9.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Beginning			
244500-S1	4/13-5/11	Sa	11:30 am-12:30 pm
Intermediate			
244500-S2	4/13-5/11	Sa	12:30-1:30 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 5/\$30/\$35 after April 9			
Location: Bob Arnold Park Tennis Courts, Parnell Ave. at E. State Blvd.			

Adult Tennis Leagues **F4**

Spring is in the air, so dust off your tennis racket and get back on the tennis court. The leagues will be held at Swinney Tennis Center. Each league features 7 weekly matches with awards given to the first and second place finisher in each league. You must furnish your own racket and balls. Registration deadline: April 2. Min. 4. Max. 8.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Men's 3.5			
244300-M1	4/8-5/20	M	7-9 pm
Women's 3.5			
244300-M2	4/8-5/20	M	7-9 pm
Men's 3.0			
244300-W1	4/10-5/22	W	6:30-8:30 pm
Women's 3.0			
244300-W2	4/10-5/22	W	6:30-8:30 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 7/\$39/\$44 after April 2			
Location: Swinney Tennis Center, W. Jefferson Blvd.			

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Get Moving!

Relaxation Therapy

Aqua Dance



Aqua Dance is a high energy, total body water workout with cardio, weights and core exercises set to fun, upbeat music. Come join the fun! It's a "pool party" for all ages! Instructors are provided by Fitness Studio. Ages 13+. Registration deadlines: March 7 and May 2. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242319-R1	3/14-4/18	Th	6:45-7:30 pm
242319-R2	5/9-6/13	Th	6:45-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$61/\$66 after deadlines
Location: Turnstone, 3320 N. Clinton

Strengthen and Tone



Compliment your gym routine with this hour of strength training each week. It's a total body circuit training workout that includes exercises to target the abs. This class is suitable for healthy active adults and can be adapted depending on the skill of individual participants. Instructor: Lauren Caggiano. Registration deadlines: March 6 and May 1. Min. 6. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242304-W1	3/13-4/17	W	6-7 pm
242304-W2	5/8-6/12	W	6-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$37/\$42 after deadlines
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

GROOV3: Hip Hop Cardio



GROOV3 is fitness outside-the-box! Scratch your idea of what a workout looks like and join us for the sweatiest, blood-pumping, beat dropping dance fitness experience ever. This isn't your run of the mill dance class. You will dance, sweat and live far beyond your workout. GROOV3 is the only dance class with the undeniable "power of 3" . . . one hour-long workout, two speeds of choreography and three times the empowerment as you DANCE, SWEAT and LIVE your best life! Ages 18+. Instructor: Charlotte Tompkins. Registration deadlines: March 27 and March 30. Min. 7. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242348-W1	4/3-5/8	W	7:15-8:15 pm
242348-S1	4/6-5/11	Sa	10:30-11:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$40/\$45 after deadlines
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Yoga



Enjoy the benefits of regular Yoga practice, from muscle toning and limbering to managing stress. Yoga's combination of exercise, breathing and meditation techniques will help you build concentration and poise, improve your stamina and even relieve insomnia. Please bring a blanket and a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. The classes are open to all levels. Drop-ins are welcome on Thursdays for \$10. Ages 16+. Instructor: Melissa Vanyo-Hey is a Certified 200 hour RYT with Yoga Alliance. Registration deadlines are one week prior to the start of each class. Min. 8. Max. 30. There will be no class on May 27.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Beginning			
242300-R1	4/11-6/13	Th	7:15-8:45 pm
242300-T1	4/9-6/11	T	4:30-6 pm
Continuing			
242300-R2	4/11-6/13	Th	5:30-7 pm
242300-M1	4/8-6/17	M	5:30-7 pm

Sessions/Fee: 10/\$57/\$62 after deadlines
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Tai Chi in the Garden I & II



Learn to relax your body and focus your mind with the ancient art of Tai Chi, a gentle, graceful exercise to improve health and fitness. It is especially effective in reducing stress, thereby relieving arthritis, diabetes and other chronic conditions. Weekly sessions include a meditative walk in the garden. The class focuses on the basics of the Sun form and is great for new students or those wishing to continue their studies. Instructor Sandy Gebhard is certified by renowned master Dr. Paul Lam, and has 30+ years' experience practicing and teaching Tai Chi. Note: Additional students may drop in for \$10 per session but should call ahead to make sure class will be held. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: April 2. Min. 10. Max. 16.

Code	Dates	Day	Times
Tai Chi I – Beginners, morning			
227002-T1	4/9-5/28	T	9-10 am
Tai Chi I – Beginners, evening			
227002-T2	4/9-5/28	T	5-6 pm
Tai Chi II – Continuing, evening			
227002-T3	4/9-5/28	T	6-7 pm

#Sessions/Fee: 8/\$69
Member or Volunteer Fee: \$59
Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

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Watch your mailbox for the Summer Fun Times on May 8.

Register on-line at www.fortwayneparks.org

We're making fitness fun!

Family Friendly Golf

Family Friendly Golf

The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department provides a family-friendly golf atmosphere at four distinctly different public golf courses and two driving ranges. We offer:

- Membership Packages
- Group and Individual Golf Instruction
- Junior and Pee Wee Golf Tours
- The Lifetime Sports Academy
- Certified PGA Pro/Managers
- Tournament and Group Outings
- Women's Beginning Golf Lessons
- Special Promotions and Discounts

Contact the golf course clubhouse to reserve weekend tee times, make league reservations or to arrange tournaments or outings. Look for on-line coupons and take advantage of the great golf deals listed on page 29.

Golf Leagues

Senior Men's Golf League



The Senior Men's Golf Association is open to retired men at least 55 years of age by July 1. Benefits of membership include reduced golf fees, gift certificates, special events, scrambles and the opportunity to play the city's finest public golf courses. For more information, please contact Harold Lowder at 483-5109.

Ladies Golf Leagues



Ladies Golf Leagues are offered at Shoaff, McMillen and Foster Park Golf Courses. Please call the course of your choice for information or to sign up.

Golf Courses Open for the Season As Weather Permits

	Weekday	Weekend/Holiday	Cart	Driving Range
Foster Park Golf Course Rudisill Blvd. & Old Mill Road 427-6735 fostergolfcourse.com	9 holes \$12 18 holes \$19	9 holes \$13 18 holes \$22	9 holes \$7 18 holes \$14 Punch Card 10/\$126	
Shoaff Park Golf Course & Driving Range 6401 St. Joe Road 427-6745 shoaffgolfcourse.com	9 holes \$10 18 holes \$16	9 holes \$11 18 holes \$17	9 holes \$5 18 holes \$10 Punch Card 10/\$80	small bucket \$5 large bucket \$7 Punch Cards 10 small/\$35 10 large/\$60
McMillen Park Golf Course & Driving Range Oxford St., East of Anthony Blvd. 427-6710 mcmillengolfcourse.com	9 holes \$10 * 9 holes \$5 on Fridays * 18 holes \$16	9 holes \$11 18 holes \$17	9 holes \$5 18 holes \$10 Punch Card 10/\$80	medium bucket \$5 Punch Card 10/\$30
Mad Anthony III's Short Course Oxford St., East of Anthony Blvd. 427-6710 mcmillengolfcourse.com	Adults \$7; Youth \$4 Families \$1 off per player. Lifetime Sports Academy Certified Players FREE!		9 holes \$5 18 holes \$10 Punch Card 10/\$80	

Membership Packages

	Individual	Family (2 people)	Junior	Senior
McMillen/Shoaff	\$495	\$650	\$175	\$395
Foster	\$630	\$785	\$215	\$470
Individual Season Pass valid at all four municipal courses – \$730!				

What a Deal!

• Kids Play Free

One child (age 14 and under) plays FREE with each paying adult after 6:00 p.m. daily at Foster, Shoaff and McMillen and any time during public play at the Mad Anthony III's.

• Student Discounts

All students receive \$2 off greens fees at our golf courses. College and high school students must show their current school I.D.

• Ladies Day

Women play 2-for-1 before 3:00 p.m. on Mondays at Foster and Fridays at Shoaff and McMillen. (League play not included.)

• Frequent Player Card

Buy 10 rounds, get one FREE! Pick up your frequent player card at your first visit to Foster, Shoaff or McMillen, have it punched every time you play 18 holes of golf at one of the courses and your 11th round of golf, at the course of your choice, will be "on the house!"

• Weekday Special

Play 18 holes with a cart at Foster for just \$25 and at McMillen and Shoaff for \$20 weekdays until 1:00 p.m.

• Daily Twilight Special

Enjoy reduced greens fees after 6:00 p.m. at Foster (\$8), McMillen (\$7) and Shoaff (\$7). Not valid for leagues, outings or tournaments.

• \$5 Fridays

Play 9 holes for \$5 every Friday at McMillen (carts extra).



Pee Wee/Junior Golf Tour



The Pee Wee/Junior Golf Tour is open to boys and girls ages 3-18 and consists of a series of golf tournaments at various local courses throughout the summer. Details will be available at www.fortwayneparks.org in March.



A Different Kind of Golf

FootGolf at Mad Anthony III's



FootGolf combines soccer and golf into a fun and fast growing new sport. FootGolf originated in the Netherlands and has spread to over 16 countries throughout the world. Similar to golf, the players' intent is to kick a ball into the hole with the least amount of strokes possible. There is a tee box, a green, bunkers, hazards and 18 holes of play (just 9 holes at MA III's). There is par for each hole, mimicking golf's scorecard, and you still play as a twosome, threesome or foursome. The main differences are the cups, which are 21 inches in diameter, shorter holes (most people cannot kick a soccer ball further than 50 yards) and the lack of equipment needed (no need to carry around heavy golf clubs in FootGolf!). Come try this exciting new sport at the Mad Anthony III's in McMillen Park.

Adult 9 holes: \$7
 Youth 9 holes: \$4
 Family 9 holes: \$1 off per player
 Soccer Ball rental: \$5
 Children 14 and under play free with a paid adult.

Disc Golf Courses



The Parks and Recreation Department maintains three disc golf courses in city parks. The courses are available for open play at no charge. For course descriptions and league/tournament information please visit www.fortdiscgolf.com/courses.

Shoaff Park, 6401 St. Joe Rd.

Swinney Park, 1600 W. Jefferson Blvd.

Tillman Park, 600 Tillman Rd.

and get to the golf course.

On the Riverfront

Young Naturalist Series

Psi Ote Lower Pavilion, Bob Arnold North Side Park, Parnell Ave. at E. State Blvd.

Young naturalists (ages 5-10) are invited to join us for an hour of learning, crafts and fun themed snacks. The program is **FREE** and limited to 20 children plus their grown-ups. Please contact Kim Weldon at 427-5166 or kimberly.weldon@cityoffortwayne.org to sign up and reserve your seat. Registration deadlines are one week prior to each program. In the event of inclement weather, please check Riverfront Fort Wayne Facebook page for cancellations.

Bug-tastic!

Sunday, March 17, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Discover the amazing world of bugs! Your fun and adventure includes creating your own bug and constructing a bug hotel from recycled and found items. The hour ends with a tasty bug themed snack.



River Otters

Sunday, May 19, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

You “otter” take this class if you love otters! Not only will you learn all about the life of a river otter, you will get to make your own otter puppet and discover what it takes to make an inviting home for these cute furry critters. A tasty otter-themed snack will finish off our hour of fun.



Riverfront Clean Ups

Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 2, 16, April 6, 20, May 4, 18

Bloomington Park, Sherman Blvd. & Burgess St.

Volunteers will clip honeysuckle limbs from bushes, cut down the remaining trunks with handsaws and carry the brush to an area in the park. All tools and work gloves will be provided. The honeysuckle stems are not prickly and the brush isn't heavy. This is a family-friendly activity, so children are welcome, too. Please dress for the weather! Close-toed shoes, like tennis shoes, are recommended. Groups of 4-40 volunteers are encouraged to sign up for one of the Riverfront cleanups listed above by calling 260-427-6408.

Promenade Park Grand Opening

June 21-23

Promenade Park, the first phase of our transformational Riverfront Fort Wayne Project, will finally be a reality in June 2019. This highly anticipated grand opening celebration will take place from Friday, June 21-Sunday, June 23. Friday's highlights include the ribbon cutting and various arts performances. Saturday includes boating and recreation. Sunday's focus will be on nature and our rivers' ecosystem. Watch for complete details in the Summer Fun Times. Follow us on social media and sign up for the newsletter at RiverfrontFW.org to stay current on updates!



Riverfront Educational Series

This is the year—Riverfront is here! Riverfront Fort Wayne is again offering the public three opportunities to meet the team involved with Riverfront development and learn more about plans for the future, including the exciting news we will have to share about Promenade Park, water quality updates, and brand new opportunities to enjoy our beautiful three rivers. Each evening will feature a different topic and panel discussion at Hop River Brewing Company. Beer, cider, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks, as well as light snacks will be available for purchase. Hop River will offer free tours of the brewery before and after the event. This event is family-friendly and limited to the first 200 people, so plan to arrive early. More information, including parking information, is available at www.RiverfrontFW.org or by calling Megan Butler at (260) 427-6248. Sponsored by WANE TV, Hop River Brewing Company, Riverfront Fort Wayne, and Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation.

Monday, February 11, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Our Muddy Rivers:
Water Quality, Cleanups and More

Monday, March 11, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Building Our Future:
Phase 1 Previews and Phases 2&3 Plans

Monday, April 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Party on the Riverfront:
Events, Programs, Tours

**Hop River Brewing Company
1515 N. Harrison St.**



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Riverfront Citizen Science Sundays

Looking for Sunday morning fun? Be a Riverfront Citizen and join us for a different project each Sunday morning this spring. Bring the family and learn about the world around you and assist the scientific community. All programs are free!

Watch the Wild

March 3, April 7, May 5, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Lawton Park Trailhead, Clinton & 4th St.

We will observe and report on plants, water and wildlife on our river and what seasonal changes are happening. Observations are collected and shared with the scientific community through Nature Watch. All ages are welcome and no registration is required.

Bird Watching on Our Urban Rivers

March 10, April 14, May 10, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Lawton Park, Clinton & 4th St.

We will collect a bird count that is shared with Cornell Bird Lab that is focused on urban birds. The basics of learning to use binoculars and identifying birds will be shared. All ages are welcome, no pre-registration is required. **Please note the time change from previous seasons.**

Young Naturalist Series

Sundays, March 17, May 19, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Psi Ote Lower Pavilion, Bob Arnold Park, Parnell Ave. at E. State Blvd.

Children ages 5-10 are invited to an hour of learning about nature, crafts and a fun themed snack. Class sizes are limited; pre-registration is needed to reserve space. Call 427-5166 to sign up. **Please note the day and time change from previous seasons.**

Project Squirrel

March 24, April 28, May 26, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Lawton Park Trailhead, Clinton and 4th Streets

We will observe, collect data and share information with scientists about the squirrels found along our rivers. All ages are welcome, no pre-registration is required.

Citizen science doesn't happen only on Sundays! You are also invited to join Dan Wire during the Riverfront Clean Ups (see page 30) to collect data for the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network. This is a regional effort to provide early detection and rapid response to invasive species. MISIN assists experts and citizen scientists in detecting, identifying and reporting invasive species. This program is through Michigan State University. No pre-registration is required. Close-toed shoes are recommended.

Children's Zoo

Kids for Nature Summer Camp

Spend a WILD week at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo! You'll explore the zoo, visit friendly animals, meet zoo keepers and make new friends in this unique summer adventure. Register on-line and see complete program descriptions at www.kidszoo.org.

Age 3 w/ adult

*Zoo Explorer

T, Th / 9-11:30 am / \$43
6/11, 13 6/25, 27
7/9, 11 7/23, 25

Age 4 w/ adult

*Zoo Buddies

M, W, F / 9-11:30 am / \$59
6/10, 12, 14 6/24, 26, 28
7/8, 10, 12 7/22, 24, 26

* Adult participants receive a complimentary camp t-shirt, too! Please include your shirt size when you register.

Ages 4-5

Animal Alphabet

M-F / 8:30 am-12 pm / \$99
6/3-6/7 7/1-7/5

Number Safari

M-F / 8:30 am-12 pm / \$99
6/17-6/21 7/15-7/19

www.kidszoo.org



How to Register

REGISTER ONLINE at kidszoo.org. Please direct all questions to the Education Department at education@kidszoo.org or 427-6808. No phone registrations will be accepted.

Kids for Nature Campership Fund

To apply for a Kids for Nature Campership for your child, contact us at 260-427-6808 or e-mail education@kidszoo.org.

Ages 5-6

Who's Who at the Zoo

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$159
6/3-6/7 6/24-6/28
7/15-7/19

Movers and Shakers

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$159
6/10-6/14 7/1-7/5

I Can Fly

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$159
6/17-6/21 7/8-7/12
7/22-7/26

Ages 7-8

Design a Zoo

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$159
6/17-6/21 7/1-7/5
7/15-7/19

World Traveler

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$159
6/3-6/7 6/24-6/28

Positively Predators

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$159
6/10-6/14 7/8-7/12
7/22-7/26

Ages 9-10

Zoo Detective

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$159
6/10-6/14 6/24-6/28
7/15-7/19

Survivor

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$159
6/17-6/21 7/1-7/5
7/22-7/26

Ages 8-10

Zoo Artists

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$169
6/3-6/7 7/1-7/5

Ages 11-12

Photo Safari

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$169
6/17-6/21 7/8-7/12

Animal Training 101

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$169
6/3-6/7 7/15-7/19

**Junior Zoo Keeper

M-F / 8:30 am-3 pm / \$189
6/10-6/14 6/24-6/28
7/8-7/12 7/22-7/26

** Includes Friday night sleepover

Registration begins
February 6

Before and After Camp Care

Before and After Camp Care is available for Kids for Nature Summer Camp only. For more information contact the Zoo Education Department at 260-427-6808 or education@kidszoo.org.

Age & Cancellation Policy

Children must meet age requirements on the first day of all programs (no exceptions). Programs are held rain or shine. Refunds (minus 10% processing fee) are available if you cancel at least 2 weeks in advance. No refund if you cancel less than 2 weeks in advance. The zoo reserves the right to cancel camps with insufficient registration. In the event of such a cancellation, all of your fees will be refunded.

The Early Years

Programs designated as "Adult/Child" require the active participation of at least one adult with each child throughout the program.

Holiday Fun

St. Patty's Day Surprise

***Adult/Child**

It's your lucky day! We're celebrating St. Patrick's Day with fun games, crafts and a tasty treat, and you are invited! Missing out on this party would just be bad luck! Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: March 8. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
243105-F1	3/15	F	10-10:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$14

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Easter Eggstravaganza!

***Adult/Child**

We have some egg-stra special activities planned for you! We will be doing a couple crafts including decorating your very own Easter basket, playing some bunny games, and going on an Easter egg hunt around the Community Center! Ages 2 -5. Registration deadline: April 10. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
243041-W1	4/17	W	10-10:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$14

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



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Taste Testing

Tiny Chefs

Your little ones may be too young to start cooking in the kitchen on their own; however there are many things they can begin to do now to become amazing tiny chefs! They will learn some of the basic kitchen techniques and safety tips while making delicious recipes. The best part is they get to sample everything they make! Ages 3-5. Registration deadlines are one week prior the start of each class. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
243010-M1	3/18	M	10-11 am
243010-M2	4/15	M	10-11 am
243010-M3	5/20	M	10-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$19

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Sense-ational!

***Adult/Child**

Let's explore our senses with this class designed to test smell, sight, hearing, feel and taste. We will have a blast with a mixture of arts and crafts, games, and snacks to test all of our different senses and see how well we can use each one. Join us for some sensory filled excitement! Ages 3-5. Registration deadline: March 1. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243057-S1	3/9-3/23	Sa	9-10 am

Sessions/Fee: 3/\$26

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Make, Move and Munch

***Adult/Child**

The name says it all! Every session of Make, Move and Munch will feature a craft, an activity to get you moving and a yummy treat to munch on based on a specific theme. Don't miss out on this awesome trio of fun! Ages: 2-5. Registration deadline: March 6. Min. 6. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243044-W2	3/13-3/27	W	10-10:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 3/\$26

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Register on-line at
www.fortwayneparks.org

Classes fill quickly! Don't wait!

Music and Machines



Music Together

***Adult/Child**

Each week, babies, toddlers, preschoolers and the grownups who love them gather for 45 minutes of fun-filled family music time with Happy Keys Music. Your teacher will lead you in singing, dancing, rhythm and instrument play, and some silliness, too! In Music Together's mixed-age classes, everyone participates at their own level: babies vocalize, listen and observe; toddlers play and experiment; and preschoolers build confidence as they emerge as classroom leaders. Grownups are happy because everyone can come to class together! You'll take home the award-winning music used in class, along with an illustrated songbook and other resources. You'll be supporting your child's music-learning and development all week long as you discover new ways to play with music together. It's so much fun, you won't realize how much learning is taking place! Infant siblings under 9 months attend for free and any caregiver (parent, nanny or grandparent) can participate in this family music experience. Ages 0-6. Registration deadline: March 29. Min. 6. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243245-F1	4/5-6/7	F	10-10:45 am
# Sessions/Fee: 10/\$169			

Location: Franke Pond, 3411 Sherman Blvd.

Blaze and the Monster Machines

***Adult/Child**

We're going to put our science and math skills to work this morning! Join in the Monster adventures with AJ, Blaze, and the other Monster Machines, including games, crafts, and of course a Monster snack! Let's Blaze! Ages 3-5. Registration deadline: April 19. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
243053-S1	4/27	Sa	10-10:45 am
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$14			

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Kids in Motion

We Like to Move it, Move it!



***Adult/Child**

These fun-filled Friday mornings are sure to keep you on your toes! We'll move it, move it with balls, scooter boards, a parachute, and other fun activities that help develop motor and social skills. Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: May 3. Min. 6. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243047-F1	5/10-5/31	F	10-10:45 am
# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$28			

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Youngsters in Action



***Adult/Child**

Here's your chance to show off all of your moves! We want to see your skills in running, jumping, rolling, throwing, and any other activity we can think of. Make sure to have a good breakfast before this class because you will need lots of energy! Ages 2-5. Registration deadline: April 5. Min. 6. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243054-F1	4/12-4/26	F	10-10:45 am
# Sessions/Fee: 3/\$20			

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Pre-School Gymnastics



***Adult/Child**

Children who participate in gymnastics tend to have better control over their bodies, have better hand-eye coordination, and also better stability than other children in the same age group. In addition to the physical benefits, gymnastics also gives children the opportunity to figure out how to express themselves and interact with other children their own age. Classes will focus on basic tumbling skills and the use of various gymnastics equipment. For safety purposes, all participants will be grouped according to skill level. Parents participate to help keep your child focused on the activities. Please list your child's age on the registration form. **There will be no class April 5.** Registration deadline: March 1. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Ages 1½-3 (Adult/Child)

243300-F1	3/8-5/3	F	4:30-5 pm
243300-F2	3/8-5/3	F	5:15-5:45 pm
243300-F3	3/8-5/3	F	6-6:30 pm

Ages 3-4

243300-F4	3/8-5/3	F	4:30-5:15 pm
243300-F5	3/8-5/3	F	5:15-6 pm
243300-F6	3/8-5/3	F	5:45-6:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after March 1

Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728 Maplecrest Rd.

All That Jazz



Every child should be introduced to dance! It helps them develop balance, control, posture, focus and fine-tuned listening skills. Each session of All That Jazz will include a warm-up, a lesson in specific dance techniques, and a simple routine that incorporates those techniques. Routines are taught in progressive steps so your child will be able to perform for you at the conclusion of the program. Soft ballet, jazz, hip-hop or tennis shoes are required. Ages 3-5. **There will be no class April 3.** Registration deadline: February 27. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243305-W1	3/6-5/1	W	10:30-11 am
# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after February 27			
Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest Rd.			

Beautiful Ballet



There are many reasons to introduce your child to dance. Ballet not only inspires elegance and grace, it encourages effort and requires concentration, thought, feeling, and emotion. Each session of beautiful ballet includes a warm-up, a lesson in specific dance techniques, and a simple routine that incorporates those techniques. Routines are taught in progressive steps so your child will be able to perform for you at the conclusion of the program. Soft ballet, jazz, hip-hop or tennis shoes are required. Ages 3-5. Registration deadline: February 27. Min. 5. Max. 15. **There will be no class April 3.**

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243304-W1	3/6-5/1	W	10-10:30 am
243304-W2	3/6-5/1	W	4:15-4:45 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after February 27			
Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720 Maplecrest Rd.			

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Sports Sampler



*Adult/Child

The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department offers a wide variety of sports training programs for children. Sports Sampler provides an opportunity for your little athlete to sample soccer, t-ball and basketball in one exciting program. Don't miss out on the fun! Registration deadline: March 27. Min. 6. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Ages 2-3			
243008-W1	4/3-4/24	W	5-5:30 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$21			

Ages 3-4			
243008-W2	4/3-4/24	W	5:45-6:30 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$30			

Ages 4-6			
243008-W3	4/3-4/24	W	6:45-7:45 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$35			

Location: Franke Park Pavilion #1, Sherman Blvd.



Soccer Training 101



*Adult/Child

This may be the only place kicking is not only allowed, but encouraged! Basic soccer skills and terminology are the focus of these introductory classes. Both are non-competitive, instructional programs that will help your child develop social skills and hand-eye coordination. Instruction is through demonstrations and skill games. No scrimmages will take place. At least one parent or other adult is required and encouraged to participate with each child. Registration deadlines: April 30 and May 2. Min. 6. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Ages 2-3: Mini Kickers			
243700-T1	5/7-5/28	T	5-5:30 pm
Location: Robinson Chapel, 12707 Tonkel Rd.			
243700-R1	5/9-5/30	Th	5-5:30 pm
Location: Foster Park West, 5113 Winchester Rd.			
# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$35/\$45 after deadlines			

Ages 3-4: Little Kickers			
243700-T2	5/7-5/28	T	5:45-6:30 pm
Location: Robinson Chapel, 12707 Tonkel Rd.			
243700-R2	5/9-5/30	Th	5:45-6:30 pm
Location: Foster Park West, 5113 Winchester Rd.			
# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$39/\$49 after deadlines			

Just for Kids

All Sorts of Sports



Kickin' Kids/Big Kickers Soccer Training



Soccer has never been so much fun! Your child will learn fundamental soccer skills and terminology in a fun and non-competitive environment. Instruction is through demonstrations and skill games. No scrimmages will be played. Ages 4-10. Registration deadlines: April 30 and May 2. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243701-T1	5/7-5/28	T	6:45-7:45 pm
Location: Robinson Chapel, 12707 Tonkel Rd.			
243701-R1	5/9-5/30	Th	6:45-7:45 pm
Location: Foster Park West, 5113 Winchester Rd.			
# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$40/\$50 after deadlines			

Youth Scholarships

Available to youth through age 18 with the following conditions:

- Must qualify for free lunches and text books, according to Federal guidelines
- May receive one scholarship per year, maximum \$50
- May use scholarship for program registration fees only

Call 427-6000 for more information or visit www.fortwayneparks.org.

Instructional Basketball Academy



Proper instruction and practice are the best ways to improve your skills in any sport. Our Instructional Basketball Academy is open to boys and girls ages 7-12 who want to learn basic skills such as dribbling, shooting, passing and ball handling. The program is strictly instructional. No games will be played. Participants will enjoy competition in the form of free throw shooting and speed dribbling contests. Each child will be recognized for his/her participation upon completion of the program. Instruction will be provided by Kaylyn Speed, Assistant Basketball Coach for Snider High School and area high school players. Registration deadline: April 9. Min. 12. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Ages 7-9			
245100-S1	4/13-5/18	Sa	10-11 am
Ages 10-12			
245100-S2	4/13-5/18	Sa	11 am-12 pm
# Session / Fee: 6/\$51/\$56 after April 9			
Location: Blackhawk Middle School, 7200 E. State Blvd.			

Instructional Youth Lacrosse



Looking for a sport that combines basketball, soccer and hockey? This instructional program for boys and girls ages 6-13 will focus on teamwork, sportsmanship and FUN! Participants will learn the fundamentals of scooping, cradling, passing, catching and shooting the ball into the opponents net with a netted racquet referred to as "the crosse." The Intermediate class is for those who have already been introduced to the sport. Participants will review the basics and put their skills to use in scrimmage situations. All equipment will be provided. Class sizes are limited so register early. Registration deadline: April 10. Min. 7. Max. 14.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Ages 6-9			
245900-S1	4/14-5/19	Su	9-10 am
Ages 10-12			
245900-S2	4/14-5/19	Su	10-11 am
Intermediate			
Ages 9-13			
245900-S3	4/14-5/19	Su	11 am-12 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 6/\$28/\$33 after April 10			
Location: Bob Arnold Park, Parnell Ave. at East State Blvd.			

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Sports Sampler



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Code	Dates	Day	Time
243008-W3	4/3-4/24	W	6:45-7:45 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$35			
Location: Franke Park Pavilion #1, Sherman Blvd.			

Spring Tennis Lessons



Tennis promotes physical fitness and out-performs other sports in developing personality characteristics such as sociability, creativity and assertiveness. Our beginning youth tennis lessons are designed for those with little or no prior tennis experience and focus on the rules of tennis, basic strokes, serving and volleying. Please bring your own racket. Balls will be provided. Ages 3-12. Registration deadline: April 9.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
Ages 3-4			
245700-S1	4/13-5/11	Sa	9-9:30 am
Ages 5-7			
245700-S2	4/13-5/11	Sa	9:30-10:30 am
Ages 8-12			
245700-S3	4/13-5/11	Sa	10:30-11:30 am
# Session/Fee: 5/\$30/\$35 after April 9			
Location: Bob Arnold Park Tennis Courts, Parnell Ave. at E. State Blvd.			

Coming this summer . . .

Lifetime Sports Academy



The Lifetime Sports Academy will be held in McMillen Park June 3-July 19. The Academy features group lessons in swimming, golf, and tennis for boys and girls ages 7-18. Program hours will be Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Watch for more details in the Summer Fun Times booklet or call 427-6000 in mid May for a brochure which will also be available on our website at www.fortwayneparks.org. The Lifetime Sports Academy is a FREE program.

Pee Wee/Junior Golf Tour



The Pee Wee/Junior Golf Tour is open to boys and girls ages 3-18 and consists of a series of golf tournaments at various courses throughout the city. Tournament formats and fees vary for each event. Please visit our website at www.fortwayneparks.org beginning March 5 to download the schedule of events, deadline dates and registration forms beginning. If you do not have internet access please call 427-6000 to request the forms by mail.

Watch your mailbox for the Summer Fun Times on May 8.

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River Camp

Fort Wayne developed around the confluence of three rivers: the St. Joseph, the St. Marys, and the Maumee. Learn all about the role our rivers have played in the history of our city and how they are still used today. Campers will learn about our rivers through hands-on exploration and leave with an enthusiasm for our waterways. Water activities, outdoor games, fishing, science experiments, dragon boat paddling, pontoon excursions, canoe paddling, hiking, river clean-up and water safety are all part of the fun! A confirmation letter will be sent out with details a week prior to camp! Ages 8-12. Registration deadline: July 1. Min 20. Max. 40.

Code	Dates	Days	Time
348915-M1	7/29-8/3	M-F	9 am-4 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 5/\$115			
Location: Shoaff Riverlodge, 6401 St. Joe Rd.			

Watch for the Summer in the Park brochure at your school or on-line at www.fortwayneparks.org in early March. This brochure is filled with day camps, sports and lots of other activities designed to make your summer fun!

and play the day away!

That's Fancy Footwork



Beautiful Ballet



There are many reasons to introduce your child to dance. Ballet not only inspires elegance and grace, it encourages effort and requires concentration, thought, feeling and emotion. Each session of beautiful ballet includes a warm-up, a lesson in specific dance techniques and a simple routine that incorporates those techniques. Routines are taught in progressive steps so your child will be able to perform for you at the conclusion of the program. Soft ballet, jazz, hip-hop or tennis shoes are required. Ages 5-8. There will be no class April 3. Registration deadline: February 27. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243304-W3	3/6-5/1	W	4:45-5:15 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after February 27

Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720

Maplecrest Rd.

Hip Hop Dance



Hip Hop is one of the most popular forms of dance today. The content and language used in the lyrics found in the songs used at Starz Dance Academy is closely monitored. Age appropriate words, message, and choreography make this fun, upbeat style of dance acceptable for all ages. Come and join in the FUN! Soft ballet, jazz, hip-hop or tennis shoes are required. Ages 5-8. There will be no class April 3. Registration deadline: February 27. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243306-W1	3/6-5/1	W	5:15-5:45 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after February 27

Location: Starz Dance Academy, 5720

Maplecrest Rd.

Gymnastics



This popular sport not only provides many physical benefits including strength, flexibility, speed, balance, coordination and power; it also promotes non-physical benefits such as discipline, determination, confidence and communication. Plus, it's FUN! Your child will learn to perform front and back rolls, handstands, walkovers and cartwheels, as well as comparable skills on the balance beam, uneven bars, and trampoline. For safety purposes, all participants will be grouped according to skill level. Please list your child's age on the registration form. There will be no class April 5. Registration deadline: March 1. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Ages 5-8

243302-F1	3/8-5/3	F	4:30-5:15 pm
243302-F2	3/8-5/3	F	5-5:45 pm
243302-F3	3/8-5/3	F	5:45-6:30 pm
243302-F4	3/8-5/3	F	6:30-7:15 pm

Ages 8-12

243302-F6	3/8-5/3	F	6:30-7:15 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after March 1

Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728

Maplecrest Rd.

Gymnastics for the Guys



Because it builds overall body strength, increases coordination and agility, and teaches mental focus, gymnastics provides excellent training for other sports. Participation in gymnastics also promotes a positive learning attitude which some educators believe leads to higher math and reading scores. Best of all – gymnastics is FUN! You will learn to perform front and back rolls and handstands as well as skills on the parallel bars, pommel horse, rings, high bar and trampoline. All participants will be grouped according to skill level. Please list your child's age on the registration form. Ages 5-8. There will be no class April 5. Registration deadline: March 1. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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243303-F1	3/8-5/3	F	6:30-7:15 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$53/\$63 after March 1

Location: Gymnastics in Motion, 5728

Maplecrest Rd.



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Tech Design

Video Game Invader

Learn how to design and modify your own exciting arcade-style games. Control characters and outcomes, then increase the difficulty level and add features. Topics covered include: graphic design & animation, sprites, objects, room creation, instances, bonus levels and more. You'll create games that include: soccer, a breakout-style game, and alien invader as well as a secret game for the last class! Each student needs their own flash drive of any size and valid email address before the first class. Ages 10+. Registration deadline: March 29. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243050-S1	4/6-5/18	Sa	9-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 7/\$114

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

DIY Robots

Robots are super cool! Join us and make your own robots! We will use all sorts of things including cd's and cans to build and take home your very own awesome looking creatures that move. Ages 7-10. Registration deadline: March 29. Min. 6. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
243009-S1	4/6	Sa	10-11:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$21/\$31 after March 29

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Children's Book Swap & Sale

Tuesday-Thursday, April 2-4, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Books, books and more books! From pop-ups to paperbacks and every book in between, there's something to please every child and teen. Youth of all ages may swap up to 5 books while purchasing is unlimited and open to everyone. Books start at 25¢ and are no more than \$1 unless specifically marked. We accept new and gently used books for the Swap and Sale. The books may be dropped off at the Community Center (233 W. Main) anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. If you have a large quantity of books, please call 427-6467 and arrangements will be made to have the books picked up.



Creatures Great and Small

Dog Day 101

Thursday, April 11, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

April 11 is the 101st day of the year and we're celebrating '101 Dalmatians' style by holding our very first Dog Adoption Day! You'll find information on how to adopt, train and care for a dog. We will also have dog treats and dog food available . . . and, of course, a few adoptable friends for you to visit, as well.



Fun with Fishing

This educational program is designed to teach new and beginning anglers everything they need to know to "go fish." You will learn how to tie your line, handle a fish, and stay safe on and near the water in this hands-on program. Everything you need will be provided, but you may bring any of your own equipment if you like. Ages 8-14. Registration deadlines: April 5 and May 3. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253903-S1	4/13	Sa	12-2 pm
253903-S2	5/11	Sa	12-2 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$15

Location: Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Horseback Riding 101

***Adult/Child (ages 4-7)**

In this introduction to horseback riding you will tour one of Fort Wayne's finest equestrian facilities, learn some amazing facts about horses and the equipment necessary for riding then get in the saddle for a bit. Summit Equestrian Center has been in existence since 2010 providing quality instruction as a Premier Accredited Center. Be sure to wear closed toe shoes to this class. Ages 4+. (Ages 4-7 must be accompanied by an adult). Registration deadline: April 13. Min. 5. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
243860-S1	4/20	Sa	2-4 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$46

Location: Summit Equestrian Center, 10808 LaCabreah Lane



Kids in the Kitchen

Cooking Kids

Kids sure love to eat, so how about teaching them how to cook some things on their own? This class will be both fun and educational, as we teach some basic kitchen techniques and safety tips along with some yummy, easy recipes your kids will be able to do at home. These one-time classes will have a theme based around the date of the class. Ages 8-12. Registration deadlines are one week prior to the start of each class. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Date	Day	Time
243536-M1	3/18	M	5-6:30 pm
243536-M2	4/15	M	5-6:30 pm
243536-M3	5/20	M	5-6:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$22

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Cook Your Own Adventure: Culinary Classes for Elementary

Poor planning often leads to poor choices, but with a little know-how and some fun recipes, kids and families can attack hunger with great tasting snacks that also have a nutritional punch. We will make several healthy recipes to inspire healthy habits at home! Each Healthy Hands cooking class begins with a nutrition lesson/game and includes hands-on cooking and instruction. Each child will have an opportunity to eat the delicious snack they made! Ages 5-13. Instructor Meghan Hauser is the founder of Wholesome Roots Cooking and is a certified Healthy Hands Cooking instructor. Registration deadlines are 5 business days before each class. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Date	Day	Time
253921-W1	3/20	W	6-7:30 pm
253921-W2	4/24	W	6-7:30 pm
253921-W3	5/22	W	6-7:30 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$40

Location: Salomon Farm Park Learning Center, 817 W. Dupont Rd.

Sense and Shapes

Sense-ational!

*Adult/Child

Let's explore our senses with this class designed to test smell, sight, hearing, feel and taste. We will have a blast with a mixture of arts and crafts, games, and snacks to test all of our different senses and see how well we can use each one. Join us for some sensory filled excitement! Ages 6-8. Registration deadline: March 1. Min. 7. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243057-S2	3/9-3/23	Sa	10:15-11:15am

Sessions/Fee: 3/\$26

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Passion for Pottery

Four steps are required to make pottery: preparing the clay, shaping the clay, decorating and glazing the item, and firing or baking for a finished appearance. You'll complete these four steps using both hand building techniques and a potter's wheel to shape your clay. When the class is over you will have a passion for pottery and a collection of unique earthenware pieces to take home with you. Ages 9-14. Registration deadlines: February 22 and April 5. Min. 4. Max. 6.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
243201-S1	3/2-3/30	Sa	9-11 am
243201-S2	4/13-5/11	Sa	9-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 5/\$63

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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City Safari Day Camp

City Safari Day Camp



Come explore the city and discover fun in Fort Wayne and surrounding areas. Each week of camp incorporates a different theme through field trips, guest speakers, activities, games, and arts and crafts. Kids will do a little gardening and compare life inside and outside the city. Camp also includes a Citilink bus ride to Northside pool for some fun in the sun. Join us for one week or all six as we explore downtown, admire wild animals up close, learn about recycling and discover what life was like way back when. Pick your weeks and get your adventure started. Limit 24 campers per week.

Location

City Safari's base camp is located at the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun Street in downtown Fort Wayne with staff-led excursions to points of interest within walking distance or traveling by van to exciting locations around Northeast Indiana.

Ages

Children entering 1st – 6th grades in Fall 2019; children must be at least 6 years of age by June 1, 2019 to attend camp.

Hours

Camp, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday
Pre-camp care, 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
Post-camp care, 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Fees

\$120/camper/week
Pre/Post Camp Care FREE

Financial Aid

The Parks & Recreation Department offers a \$50, once-per-year scholarship for qualified youth. To learn more about this scholarship, contact the Park Office at (260) 427-6000.

Register NOW at
www.fortwayneparks.org

Registration forms are also available on-line or by calling 427-6000 and may be mailed, faxed or dropped off at the Parks and Recreation Department



Sessions

- Week #1 June 10-14
"Park Explorers"
- Week #2 June 17-21
"Geology Week"
- Week #3 June 24-28
"Recycle, Reduce & Reuse"
- Week #4 July 8-12
"Indiana through the Ages"
- Week #5 July 15-19
"Farm to Fork"
- Week #6 July 22-26
"Animals All Around"

Camp Graduation

Family and friends are invited to celebrate the end of each camp week with a graduation ceremony and slide show every Friday afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

What to Bring

- Completed forms: pick-up authorization, medication form, field trip waiver, photography waiver, sunscreen & insect repellent waivers, immunization record signed by a doctor or licensed physician. Campers cannot return on second day without the completed forms.
- Sack lunch, non-refrigerated. Camp provides afternoon snack.
- Canteen or water bottle
- Book bag
- Insect repellent & sunscreen
- Swimsuit, towel & dry clothes
- Child safety seat (if needed)

Franke Park Day Camp

Franke Park Day Camp



Since its inception in 1946, Franke Park Day Camp has provided unforgettable childhood experiences for thousands of Fort Wayne area youth. With its strong emphasis on nature education, basic camping skills, and Native American lore, this popular camp provides an environment which fosters cooperation, problem solving and socialization, as well as the dirty muddy outdoor fun kids of all ages enjoy! For more information or to sign up, visit www.fortwayneparks.org or stop by the Parks and Recreation Department. Registration is limited to one session for campers ages 4-12 years.

Location

Franke Park Day Camp is located in Franke Park at 3411 Sherman Blvd. The parking lot is located between Pavilion #2 and the playground.

Hours

M, T, Th, F	9:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.
Wednesdays	1:00-7:00 p.m.
AM Camp Care	6:30-9:00 a.m.
PM Camp Care	3:30-6:00 p.m.

Ages (as of June 1, 2019)

4-5 Year Old Program

Our youngest campers are exposed to the concepts of seeds, plants, trees, animals and Native Americans. **Registration is limited to one session per camper.**

6-11 Year Old Program

Campers (grouped by age 6-8 and 9-11) enjoy a wide range of activities including hiking, fire building, campfire cooking, swamp study, nature walks, arts, crafts, Native American rituals/dancing, games, the famous mud slide, and much more. **Registration is limited to one session per camper.**

12-18 Year Old Program

The Advanced Camper program provides a more in depth outdoor experience for Junior Leaders (age 12) and Counselors-in-Training (ages 13-18). For detailed information and a registration packet, call 427-6000 or visit our website at fortwayneparks.org.

Sessions

#1	June 10-14
#2	June 17-21
#3	June 24-28
#4	July 8-12
#5	July 15-19
#6	July 22-26

What to Bring

- Sack lunch (non-refrigerated)
- Canteen or water bottle
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Book bag/backpack
- Plain white t-shirt for tie-dyeing

Fees

Day Campers (Ages 4-11)	\$93
Junior Leaders (age 12)	\$93
Counselors-in-Training (ages 13-18)	\$73
CIT (four weeks or more)	\$292
AM Camp Care (ages 6-12)	\$25
PM Camp Care (ages 6-12)	\$25

Financial assistance is available. Please inquire about the Youth Scholarship program at the time of registration.

73rd Annual Big Pow-Wow Tuesday, July 30, 7:00 p.m.

Freehill Community Award

To celebrate and honor Chris Freehill's fifty years as a camper and employee at the Franke Park Day Camp, the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department created the Freehill Community Award (FCA) in 2017. The FCA is awarded to one child that has never attended Franke Park Day Camp and will cover costs associated with attending a full week of Franke Park Day Camp including: enrollment fee, AM/PM care, and a camp t-shirt. Deadline for video submissions is March 31, 2019. For details on how to apply, visit fortwayneparks.org, email kellie.adkins@cityoffortwayne.org or call 427-6005.

Register for camp NOW at www.fortwayneparks.org.
Registration forms are also available on-line or by calling 427-6000 and may be mailed, faxed or dropped off (see page 74).

Farmin' Fun Day Camp



Farmin' Fun Day Camp



Come spend a week at Salomon Farm Park! Our Farmin' Fun Day Camp provides a stimulating, healthy and beautiful environment where you will learn about soil, plants, animals and the source of our food. Our campers will be able to continue the cycle of farm-to-table in our NEW teaching kitchen. The camp integrates hands-on farming such as gardening and animal care, cooperative games, blacksmithing, and nature exploration for a memorable and diverse summer camp experience. You will care for farm animals; hike the woods; play in the creek; learn about beekeeping; wash, dye and felt wool from one of our sheep; enjoy hayrides around the farm and much more!

Location

Farmin' Fun Day Camp is held at Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd. in Fort Wayne.

Ages/Hours/Fees:

Campers must be of minimum age by June 1, 2019.

Age	Time	Fee
4-5	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$57
5	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	\$90
6-11	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	\$90
12+ (FIT)	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	\$85
13-18 (CIT)	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	\$70

Camp Care

AM Camp Care, 7:00-9:00 a.m., \$25

PM Camp Care, 4:00-6:00 p.m., \$25

Sessions

#1	June 10-14
#2	June 17-21
#3	June 24-28
#4	July 8-12
#5	July 15-19
#6	July 22-26

What to Bring

- Sack lunch (non-refrigerated)
- Snacks
- Canteen or water bottle
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Long pants/change of clothes
- Swimsuit, towel, water shoes

Confirmation Notice

Campers will receive an e-mail confirmation the week prior to their camp session with all the information needed for the upcoming week. (If you do not have an email address on file your confirmation will come in the mail.)

F.I.T.

"Farmers in Training" is designed to provide children ages 12 and older a more active role in the care of livestock, vegetable gardening, hands-on beekeeping, blacksmithing, farm tours, and campfire cookouts on Fridays. Farmers in Training harvest and sell their vegetables at the Farmers' Market on Wednesdays in addition to participating in games and other fun activities.

C.I.T.

"Counselor in Training" is for campers 13-18 years of age who have completed 2 weeks of F.I.T. Counselors in Training are role models for the younger campers. The program is designed to train youth how to be confident leaders among their peers. C.I.T.s will have opportunities to learn important teambuilding, leadership, and agricultural skills as they assist camp counselors in leading activities. The program is limited to 8 campers per week. Each camper will be required to submit two references to complete their registration.

Camp Buddies

Children who wish to attend camp together must indicate this on the registration form and both children must request it. We will do our best to place the camper together as requested, however due to the volume of registrations and the lottery processing system along with the age grouping for effective learning, we cannot guarantee it.

McMillen Park Center

McMillen Park Community Center

3901 Abbott Street • 427-2420
Supervisor: Andre Patterson

Hours

Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.
Sat/Sun, 12-5 p.m.

Admission

Youth M-Th, 3-8 p.m. and Fri 3-6 p.m. **FREE**;
(Must be registered in After-School program)
All others \$1
Photo I.D. required

Open Gym



Monday-Friday,
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. & 7:00-8:45 p.m.

Our clean and spacious four-court gymnasium is the perfect place for a great basketball workout! Drop in fee: \$1 with photo I.D.

Fun & Games

Daily, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Bring your friends and join fun and games at McMillen Park Community Center. We have a variety of board games or you may bring your own. Drop in fee: \$1 with photo ID.

Computer Lab

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The Computer Lab is open to the public for your personal use. Drop in fee: \$1. All patrons must present photo ID.

Men's Basketball League



Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 28-April 18
Game Times 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.

The league runs for 8 weeks followed by a single elimination tournament. Team rosters are limited to 12 players. Register online or at the Center.

Pickle Ball



Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Come and play the fastest growing sport in America on our climate-controlled indoor courts. Drop in fee: \$1. All patrons must present a photo ID.

Wellness Mall Open Fitness



Monday- Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Come enjoy our indoor walking track, fitness equipment and four court gymnasiums where you can enjoy walking and exercising in the comfort of a clean and spacious facility. Drop in fee: \$1. All patrons must present photo ID.

Cardio Fit



Mondays & Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Cardio Fit includes strength training and stretching as well as cardiovascular exercises and dances using fitness steps. Drop in fee: \$1. All patrons must present a photo ID.

Zumba



Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Zumba is a fusion of Latin and International music and dance themes that create a dynamic workout based on the principle that a workout should be "fun and easy to do". The routines feature aerobic/fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body. Drop in fee: \$1. All patrons must present photo ID.

6th Annual

Community Extravaganza

Saturday, May 18, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this free, fun, family event! Enjoy games, prizes, food and entertainment, commercial vendors and community resource booths. Parents can also register children (ages 5-18) for the free summer program.



McMillen Park Community Center Rentals

The McMillen Park Community Center has a space for every event. Let us host your family reunion, birthday party, baby shower, basketball tournament, conference, group meeting, wedding reception or other event. We have a variety of room sizes depending on the needs of your group. Alcohol is permitted at the Center. Please contact Percinta Hunter, Program Coordinator at (260) 427-2420 for additional information.

McMillen Park Community Center Youth Program Schedule

Free Youth Programming Monday-Thursday 3-8 pm; Friday 3-6 pm;
Snow Days, Christmas Break, Spring Break 12-5 pm

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 pm	Unwind Time Snack Foyer Games	Unwind Time Snack Foyer Games	Unwind Time Snack Foyer Games	Unwind Time Snack Foyer Games	Free Day Friday Computer, Arts & Crafts, Pickleball, Movies, Playground, Boxball, Kickball
4 pm	Homework Hour Jump for Life	Homework Hour Planting Healthy Seeds	Homework Hour Project Alert	Homework Hour Jump for Life	
5 pm	Kids Café	Kids Café Music Academy	Kids Café	Kids Café	
6 pm	Little Lady Bugs	Dance Collective HER Drums Not Guns Soccer	Girl Scouts (5:30-6:30)	Movie Night Sisters of the Cloth	

Kids Café

A nutritious meal which includes a protein, vegetable, fruit, grain and milk, is served each day for students aged 5-18 years old.



Jump for Life

This fitness program is designed to get kids moving!



Planting Healthy Seeds

Powered by Parkview, this program teaches children ages 5-18 how to make healthy food choices through interesting games and food tastings.



Project Alert

Youth discuss drugs and alcohol prevention through games, videos and skits.

WNBA Little Lady Bugs

This rite of passage program for girls ages 5-10 helps them build relationships and learn age appropriate life skills, including nutrition, feelings, teamwork and basketball values.

McMillen Music Academy

This music program powered by Sweetwater Sound provides free lessons in guitar and choir.

WNBA HER

Girls ages 11+ discusses various issues facing young ladies today such as setting and achieving goals, getting along with parents and handling emotions. Games, activities and community service are all part of the program.

Spring Break at MPCC

April 1-5, 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Looking for Spring Break fun? Children ages 5-18 are invited to spend the week at McMillen Park Community Center. Hours are 12:00-5:00 p.m. with lunch served at 2:00 p.m. It's FREE! It's FUN! Children must be registered at the Center.

Drums Not Guns

Participants learn drumming and discipline while also learning the dangers of gun violence.

Fort Wayne Dance Collective

Professionals from Fort Wayne Dance Collective teach body awareness, coordination and musical expression.



Movie Night

Children enjoy movies while learning movie theatre etiquette.

Sisters of the Cloth

The Master quilters of Sisters of the Cloth work one-on-one with youth ages 8-18, teaching the craft of quilting. Class sizes are limited. Call 427-2420 for more information.

Find us on 

McMillen Park Community Center

Youth Centers

Jennings Recreation Center

1330 McCulloch St. • 427-6700

Supervisor: Michael Ayers

Center Hours

M-Th 3-8 pm; Fri 3-6 pm

When FWCS are closed, 12- 5 pm

January 14-May 10

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:30-4:30	Homework	Homework	Homework	Homework	Homework Free Play Recreation Show Time
4:00-5:00	Ivy Tech (4:30-6:00)	Open Rec	Open Rec	Open Rec	
5:00-5:30	Kids Café				
5:30-6:00	Everlasting Fitness				
6:00-7:30	School Success Celebration	Crafting Around Basketball Sisterhood	Crafting Around Boys to Men	Sisterhood Basketball	
7:30-8:00	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation	

Homework Assistance

Homework assistance and tutoring; Clever Crazes computer activity (online STEM education games)

Everlasting Fitness



Exercise, nutrition and hygiene; exposure to health related businesses within the community; preparing healthy meals and snacks. Includes Parkview Healthy Seeds program.

Ms. Lovie Kids Café



Nutritious meal prepared and served on-site

Passage 2 Manhood / Sisterhood

Life skills program designed to give boys/girls the tools necessary to be successful in their life endeavors

Boys to Men

Rite of passage program designed to teach young men life skills, self-care, character building, respect for self and others, discipline, manners and etiquette.

Crafting Around

A variety of craft activities are available for children to make and take.

School Success Celebration

Youth meet with partner FWPD officer to share school accomplishments. Partner FWPD officer leads group in a vote for Student of the Week.

Basketball Program/Leagues



6:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuesdays ages 7-11, Thursdays ages 12-16

Our basketball program is designed to help children and teens develop basketball skills.

Showtime

Visual arts and talent are presented by the youth.

Ivy Tech Youth Skills Program

Powered twice a semester by Ivy Tech, this program encourages critical thinking skills, challenges students' minds and fosters teamwork.



19th Annual Black History Bowl

All community youth groups are invited to participate in this high-spirited competition that challenges their knowledge of African-American history. Registration begins January 10 at Jennings Recreation Centers. Call Michael Ayers at 427-6700 or 479-8588 for an information packet.

Cooper Community Center

2300 Clinton & Creighton • 427-6733
Supervisor: Matthew Morgan

Center Hours

M-Th 3-8 pm; Fri 3-6 pm
When FWCS are closed, 12- 5 pm

January 14-May 10

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:00-4:00	Power Hour Snack	Power Hour Snack	Power Hour Snack	Power Hour Snack	Recreation Free Time
4:00-5:00	COOPFit	COOPFit	COOPFit	COOPFit	
5:00-5:30	Kids Café	Kids Café	Kids Café	Kids Café	Kids Café
5:30-6:00	School Success Celebration	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation
6:00-7:30	Path to Manhood Beautiful Girls	Self Expression Lakeside Basketball	Coed Life Skills Ivy Tech	Imagine, Design, Create Lakeside Basketball	
7:30-8:00	Games, Puzzles, Reading				

Power Hour

Homework assistance.

Coop Fun Fit Exercise



Children have fun learning the skills necessary to live a healthy and fit life. This program is fun and interactive for all youth. Includes Parkview's Healthy Seeds program.

Coed Life Skills

These life skills programs are designed to teach elementary through high school youth etiquette, mannerisms, respect for self and others, social skills, positive behavior and decision making. They will work together on community service projects and more to help them become successful and productive young adults.

Kids Café



Children age 5-18, are served a FREE healthy, nutritious meal each weekday. Served 2:00-3:00 p.m. when FWCS is closed.

Path to Manhood

Life skills program designed to give boys the tools necessary to be successful in their life endeavors

Questions? 427-6733

Youth Center programs are made possible, in part, by funding from the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne, the Lincoln Financial Foundation, M.E. Raker Foundation and the Three Rivers Credit Union Foundation.

Imagine, Design, Create

Make fun, creative crafts for gifts or to keep and display!

Lakeside Basketball League



Our basketball program is designed to help children and teens (ages 8-16) develop basketball skills. This program also helps build self-confidence, develop leadership ability and promote sportsmanship and teamwork!

School Success Celebration

Youth meet with partner FWPD officer to share school accomplishments. Partner FWPD officer leads group in a vote for Student of the Week.



Neighborhood Family Fun Nights

Weisser Park Youth Center
February 21, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Jennings Recreation Center
March 21, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Cooper Community Center at
Faith United Methodist Church, 207 E. Dewald
April 18, 6:00-8:00 p.m.



The fun is FREE! Don't miss out!

Weisser Park Youth Center

802 Eckart Street • 427-6780

Supervisor: Zynette Paige

Center Hours

M-Th 3-8 pm; Fri 3-6 pm

When FWCS are closed, 12- 5 pm

January 14-May 10

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:00-3:30	Snack Recreation	Snack Recreation	Snack Recreation	Snack Recreation	Snack Recreation
3:30-4:30	Power Hour/ Wisercise 4:20	Power Hour/ Wisercise 4:20	Power Hour/ Wisercise 4:20	Power Hour/ Wisercise 4:20	Ananse Crafts Showtime
4:30-5:00	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation
5:00-5:30	Kids Café	Kids Café	Kids Café	Kids Café	Kids Café
5:00-6:00	Simba	Goddess Aset	Simba School Success 5:30	Goddess Aset	
6:00-7:00	Akoma Dance Crew Akoben Basketball	Imhotep Club IVY Tech Outreach	Akoma Dance Crew Akoben Basketball	Jump for Life	
7:00-8:00	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation	Recreation	

Recreation

Board games, computers, TV, games, playground

Power Hour

Homework assistance.

Kids Café

Youth ages 5-18 are served a FREE healthy meal.

Wisercise



This short exercise activity gets children moving and reminds them of the benefits of daily exercise, good nutrition and general well-being.

Imhotep Club

STEM activities encourage youth to be problem-solvers and critical thinkers by using hands-on activities that are both fun and challenging. Youth also will enjoy exposure to a variety of professionals speaking with them about their careers.

Simba Rites of Passage

Boys ages 10-18 learn the skills necessary to transition into healthy, productive and positive young men; brotherhood, community service, exercise, good nutrition, etiquette, having respect and making positive choices. They also enjoy fieldtrips and exposure to professionals, businesses, agencies, civic leaders and cultural events.

Show Time

Children have the opportunity to showcase their visual arts and talents.

Goddess Aset Rites of Passage

Girls (ages 10-18) learn skills necessary to transition into healthy, productive and positive young ladies; sisterhood, community service, exercise, good nutrition, etiquette, having respect and making positive choices. They also enjoy field trips and exposure to professionals, businesses, agencies, civic leaders and cultural events.

Jump for Life



Children ages 5 – 9 learn the skills necessary to transition into positive, healthy and productive adolescents; learning the value of friendship, exercise, good nutrition, good hygiene, respect, manners and helping to keep our community safe and clean.

Akoma Dance Crew



Children ages 5 – 18 learn the art of performance and competition in a variety of dance styles and stepping; learning the value of unity, discipline, being focused and committed to excellence in performing arts. They participate in public performances throughout the year.

Akoben Basketball Outdoor League



Boys and girls ages 5-11 learn the value of sportsmanship, being a scholar athlete and community service while learning the games basic skills, rules and playing competitively. To participate in the league, participants must attend Simba, Imhotep Club or Goddess Aset.

Botanical Conservatory



Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory

1100 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne • (260) 427-6440 • www.botanicalconservatory.org

Conservatory & Gift Shop Hours

Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm

Thursday 10 am-8 pm

Sunday 12-4 pm

Closed Mondays



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Admission

Adults \$5/Children age 3-17 \$3

Ages 2 and under Free

Group rates available.

Admission fee not required
for the café or gift shop.

Parking

The Conservatory admission desk validates tickets for free parking in the Civic Center Parking Garage. Enter from Jefferson Blvd. or S. Clinton Street. Metered parking available on streets nearby; free on evenings and weekends. Bus and handicap accessible parking is available in the Conservatory's Calhoun Street driveway.

Gift Shop & Sales Garden

Extend your garden visit or shop without visiting the gardens! The Conservatory gift shop offers a boutique atmosphere filled with unique and educational toys, clothing, books, plants, home décor, and garden accessories perfect for home, souvenir, or gift-giving. We have new items arriving all the time. Starting in May, we offer bedding plants, perennial flowers, herbs, flowering baskets, and patio containers in our Sales Garden. Both are open during public hours Tuesday through Sunday; Conservatory admission is not required.

Conservatory Memberships

Conservatory members enjoy free admission during public hours and special events for a year from the month of purchase. In addition, members receive a 10% discount in the Gift Shop and Sales Garden as well as reciprocal benefits at 325 other gardens around the country. Family or Grandparent membership (\$50) includes two named adults at one address plus (grand)children ages 17 or younger. Individual membership (\$35) offers benefits to one named adult. Any membership type may upgrade with an Add-a-Guest (\$15) to bring another person when you visit. Or support the Conservatory even more with a higher category membership! Members can now access the Conservatory's monthly "insider" e-newsletter, so be sure to include your e-mail address when signing up. And remember, the Mother's Day Plant Sale Preview is members-only! Purchase your membership online at www.botanicalconservatory.org or call 427-6440.

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"Hundred Acre Wood"

Winter Exhibit Through April 21

This winter, come in from the cold to discover the enchanting world of Winnie-the-Pooh and his friends. You'll find that Eeyore, Rabbit, Piglet and Pooh Bear have made their homes quite comfortably in the Botanical Conservatory's Showcase Garden. You'll be able to inhabit the imaginative stories of A.A. Milne from his books Winnie-the-Pooh and The House at Pooh Corner as you enjoy some pretend play in our version of the Hundred Acre Wood. Explore names, words, birthdays, poems, and favorite foods at discovery stations in the hallway. But watch out for Woozles! Sponsored by Fun 101.7 and Majic 95.1 FM.



What's on Exhibit?

Iris Flower Show & Discount Day

Sunday, May 26, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

One of America's favorite garden flowers takes center stage during the annual Iris Show. Local gardeners will bring the best of their iris blooms to be displayed and judged. A glorious range of colors, some fragrance, and a variety of forms will be found in irises displayed as individual cut flowers and in floral arrangements. Entries are judged for their perfection. Special discounted admission price includes the Iris Show and Conservatory gardens: \$3/adult, \$2/child, Free for ages 2 and under. For more information, call (260) 427-6440. Sponsored by the Northeast Indiana Iris Society.

Peg Gray: Three Feathers

Acrylics and Mixed Media

March-April

Public Reception: March 3, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Peg Gray will turn 78 during her art display here at the Conservatory. She first began her painting journey about 15 years ago, after her husband passed away. Peg's goal was to always paint something her children would want hanging on display, even after she is gone. She has had very few lessons and claims that, quite simply, painting soothes her soul. Peg has always found colors to be very important - the brighter the better. Meet Peg Gray at a Sunday afternoon reception, March 3, 1:00-3:00 p.m. The exhibit is open during all regular public hours. Both the exhibit and the reception are included in regular Conservatory admission.

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"Migrations" Live Butterfly Exhibit

April 27-July 7

The majestic Monarch butterfly is famous for its astonishing 3000-mile migration from Canada to Mexico. Discover the paths and perils of the Monarch as you "follow" their route in this exhibit. You can also learn whether other butterflies travel distances and how a species survives without migrating, since many local species escape the cold without leaving home. In the midst of the exhibit you can enjoy a personal encounter with hundreds of non-migratory tropical butterflies as they fly, feed, and offer an array of color. You can share your family's migration on our world map, from Great-Grandfather's country of origin to your current home. Sponsored by WMEE and WPTA.

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Today's Best Variety



Butterfly Attendants Needed at the Conservatory

Training in March & April

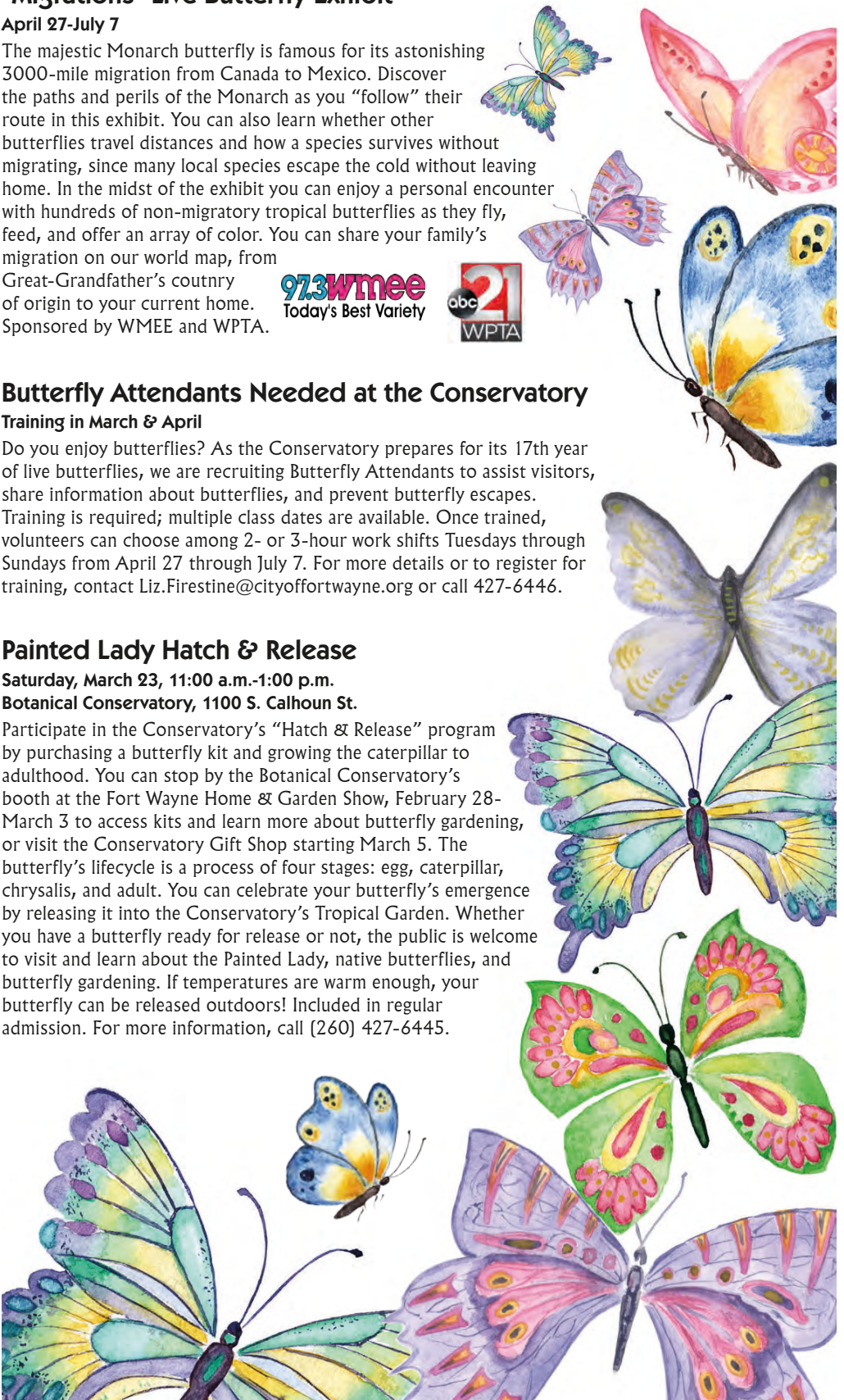
Do you enjoy butterflies? As the Conservatory prepares for its 17th year of live butterflies, we are recruiting Butterfly Attendants to assist visitors, share information about butterflies, and prevent butterfly escapes. Training is required; multiple class dates are available. Once trained, volunteers can choose among 2- or 3-hour work shifts Tuesdays through Sundays from April 27 through July 7. For more details or to register for training, contact Liz.Firestine@cityoffortwayne.org or call 427-6446.

Painted Lady Hatch & Release

Saturday, March 23, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Participate in the Conservatory's "Hatch & Release" program by purchasing a butterfly kit and growing the caterpillar to adulthood. You can stop by the Botanical Conservatory's booth at the Fort Wayne Home & Garden Show, February 28-March 3 to access kits and learn more about butterfly gardening, or visit the Conservatory Gift Shop starting March 5. The butterfly's lifecycle is a process of four stages: egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, and adult. You can celebrate your butterfly's emergence by releasing it into the Conservatory's Tropical Garden. Whether you have a butterfly ready for release or not, the public is welcome to visit and learn about the Painted Lady, native butterflies, and butterfly gardening. If temperatures are warm enough, your butterfly can be released outdoors! Included in regular admission. For more information, call (260) 427-6445.



See live butterflies, April 27-July 7.



Visit with the Easter Bunny

April 13, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

The Easter Bunny will be at the Conservatory to greet children while Mom and Dad take pictures to capture the moment. Explore the Hundred Acre Wood Exhibit before or after your visit with the Easter Bunny. **Note: The Easter Bunny will be taking a break from 2:00-2:30pm.** During the Easter Bunny's break, you can enjoy "up-close" magic tricks performed by a local magician. No egg hunt or petting zoo are held this day. Regular admission fees apply. Sponsored by WAJI Majic 95.1. For more information, call (260) 427-6440.



Easter in the Garden

Friday, April 19, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Hop on down to the Botanical Conservatory with your camera and your children to meet the Easter Bunny. Play games for prizes, make crafts, pot a plant and enjoy light refreshments. Look for Easter eggs in our annual Easter Hunt, designed for toddlers through elementary ages. Enter our drawing for a chance to win a "sweet" Easter basket. We'll also have live animals to meet such as baby chicks, ducks, bunnies, sheep and goats. **Note: the Easter Bunny will be taking a break from 11:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. and 1:30-2:00 p.m.** All children must be accompanied by an adult. Regular Conservatory admission fees apply. Sponsored by WAJI Majic 95.1.

Mother's Day in the Garden

Sunday, May 12, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Bring you Mom on a special outing to the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory on Mother's Day, our treat! By "Mom" we mean your mother, of course, but also grandmas, aunts, and anyone else who means "MOM" to you! Your mom will enjoy the beautiful displays of flowers, browsing in the Conservatory Gift Shop, and the chance to take a turn in our live butterfly exhibit. Each mom will receive a special Mother's Day plant while supplies last. Regular Conservatory admission applies. Sponsored by WAJI Majic 95.1.



Happy Mother's Day

You Need More Plants

Spring Plant Swap

Saturday, June 1, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

The Conservatory's free plant swap is coming up on the first Saturday of June. Bring at least one plant of any kind to share and take home an armful of starts from other gardeners in the area. Information on plants is available for reference. Seating is limited to 50, so call to say you're coming. No admission fee required. For more information and to register by phone, call (260) 427-6446.

Slightly Used Bulb Sale

Tuesday-Saturday, April 23-27, public hours
Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

This annual sale features "slightly used" spring flowers such as tulips, daffodils, and grape hyacinths that have come out of the Conservatory's Spring Showcase exhibit. The plants sell for \$1-\$5 per pot (pots have multiple bulbs in them) and are ready to plant in the garden to prepare for next year's bloom. Instructions for planting provided. No reservations required. Admission to the sale is free; pay for purchases in the Gift Shop.

Mother's Day Plant Sale

Friday, May 10, 4:00-7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 11, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 12, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
McMillen Community Center, 3901 Abbott St.

It's time for spring planting, and with over 600 kinds of plants at our plant sale, you're sure to find delicious choices for the vegetable garden and great additions for the patio and flower bed. Locally grown herbs, vegetable starts, native plants, and flowering perennials join annuals, houseplants, mixed containers, hanging baskets, and bonsai. You can pick up seeds for container-sized herbs and veggies as well as bags of quality potting soil. All of our beautiful and sturdy plants are locally grown and sold as a fundraiser to help support the Conservatory. Shop early for the best selection. Volunteers are available to assist with plant selection and loading, including specialists in herbs, seed sprouting, native plants, and bonsai. There is plenty of free parking. Conservatory members can enjoy the preview sale on Thursday, May 9, 4:00-7:00 p.m. Memberships will be available for purchase that evening for those who want to join in order to get the first peek. Visit www.BotanicalConservatory.org for a list of plants intended for sale. For more information, please call (260) 427-6440. Sponsored by WAJI Majic 95.1.



Bugs & Butterflies

Plant & Go: Spring

Showcase Exhibit Opening Day

April 27, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Calling all gardeners and gardeners-to-be! Visit the Botanical Conservatory on the first day of each new Showcase Garden exhibit to participate in a hands-on learning experience with plants. This month we are featuring a butterfly favorite, Echinacea. Plant & Go will showcase a different plant each month, coinciding with the start of each seasonal garden exhibit: January, April, July, and November. Pot up a seedling, plantlet, seed, or bulb, learn care instructions and fun plant facts, and take your new plant baby home to nurture. (While supplies last.) Included in regular Conservatory admission, so drop in!

Garden Close-Up

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Visit the Botanical Conservatory on the fourth Saturday to get a closer look at our plants and gardens with an exploratory walk, hands-on activity or demonstration. We highlight a different garden each month so you can make new discoveries through fun, educational activities. Included in your regular Conservatory admission, so drop in!

GC: Migration Station

Saturday, April 27, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Join us this month as we explore the topic of migration. The behavior of migration is not just limited to birds! Other winged creatures as well as those that walk make journeys each year. We will explore all types of migrating animals and learn the reasons why they engage in this amazing behavior! Create your own "migrating" animal to take home. Then visit our live Butterfly Exhibit "Migration" and see some amazing live butterflies up close!

GC: Insects as Pollinators

Saturday, May 25, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

While birds, bats, butterflies and bees are all known for their role as pollinators, this month we will focus on pollinating insects. Stop by this special station this month to learn about the types of insects that transfer pollen and the plants that depend on them to complete their life cycle. You can also sample some foods from pollinated plants and make your own "pollinator" to take home.

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Thursday Night Fun

\$1 Nights

First Thursday of the month, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

The Conservatory is open on the first Thursday night of the month for a discounted admission of just \$1 per person. During each \$1 Night you can also drop in to our program room for a fun and educational lecture or activity. No reservations required. We validate parking tickets from the Civic Center Parking Garage for free parking. For more information, call (260) 427-6446.



DNI: All Things Cereal

Thursday, March 7, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Let's talk about cereal - after all, it is one of the most popular breakfast options and for some it's their go-to midnight snack. Come to the Conservatory in honor of National Cereal Day and help us celebrate this odd-sounding holiday. How did this nationally-recognized day come about? Join us on \$1 Night, make a fun St. Patrick's Day craft, and have a bowl of sweetness - and find out!

DNI: Easter Lilies

Thursday, April 4, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Most everyone loves the fragrance that comes from the spring-blooming Easter lily, but how much do you really know about this beauty? Visit the Conservatory for a closer look at this stunning flower and learn all about it! Create your very own Easter lily craft and enjoy a light snack!

DNI: Mighty Migrators

Thursday, May 2, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

In conjunction with our newly opened butterfly exhibit, "Migrations," we will take a deeper look into what it means to be a migrator. Look at the migration patterns of several of the world's most familiar migrators, and stay for a fun craft and delicious snack. Don't forget to check out our exotic butterfly display!

A New Hobby?



Beekeeping Basics for Beginners

If you have an interest in caring for and maintaining your own bee hive, you'll want to 'bee' in this informative class. Join beekeeper Glenn Hile, Ph.D., as he walks you through the basics of beekeeping. Learn about start-up costs, proper care and maintenance for your own hive. Glenn is an Advanced Master Gardener and owner of Glenn's Natural Honey. He has a passion for beekeeping and is one of the directors of the Northeastern Indiana Beekeepers Association (NEIBA). All participants will receive a 1-lb. squeeze bottle filled with Glenn's Natural Honey! Spots will fill up quickly, so sign-up today! Ages 15+. Registration deadline: February 22. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
227041-S1	3/2	Sa	10-11:30 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$15

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$12

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Pysanky: Ukrainian Eggs

The history of pysanky, or Ukrainian Easter eggs, can be traced back to 2000 B.C. Throughout Eastern Europe these symbols of hope combine intricate geometric patterns, multiple colors, and folk motifs into amazing and unique pieces of art. Instructor Carol Ann Eckrich, a Master Gardener and Conservatory volunteer, will guide you through the repeated steps of drawing with melted wax and coloring with dye baths until you create your very own pysanka. Each participant will take home a tool kit including the kistka stylus, beeswax, and 6 dyes so he or she can continue practicing and creating new egg designs at home. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: March 1. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
227000-S1	3/9	Sa	9-11 a.m.

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$18

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$13

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Apple Tree Basics

Join Scott Krieg, co-founder of Three Rivers Fruit Growers Club, to learn the basics of apple tree care. He will discuss many points, from the best soil to how much sun your new fruit tree will need to grow and produce. Scott will also demonstrate how to graft an apple tree and explain the benefits of this 4000-year-old practice. Take home a grafted dwarf Liberty apple tree start to continue growing for years to come! Ages 15+. Registration deadline: March 15. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
227052-S1	3/23	Sa	10 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$10

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$8

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Spring Bulb Basket

Bring a friend or make it a family affair as you plant a lovely, festive bulb basket for spring decor. Instructor Dennis Bowman, Fresh Design Manager with Gassafy Wholesale Florist, will walk you through the process of assembling the basket, telling you about the plant material and proper care. The finished project will be 13 inches wide and contain 6 different spring flowers including tulips, daffodils and more! Your fee includes all necessary supplies, but you may bring and incorporate your own accents from home. Ages 15+. Registration deadline: March 22. Min. 12. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
227053-S1	3/30	Sa	9:30-11 am

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$39

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$33

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Bonsai for Beginners

Would you like to learn basic pruning and care of a small bonsai tree? In this class you will discover that and more! Each participant will receive a small Ficus tree and under the careful guidance of Fort Wayne Bonsai Club members, you will pot and trim it, then see a demonstration on forming it into a beautiful bonsai showpiece. Along the way, you will learn about the proper pots and soils to use, how to prune, and the techniques for giving it a long and healthy life. Participants may also be inspired by other examples, some of which are available in the Conservatory gift shop. Participants should bring their own pruners or scissors; all other supplies will be provided. Ages 15+. Registration deadline: April 19. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Date	Day	Time
227014-S1	4/27	Sa	10:30 am-12 pm

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$29

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$25

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Botanical Kids



Garden Preschool

Garden Preschool meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Botanical Conservatory. Parents or guardians assist children side by side in this monthly class that encourage the basics of exploring in the gardens at a young age. Each month we will explore different themes through a story, hands-on activity, craft, and snack. Children and adults alike will learn by hands-on activities in the garden that are sure to get everyone thinking. At least one adult is required to stay and participate (no registration required) for the duration of the class with their child. Please indicate at registration if a participant has food allergies. Registration deadlines: March 12, April 9, and May 14, respectively. Ages 3-5. Min. 5. Max. 10.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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Amazing Seeds

227100-T1	3/19	T	10-11 am
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Trees & Arbor Day

227100-T2	4/16	T	10-11 am
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Colors in the Garden

227100-T3	5/21	T	10-11 am
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$6

Member or Volunteer Fee: \$4

Location: Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

Discovery Corner

Our youngest visitors are always welcome to the Discovery Corner behind Woody the Talking Tree where they can spend time in pretend play and find stories and activities relating to a monthly theme:

- March – Amazing Seeds
- April – Trees/Arbor Day
- May – Colors in the Garden

Our materials are all safe and suitable for kids in pre-K through 1st grade. Adults are encouraged to read aloud to their young learners and explore ideas together. The Discovery Corner is free with general admission; preregistration is not required.

Downtown 4-H Club

Fourth Thursday of the month, 6:15-7:45 p.m.

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

You don't have to own a cow or know how to garden in order to join the fun and be a part of 4-H. Our downtown community 4-H club, the Clover Rovers, meet at the Botanical Conservatory led by experienced Purdue Extension volunteers. The club focuses on science, citizenship, healthy living, and fun! Any Fort Wayne area youth in kindergarten through 12th grade can join before May 15. Monthly evening meetings will offer children a chance to make friends, learn new skills, do service projects and explore. Free parking at meters after 5:00 p.m. or in the Civic Center Parking Garage with validated ticket. For more information or to sign up, contact the Extension office at 481-6826.

Botanical Field Trips & Outreach

Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Botanical Conservatory, 1100 S. Calhoun St.

The Botanical Conservatory's education staff serves thousands of students each year through on- and off-site visits for public, parochial, private and home schools. Teachers can choose the standards-based curriculum that best meets their students' needs. Our outreach program also helps teachers meet state science standards and engage students in active learning. Conservatory visits let you collect temperature and humidity readings for a biome study, find food plants in the desert and jungle, explore plant patterns with art students, or choose from a variety of other activities, depending on the age and focus of the group. We can also travel to your school, providing classroom or assembly-style presentations. Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance. A minimum of ten students is required to book a lab, but self-guiding visit lessons are available for groups or any size. For more information, call 427-6445.

City Safari Day Camp

June 10-July 26 at the Botanical Conservatory

See page 41 for details and sign up today!

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Did You Know?

FREE Seminars on Topics That Matter to You

For Your Health & Safety

Healthy People



Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Nursing students will be in the Community Center lobby to provide information on the important healthcare topics below and answer your health-related questions. They will also provide free blood pressure screenings. No pre-registration is necessary. Just stop by. The Healthy People program is sponsored by IU School of Nursing.

Managing your Blood Pressure like a Professional

Monday, March 18, 10:00 am-12:30 pm

- Tips on how diet, exercise, and stress affect blood pressure.
- What “numbers” are good blood pressure readings?
- How medications work to control blood pressure.
- Display on good diet choices and bad diet choices and what blood pressure numbers mean, etc.

Preventative Health Measures

Wednesday, March 27, 10:00 am-12:30 pm

- Immunizations recommended for older adults.
- CDC recommended exercise guideline for older adults.
- How often should you see the doctor and what health screenings should you get?
- Information display on immunizations and the diseases they prevent.
- Managing chronic conditions such as Diabetes and Hypertension.

Injury Prevention in the Older Adult

Thursday, April 18, 10:00 am-12:30 pm

- How to assess your home for fall risks.
- What impact do falls have on health outcomes for older adults?
- Display of common fall risks in the home and easy preventative measures.
- Are your blood pressure medications putting you at risk for falls?

Greet & Eat

Tuesday, April 23, 10:00 a.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

This fun and social program is sponsored by Miller's Health Systems. They will be serving a continental breakfast and offering opportunities to win prizes! This “Greet & Eat” is free to participate and will be offered quarterly. Pre-registration is required by March 22. Call 427-6460 to sign up. Space is limited.

Eating Smart & Moving More



Mondays, February 25-March 18, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Join us on Mondays for these FREE lessons on food, nutrition and exercise. This class will help you plan nutritious meals, be active, handle food safely, spend food dollars wisely, and improve food purchasing and preparation skills. You can also earn a free cookbook and handy kitchen items just by attending! This program is free, however, pre-registration is required. Please call 427-6460 by February 18 to sign up.

Internet Security Awareness

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

The internet is an incredible resource for education and more; however, it's also home to some concerning content and bad actors, some of whom are very crafty. In this course, you will learn how to browse safely and how to identify rogue emails. You will learn how to avoid viruses, phishing e-mails and social engineering as well as how to protect your privacy and personal data. These tips will be useful at home, on the internet, on social media and on the job. Please call 427-6460 by April 6 to reserve your seat at this free seminar.



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Planning for the Future

Retirement Income Planning

Thursday, April 25, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Retirement income planning is the process of understanding how much income you'll need during your retirement years to support the retirement lifestyle that you want and positioning your assets to provide that income efficiently. While there is no such thing as a "one size fits all" plan, there are steps that you can take to maximize the possibility of a financially secure retirement. In this workshop, you will learn:

- How to plan for when your retirement will begin (including the impact of early retirement, delayed retirement and working during retirement) and planning for the lifestyle that you want
- Steps to estimate the amount of money you'll need in retirement to meet your goals factoring in health care costs, taxes, and inflation
- How to supplement fixed income sources such as Social Security and employer pensions with your retirement savings, choosing a sustainable withdrawal rate, and the options for tapping into various accounts

A workbook will be provided that includes key information, worksheets, and questions to help you remember important points from the workshop. This workshop is free, however pre-registration is required. You may reserve your seat by calling 427-6460 by April 18.

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Savvy Social Security Planning

Tuesday, May 21, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

The decisions you make today will have a tremendous impact on the amount of Social Security benefits you will receive over your lifetime. This workshop will help you determine how much you can expect to receive, when to apply, as well as how to maximize your benefits. Learn the rules for spousal benefits and much more. This seminar is free, however, pre-registration is required. Please call 427-6460 to register by May 14.

Estate Planning in Today's World

Wednesday, April 10, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Estate Planning is important for people of all ages – now more than ever. With the new laws coming from Washington, you need to get informed. Elder Law Attorney Stephen Adair will discuss your planning options and answer your questions. Please call 427-6460 by Monday, April 3 to reserve your seat for this FREE seminar. Ages 25+.

Long Term Care Planning

Wednesday, March 20, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

This seminar will give you information on what long-term care is and where it's provided. You will learn strategies to pay for long-term care, discover key features and government incentives for long-term care insurance, as well as how Medicare and Medicaid factor into long-term care planning. You'll receive a free workbook with key information, worksheets and questions to help you remember important points from the seminar. This program is free, however, pre-registration is required. Please call 427-6460 by March 12 to sign up.



Support is Here

Medicare & Medigap Supplemental Seminar

Wednesday, April 17, 10:00-11:30 am

Wednesday, May 15, 10:00-11:30 am

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

This seminar will cover the basics of Medicare from Part A to Part D as well as Medicare Supplemental Insurance. We will go over how Part A, Part B, Part C and Part D Medicare coverage work together with Medicare Advantage Plans or with Medicare Supplemental Insurance. The basics of Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare Supplemental Insurance plans will be covered. We will also go over where you can obtain the information you need to help you in your Medicare decision process. This free seminar is being presented by Ray Hunert. Please call 427-6460 by April 10 and May 8 to register.

Dementia Conversations: Driving, Doctor Visits, Legal & Financial Planning

Monday, May 20, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

This educational workshop offered by the Alzheimer's Association provides helpful tips to assist families in having honest and caring conversations with family members about dementia. The workshop reinforces the need to plan ahead and build a care team that communicates well in order to reduce the stress that can accompany a disease like Alzheimer's and connects you with helpful resources to enhance quality of life for everyone involved. This seminar is free; however, you will need to call 427-6460 by May 13 to register.

Living with Alzheimer's for Late- Stage Caregivers

Wednesday, March 13, March 20, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

In the late stage of Alzheimer's disease, caregiving typically involves new ways of connecting and interacting with the person with the disease. Join us for this presentation and hear from caregivers and professionals about resources, monitoring care and providing a meaningful connection for the person with late-stage Alzheimer's and their families. This seminar is free; however, you will need to call 427-6460 by March 6 to register.

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Understanding Grief

Tuesday, March 12, April 9, May 14, 1:30 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

As we walk through the death of a loved one, we experience a roller coaster of emotions. Each person responds in a unique way to the loss of a loved one and the reactions we experience change according to the kind of loss we are facing. The reactions can be physical symptoms, feelings, thoughts and behaviors. Understanding these emotions can aid in the healing process. Join us at 1:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month as representatives from Heartland Hospice discuss the grieving process. There is no charge and no pre-registration required.

Cemetery/Funeral Home Workshop

Tuesday, April 9, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Find out what you need to know before making pre-arrangements with cemeteries and funeral homes. Helpful information for veterans is also included. Presenter Sarah (Schwehn) McMillan has 30 years of professional experience in the cemetery and funeral home industry. This informational seminar is free, however pre-registration is required. Call 427-6460 by April 3 to reserve your spot.

Watch your mailbox for the
Summer Fun Times on May 8.

Fun After Fifty

Take a Tour



Swinney Homestead Tour and Lunch

Wednesday, April 17, 11:30 a.m.

Swinney Homestead, 1424 W. Jefferson Blvd.

Travel back in time for lunch and a tour at the Thomas & Lucy Swinney House. The Swinney House is one of Fort Wayne's oldest homes. The 14-room mansion was owned by one of the richest families in Fort Wayne history and is surrounded by gardens. This event begins with a five-course meal and refreshments being served at noon by Settler members. After lunch, there will be a historical tour of the Swinney House. Parking is free at the Swinney House and the first floor is handicap accessible. Registration deadline: April 3. Min. 23. Max. 40.

Code	Date	Day	Time
241600-W1	4/17	W	11:30 a.m.

Sessions/Fee: 1/\$22/\$27 after April 10

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Find us on 
**Fort Wayne Parks and
 Recreation Community Center**

Walking Tours



Put on your walking shoes, dress for the weather and join tour guide Keith Hood for a walk through downtown Fort Wayne. We'll tour the Ash Skyline Plaza in April and the Arts Campus in May. Tours depart from the Community Center. Pre-registration is required. Call 427-6460 to sign up. The \$3 fee may be paid when you register or when you arrive for the tour.

Ash Skyline Plaza

Wednesday, April 17, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

On this walk, we will see the recently completed Ash Skyline Plaza with the parking garage complex bordered by the streets of Berry, Harrison and Wayne in downtown Fort Wayne. Some of the businesses you will see in the plaza include the Proximo Restaurant, De Brand Fine Chocolates, Parkview Therapy One, Skyline YMCA, Lake City Bank and Skyline Garage. Sign up by April 10.

Arts Campus of Fort Wayne

Wednesday, May 15, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Today's tour will include some of the local creative art facilities available through the Arts Campus of Fort Wayne. These facilities will include the Auer Center for Arts & Culture, Parkview Physicians Group Arts Lab, the Arts United Center, Friemann Square Park, the Japanese Friendship Gardens, the History Center, the Barr Street Market, Alexander T. Rankin House and the Hall Community Arts Center (Cinema Center and Fort Wayne Dance Collective). Sign up by May 8.

Tuesday Movies

Join us for an afternoon at the movies! Most features are recent releases and they are shown at the Community Center. Admission is FREE, however, we do require pre-registration by the Monday prior to the movie. Call 427-6460 to reserve your seat. Show time is 1:30 p.m. Snack and drinks will be provided. Tuesday movies are sponsored by Miller's Merry Manor of Fort Wayne and Senior Helpers.

March 5	The 15:17 to Paris
March 19.....	Finding Your Feet
April 2	Miracle Season
April 16.....	Peter Rabbit
May 7	Ocean's Eight
May 21	Mama Mia! Here We Go Again

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 Monday, May 27, Memorial Day**

Monday Fun Day

Relaxation Station: Adult Coloring

Mondays, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

March 18, April 15, May 20

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Who doesn't like to color? Listen to relaxing music, visit with your neighbor and color till your heart's content using colored pencils and gel pens. No pre-registration is necessary. Just drop in! Drop-in Fee: \$1. (Note: Our monthly Monday Luncheons are on the same dates, so make plans to stay for lunch.)

Crossword Concoctions

Mondays, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

March 18, April 15, May 20

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Are you a crossword junkie? We will supply the crossword puzzle and pencil (or pen, if you prefer). No pre-registration is necessary. Just drop in! Drop-in fee: \$1. (Note: Our monthly Monday Luncheons are on the same dates, so make plans to stay for lunch.)

Monday Luncheons

Bring a friend or two and join us for these special Monday luncheons. We'll begin serving at 11:30 a.m., but you are invited to come earlier and enjoy cards, Relaxation Station, Crossword Connections or table games with other fun-loving folks. The fun is free, but lunch is \$4/person (no refunds; transfers for illness only). Paid reservations are required by 4:00 p.m. on the prior Wednesday and may be made by calling 427-6460. Carefree Crafts begin after lunch if you'd like to stay. Ages 50+.

Monday, March 18, 11:30 a.m.

"March Madness"

Supporting Sponsor:

Canterbury Health and Rehabilitation

Monday, April 15, 11:30 a.m.

"Poetry Party"

Supporting Sponsor: Coventry Meadows

Monday, May 20, 11:30 a.m.

"Remembering the Fallen"

Supporting Sponsor:

Life Care Center of Fort Wayne

**Thank you to
Life Care Center of Fort Wayne
and Signature HealthCARE
for sponsoring our Winter Carnival!**

Carefree Crafts

Mondays, 12:30 p.m.

March 18, April 15, May 20

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Join us for some carefree crafts! Our monthly Monday Luncheons are on the same dates, so make plans to have lunch then stay to make and take home a craft! Ages 50+. Pre-registration is required by the previous Wednesday. Fee: \$3/\$1 with paid Monday Luncheon reservation. Sponsored by: Majestic Care (Fort Wayne and New Haven).

Read a Book or Write One

Book Sale

March 5-7, April 9-11, May 7-9

8:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Our monthly book sales are open to the public and feature hardback books, paperbacks and DVDs. (Donations are accepted year round.)

Writing Your Memoirs

You don't need to have a hardscrabble youth or eccentric parents to write a memoir. You don't need to have lived a life of drama . . . and you don't have to publish it. A memoir is about handing over your life to someone and saying, "This is what I went through, this is who I am, and maybe you can learn something from it." It's about creating a legacy that doesn't have dollar signs in front of it but has a far greater residual value for family and friends. It's a gift that only you can share. Let author Linda Wade help you put pen to paper and begin to tell your story. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: March 7. Min. 6. Max. 12.

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241306-R1	3/14-4/18	Th	10 am-12 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 6/\$36/\$41 after March 7

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Creative & Crafty



Curious About Crochet

One of the greatest things about crochet is that you don't have to invest in fancy, new materials or find room in your house to store a bunch of equipment. With just a simple hook, a skein of yarn and a nice, comfy place to sit, you can begin enjoying all the benefits this craft provides. In the Beginner Class, we'll get you started with a few basic stitches and show you how to read a pattern. Please bring to class a size K crochet hook and one skein of 4-ply yarn in a light color. The Intermediate Class is for those who know the basic stitches and can read a basic pattern. You will learn advanced stitches to crochet stand-up flowers and make advanced stitches for afghan and pillows. Bring your "yarn stash" (especially green for the leaves) and hooks. Instructor: Berniece Wilkins. Ages 50+. There will be no class May 3. Registration deadline: March 13 and 15. Min. 4. Max. 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Beginner

241304-F1	3/22-5/17	F	1-3 pm
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Intermediate

241304-W1	3/20-5/8	W	1-3 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$17/\$22 after deadlines

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Hooked on Crochet

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Wednesdays & Fridays, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Are you hooked on crochet? Come join the fun! Show off your latest creation, collect new ideas and get a little work done on your latest project. [Crochet instruction is offered in "Curious About Crochet."] Ages 50+. No need to call ahead. Just drop in! Drop in fee: \$1

Jewelry Making

If you enjoy wearing unique jewelry, why not try making it yourself? You will choose your favorite color beads to create a bracelet and matching earrings using memory wire and parachute cord. All necessary tools and materials will be provided. Ages 16+. Registration deadline: April 13. Min. 3. Max. 10.

Code	Date	Day	Time
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241326-S1	4/20	Sa	10 am-12 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 1/\$22/\$27 after April 13

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Behind the Easel: Oil or Acrylic

Join us behind the easel and take your pick: oil or acrylic. Marilyn Copeland, a nationally certified and accredited art instructor, will guide you through this independent study. Please bring a photo or art instructional book by your favorite artist. You will receive a supply list when you register. Ages 50+. Registration deadline: March 18. Min. 5. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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241301-M1	3/25-4/29	M	1:30-4 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 6/\$73/\$78 after March 18

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Creative Quilting

Thursdays, 1:00-4:00 pm

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Creative quilting has much in common with the quilting bee, an extremely popular social event in the mid-nineteenth century. It provides an opportunity to meet other quilters, make new friends, share ideas and express your artistic capabilities. Rather than everyone working on one common quilt, however, you are encouraged to bring your current quilting project to work on. An iron and ironing board will be set up for your use and large tables available for laying out your quilt. Ages 50+. There is no need to call ahead. Drop-in fee: \$1



Song & Dance

Senior Tap Class



Tap dancing is fun at any age! Whether you've tapped before or just want to try something new, you are invited to join the fun! It is great exercise and a great way to spend a Thursday afternoon. You'll learn dance technique and performance skills. No previous experience is required. Tap shoes or hard sole shoes are recommended. Ages 50+. Instructor: Linda Mullenhour. Registration deadline: March 15. Min. 5. Max. 15.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Advanced

241210-R1	3/21-5/9	Th	2:45-3:30 pm
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Beginners

241210-R2	3/21-5/9	Th	3:30-4:15 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$15/\$20 after March 14.

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Alley Kats



The Alley Kats is a 15-member performing tap dance troupe made up entirely of active senior women 50 and over. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 1:15 p.m. The Alley Kats are available to perform for your organization or private party. To audition for the troupe or to book the Alley Kats for your function, please call 427-6461.

Terrible Orchestra

Get the violin you played in high school out of the attic and come join our "orchestra" for adults (2+ years of experience is preferred) that just want to have fun making music and learning to play again. You will need to bring your instrument and a music stand. We will provide the sheet music. Modeled after the Scottish Really Terrible Orchestra, a group of friends who just wanted to get together and play, this class will have some instruction as well as "rehearsal" time as a group. If you are an adult beginner taking lessons, you are welcome to enroll. String players are especially needed but all are welcome. When registering for the class, please let us know what instrument you will be playing. Instructor: Debra Graham is a member of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and directs the Northeast Indiana Talent Education beginning and intermediate ensembles and has taught elementary through middle school orchestras for over 30 years. Registration deadline: March 25. Min. 10. Max. 30.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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242308-M1	4/1-5/6	M	7-8:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 6/\$38/\$43 after March 25

Location: Heffner Pavilion, 1903 St. Mary's Ave.



Keep Music in Your Heart

Tap into your inner musician! Whether you are a non-music reader, a once-upon-a-time music reader or a current musician, you will enjoy using rhythmic games to challenge your coordination, memory and light motor skills. Old and new songs will be used to rejuvenate your mind! Ages 50+. Instructor: Kristine Agen. Registration deadline: April 2. Min. 10. Max. 20.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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241002-T1	4/9-4/30	T	3-4 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 4/\$23/\$28 after April 2

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

We Can Use Your Help

Volunteer and Instructor Opportunities

Parks and Recreation is not just for kids! We offer numerous opportunities for adults to join our family of over 180 volunteers and become involved in Community Center programs and operations. As a Community Center volunteer, you will find satisfaction in being of service to the community, develop your interests, and make new acquaintances. You may choose to volunteer on a regular weekly schedule or on an occasional basis. Please call 427-6461 for more information. Examples of volunteer positions include:

- Information Desk Staff
- Volunteer and Paid Class Instructors
- Computer Lab Assistants and Instructors
- Daytime Experienced Tap Dancers
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Raised Garden Bed Helpers
- Bingo Caller
- Music Education
- Fitness and Conditioning Coordinator
- Excursion Tour Escorts
- Craft Coordinators and Assistants
- Special Event Helpers
- Shuffle Board League Coordinator
- Cleaning Assistants
- Brain Teaser Leader
- AARP Tax Preparers (February-April, training in January)

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Senior Aqua Fit



Aqua Fit is total body toning with many fun water resistance tools. The instructor will guide the class through various aerobic movements done to rhythmic music in the water. Aerobic movements are performed with the use of resistive and buoyancy equipment. Some of the benefits include:

- Burning more calories per minute than land exercise
- Decreased pain and muscle soreness
- Reduced swelling
- Increased strength and mobility
- Help in regaining range of motion and endurance
- Improved balance
- Help in maintaining fitness levels while injured

Instructors are provided by Corporate Health. Ages 50+. There will be no class May 27. Registration deadlines: March 25 and March 27. Min. 7. Max. 23.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
241209-M1	4/1-6/10	M	11:30 am-12:15
241209-W1	4/3-6/5	W	11:30 am-12:15

Sessions/Fee: 10/\$67/\$72 after deadlines

Location: Turnstone, 3320 N. Clinton

Community Center Rental

The Community Center at 233 W. Main Street offers beautiful, flexible space for large and small events. The Center is audio-visually equipped and has a full service kitchen facility. Alcohol is permitted at the Center and there are no restrictions on catering. Call Billy at 427-6463 for details and the full range of options or check our website at www.fortwayneparks.org.

Senior Yoga



Research has shown that exercise can slow down the effects of aging by improving health, wellness, strength, flexibility and endurance. This Yoga for Seniors program offers an individualized, safe and effective approach to help seniors at any fitness level improve the health of the respiratory, digestive, circulation and nervous systems. Yoga can help keep old age at bay, leading to good health habits, feelings of vitality and energy and a renewed zest for life. Ages 50+. Registration deadlines: March 12 and March 14. Min. 8. Max. 45.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
241200-T1	3/19-5/7	T	12-1 pm
241200-R1	3/21-5/9	Th	12-1 pm

Sessions/Fee: 8/\$41/\$46 after deadlines

Sign up for both Tuesday and Thursday classes for a reduced rate of \$72 (16 sessions)

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Upper Body Circuit 50+



Low-impact weight training and stretching are recommended for maintaining strength and flexibility as we age. We'll work on upper-body strength with hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles and other gym equipment and use a chair for support, if necessary. This class is suitable for nearly every fitness level and can be adapted depending on the skill of individual participants. Ages 50+. Registration deadlines: March 4 and April 29. Min. 6. Max. 10. (There will be no class on Memorial Day, May 27.)

Code	Dates	Day	Time
241001-M1	3/11-4/15	M	2-3 pm
241001-M2	5/6-6/17	M	2-3 pm

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$37/\$42 after deadlines

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Grooving Goldies



This beginning exercise class for the active older adult features easy-to-follow dance fitness moves with a specialized approach for anyone needing modifications. You will find the lower intensity moves are safe and effective for people of all ages and different fitness levels. This fun, safe fitness class will help you achieve the long-term health benefits you seek. Instructor: Katie Amos. Ages 50+. Registration deadlines: March 4 and April 29. There will be no class on May 22. Min. 8. Max. 10.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
241207-M1	3/11-4/15	M	10-10:45 am
241207-W1	3/13-4/17	W	10-10:45 am
241207-W2	5/8-6/19	W	10-10:45 am

Sessions/Fee: 6/\$39/\$44 after deadlines

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

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Cardio Flex

Tuesday & Thursdays, 11:00-11:45 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Cardio Flex is for those individuals who desire a more intensive workout than offered in Arthritis Foundation Exercise. It is designed for active seniors and consists of 20-30 minutes of cardiovascular exercise designed to help decrease fat mass and lower resting heart rate and cholesterol levels. You will be using light to medium dumbbells to increase muscular strength and flexibility. Prior participation is not required; however, we recommend you consult your doctor before beginning any exercise program. You can attend this program at any time. Orange juice is provided by Miller's Merry Manor of Fort Wayne. Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: \$1/class.

Arthritis Foundation Exercise

Tuesday & Thursdays, 10:00-10:45 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

The Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program is a recreational exercise program designed for anyone with arthritis or related rheumatic disease and/or joint problems (hip/knee replacement, stroke, etc.). If you are just beginning to exercise, start with this class. This class is designed to improve strength and flexibility, reduce pain caused by arthritis and other ailments and increase mobility. You can attend the drop-in program at any time. Ages 50+. Orange juice is provided by Miller's Merry Manor of Fort Wayne. Drop-in fee: \$1/class.

Questions? 427-6460



Everyday Exercise

Tuesday & Thursdays, 9:00-9:45 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Enjoy the benefits of a daily exercise routine designed just for you. This class incorporates the use of handheld weights to help increase cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility, balance and mobility. Please consult your doctor before beginning any new exercise program. You can start this drop-in program at any time. Ages 50+. Orange juice is provided by Miller's Merry Manor of Fort Wayne. Drop-in fee: \$1/class.

Preventive Lifestyle

Adopting a preventive lifestyle can help you avoid, reverse and possibly even eliminate hypertension, type II diabetes, obesity, osteoporosis and osteoarthritis. Weekly lectures and related recipes will get you on the road to wellness. Instructor Linda Edquid is a registered nurse. She has been teaching and doing community outreach in the health industry for over 20. Ages 18+. Registration deadline: April 3. Min. 5. Max. 12.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
242501-W1	4/10-5/29	W	3-4:30 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 8/\$25/\$30 after deadline			
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St			

Walking Group

Wednesdays, April 10-May 29, 11:00 am
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Get some fresh air and enjoy a brisk one-mile walk in the company of others. We will take different routes through the downtown area each week. Walks may include stops at various locations for a quick tour. There is no fee to participate, however, we ask that you call 427-6460 to sign up the Monday before each walk.



Drop in and join the fun.

Get in Game!



Fun & Games

Join organized Fun & Games or play on your own anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Community Center. You may bring your own equipment or borrow ours from the information desk. There is no pre-registration for these ongoing programs. Just drop in and join the fun! Ages 50+. Drop-in fee: \$1

Game	Days	Time
Billiards	M-F	8 am- 4:30 pm
Bingo	2nd-4th F	1 pm
Chip n' Score	F	9:30-11:30 am
Cornhole	F	9:30-11:30 am
Crochet	W/F	10 am-12 pm, 1-3 pm
Euchre	W	12:30-3 pm
Fitness Equipment	M-F	8 am- 4:30 pm
Mah Jongg	F	12-4 pm
Quilting	Th	1-4 pm
Table Tennis	M/W	8:30-11:30 am
Wii Bowling	T	11 am-2 pm

Many THANKS to the following for their contributions to our Fun & Games:

- Millers Merry Manor-Huntington (Bingo)
- Heritage Park (Bingo and free Wi-Fi)
- Senior Helpers (Euchre)
- Englewood Health & Rehab (Euchre)

2019 Senior Games

June 3-21

Save the date! More than 450 active senior adults participated in the 2018 Senior Games. Mark your calendar and start "training" now for the 2019 Senior Games. Registration packets will be mailed in April. Call 427-6462 to be placed on our mailing list.

Learn to Play Bridge

There are many reasons why you should learn Bridge. It offers the suspense of poker, the cerebral qualities of chess and the excitement of athletic sports, all in a sociable setting where you're a participant, not just a spectator. But most importantly, it is so much fun! That's why it's the world's most popular card game. In the Beginner class, you will understand the card play involved, play of the hand and bidding tools. You will be well on your way to becoming a Bridge player. In the Intermediate class, you will improve your problem-solving skills. Ages 50+. Instructor: Paul Knepper. Registration deadline: April 8. Min. 8. Max. 16. (There will be no class May 27 and June 3.)

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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Beginners

241311-M1	4/15-6/17	M	10-12 pm
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Intermediate

241311-M2	4/15-6/17	M	1-3 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 8/\$21/\$26 after April 8

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Learn to Play Mahjong

Mahjong is a game of both skill and luck that originated in China many centuries ago and was brought to the West in the 1920's. American mahjong utilizes racks, jokers, "Hands and Rules" score cards and has several distinct gameplay mechanics. Tiles are shuffled, die are cast, and rituals involving the allocation of tiles and then the exchange of tiles begins. The first person to match a hand of 14 tiles and thus "call mahjong" ends the game, whereupon tiles are scored and a winner is declared. Once you learn the basic skills, you are sure to become a Mahjong enthusiast. Registration deadline: April 11. Min. 4. Max. 5.

Code	Dates	Day	Time
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241331-R1	4/18-5/9	Th	9:30-11:30 am
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241331-R2	4/18-5/9	Th	1:30-3:30 pm
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Sessions/Fee: 4/\$26/\$31 after April 11

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Recreational Shuffleboard League



Wednesdays, April 17-May 22, 9:30 am

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

There's a lot of pushing and shoving going on at the Community Center and you can get in on the fun! Our Recreational Shuffleboard League begins April 17. Set up and sign-in begins at 9:15 with play beginning at 9:30 a.m. Prizes will be given to the top 3 places at the conclusion of the league. Call 427-6461 by April 10 to sign up and get ready to push your way to the top! Drop in fee: \$1/session

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Wii Bowling League

Tuesdays, April 9-May 14, 11:00 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Wii Bowling is a great way to stay active! It promotes physical activity and helps to keep you on your mental game as well! We will be playing with teams of two. You can sign up with a partner or we can find one for you. Call 427-6461 to sign up by April 2. Drop in fee: \$1/session



Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)

A trained SHIP counselor is available on the first and third Thursday of every month to answer your questions about Medicare, Medigap (supplement to Medicare), Prescription Drug Plans and Advantage Plans. Get a detailed explanation of Medicare coverage and learn the differences between Medigap and Advantage Plans and when an additional prescription drug plan is necessary. Please bring a list of your prescription drugs, as well as the strength and how often it is taken. Call 427-6460 to schedule an appointment. This service is free and not affiliated with any insurance agency.

Day	Dates	Time
Thursday	3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16	9 am-12 pm

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Here to Help

How's Your Hearing?



Approximately 35 million Americans have some type of hearing loss and 15 million of those people avoid seeking help. Don't be one of those people! Audiologist Dr. Zach Burkle conducts FREE hearing screenings at the Community Center on the first Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise noted. The screening only takes 15 minutes. Please call 427-6460 to make your appointment and arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time. April's Hearing Screenings will be April 9 due to Spring Break. Ages 50+.

Day	Dates	Time
Tuesday	3/5, 4/9, 5/7	9-11:15 am

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Diabetic Screening



Diabetes affects approximately 30.3 million people or 9.4% of the U.S. population. That is 1 in 11 Americans. While an estimated 23.1 million have been diagnosed, 7.2 million are unaware they have the disease (American Diabetes Association). Sunshine Home Health Care will offer FREE diabetes screenings at the Community Center on the first Thursday of every month. No appointment is required.

Day	Dates	Time
Th	3/7, 4/4, 5/2	9-11 am

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Legal Counseling

Beers, Mallers, Backs & Salin, LLP representatives are at the Community Center on the first Friday of every month to answer your legal questions. Please call 427-6460 to make an appointment. This is a FREE service, and is offered to persons age 50 and over.

Day	Dates	Time
Friday	3/1, 4/5, 5/3	9 am-12 pm

Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.



Free Tax Preparation

January 28-April 15

Mon, Wed, Fri, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W Main St.

AARP has teamed up with the IRS to offer free Federal and Indiana state income tax preparation for seniors (ages 55+) at the Community Center. (This service uses IRS E-file only.) Please bring the following information with you: Social Security Card for everyone on the return, current W-2 forms, 1099 statements, property tax receipts to qualify for a reduction on the Indiana Tax Return, a copy of your 2017 tax return forms, other income and deduction records. Indiana residents age 65 and older by December 31 of the tax year who earned less than \$10,000 should file a tax return with the state. You could be eligible for a refund under Indiana's Unified Tax Credit for the elderly. If you are interested in being a volunteer to help prepare taxes at the Community Center, please call 427-6461.

Monthly Organization Meetings

The following organizations hold monthly meetings at the Community Center. For more information about any of these organizations, you may attend a meeting or call 427-6460 for a contact name and phone number. Drop in fee: \$1.

Socrates Café

Tuesday, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, 5/7, 5/21, 2-4 pm

Disorderly Bears

Thursday, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6:30-8:30 pm

The Community Center will be CLOSED
Monday, May 27, Memorial Day

Unwind Your Mind

Activities for Those with Signs of Early Dementia
Call 427-6460 or 427-6466 to register for these programs.

Acrylic Painting

Paint a picture and take it home the same day! You'll be guided step-by-step from blank canvas to your finished painting, learn how to load the brushes, paint wet into wet and blend colors as you go. All necessary supplies will be provided. Max. 8.

Date	Day	Time
3/26	T	1:30 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$25		
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.		

Hand Building-Clay Pottery

Come experience pottery at its best. You'll hand build a project as well as try out a pottery wheel. Instructors: Brandon Furniss (weekdays) and Onie Mensch (Saturdays). Max. 8.

Date	Day	Time
3/16	Sa	11:30 am-1 pm
4/15	M	11:30 am-1 pm
4/20	Sa	11:30 am-1 pm
5/18	Sa	11:30 am-1 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 1/\$12		
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.		

Carefree Crafts

Mondays, 12:30 p.m.
March 18, April 15, May 20
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Join us for some carefree crafts! Our monthly Monday Luncheons are on the same dates, so make plans to have lunch then stay to make and take home a craft! Ages 50+. Pre-registration is required by the previous Wednesday. Fee: \$3/\$1 with paid Monday Luncheon reservation. Sponsored by: Majestic Care (Fort Wayne and New Haven).



Bingo

March 8, 22, April 12, 26, May 10, 24, 1:00 p.m.
Bingo is held at 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Prizes are snacks, canned goods and miscellaneous household items. Fee: 3 cards/50¢

Relaxation Station: Adult Coloring

Mondays, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
March 18, April 15, May 20
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Who doesn't like to color? Listen to relaxing music; visit with your neighbor and color till your heart's content using colored pencils. No pre-registration is necessary. Just drop in! Drop-in Fee: \$1. Note: Our monthly Monday Luncheons are on the same dates, so make plans to stay for lunch.

Walking Group

Wednesdays, April 10-May 29 11:00 a.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Would you like to get outside and enjoy a nice walk through Downtown Fort Wayne? Join us for a fun mile walk while enjoying the company of others. We will walk different routes through the downtown area. Some of the walks will include a stop at various locations for a quick tour. Please call 427-6460 to sign-up by the Monday before each walk. There is no fee to participate in these walks.

Mind, Music & Movement

Music is a great way to excite both sides of the brain. It is actually the only information that is stored twice in your brain. Join this engaging group that is filled with music designed to cognitively stimulate and challenge your memory. This time together will also be sure to add enjoyment and quality of life in a welcoming environment. Instructor: Kristine Agen. Registration deadline: April 2. Call 427-6466 to sign up.

Dates	Day	Time
4/9-4/30	T	2-2:45 pm
# Sessions/Fee: 4/\$10		
Location: Community Center, 233 W. Main St.		

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In 2013, the Fort Wayne City Council voted favorably on one of the most important initiatives in the history of the City of Fort Wayne. They demonstrated leadership by passing a financial plan for the future that will sustain our community and position us for success. Numerous improvement projects were completed in 2018 with many still in the works. For a comprehensive list of ongoing projects, please visit our website.

fortwayneparks.org/parks/invest



Some of the projects begun and/or completed in 2018 include:

- Playground improvements at Camp Allen, Kreager, Lions, Hamilton and Johnny Appleseed Parks
- Salomon Farm Learning Center expansion
- Buckner Park playground resurfacing
- Shoaff Park restroom
- Packard Park futsal courts
- Foellinger Theatre performer area improvements
- Franke Park master plan
- Promenade Park
- Freimann Square fountain
- Reservoir Park improvements
- Salomon Homestead improvements
- Conklin Pavilion patio
- Guldlin Park dock and ramp improvements
- Foster Park golf cart paths

We're working to keep your parks beautiful!

Around the Parks

Greenways & Trails

(260) 427-6228

Swinney Homestead

1424 W. Jefferson Blvd.
www.settlersinc.org (260) 424-7212



Trek the Trails



Tuesdays, 6:10 p.m.

Fort Wayne has one of the finest trail systems in the Midwest with over 110 miles of trail winding through the city. Join local trail users for weekly bike rides this spring to experience Fort Wayne on 2 wheels. You'll love reconnecting with nature along the linear parkways of the Rivergreenway or learning the history of the Wabash & Erie Canal along the Towpath Trail or enjoying the many miles of new trails throughout the Greater Fort Wayne area. Load up your family and bikes and join the fun! Participants are asked to wear helmets and bring water along for the ride. All participants ride at their own risk. Tuesday rides will continue through the summer. Rides begin promptly at 6:10 p.m. For more information, call the City of Fort Wayne Greenways & Trails Office at 427-6228 or Fort Wayne Trails, Inc. at 969-0079

Date	Departs From	Length
4/30	Engle Road Trailhead	9 miles

For this Kick-Off Event, meet at the Towpath Trailhead on Engle Rd. at intersection with Statesmans Way, near 7001 Engle Rd.

5/7	Pufferbelly Trail	7 miles
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Meet at the Cookie Cottage parking lot behind the building at 620 W. Washington Center Rd.

5/14	Shoaff Park Trailhead	8 miles
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Meet at the parking lot near the Conklin Pavilion on the south side of the park, 6401 St. Joe Rd.

5/21	Deer Ridge Elementary	6 miles
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Meet in the Deer Ridge Elementary School parking lot at 1515 S. Scott Rd.

5/28	Pufferbelly Trail	7 miles
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Meet at the SportONE Parkview Fieldhouse at 3946 Ice Way

Settlers' Art and History Tour/ Lunch

Thursday, March 21, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Settlers, Inc. invites you for a tour and lunch at the Thomas and Lucy Swinney House and an Art and History Tour of the Allen County Court House. The program begins at the Swinney Homestead where parking is free and the first floor of the house is handicap accessible. Luncheon will be served by Settler members. Following lunch, guests will depart from the Swinney House and meet at the Allen County Courthouse, 715 S. Calhoun Street. Space is limited, so make your reservations early. Reservations and payment must be received by March 14, 2019. Fee \$25. Call 747-1229 or 747-1501 for registration information. Settlers, Inc. reserves the right to alter or cancel this event at any time. Proceeds from this event support the Historic Swinney Homestead.

Swinney Homestead Open House and Tea

Friday, May 3, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The Historic Swinney House and Herb Garden will be open free to the public today. Enjoy early Americana music by Hearthstone Ensemble, a bake sale, plant sale, wool spinning and refreshments. We will begin taking registrations for the 2019-2020 hand-arts programs, as well.

Settlers, Inc. Annual Herb and Perennial Plant Sale

Friday, May 3, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The annual Settlers' Plant Sale will be held at the Swinney Homestead in the basement with perennial diggings on the back lawn. Donations of perennial plants from your garden are appreciated. Contact Norene at (260) 637-8622. The Second Day Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 4. Proceeds from this event support Fort Wayne's Historic Swinney Homestead.



At the Old Fort

1201 Spy Run Ave.
www.oldfortwayne.org 437-2836

British Garrison – 1775-1783

Saturday, March 2, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Wintertime was hard on man and beast. Sometimes surviving it was a victory against mother nature. Now the Colonial soldiers must get ready for the struggle against England as they repair their equipment and practice their skills.

Civil War Garrison

Saturday, March 9, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The Civil War comes alive at the Old Fort. Step back in time and explore period cooking, military procedures, games, and more. The 5th Texas Spangtown Mess will muster at Fort Wayne for drill and training.

Montcalm & Wolfe: School of the Soldier

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The French and Indian War was a conflict involving the French with their Native allies against the English with their Native and Colonial allies. Come out this weekend and talk to the re-enactors and their families who portray the people involved in this historic conflict.

Muster on the St. Mary's: A Time Line Event

Saturday, May 4, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 5, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to talk with Dr. Benjamin Franklin? Do you know what weapons the army in the medieval era used? What were the French Settlers like when they inhabited this area? Historical re-enactors representing times from the early Romans through the American Civil War converge on Fort Wayne's Historic Old Fort. Demonstrations will be given on period cooking, gardening, military life, and much more. Stop in and experience first-hand the life and activities of the people from across the ages.

There is no charge to attend Historic Fort Wayne events. Freewill donations are accepted.

Headwaters Park

Clinton & Superior Streets
(260) 425-5745

Headwaters Park, located just north of the central city business district, is home to many festivals, concerts, charitable and other special events. The pavilion is available for public rental and makes a wonderful setting for weddings, receptions, company picnics and family reunions. To book Headwaters Park for your event, call 425-5745.



We Rent for Your Event

Athletic Fields

Do we have fields? You name the sport, we have a place to play! Call us at 427-6003 if your team needs a place to practice or you're looking for a place to hold your company tournament.

Botanical Conservatory

The Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, located in the heart of downtown Fort Wayne at 1100 S. Calhoun St., is a popular site for weddings, receptions, corporate events and other festive occasions as well as business meetings, conferences, seminars and memorials. A variety of rooms and spaces are available on weekdays or weekends, during or after public hours. Call 427-6444 for reservation information.

Bridal Glen/Foster Garden

The Bridal Glen is the choice of many brides, with its strategically placed trellises and gazebo all nestled among the colorful floral displays in Foster Garden. The Bridal Glen may be reserved in 2-hour increments beginning as early as 8:00 a.m. and up to a year in advance. The fee is \$50. Reserve on-line at www.fortwayneparks.org, call 427-6000 to reserve by phone, or stop by our office at 705 E. State Blvd.

Community Center

The Community Center at 233 West Main Street offers beautiful, flexible space for receptions, reunions, meetings, performances, dances, office parties, seminars and more. The Center is audio-visually equipped and has a full service kitchen facility. Alcohol is permitted at the Center and there are no restrictions on catering. Call 427-6460 for details and options.

Foellinger Theatre

With comfortable theatre seating, full stage, sound and lighting systems, the Foellinger Theatre is ideal for talent shows, seminars, entertainment events and other large gatherings. The theatre can accommodate over 2,700 people. Call 427-6018 for more information.

Freimann Square

Freimann Square is available for public rental through the summer months. The park features a 20' x 30' stage surrounded by beautifully landscaped flowerbeds and a central fountain. Call 427-6003 for information.

Salomon Farm Park

The peaceful setting of this park makes the elegant rental spaces perfect for weddings, receptions, reunions, concerts, dances, and many other special events. For more information visit www.fortwayneparks.org or contact our rental coordinator at janelle.windsor@cityoffortwayne.org or 427-6790. Old Barn rentals are May-October only. The Wolf Family Learning Center may be rented year round with the exception of June and July.

Lakeside Rose Garden

If you've always dreamed of an outdoor wedding in a peaceful sunken garden surrounded by Greek style pergolas and the fragrant beauty of thousands of roses, you are in luck. The Lakeside Rose Garden has all of this and it can be reserved in two-hour increments beginning as early as 8:00 a.m. and up to a year in advance. The fee is \$50. Call 427-6000 to make your reservation by phone, reserve on-line at www.fortwayneparks.org or stop by our office at 705 E. State Blvd.

McMillen Park Community Center Rentals

The McMillen Park Community Center has a space for every event. Let us host your family reunion, birthday party, baby shower, basketball tournament, conference, group meeting, wedding reception or other event. We have a variety of room sizes depending on the needs of your group. Alcohol is permitted at the Center. Please contact Percinta Hunter, Program Coordinator at (260) 427-2420 for additional information.

Park Pavilions

The Parks and Recreation Department maintains 21 pavilions at various locations throughout the city parks. Pavilions may be reserved for your special occasion or event from May through October. Some pavilions are available year-round. Pavilions may be reserved up to 12 months in advance. They vary in seating capacity and amenities and range in price from \$39 to \$168 per day on weekdays and from \$44-\$239 per day on weekends. Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance and can be made on-line (www.fortwayneparks.org) or in person at the Parks and Recreation Department.

Things to Know

Before you sign up . . .

- You will receive a registration confirmation by e-mail if you register on-line. Please plan to attend your class or activity at the stated time, unless you are otherwise notified. Registrations are processed in the order they are received at the Registration Office.
- If the program or session for which you have registered is full, you will be notified by phone so you may choose another session or program, be placed on a waiting list, or request a refund.
- Checks should be made payable to Board of Park Commissioners.
- Please indicate on your registration form if you need ADA accommodations.
- Returned checks will be assessed a \$10 service fee.
- If you need additional registration forms, please use plain paper or a Xerox copy.
- We reserve the right to cancel a class due to insufficient enrollment.
- We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover.

Photo/Video Image Use Consent and Release

Participation in or attendance at programs or events sponsored by the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department (the "Department") constitutes the voluntary consent of the participant or attendee to be photographed, filmed or videotaped by a Department representative and the reproduction and use of all such photographs, digital images, films and likenesses for publicity purposes in publications, brochures, advertisements, promotional and marketing materials and all other media venues including the World Wide Web, all without further notice or compensation to participant or attendee who hereby releases to the Department all proprietary rights and copyrights in all such photographs, digital images, films and likenesses (including negatives, positives and prints) which shall be and remain the property of the Department.

If you see your picture anywhere in this brochure, come to the registration office at 705 E. State Blvd. and receive a \$10 gift card.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department is to enhance the quality of life in Fort Wayne by providing positive opportunities for leisure time and by being stewards of our parklands, facilities, public trees, and other resources entrusted to our care.

Phone Numbers

Administrative Offices	427-6000
Botanical Conservatory	427-6440
Children's Zoo	427-6800
Community Center	427-6460
Cooper Center	427-6728
Foellinger Theatre	427-6018
Foster Golf Course	427-6735
Hursttown Reservoir	627-3390
Jennings Center	427-6700
Lawton Park Maintenance	427-6400
Lifetime Sports Academy	427-6760
McMillen Park Community Center	427-2420
McMillen Golf Course	427-6710
Salomon Farm Park	427-6790
Shoaff Golf Course	427-6745
Weisser Center	427-6780

This program receives Federal funds from the National Park Service. Regulations of the US Department of the Interior strictly prohibit unlawful discrimination in departmental Federally Assisted Programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, age or handicap.

Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility operated by a recipient of Federal Assistance should write to: Director, Equal Opportunity Program, U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with a known disabling condition will be considered in accordance with State and Federal Law. Any person needing a reasonable accommodation should notify the Department when registering for a program or at least 72 hours prior to a special event or activity.

6 Ways to Sign Up



1) On-Line

You may register on-line with your MasterCard, Visa or Discover at www.fortwayneparks.org and selecting Online Services. Available 24 hours a day!

2) By Phone

You can register over the telephone with a Visa, MasterCard or Discover. Please have all the information requested on the registration form ready before you call. Call 427-6000, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

3) By Mail

Simply complete the registration form (or copy of one) and send it to the address on the form. Please use one registration form per household. Your registration must be received before the registration deadline.

4) In Person

You may register in person by coming to the Parks and Recreation Department at 705 E. State Blvd. (corner of State and Parnell), Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. or you may register at the Community Center, 233 W. Main St., Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

5) Drop Box

If our office is closed, you may drop your registration in the 24-hour drop box located at the front entrance of our building at 705 E. State Blvd.

6) By Fax

FAX a completed registration form to us at (260) 427-6020. Be sure to include your Visa, MasterCard or Discover number, expiration date and CVV code. Available 24 hours a day!

Register early!

Refund Policy

Refunds will be processed upon request for pavilion reservations, recreation classes, leagues, and other programs in accordance with the following policy:

1. Full refunds will be made upon cancellation of a class or activity by the Parks and Recreation Department.
2. Full refunds less a processing and handling fee of \$5 or 10% (whichever is greater) will be granted to individuals and/or teams if requested one business day before the program begins.
3. Refunds requested less than one business day prior to the beginning of a program or activity may be granted only for illness or medical reasons. These refunds will be pro-rated and issued in the form of a credit to your account with us, which may then be applied to a future purchase.
4. The outdoor wedding fee is not refundable; however, the event may be rescheduled within 364 days for a charge of 20% of the rental fee.
5. Refunds for cancelled pavilion reservations shall be granted as follows:
 - 6 or more months notice - Refund minus deposit or transfer with a \$5 or 10% (whichever is greater) processing fee.
 - 3-5 months notice - Refund minus deposit and 20% processing fee or transfer with a 20% processing fee
 - 1-2 months notice - No refund. Transfer with a 30% processing fee.
 - Less than 1 month notice - No refund/No transfer
6. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing refunds. MasterCard, Visa and Discover refunds are credited to your account immediately.

Inclement Weather Policy

If Fort Wayne Community Schools close due to inclement weather, all Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation classes will also be canceled. If the Mayor declares a snow emergency, all Parks and Recreation facilities and programs will be closed or canceled. Weather-related cancellations will be posted on Facebook.

Please make checks payable to Board of Park Commissioners.

Head of Household:

Birth date ____/____/____ E-mail address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Emergency Phone () _____ - _____ Cell Phone () _____ - _____

First Name	Last Name	Gender M/F	Grade	Birthdate	Relationship

Household # _____
(if Household Set-Up is complete)

Total Due: \$_____

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Name as printed on card: _____

Complete a separate form for each household and return with payment to: Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation Department, 705 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

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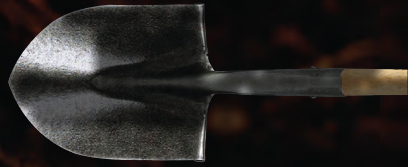
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