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Program Guide 2026–2027

PARK DISTRICT of OAK PARK



Seasonal Registration is Back!

Fall Programs: Aug 1

Holiday Events: Oct 3

Winter Programs: Dec 5

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Cover: We're celebrating 50 years of Frank Lloyd Wright Races this year! We hope you can join us.

INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST DOCTOR

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What's New
at the Park District of Oak Park!

Every season we have new and exciting announcements about upcoming programs or activities at the park district:

New Parks

Big things are coming to Longfellow Park this fall! A three-story slide, sensory garden, and pickleball courts.

See page 6.



New Family Programs Section

We've made it easy to schedule some time together. Check out our new Family Programs designed for every type of family.

See pages 24–25.

New Facilities

Field Center opens this fall! This innovative and sustainable facility will serve as home to our Clubhouse Afterschool program and a variety of Performing Arts programs.

See page 59.

'Tis the Season for Fun!

Celebrate the season with us! Holiday favorites and new experiences await. Registration opens October 2 — be sure to sign up early, as programs fill quickly.

See pages 14–15, 23.

Seasonal Registration Dates

Fall Registration

Resident: Aug 1, 8:30A

Non-Resident: Aug 8, 8:30A

Holiday Events Registration

Resident: Oct 3, 8:30A

Non-Resident: Oct 10, 8:30A

Winter Registration

Resident: Dec 5, 8:30A

Non-Resident: Dec 12, 8:30A

HOW TO REGISTER

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

1. **Online: pdop.org/register**
   - Browse and register for programs; purchase memberships, punch passes, merchandise, and gift cards; check and reserve park space.
   - Log into your account to complete your transaction.
2. **Mobile: Amilia App**
   - Once in the Amilia App, press the Shop Icon.
   - Select the Park District of Oak Park store.
   - Browse and register for programs; purchase memberships, punch passes, merchandise, and gift cards; check and reserve park space.

NEW TO THE PARK DISTRICT?

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

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

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

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

Program fees throughout this guide are listed as: Res Fee $ - Fee $
The first price is Resident discount pricing, while the second price is the program fee (for non-residents).

OTHER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Refund Policies

1. **Classes:** Refunds/credits must be requested at least 48 hours before the *first session* to receive a refund minus a $5 service fee.

   Requests within 48 hours before the *second class* will be refunded minus a $5 service fee plus the cost of the first class.

   No refunds or credits are issued after the above.

2. **Ticketed Events/Trips:** Refund requests must be received at least two weeks before the program date. Requests within two weeks will be considered only if the spot can be filled by a waitlist participant. For sold-out ticketed events without a waitlist, no refunds will be issued unless otherwise stated.

3. **Summer Camp:** Refund requests must be received at least two weeks before the start date. A $25 cancellation fee per camp session applies. Requests within two weeks will be considered only if the spot can be filled by a waitlist participant.

Waitlist Policy

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

Customer Service

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

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

PARK DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY POLICIES

Say Cheese!

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

Historic Properties Photography

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

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

Important Numbers

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

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

Park District Hotline

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

Field and Facility Conditions:

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

Smartphone:
Check Statusfy App

Online:
pdop.org/facility-conditions

Park District Websites

pdop.org
oakparkconservatory.org
cheneymansion.com
pleasanthomeop.com

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

See pages 10–12 for details or visit pdop.org/findaid

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

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Regular Park Board Meetings are generally held on the third Thursday of each month and the Committee of the Whole (COW) Meetings are generally held on the first Thursday of the month. All meetings are held at 7:00P at the John L. Hedges Administrative Center, 218 Madison Street, Oak Park. Public comment is welcome at these meetings. There is no COW meeting in July and August.

Fall in our parks—and winter, when so many holiday memories are made.

Greetings,

It is an honor to represent the residents of Oak Park in my new role as President of the Park Board. Having served on the Board for seven years as Secreatary and most recently Treasurer, I am excited to continue working alongside my fellow commissioners and Park District staff to ensure we meet the evolving needs and interests of our community.

As both a resident and a user of our parks and programs, I have seen firsthand the positive impact the Park District has on people of all ages. From early childhood through the senior years, our mission of enriching lives through meaningful experiences comes to life every day.

As you explore this Fall/Winter Program Guide, I invite you to discover some of the exciting additions and improvements taking place throughout the Park District.

Programs

In the midst of busy school schedules and the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, families have shared with us how difficult it can be to find time for one another. In response, we've expanded our Family programs to help families carve out those special moments together. Whether you're trying something new or enjoying a favorite activity, these programs are designed to help families connect and create some new memories.

A relatively new program area I've particularly enjoyed, is our growing selection of Adult Leisure & Lifestyle programs, many of which take place in our beautiful Historic Mansions. I've found these experiences to be fun, easy ways to learn something new and connect with others. I encourage you to take a look—you may even see me at an event.

Parks

We're also excited about the transformation of Longfellow Park, which promises to become a community favorite for residents of all ages. With a new playground featuring a three-story slide, an expanded splash pad, our first purpose built dedicated pickleball courts, and a sensory garden, this renovation will create even more opportunities for recreation and connection.

Facilities

Construction is nearing completion on the new Field Center, and it has been inspiring to watch this innovative and sustainable facility take shape. The new building will provide expanded space for Clubhouse Afterschool participants and more space for performing arts programs. Likewise, I'm thrilled that its environmentally conscious design will serve residents for generations to come.

On behalf of the Park Board, I invite you to experience all that the Park District has to offer. Whether you're joining a class, visiting a park, attending an event, or simply enjoying time with family and friends, we hope you'll discover something new this season.

We look forward to seeing you in our parks and programs.



Chris Wollmuth
Board of Park Commissioners

PROJECT UPDATES



Longfellow Park

610 S Ridgeland Ave, Oak Park

The new Longfellow Park playground and splash pad are nearing completion! The upgraded area will feature the tallest slides in Oak Park, plus climbing structures, a dedicated tot play structure, and plenty of fun spray features on the extended splash pad.

The basketball courts are getting a fresh look! The courts will be repaired to address drainage issues, then refinished with a bright new design featuring magenta, navy, and green accents. Work is expected to be completed in September.



Maple Park

1105 S Maple Ave, Oak Park

The Maple Park tennis courts are getting resurfaced! Construction is scheduled to begin in August and conclude in early fall. This improvement will repair wear and tear, create a smoother playing surface, and help extend the life of the courts for years to come. The courts will be temporarily closed during construction.





You're invited...

Park Master Plan Reviews

SCAN ME

Rehm Park: Wednesday, Oct 14 | 7:00P
Euclid Square Park: Wednesday, Nov 4 | 7:00P

The Park District values community input and regularly hosts Master Plan meetings to hear from residents about the amenities and improvements you'd like to see in your local parks and facilities. Your feedback helps us plan strategically, prioritize future projects, and strengthen applications for grant opportunities. We invite all residents to join us at the upcoming Master Plan meetings. **For meeting details, scan the QR code or visit pdop.org/park-planning-projects.**

PARK DISTRICT
of OAK PARK

Financial Assistance 2026

2026 Application

SCAN ME

2026 Spanish Application

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FOR INFORMATION

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OUR MISSION

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

OUR GOAL

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

Q&A's

Am I and/or my family eligible?

Eligible individuals and families must satisfy the following criteria:

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

What type of assistance is available?

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

If approved, how much funding is available?

- **Scholarship:** up to **75%** of fees may be granted up to a maximum of $300 per person. Funds are available on a first come, first served basis.
- **Child Discount Membership:** up to a **55%** discount on fees could be approved.

Applying for both is encouraged if you have dependent children K-14 yr old.

When and how can I apply?

1. **Online:** Please visit **pdop.org/findaid** or use QR code to complete our online application. Proof of residency, income, and dependents must be submitted online.
2. **Paper:** Please complete the paper application on the following pages, front and back. Proof of residency, income, and dependents must be submitted with the paper application. Please submit applications to Administration Building **218 Madison Street** or Ridgeland Common Customer Service **at 415 Lake Street.**

Acceptable forms can be found at pdop.org/findaid.

When will I know if my application has been approved?

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

Do I have to renew my application every year?

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

Financial Assistance Program | January 2026-December 2026

APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS APPLICATION

PARK DISTRICT of OAK PARK

Please provide the following information

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

Applicant/Parent/Guardian's Name:

Address:

Email: Phone #:

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

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

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

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

Online Program Guide Word of Mouth School Other

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

less than $20,000 $20,000-$30,000 $30,000-$45,000 If above $45,000 list amount:

Type of proof provided:

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

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

Do you agree to allow Oak Park School District 97 to disclose your child's eligibility for the Free and Reduced Meal Program to the Park District of Oak Park for the limited purpose of verifying financial assistance eligibility? Do you understand that if you consent to this disclosure, neither the Oak Park School District 97 nor the Park District of Oak Park will share this information with any other entity or program. (Refusing to allow Oak Park School District 97 to disclose your child's eligibility will not affect your student's eligibility to participate in the Free and Reduced Meal Program or the Park District of Oak Park Financial Assistance program.) If you did not consent on the previous question, proof of residency, income, and dependency will be required to be considered for approval. Yes No

Please provide Public Aid # (*if applicable*)

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

American Indian or Alaska Native
Black or African American
Prefer Not to Answer
Middle Eastern or North African
Hispanic, Latino or Spanish
Other
White/Caucasian
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Provide the following information regarding all family members who will be using the scholarship.

Name (Last, First)	Date of birth MM/DD/YY	School if applicable	Grade	Relationship to name listed	Check if applying your dependent for the **(CDM)**

Financial Assistance Program | January 2026–December 2026

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Scholarship Distribution Chart If approved, available monies will be allocated per individuals as displayed here.	
Income Level	**(%Scholarship)/ (%Fees Required)**
Tier 1	75%/25%
Tier 2	55%/45%
Tier 3	35%/65%

Childcare Discount Membership (CDM) Allocation Chart If approved, discount membership will be applied to eligible dependent.	
Income Level	**(%Scholarship)/ (%Fees Required)**
$0-$41,000	55%/45%
$41,001-$68,250	40%/60%
$68,251-$105,000	25%/75%

Note: Applicant's income will be verified with tax return, paycheck stub, or other appropriate document.
Note to Parent/Guardian: Please circle the size of your household and your total household income below, and sign to verify your income. Household income must be equal to or less than the amounts listed for each pay period for your child to be eligible for the scholarship. You will need to present documentation verifying your income.

Circle Household Size and Income: (Scholarship Applicant only)

Household Size (Please Circle One)	**Tier 1** (Fees Covered) Scholarship / Participant 75% / 25% Annual Income	**Tier 2** (Fees Covered) Scholarship / Participant 55% / 45% Annual Income	**Tier 3** (Fees Covered) Scholarship / Participant 35% / 65% Annual Income
1	20,345	28,953	37,560
2	27,495	39,128	50,760
3	34,645	49,303	63,960
4	41,795	59,478	77,160
5	48,945	69,653	90,360
6	56,095	79,828	103,560
7	63,245	90,003	116,760
8	70,395	100,178	129,960
Each additional family member add	+7,150	+10,175	+13,200

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

OR

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

I _____ hereby certify that all information on the application is true and accurate. Scholarships are legally recoverable if paid and awarded based on false information supplied by the applicant. The submission of false information will nullify any request for waiver of program fees.

Signature of Applicant's Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

***Please submit application along with proof of income, residency, and dependents to the Park District of Oak Park.**
Acceptable proof can be found on pdop.org/findaid

50 YEARS FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT RACES 10.18.26

PARK DISTRICT of OAK PARK
5K ■ 10K ■ YOUTH MILE ■ LIL' RUNNERS

For five decades, this beloved Oak Park tradition has brought runners, walkers, families, and neighbors together.

Every participant will receive a commemorative 50th Anniversary finisher medal and race t-shirt. We'll also have exclusive anniversary merchandise available for purchase online.

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All proceeds from these races fund our Financial Assistance program.

10K Run: 8:00A Start
$56 **(Early Bird $46)**

Course passes eight homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright including the Home & Studio!

5K Run: 8:30A Start
5K Walk: 8:45A Start
5K Walk, $51 **(Early Bird $41)**
5K Run $56 **(Early Bird $46)**

Perfect for running or walking with friends, family or a team!

Youth Mile: 9:15A Start
$41 **(Early Bird $31)**

Kids participating in the Youth Mile are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes. Ages 6-14.

Lil Runners
$29 (Early Bird $19)

A 50-yard dash for kids ages 3–5.

Age 3: 9:30A Start
Age 4: 9:35A Start
Age 5: 9:40A Start

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EARLY BIRD RATE
FROM 8/1-9/8 **SAVE $10**

REGISTER AT FLWRACES.COM
OR SCAN THE QR CODE











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Fall SKATING EVENTS

Skate Rental is included!
$15 preregistration,
$20 at the door, or FREE with Rink Pass.

SCAN ME

Teen Night at the Rink – Forgotten Island
Friday, Sep 11, 7:30–9:30P
Skate to a mix of hits from the movie *Forgotten Island* and the year's most popular songs, and enjoy pizza and decorations themed around the year's most entertaining films. It is a fantastic chance to have fun with friends, family, and maybe some movie mascots. **Ages 11-14**

Fright on Ice
Friday, Oct 23, 6:30–9:00P
Dress in your best costume and glide into a spooky and thrilling night on the ice! Enjoy a festive, Halloween-inspired playlist, fun off-ice games and crafts, and plenty of candy to go around. The rink will be decorated with scary decorations to help set the stage! **All Ages**

Give Back Glide
Wednesday, Nov 25, 11:30A–1:30P
Kick off the season with a fun-filled family skate! Bring a nonperishable food donation for Beyond Hunger's food drive and get $2 off admission at the door. Lace up, hit the ice, and make a difference in the community while enjoying time on the rink. **All Ages**

Skate with Santa
Friday, Dec 18, 6:30–9:00P
Take a spin on the ice alongside Santa, while enjoying holiday music, seasonal decorations, and plenty of winter fun. Whether you're skating, snapping pictures, or just soaking in the holiday magic, this is a must-do tradition with your family that you won't want to miss! **All Ages**

Noon Year's Eve Skate
Thursday, Dec 31, 10:30A–12:00P
Celebrate the new year with bright decorations, festive giveaways, and a balloon drop at noon sharp! It's a family-friendly event packed with music, skating, and tons of fun. Don't miss this early celebration – perfect for those who want to start the party before bedtime! **All Ages**

FALL FEST

FREE

Sunday, Sep 27, 11:00A–2:00P

Step right into fall fun at this lively, family-friendly celebration spanning Rehm Park and the Oak Park Conservatory!

Soak up the festive, carnival-style atmosphere with rides, music, games, and hands-on nature activities for all ages.



Wander into the Conservatory to experience live animals up close and shop the seasonal Fall Mum & Bulb Sale. Then stroll over to East Avenue, where a lineup of food vendors will be serving up delicious bites all afternoon. It's your one-stop destination for autumn excitement, family fun, and a perfect day outdoors!
All Ages
Locations:
Rehm Park and Oak Park Conservatory

Poisonous Plant Display & Guided Tours
FREE
Tuesday–Friday, Oct 1–31, 10:00A–4:00P
View our collection of poisonous plants and learn about some of their myths and legends. This is a self-guided tour. Donations to the Conservatory are appreciated at the door. **New!** Join us on Sundays in October at 1:00P for guided tours of our poisonous plant display. Advanced registration is required.
All Ages
Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Creepy Crawl at Austin Gardens
Friday, Oct 2, 6:30–8:30P
Spend the evening strolling through the ghoulish setting of Austin Gardens, decorate your own pumpkin, roast s'mores, and finish the evening with a magic show! Halloween costumes encouraged. Each person attending must be registered. **All Ages**
Res Fee $19 – Fee $24
Location: Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center



See Family Programs tile in Amilia to register for these programs.

FRIGHT at Night

SCAN ME

Fright at Night 15th Anniversary!

Friday, Oct 16, 5:00–8:00P
All Ages Welcome!

Step into our Boo-tanical Conservatory and celebrate 15 years of this beloved community Halloween tradition! Come in costume and discover the mysterious world of poisonous plants lurking in the shadows. Kids will enjoy festive Halloween carnival games and seasonal fun throughout the Conservatory. Registration is required in advance for all attendees over 1 year of age. Admission is every half hour.

Res Fee $15 – Fee $20
Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Fright at Night for Adults!

Friday, Oct 23, 7:00–9:00P
Ages 21+ NEW

Celebrate 15 years of Fright at Night with an all-new evening just for adults! Step into the after-hours Boo-tanical Conservatory, where the atmosphere turns darker, moodier, and just a little more wicked. Sip on themed cocktails, sample spooky bites, and explore the shadowy side of plants with a haunting twist. Costumes are encouraged, so bring your most creative (or creepy) look and enjoy a night of grown-up Halloween fun surrounded by eerie botanical beauty.

Res Fee $25 – Fee $30
Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Join the Fright Crew

Teen Volunteer Opportunity! NEW

Join the Fright Crew, a teen volunteer group bringing Fright at Night to life through creative planning, spooky décor, and hands-on event work at the Oak Park Conservatory. If you love Halloween, this is where to be! Be a part of a fun, collaborative team where you can build skills, earn service hours, and help transform the Oak Park Conservatory into an unforgettable Halloween experience. Sign up to attend our info meeting on September 3, 4:00–5:00P. **Ages 14–18**

Scan the QR code to sign-up!

SCAN ME

Trunk or Treat

Friday, Oct 23, 5:30–7:00P FREE

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



More Holiday Fun for Ages 21+ on page 23.

FRIGHT on Ice

Friday, October 23 • 6:30–9:00P

Grab your costume and hit the ice for a spooky night of family fun with Halloween music, festive games and crafts, and eerie rink decorations and more!

See page 11 for more details.

Winter SKATING EVENTS

Skate Rental is included!
$15 preregistration,
$20 at the door, or FREE with Rink Pass.

SCAN ME

My Doll and Me Skate
Sunday, Jan 10, 3:00–5:00P
Spend a charming afternoon at the rink with your favorite doll or stuffed animal! Stop by our DIY Doll Salon to pamper your special friend and enjoy skating together. Every participant receives a raffle ticket for a chance to win a coveted 2027 American Girl Doll of the Year! **All Ages**

Teen Night at the Rink: Middle School Night
Saturday, Feb 13, 7:30–9:30P
Grab your friends and get ready for a fun-filled night at the rink! Celebrate with pizza as you maneuver an on-ice obstacle course. It's the perfect way to hang out, have fun, and make some memories! **Ages 11–14**



Accepting submissions for our Summer 2027 Concerts in the Park! Please email a band bio and video/audio samples of your music for our committee to review and selections will be made by early February. From Dec 1-Jan 15, you can email any references, materials, and links to summer.concerts@pdop.org.

WINTER EVENTS

Winter Fest
Saturday, Feb 6, 11:00A–1:00P FREE
Time to come out of the house and join us at Longfellow for winter fun both indoors and outdoors! We will have winter-themed games and crafts and, weather permitting, free ice skating on the outdoor rink. Fresh crisp air and fun! **All Ages**
Location: Longfellow Park

Lunar New Year
Saturday, Feb 20, 9:00A–12:00P FREE
Join Brookfield Zoo Chicago – ZAP! Conservation Science Adventures is joining together with the Oak Park Conservatory to celebrate the Lunar New Year, Year of the Goat! Enjoy wildlife, hands-on activities, crafts, scavenger hunts, and more! Explore and learn more about Lunar New Year! **All Ages**
Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Shamrock Scavenger Hunt
Mar 2–17, 10:00A–4:00P FREE
Join the hunt to find shamrocks that the leprechaun scattered around the Conservatory! Prizes will be awarded to those who find all seven shamrocks hidden among our plants. Living shamrocks will also be available for sale.
Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Maple Sugar Festival
Sunday, Mar 7, 11:00A–1:00P FREE
Join us in our parks to learn how maple sugar is made. Learn what trees you can tap and take part in tappings and tastings!
Location: Austin Gardens

Brunch with the Bunny
Sunday, Mar 21, 10:00A–12:00P
Enjoy a festive celebration featuring a delicious brunch buffet, hands-on activities, and a special meet-and-greet with the Bunny! Take part in a cheerful egg hunt, snap memorable photos, and enjoy a spring day filled with family fun. All attendees must be registered. Infants 12 months and under do not require registration. **All Ages**
Adult Res Fee $45 – Adult Fee $58
Child (2–8 yrs): Res Fee $25 – Fee $30
Location: Cheney Mansion



The Egg Dash and Scramble
Saturday, Mar 27, 9:00A, 10:00A & 11:00A
The Bunny has left beautiful eggs in Maple Park for your children to capture before they are scrambled! Children ages 3-10 are encouraged to bring baskets, bonnets, and bunny ears to participate in our annual scramble. Our Bunny will be on hand for pictures with the whole family, and we will have themed games before and after each dash. **Ages 3–10**
Location: Maple Park

FREE **Although the event is free, all children will need a ticket to participate.**

Tickets are available beginning March 1 at:

- Candycopia (717 Lake Street)
- Ridgeland Common (415 Lake Street)
- CRC (225 Madison Street)
- GRC (21 Lake Street)

Doggy Egg Scramble
Saturday, Mar 27, 10:30A FREE
Bring your dog to the Doggy Egg Scramble. Dogs and owners will hunt or scramble through the field to find the most doggy treat-filled eggs. After the hunt, a special visitor will be available to take photos. This is an on-leash event for friendly dogs and families; an adult must accompany children. **All Ages**
Location: Maple Park Dog Park

Sensory Friendly Treats with the Bunny
Saturday, Mar 20, 10:00A, 11:00A & 12:00P
The Park District of Oak Park and West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA) welcome families with sensory sensitivities to Cheney Mansion and a visit with the Bunny! Bring your camera for a photo with the Bunny and go on an egg hunt in the backyard. Representatives from WSSRA will have appropriate activities and crafts along with sweets! **All Ages**
Res Fee $17 – Fee $22
Location: Cheney Mansion

See Family Programs tile in Amilia to register for these programs.

Save the Date!

Don't miss our popular holiday events this season!

- Resident Registration opens Saturday, October 3 at 8:30A
- Non-Resident Registration opens Saturday, October 10 at 8:30A

Visit pdop.org/holidayevents

Letters to Santa

at Oak Park Conservatory FREE
Dec 2–21

Visit Oak Park Conservatory to drop off your letter to Santa in our Santa Express mailbox in the Rubinstein Garden. Print stationery from our website at oakparkconservatory.org.

No registration required!



Cheney Mansion

Breakfast, Lunch & Tea with Santa!

Saturday, Dec 5: Breakfast, 9:00–10:30A
Lunch, 11:30A–1:00P • Tea, 2:30–4:00P

Join Santa and his merry band of elves for a beloved holiday tradition filled with festive music, joyful moments, and a special visit with Santa himself. Stroll through the sounds of the season with our charming period carolers and delight in the enchanting holiday train display presented by the Oak Park Society of Model Train Engineers. Help spread the spirit of giving by bringing a new, unwrapped toy to benefit Sarah's Inn in Oak Park. **All Ages**

Adult: Res Fee $45 – Fee $58
Child (2–8 yrs): Res Fee $25 – Fee $30

Cookies with Santa

Wednesday, Dec 9
4:00–5:00P • 5:00–6:00P • 6:00–7:00P • 7:00–8:00P

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

Res Fee $17 – Fee $22

Pet Photos with Santa

Saturday, Dec 12
9:15A • 9:30A • 9:45A • 10:15A • 10:30A • 10:45A • 11:15A • 11:30A • 11:45A • 12:15P • 12:30P • 12:45P



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

Res Fee $80 – Fee $100

Sensory Friendly Cookies with Santa

Wednesday, Dec 16
5:00–6:00P • 6:00–7:00P • 7:00–8:00P

The Park District of Oak Park and WSSRA invite families seeking a sensory-friendly experience to enjoy a calm, welcoming visit with Santa. Capture a special photo with Santa, then relax with thoughtfully adapted activities, cookies, and beverages designed for comfort and ease. **All Ages**

Res Fee $17 – Fee $22

Holiday Open House at Cheney Mansion

Thursday, Dec 17, 3:00–8:00P FREE

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

Brunch with The Grinch

Saturday, Dec 19
9:00–10:30A or 11:30A–1:00P

Step into a whimsical winter wonderland as Whoville takes over Cheney Mansion for a magical holiday brunch! Dress in your Grinchiest green, style your hair Whoville-style, and join us for a festive celebration full of fun, food, games and heartwarming cheer. Meet the Grinch and help his heart grow ten sizes as we share laughter, joy, and a whole lot of holiday spirit. All participants must be registered. Infants one year and younger need not register. **All Ages**

Adult: Res Fee $52 – Fee $69
Child (2–8 yrs): Res Fee $25 – Fee $30



Pleasant Home

A Charlie Brown Christmas Brunch – Live!

Saturday, Nov 28
10:00A–12:00P • 12:30–2:30P

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

Holidays Around the World!

Friday, Dec 11, 6:30–8:00P

All aboard Flight 1225 on Holiday Airlines! Your holiday passport awaits as Pleasant Home transforms into a globe-trotting adventure. Travel from country to country exploring seasonal traditions through hands-on crafts, cultural customs, and festive treats.
Ages 5+ with Adult
Per Pair: Res Fee $50 – Fee $67
Additional Guest: Res Fee $20 – Fee $25

Decorate Your Own Gingerbread House – Pleasant Home

Saturday, Dec 12
11:00A–1:00P or 2:00–4:00P

Bring the family together for a festive day at beautiful Pleasant Home! Reserve a table and create your own holiday gingerbread house masterpiece while enjoying a light lunch to fuel the fun. Afterward, head to the Great Hall for the perfect family selfie surrounded by the beauty of Pleasant Home. Price is per table per family. Each table can accommodate eight people. Only one family member needs to register.
All Ages
Per Table: Res Fee $135 – Fee $155

More Holiday Fun
on pages 11–13.

Holiday Open House at Pleasant Home

Thursday, Dec 17, 3:00–8:00P FREE

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

Father Christmas

Sunday, Dec 20
10:00–11:00A • 11:00A–12:00P

Step back in time this holiday season for a magical visit with Father Christmas at Pleasant Home. This Victorian-inspired experience is filled with festive fun for the whole family, including sweet treats, fireside stories, and charming holiday surprises.
All Ages
Res Fee $26 – Fee $35

The Santa Trolley!

Sunday, Dec 6 & 13

Various times and locations below

Two days and two magical locations! Your journey to the North Pole begins as you await boarding with "elvish" games and activities, or take time to explore the stunning showrooms of the Oak Park Conservatory.

Once aboard the trolley, your lively Head Elves lead the way with festive sing-alongs to spark holiday cheer. At your destination, Santa and Mrs. Claus await at the enchanting Cheney Mansion or Pleasant Home, where you'll be welcomed with entertainment, cookies, and warm beverages. **All Ages!**
Per Person: Res Fee $30 – Fee $39

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

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

Oak Park Conservatory

Candlelight Walk with Santa & Mrs. Claus

Friday, Dec 4, 5:30–7:30P
Saturday, Dec 5, 5:30–7:30P

Enjoy the magic of the season at our Candlelight Walk! Children will delight in visiting Santa in Mrs. Claus' holiday garden, capturing a festive photo surrounded by beautiful poinsettias, and dropping off their wish list in Santa's mailbox to receive a special treat. Guests can also create a nature-inspired holiday craft, enjoy seasonal music, and indulge in cookies and spiced cider. Advance registration is required for all attendees over 1 year old. **All Ages**
Res Fee $15 – Fee $20
Location: Oak Park Conservatory



Candlelight Walk with the Grinch!

Friday, Dec 11, 5:30–7:30P NEW
Saturday, Dec 12, 5:30–7:30P

Get ready for some mischievous holiday fun and a visit from the Grinch at our Candlelight Walk! Adults, teens, and kids of all ages will enjoy meeting the Grinch in his whimsical holiday garden, snapping fun photos among vibrant poinsettias. Explore Grinch-inspired activities, enjoy festive music, and stop by Cindy Lou's candy bar for cocoa and a sweet treat. Registration is required in advance for all attendees over 1 year old. **All Ages**
Res Fee $25 – Fee $30
Location: Oak Park Conservatory

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Locations, tours and rentals.

PLEASANT HOME



217 Home Avenue, Oak Park, IL
(708) 725-2095
pleasanthomeop.com

Beauty and architecture that is distinctly Oak Park.

TOURS

The first and second floors are open for self-guided tours as well as free docent-led tours every Thursday 12:00–3:00P and on select Sundays.

SPECIAL EVENT RENTALS

Pleasant Home is available to host small events with just a few friends or as many as 100 within the house and grand porch.

With its beautiful architecture, Pleasant Home is the unique venue for events including weddings, rehearsal dinners, receptions, showers, corporate meetings and events, holiday parties, fundraisers and memorial services. Our professional staff looks forward to helping you create a unique and memorable event in this architectural gem. Please visit pleasanthomeop.com to begin planning your special event.



CHENEY MANSION



220 N. Euclid Avenue, Oak Park, IL
(708) 725-2500
cheneymansion.com

Distinctive charm and inspiring setting.

TOURS

Visitors can enjoy self-guided and docent-led tours on Wednesdays, 11:00A–2:00P. For a tour in January-March, please call (708) 725-2500 to schedule.

SPECIAL EVENT RENTALS

Cheney Mansion is a distinctive venue available to host your special occasions for two to as many as 200 guests for events including weddings, rehearsal dinners, receptions, showers, graduations, corporate meetings and events, holiday parties, fundraisers, concerts and recitals, and memorial services.

We are available seven days per week with rental options for one room, several rooms, our outdoor venue, or the entire indoor/outdoor space. Our professional staff looks forward to helping you create a unique and memorable event within the distinctive beauty of Cheney Mansion.



OAK PARK CONSERVATORY



615 Garfield Street, Oak Park, IL
(708) 725-2400
oakparkconservatory.org

Beautiful botanicals in a unique historical structure.

TOURS

Enjoy Oak Park Conservatory Tuesday–Sunday all year round from 10:00A–4:00P. For a tour of the Conservatory, please call (708) 725-2400 to schedule.

SPECIAL EVENT RENTALS

Let the Oak Park Conservatory host your next party, special event, memorial service, wedding, or birthday party.

Rentals at the Conservatory are available year-round. Please visit our website at oakparkconservatory.org or contact our rental coordinator to plan your special event. Contact the Conservatory at (708) 725-2400 or via email at oakparkconservatory@pdop.org.



Supervisor: Patti Staley

ABOUT THE CONSERVATORY

The Oak Park Conservatory is owned and operated by the Park District of Oak Park. This Edwardian-style glass structure houses a botanical collection of more than 3,000 plants, some of which date back to the Conservatory's founding. The Conservatory is FREE and open to the public. Visit oakparkconservatory.org to learn more.

- **Visiting Hours**
  Enjoy Oak Park Conservatory from 10:00A–4:00P, Tuesday–Sunday year round.



PROGRAMS

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

PLANT HELP DESK

Wednesdays, 1:00–3:00P FREE

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

Gardening Lectures

FREE

Thursdays, 7:00–8:00P
Sep 17 • Oct 8 •
Jan 21 • Feb 11

Join the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory for our popular virtual online gardening lectures. Registration is required. Ages 18+ A Zoom link will be sent to participants in advance.

Sep 17: Pollinator Parkways

Looking for a unique way to expand your native garden? Join us to learn how to plant a pollinator garden in your parkway. We will share how to prepare your space, guidelines on planting the area between your sidewalk and the street, and recommend low-growing, tolerant native plants for parkways.

Oct 8: Grass Isn't Greener – Nurturing Nature at Home

What if your backyard could help save the planet? With a few thoughtful changes, your yard can become a vibrant refuge for pollinators, birds, and bugs — and a surprisingly powerful force for conservation. In this inspiring and practical talk, conservation educator and author/photographer Danae Wolfe shares how reimagining your outdoor space can support biodiversity and build climate resilience. You'll leave with a fresh perspective and the tools to transform your patch of earth into something wilder, wiser, and more alive.

Jan 21: Veggie Seed Sowing

Have veggie seeds ready to plant and wondering if now is the right time to start them indoors? The answer is yes! Join us and learn the growing conditions and equipment needed, how to prevent some bug and disease issues, which veggies to start now, and which to start in the ground later.

Feb 11: Winter Pruning 101

A warm day tempts you to be in the garden, but it's too early for cleaning beds or planting … it's a perfect day for pruning shrubs! Join us to learn why winter pruning is important, how to prune, and which shrubs benefit most from a trim this time of year.

FRIENDS OF THE OAK PARK CONSERVATORY

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS
at the Oak Park Conservatory

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



For Ages 18mos–5yrs

Registration is required for all.
Register online at oakparkconservatory.org

Toddler Exploration Time

Fridays, 9:30–10:15A & 10:30–11:15A

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

Sep 18: Harvest
Oct 16: Fall Fun
Nov 20: BRRR!
Jan 15: In the Desert
Feb 19: What's Hatching
Mar 19: Branches & Buds

Story Time at The Conservatory

Wednesdays, 10:00–10:30A

Every week, children and their caregivers enjoy nature-themed stories, songs, and puppets led by our Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory volunteers. Throughout the month, we offer two new formats of the Story Time program:

- On the first Wednesday of the month, children are introduced to a new language through Bilingual (English and Spanish) Story Time.
- The second Wednesday of the month is Musical Story Time, featuring stories along with music led by a trio from the Oak Park Farmers Market Band.

All children must register to attend Story Time.

Supervisor: Patti Staley

Presented by the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory

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at Oak Park Conservatory

Fridays, 6:00–8:00P
Jul 24, Aug 21, & Sep 18

Enjoy an evening of music and drinks at the Oak Park Conservatory and Rubinstein Garden with friends under the night sky. Admission includes two drink tickets, an appetizer, and a guided tour of the showrooms.

Tickets are $25 ($20 for FOPCON Members)
Contact operations@fopcon.org for a discount code before registering. Advance sales only. Tickets will not be sold at the door.



FALL MUM & BULB SALE

Online Sale Begins August 21
In-Person Shopping begins September 18

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

We have grown an abundance of beautiful, unique, and hardy mums to brighten up your front porch and garden. Choose from two different sizes in a variety of colors! Order online early for best selections! Plant in the fall to add color to your spring garden with easy-to-grow tulips, daffodils, and other bulbs. Rare to find, naturalizing and perennial favorite bulbs will be on hand such as Tulips, Naturalizing Daffodils, Hyacinths, Alliums, Fritillaria, Snowdrops and more.

Order online at oakparkconservatory.org

WINTER Greens MARKET & WORKSHOPS

Winter Greens Market
Tuesday–Sunday, 10:00A–4:00P
Nov 20–Dec 18
Shop the Oak Park Conservatory's market for a selection of winter greens for your home. An array of fresh greens, including balsam, fir, boxwood, winter berries, magnolia tips, spruce tops, and more, will be available along with many other natural items for your winter decoration needs.

Winter Greens Market Open House
Saturday, Nov 21, 10:00A–1:00P
The Winter Greens Market is such a magical time of year at the Conservatory! Live demos of creating holiday containers and wreaths will be going on throughout the day. Refreshments will be served.

Winter Greens Porch Pots Workshop
Thursday, Nov 19, 6:00–7:00P
Saturday, Nov 21, 10:00–11:00A
Winter porch pots are beautiful and easy to put together. Join our horticulturist for a fun time creating your own winter greens outdoor container. Each participant will take home a cold-weather outdoor container arrangement and discover inspiration to help you decide which boughs of greenery, branches, and accessories to gather for your arrangement. Materials and container are included. Additional shopping is available in our Winter Greens Market for more accents. Registration at least one week in advance is required. **Ages 18+**
Res Fee $60 – Fee $77

Winter Wreath Workshop
Thursday, Dec 3, 6:30–8:00P
Join in the fun and tradition of wreath-making with fresh greens from the gardens! In this workshop, you'll create your own festive wreath using fresh greens and other botanicals. Learn how to make specialty wreaths from what grows in your garden. Registration at least one week in advance is required.
Ages 18+
Res Fee $50 – Fee $67

Holiday Plant Centerpiece Workshop
Thursday, Dec 10, 6:30–8:00P
Create a living holiday centerpiece for yourself or a gift! Join the horticulturist at Oak Park Conservatory in a fun evening of creating a unique centerpiece from popular, easy-to-grow holiday plants such as poinsettias, Christmas cacti, amaryllis, and more! Learn how to care for your holiday plants and keep them growing all winter long. Registration at least one week in advance is required.
Ages 18+
Res Fee $50 – Fee $67

Plant & Tool Exchange

Sunday, Sep 13, 1:00–3:00P FREE

Presented by the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory

Join other gardeners and share your favorite tools and plants! Save your garden plastic pots and drop them off at our Garden Pot Return so they can be reused and kept out of landfills. Please bring at least one plant to participate in the plant exchange. **Ages 18+**

Drop off, 1:00–2:00P / Pick up, 2:30–3:00P





Seed Swap

Sunday, Jan 24 FREE

FOPCON Members Only, 11:00A–12:00P

Open to Public, 12:00–2:00P

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

Shamrock Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday–Sunday, 10:00A–4:00P FREE

Mar 2–17

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

Location: Oak Park Conservatory



Have fun this Valentine's Day at Oak Park Conservatory.

Valentine's Market

Order online Feb 1–10

Shop In-Person Feb 12–14

Shop for blooming gifts from our greenhouse for your valentine or treat yourself! Locally grown and full of love, choose from blooming plants and others such as succulents, tropical houseplants, fresh-cut bouquets, and more. Order early online for the best selections February 1–10 at oakparkconservatory.org. Order pick-up & shopping in person February 11-14 from 10:00A–4:00P.



Valentine's Day Bloom Bar & Bites

Friday, Feb 12, 6:00–7:30P

Celebrate Valentine's Day surrounded by flowers. Craft your own beautiful flower bouquet from our bloom bar to take home while enjoying Valentine-themed desserts and small bites. Our professional horticulturist will guide you through bouquet styles and arrangement techniques. Each participant will take home a handcrafted bouquet. Our Valentine's Day Market will be open for shopping for unique gifts to complete the evening. **Ages 18+**

Res Fee $50 – Fee $67

adult leisure & lifestyle

HAVE FUN & Unwind Connect Explore

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

Whether you're an empty nester or free bird, a parent with newfound free time, or simply looking for something beyond your usual routine, this is your chance to explore, create, and move in new ways. These aren't your kids' park district programs – they're yours. Engaging experiences made for adults who want to rediscover fun!

To help you find an activity location easily, look for these symbols:

Cheney Mansion

Pleasant Home

Oak Park Conservatory

Plan Your Night Out!

New events are planned monthly! Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter and be the first to know about new classes, events, and one-night-only experiences. It's the easiest way to plan something local, fresh, and fun with friends (or for yourself).

Sign up now at pdop.org/enews or scan the QR code.

SCAN ME

Music & Movement

Dancin' at the Mansion

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

- **Fall 1:** Sep 14 – Oct 19
- **Fall 2:** Nov 2 – Dec 7

Location: Cheney Mansion

Intro to the Ballroom

Mondays, 7:00–7:55P

This class is designed to get you moving and feeling comfortable on the dance floor where you'll have fun gaining rhythm, coordination, and confidence while enjoying Swing, Foxtrot, and Cha Cha moves.
Res Fee $105 – Fee $125

Latin Rhythms

Mondays, 8:00–8:55P

Discover the joy and energy of Latin Music and dance to the sizzling tropical rhythms of Salsa, Cha Cha, Bachata, and Merengue, featuring music from Puerto Rico, Cuba, Colombia, and the Dominican Republic.
Res Fee $105 – Fee $125

Sound Sanctuary at Cheney Mansion

Thursdays, 7:00–8:30P
Sep 24 • Oct 22 • Nov 12 NEW

Immerse yourself in a deeply calming sound meditation experience. Guided by soothing tones from crystal singing bowls, chimes, and other resonant instruments, this guided session is designed to quiet the mind, relax the body, and restore balance. Lie back, get comfortable, and simply listen as layers of sound gently wash over you—encouraging a meditative state and a sense of deep relaxation. No prior experience is needed; just bring a yoga mat, blanket, and anything that helps you feel at ease. Following the meditation, linger a little longer and ease back into the evening with a thoughtfully curated tea and light refreshments. Enjoy a warm cup, connect with fellow participants, and carry that sense of calm with you as you transition back into your day.
Per Session: Res Fee $35 – Fee $44
Location: Cheney Mansion

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Culinary Adventures

The World on Your Plate: A Culinary Journey

Thursdays, 6:30–9:30P
Sep 10 • Oct 8 • Oct 29 • Nov 19

We are thrilled to introduce Chef Carolyn Engelmann as our new chef for cooking classes at Cheney Mansion. Carolyn is a veteran Chicago cooking instructor and brings a deep knowledge of world and regional cuisines combined with a passion for preparing and enjoying handcrafted food. Join Carolyn for a variety of uniquely themed hands-on cooking classes with recipes and techniques from around the world. Explore different regions of the globe and discover a broad range of flavors. These classes perfectly blend world history, anthropology, science, mathematics and community! Share the fun of food with your fellow chefs.

Per Session: Res Fee $67 – Fee $87
Location: Cheney Mansion

- **Sep 10:** Global Small Plates: Spain Edition
- **Oct 8:** Fire and Flavor: A Sichuan Experience
- **Oct 29:** Dia de los Muertos Celebration Through Food
- **Nov 19:** The Turkish Table

Created by Christina: A Chocolate Making Class

Thursday, Nov 5, 6:30–9:30P
Saturday, Nov 7, 12:00–3:00P

Are you crazy for chocolate? Still trying to figure out how to temper it? Join local chocolatier and Chef, Christina Nixon for a fun, delicious, and informative hands-on class learning about the finicky finesse of milk, white, and dark chocolate. Learn important techniques for tempering, molding, and how to use and enjoy this amazing delicacy just in time for the holidays. Participants will create and package their own chocolate bars and bark.

Per Session: Res Fee $100 – Fee $120
Location: Cheney Mansion

Find Family Programs at our Historic Properties
on pages 24-25.

Seasonal Wine Tastings with Anfora Wine Merchants

Fridays, 7:00–8:30P
Sep 18 (at Pleasant Home)
Nov 13 (at Cheney Mansion)

Discover the art of wine with Anfora Wine Merchants, as they guide you on a curated tasting journey featuring thoughtfully selected wines that highlight various regions from their store here in Oak Park. Themes and tastings will be announced and paired with expert insight into tasting notes, regions, and pairing ideas. Whether you're a curious beginner or a seasoned enthusiast, this experience offers a relaxed yet elevated opportunity to expand your palate and deepen your appreciation of wine. Light accompaniments will be served to complement the tasting experience.

Per Session: Res Fee $40 – Fee $53

Music, Art & Theatre

The Magic Parlor with Bill Cook

Friday, Oct 16, 7:30–9:00P

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

Res Fee $65 – Fee $85
Location: Pleasant Home

A Beatles Cocktail Experience with Fitzgerald's and Babygold Barbeque

NEW

Friday, Oct 23, 6:00–8:30P

Step into the swinging '60s and enjoy a magical evening of music, food, and fun at the historic Cheney Mansion! Our Beatles Cocktail Experience is a celebration of the Fab Four complete with live tunes, a delicious appetizer spread brought to you by BABYGOLD Barbecue, and the timeless charm of John, Paul, George, and Ringo. Two drink tickets per person are included with your registration.

Res Fee $49 – Fee $66
Location: Cheney Mansion



These Hallowed Halls: An Immersive Halloween Experience

NEW

Friday, Oct 30, 7:00–9:30P

Oak Park Festival Theatre invites audiences into an intimate, immersive evening of storytelling unlike anything we've offered before. In Cheney Mansion, actors from our company will bring a series of eerie, suspenseful tales to life – each performed in a different room, each with its own atmosphere, secrets, and surprises. Audiences will roam the house, which will be decked out for the spooky season! Light apps and two drink tickets per person are included with your registration.

Res Fee $49 – Fee $66
Location: Cheney Mansion

La Caccina Choir presents Ladies' Home Journal

NEW

Sunday, Nov 8, 3:00–5:00P

Chicago's professional women's a cappella ensemble, La Caccina, opens its 15th Anniversary Season with Ladies' Home Journal, a concert that turns traditional ideas of femininity on their heads. Join the singers at Pleasant Home for an afternoon of music that celebrates feminine strength, resilience, and resourcefulness. Repertoire will span multiple styles and genres from Andrea Ramsey's moving "Letter from a Girl to the World" to Sister Sledge's groovy "We Are Family." Enjoy light refreshments and hear what the Chicago Tribune calls La Caccina's "pearly blend and pitch-perfect intonation" in one of Oak Park's acoustic and architectural gems.

Res Fee $35 – Fee $44
Location: Pleasant Home

Special Events

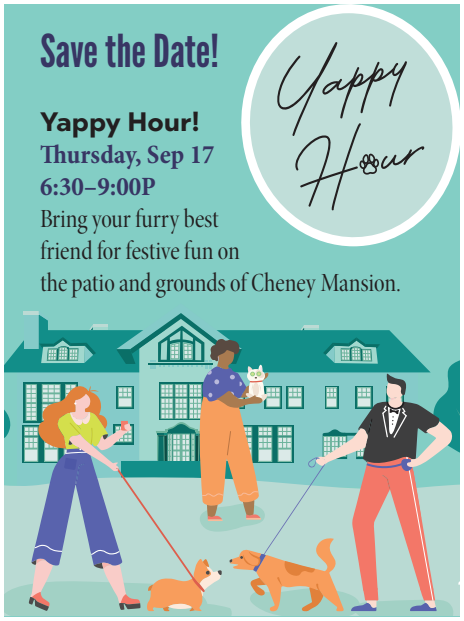
Harvest Moon Wine, Dine & Dance
Thursday, Oct 1, 7:00–10:00P
Let's heat the dance floor and dance the beautiful fall night away. Join us under the lights and on the patio at Cheney Mansion for a night of dining and dancing guided by our expert Park District dance instructors and a DJ spinning you through the evening. Come as a couple or register with a friend! Registration for two includes dinner, dancing, and two drink tickets per person.
Res Fee $138 – Fee $158
Location: Cheney Mansion

A Halloween Paranormal Investigation
Friday, Oct 23, 7:00–9:00P
Join Other Side Investigations for an unforgettable evening connecting with the past residents of Pleasant Home. On this hauntingly atmospheric night, embark on a thrilling journey through dimly lit corridors and select rooms throughout the mansion — spaces long rumored to be centers of paranormal activity. Equipped with state-of-the-art ghost-hunting tools and guided by your own senses, you'll explore the unexplained as you investigate the mysteries lingering within the home's historic walls. Whether you're a seasoned paranormal enthusiast or simply curious about what lies beyond, this immersive experience promises chills, intrigue, and unforgettable moments. Your registration also includes light snacks and two drink tickets.
Res Fee $50 – Fee $67
Location: Pleasant Home

Fright at Night for Adults NEW
Friday, October 23, 7:00–9:00P
Celebrate 15 years of Fright at Night with an all-new evening just for adults! Step into the after-hours Boo-tanical Conservatory, where the atmosphere turns darker, moodier, and just a little more wicked. Sip on themed cocktails, sample spooky bites, and explore the shadowy side of plants with a haunting twist. Costumes are encouraged, so bring your most creative (or creepy) look and enjoy a night of grown-up Halloween fun surrounded by eerie botanical beauty. **Ages 21+**
Res Fee $25 – Fee $30
Location: Oak Park Conservatory
Supervisor: Patti Staley

Nature Adventures

Pumpkin Carving Date Night
Friday, Oct 10, 6:30–8:30P
Join us for an adult-only pumpkin carving date night, complete with local brews and Halloween tunes. Registration is for two people. **Ages 21+**
Res Fee $45 – Fee $58
Location: Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center
Supervisor: Hannah Garcia



American Sign Language for Adults (8 weeks)
Join our immersive ASL course taught by native signers. This class focuses on practical and conversational signs so you can gain confidence in your communication skills. Our youth class is taught separately at the same time, so you can learn as a family.
Ages 14+
Res Fee $100 - Fee $120
Location: Dole Center

WEDNESDAYS
Beginner: 6:15–7:15P
Intermediate: 7:15–8:15P





Holiday Events

Holiday Candle Making with Einnim Candle Bar
Thursday, Nov 12, 7:00–9:00P

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

Res Fee $47 – Fee $60
Location: Pleasant Home

Holiday Wreath Making at Cheney Mansion
Friday, Nov 20, 7:00–9:00P

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

Res Fee $40 – Fee $53
Location: Cheney Mansion

Oak Park Festival Theatre's Holiday Cabaret
Saturday, Nov 28, 5:00–7:00P NEW
Sunday, Nov 29, 3:00–5:00P

Oak Park Festival Theatre invites you to gather for a joyful evening of music, warmth, and celebration. Our Holiday Cabaret brings together beloved performers from the Oak Park Festival Theatre stage alongside special guest Daniel Emond, joining us from New York City for this festive occasion. Hear some of your favorite holiday songs sung by your favorite Oak Park Festival Theatre performers. It'll be a fun night to kick off the holiday celebrations. Light appetizers and two drink tickets are included with your registration.

Red Fee $45 – Fee $58
Location: Cheney Mansion

Holiday Wreath Making at Pleasant Home
Thursday, Dec 3, 7:00–9:00P

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

Res Fee $40 – Fee $53
Location: Pleasant Home

Krampusnacht: A Holiday Haunt
Friday, Dec 4, 7:00–9:00P

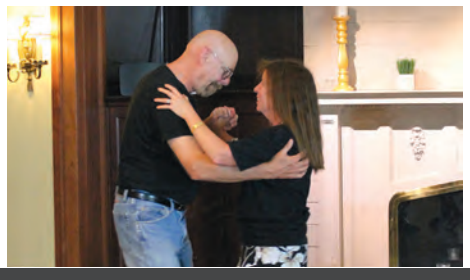
Step into the shadowy side of the holiday season where folklore and fright collide in a chillingly festive celebration! While Santa rewards the nice, Krampus comes for the naughty – so beware as this legendary Christmas beast roams the night. Whether you're a fan of the naughty elf himself or just looking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

Res Fee $38 – Fee $51
Location: Pleasant Home

"Pleasant" Home for the Holidays with Lyric Opera Stage Artists
Thursday, Dec 10, 7:00–9:30P NEW

Celebrate the season with a one-of-a-kind musical experience you won't want to miss! Enjoy an intimate holiday gathering featuring some of Lyric Opera of Chicago's finest artists! These talented vocalists accompanied by a gifted pianist will fill the room with a festive recital of holiday favorites. In the spirit of giving, a portion of the proceeds will benefit Lyric Opera Stage Artists. Light snacks, sweets, wine, beer and non-alcoholic drinks will be served. Two drink tickets per person included.

Res Fee $45 – Fee $58
Location: Pleasant Home



A Charlie Brown Christmas Cocktail Hour – Live!
Saturday, Dec 12, 5:00–7:00P

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

Res Fee $49 – Fee $66
Location: Cheney Mansion

A Dickens Carol: A Live Stage Reading with Oak Park Festival Theatre
Friday, Dec 18, 7:00–9:30P

Enjoy a holiday tradition that re-imagines the story of Scrooge from Dickens' point of view and real-life events in the perfect setting of Pleasant Home. "A Dickens Carol" is not only the carol behind the most famous carol of all time; it's a new twist on a family ghost story that promises to melt the heart of any Scrooge out there. Proceeds from your registration will go to support Oak Park Festival Theatre. Light apps and two drink tickets are included in your registration.

Res Fee $49 – Fee $66
Location: Pleasant Home

Black and White Ball – Eve of the Eve Dinner Dance
Wednesday, Dec 30, 7:00–10:00P

Celebrate in timeless style at our Black & White Ball, an elegant Eve of the Eve dinner dance at the historic Cheney Mansion. Guests are invited to dress in their finest black and white attire for an unforgettable evening of dining, dancing, and community. Enjoy dinner in a striking monochrome setting, then head to the dance floor for two fun, beginner-friendly 20-minute lessons led by professional instructors. In between, enjoy open dancing with a live DJ spinning a mix of classics and contemporary hits. We'll close the night with a complimentary toast to welcome the year ahead in style. Registration for two includes dinner and drink tickets. Only one guest needs to register per pair.

Per Couple: Res Fee $140 – Fee $160
Location: Cheney Mansion

Family Programs

Supervisor: Various, as noted below

OUR FAMILY PROGRAMS

are designed for every type of family to have fun, strengthen connections, and create lasting memories.

Whether you're trying something new or sharing a favorite activity, these programs offer easy opportunities to spend some quality time together.

Adult-Child Archery Evenings

Saturdays, 6:30–7:30P
Sep 5 • Sep 26 • Oct 24 • Nov 21 • Dec 19 • Jan 23 • Feb 20 • Mar 6 • Mar 27

For Junior Archers who want to teach their adults a thing or two. Registration is for two people.
Ages 7+ with Adult
Res Fee $30 – Fee $39
Location: Fox Center
Supervisor: Hannah Garcia

Hiking Trips

Saturdays, 8:00A–4:30P

Join us for a day of hiking and picnicking among nature. Any participant under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
Ages 8+ with an Adult
Res Fee $33 – Fee $42
Location: Fox Center

Sep 19: Indiana Dunes National Park
Oct 10: Starved Rock State Park: Autumnal Edition

Supervisor: Hannah Garcia

Oak Park Family Camp Out

Saturday–Sunday
Sep 12, 6:00P – Sunday, Sep 13, 9:00A

Get an introduction to camping at a site close to home! Start the evening with dinner around the campfire, listen to stories around the fire, enjoy breakfast in the morning, and more.
Res Fee $62 – Fee $79
Additional Child Res Fee $31 – Fee $40
Location: Lindberg Park
Supervisor: Hannah Garcia

Puzzle Palooza at Pleasant Home

Sunday, Sep 20, 12:00–2:00P

Get ready for fast-paced fun at Puzzle Palooza, where every team goes head-to-head in the ultimate jigsaw showdown! Families and friends will race against one another to complete the exact same puzzle, testing their speed, teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills. As the clock ticks, teams must work together to sort, strategize, and assemble their puzzle pieces before the competition. With everyone tackling the same challenge, the excitement builds as players compare progress and push toward the finish line. Join us for a thrilling event full of friendly competition, laughter, and unforgettable family fun! Registration is by table of up to six people, so only one person needs to register. Before you dive in, we will have lunch ready for you! **Ages 10+ with Adult**
Per Table (up to 6 people): Res Fee $135 – Fee $155
Location: Pleasant Home
Supervisor: Susan Crane

Gumdrops & Ghosts: Decorate a Haunted Mansion

Sunday, Oct 11, 12:00–2:00P

Join us for a frightfully fun family event at Pleasant Home! We'll provide the mansion, and your family can decorate it with all the spooky trims and haunting details needed to make it Halloween-ready. Enjoy a ghoulish lunch along the way as you craft your creepy creation together. Each family registration includes one table for up to six decorators, with only one name needed to reserve your spot. **All Ages**
Per Table (up to 6 people): Res Fee $135 – Fee $155
Location: Pleasant Home
Supervisor: Susan Crane

Sensory-Friendly Boo Bash

Sunday, Oct 18
10:00–11:00A & 11:00A–12:00P

The Park District of Oak Park and West Suburban Special Recreation Association welcome families in need of sensory-friendly events to Cheney Mansion for a fun Halloween party! Get in costume and bring your camera for photos with our Great Pumpkin. Each attendee must register and caregivers need to attend with children. **Ages 4–12 with Adult**
Res Fee $17 – Fee $22
Location: Cheney Mansion
Supervisor: Susan Crane



A Hocus Pocus High Tea

Sunday, Oct 25, 2:00–3:30P

This fun event brings together the bewitching world of magic and the traditional elegance of a high tea! Magical tables adorned with mystical decorations and whimsical details. You will be treated to a selection of teas and tantalizing treats that are fit for a witch's brew and participate in a host of magical activities. Registration includes one caregiver and one child – only one name is needed to register. Use the additional guest registration to add to your coven!
Ages 4+ with Adult
Caregiver/Child: Res Fee $52 – Fee $69
Additional Guest: Res Fee $20 – Fee $25
Location: Cheney Mansion
Supervisor: Susan Crane

100 Years of the Hundred Acre Wood

Winnie the Pooh's Birthday Celebration
Sunday, Nov 8, 11:30A–1:00P

Step into the storybook and celebrate a century of friendship, imagination, and adventure at 100 Years of the Hundred Acre Wood—a charming birthday celebration for everyone's favorite bear, Winnie the Pooh! Families are invited to enjoy a whimsical day, complete with themed activities, hands-on crafts, and playful games straight out of the Hundred Acre Wood. A themed lunch buffet is included in your registration. A special appearance by Winnie the Pooh himself will highlight our afternoon celebration! Don't miss your chance to meet, greet, and snap a photo with the bear who has captured hearts for generations. Registration includes one caregiver and one child – only one name is needed to register. Use the additional guest registration to add to the party! **All Ages**
Caregiver/Child: Res Fee $52 – Fee $69
Additional Guest: Res Fee $20 – Fee $25
Location: Cheney Mansion
Supervisor: Susan Crane

Castles & Crowns Royal Adventure
Sunday, Nov 15, 12:00–2:00P

Step into a world of wonder at Castles and Crowns Royal Adventure, a magical family event where fairytales come to life! Come dressed as princes, princesses, knights, and adventurers for an unforgettable afternoon filled with castle-inspired fun, royal games, creative crafts, enchanting stories, and exciting quests. Enjoy a light lunch while you are entertained by our Court Jester. Families will journey through a kingdom of imagination with themed activities and photo-worthy moments fit for royalty. **Ages 7+ with Adult**
Caregiver/Child: Res Fee $52 – Fee $69
Additional Guest: Res Fee $17 – Fee $22
Location: Pleasant Home

Intergenerational Cooking – Holiday Baking
Sunday, Nov 15, 1:00–4:00P

Create lasting memories together in this hands-on intergenerational baking experience. This class brings kids, parents, grandparents, and caregivers into the kitchen to learn, laugh, and share the joy of baking side by side. Guided by our new Cheney Chef, Carolyn Engleman, you'll explore approachable recipes and foundational techniques — from mixing and measuring to decorating and tasting your sweet (and savory) creations. Whether you're continuing a family tradition or starting a new one, this class is all about connection, creativity, and a little flour-dusted fun. Registration includes two people and only one person needs to register. **Ages 7+ with Adult**
Caregiver/Child: Res Fee $110 – Fee $130
Location: Cheney Mansion

Beyond the Wardrobe: A Journey to Narnia!
Friday, Jan 15, 6:30–8:30P

Journey into Narnia through the enchanting portal of lions and mirrors at Pleasant Home. Search the house for the treasured items needed for Aslan's table, then step through the mirror to enjoy a wonder-filled dinner alongside beloved characters from the classic novel. Registration includes one caregiver and one child. **Ages 6+ with Adult**
Per Pair: Res Fee $50 – Fee $67
Additional Guest: Res Fee $17 – Fee $22
Location: Pleasant Home

Frozen Castle Party
Friday, Jan 29, 6:30–8:30P

Cheney Mansion turns into the home of your favorite winter princesses for one night of fun, games, and the coolest party in town. You and your "royal highness" will be treated to a meet-and-greet and hang out while our princesses take up residence at Cheney Mansion. We will have snacks and treats for each guest. Registration includes one caregiver and one child – register one person. **Ages 4–8 with Adult**
First Pair: Res Fee $52 – Fee $69
Additional Guest: Res Fee $20 – Fee $25
Location: Cheney Mansion

Lights, Camera, Family: A Valentine Red Carpet Night of Glam!
Friday, Feb 12, 6:30–8:30P

Step into the spotlight for an unforgettable evening where every family is the star of the show! Arrive in your red carpet best and make your grand entrance as our "paparazzi" capture all the glitz and glamour of the night. Once inside, enjoy a delicious dinner before the party truly begins. The evening will feature lively music, dancing, interactive games, and playful activities for all ages — from little stars to grown-up VIPs. Come dressed to impress — because on this night, everyone shines. **Ages 4–10 with Adult**
First Pair: Res $52 – Fee $69
Additional Guest: Res Fee $17 – Fee $22
Location: Cheney Mansion

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Oak Park's Model Railroad Club



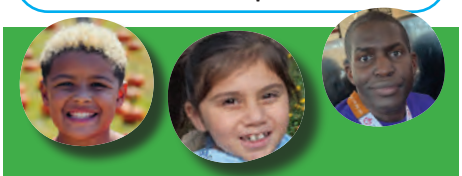
Family Days, Sundays 1-3 pm
Come visit us and be the engineer



Dole Center, Lower Level
The Oak Park Society of Model Engineers
youtube.com/@oakparkmodelrrclub

Celebrating 50 Years of PEACE LOVE '76 & WSSRA

WSSRA is proud to celebrate 50 years of enriching the lives of individuals with special needs through inclusive, impactful, and engaging recreation programs. For five decades, our participants, families, communities, and partners have helped us bring the spirit of belonging, growth, and friendship to life.



As an extension of the PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK, WSSRA offers our residents recreation programs for persons with disabilities, of all ages and ability levels.

Programs include fitness, art, Special Olympics, social, camp, swim and excursion programs. Participants gain skills, make friends, **increase self-confidence, visit new** places and have fun in WSSRA programs!

A LEKOTEK family based toy lending & play program is also available.

Register for WSSRA's seasonal programs at WSSRA.NET

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WEST SUBURBAN SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION
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nature & adventure

Mixed-Age Programs (Youth & Adult)

Supervisor: Hannah Garcia

MIXED-AGE NATURE PROGRAMS

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

SCOUT GROUPS *Wanted!*

Schedule a badge-a-day program with us and let us help you earn your badges like Archery, Space Science Expert, Buddy Camper, and more.

We have programs for Girl Scouts, Scouting America, and Camp Fire.

Contact hannah.garcia@pdop.org for details and our full list of offerings.

Throw a Wild Birthday Party!

Explore, create, and celebrate at Austin Gardens. Led by our Naturalist, your party includes:

- Two hours of private party time
- Staff-led nature activities & crafts
- Hands-on artifact exploration, from furs & fossils to shells & skulls.
- And, more!

For details, contact Hannah Garcia at hannah.garcia@pdop.org



WEEKEND NATURE PROGRAMS

The History of S'mores
Saturday, Sept 19, 10:00-11:00A
Where did these delicious, marshmallowy treats come from, anyway? We're making our own s'mores today and learning the history of this campfire classic. **Ages 6+**
Res Fee $21 - Fee $26

Forage for Cordage
Saturday, Oct 17, 10:00-11:00A
Time for some autumn survival skills! We're learning how to make rope from natural materials and what to do with it. **Ages 8+**
Res Fee $21 - Fee $26

Starter Scrimshaw
Saturday, Nov 14, 10:00-11:00A
Scrimshaw is the art of carving into whale teeth and walrus tusks – join us as we explore the history of this folk craft and try our hand at making some of our own carvings on simulated ivory. **Ages 8+**
Res Fee $25 - Fee $30

Birdseed Ornament Workshop
Saturday, Dec 12, 10:00-11:00A
Make your own gifts for the birds this winter! Spend your Saturday morning making edible ornaments and garland for our local neighborhood birds.
Ages 7+
Res Fee $21 - Fee $26

Find our Homeschool Nature Programs on page 57.

Beeswax Wraps Workshop
Saturday, Jan 16, 10:00-11:00A
Have a sustainable Saturday and make your own beeswax wraps. These are perfect for replacing plastic wrap and are an eco-friendly way to store food.
Ages 7+
Res Fee $25 - Fee $30

Love Bugs
Saturday, Feb 13, 10:00-11:00A
This Valentine's Day, discover a love that truly lasts forever – the preserved beauty of insects! Join us for an introduction into the art of insect pinning.
Ages 7+
Res Fee $25 - Fee $30

Dig Up the Past
Saturday, March 13, 10:00-11:00A
Dig into the world of archeology with a simulated excavation! We're exploring the tools and methods of an archeology dig and seeing what we can discover.
Ages 6+
Res Fee $21 - Fee $26



ADVENTURE TRIPS

Eagle Watching Hike
Saturday, Jan 23, 9:00A-3:00P
It's Illinois Eagle Day! Did you know bald eagles spend their winter months with us here in Illinois? We're taking a special trip out to the Will County Forest Preserves to see if we can spot some of these majestic birds of prey. **Ages 8+**
Res Fee $33 – Fee $42
Location: Fox Center

Supervisor: Hannah Garcia

ARCHERY - All programs meet at Fox Center, unless otherwise noted.

Beginner Group Archery Lessons
Fridays, 6:00–7:00P (3 weeks)
For archers starting the sport. All equipment provided. **Ages 7–12**
Res Fee $88 – Fee $108

Youth Archery Club
Fridays, 7:00–8:00P (3 weeks)
For archers who have passed the Beginner course. **Ages 7–12**
Res Fee $88 – Fee $108

Open Archery & Range Time
Fridays, 8:00–9:00P (3 weeks)
All skill levels welcome, including beginners. Single class options available. **Ages 13+**
Res Fee $88 – Fee $108

Adult-Child Archery Evenings
Saturdays, 6:30–7:30P
Sep 5 • Sep 26 • Oct 24 • Nov 21 • Dec 19 • Jan 23 • Feb 20 • Mar 6 • Mar 27
For Junior Archers who want to teach their adults a thing or two. Registration is for two people. **Ages 7+ with Adult**
Res Fee $30 – Fee $39

Cupid Couple's Archery
Saturdays, 6:00–7:00P
Sep 19 • Oct 17 • Nov 14 • Dec 12 • Jan 16 • Feb 13 • Mar 13
Date night archery lessons! Registration is for two people – no experience necessary. **Ages 16+**
Res Fee $50 – Fee $67

Try Archery for Beginners
Fridays, 6:00–7:00P
Jan 22 • Feb 19 • Mar 26
New to the sport and want to try it before committing to a full session? Try this introductory course! **Ages 7–12**
Res Fee $30 – Fee $39

Club Archery Halloween Special
Friday, Oct 23, 6:00–7:00P or 7:00–8:00P
Club Archers! Our range is haunted, and we need your help to shoot the ghosts! Halloween costumes encouraged. **Ages 7+**
Res Fee $30 – Fee $39

Archery Pumpkin Splat
Saturday, Nov 7, 6:00–7:00P or 7:00–8:00P
Don't throw away those jack-o-lanterns! Use them for target practice instead! **Ages 7+**
Res Fee $30 – Fee $39

Archery Color Burst
Friday, Mar 19, 6:00–7:00P or 7:00–8:00P
Celebrate Holi and create a colorful explosion with your arrows! **Ages 7+**
Res Fee $30 – Fee $39



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



River Forest Park District
PLATFORM TENNIS

Platform Tennis Annual Membership

Passes are on sale now!

A membership pass is good for use of the River Forest platform tennis courts and registration for the platform tennis travel and house leagues.

The platform tennis season runs 6/1/26 - 5/31/27

Oak Park New Passholder Rate: $280
Oak Park Returning Passholder Rate: $270

River Forest Park District

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

Oak Park Conservatory Fun
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Mixed-Age Workshops (Youth & Adult)

Supervisor: Megan Ulczak

Weekends are for creative fun with friends and family!



Dole Center is Where We ART

Whether you're looking to develop a lifelong passion, learn a new skill, or simply add a little creativity to your week, Dole Center offers inspiring art experiences for every age and skill level.

Explore classes in:

- **Ceramics**
- **Lapidary & Jewelry Arts**
- **Painting**
- **Printmaking**
- **Sewing & Textiles**
- **Stained Glass**

Why Dole?

- **Expert art instructors**
- **Dedicated specialty studios**
- **Quality materials and equipment**
- **Classes for kids, teens, and adults**
- **Weekly classes to build your skills**
- **One-day "Try-It" workshops to explore something new**

Scan the QR code to learn more!

SCAN ME

ONE-DAY WORKSHOPS

For kids to adults! (Ages 7+)

Attend all our one throughout each season!

Pour Painting

Third Saturday of the Month, 10:00A–12:00P

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

Res Fee $19 – Fee $24

Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3



Fire Painting & Brazing Copper

Fridays, 6:30–8:30P

Nov • Feb

In this class, we will be flame painting on copper to create rainbow patina designs. We will then seal the finish with UV resin to keep it permanent. Also, we will learn how to make braised copper twisted wire bangles, rings, and more. **Ages 13+**

Res Fee $19 – Fee $24

Location: Dole Center - Studio 1

Enameling

Fridays, 6:30–8:30P

Sep • Dec • Mar

Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, this workshop covers essential techniques, from preparing metals to applying powdered glass enamel and firing. Explore different techniques – such as cloisonné, sgraffito, and stenciling – and create your unique pieces. Guided by an experienced instructor, you'll gain hands-on practice, learn about color layering, and create wearable art. All materials are included, so just bring your creativity! **Ages 12+**

Res Fee $19 – Fee $24

Location: Dole Center - Studio 1

School's Out – Art Day!

9:00A–12:00P or 9:00A–3:00P

Sep 7 & 21 • Oct 12 & 23 • Nov 3, 25 & 27 • Dec 21–23 & 28–31 • Jan 18 • Feb 12 & 15 • Mar 1, 26, 29, 30 & 31

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

- Half Day: Res Fee $34 – Fee $43
- Full Day: Res Fee $67 – Fee $87

Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Rm 2

Register in School's Out tile in Amilia.

Soldering

Fridays, 6:30–8:30P

Oct • Jan

Guided by our skilled lapidary and jewelry-making instructor, you'll learn essential soldering techniques to create beautiful, durable jewelry pieces. Each week, participants will work on a new project, completing a total of six unique creations by the end of the course. All supplies are provided; you are invited to bring your materials to personalize your work. Perfect for building confidence and skill in soldering while crafting one-of-a-kind pieces! **Ages 13+**

Res Fee $19 – Fee $24

Location: Dole Center - Studio 1



OPEN STUDIOS

Stained Glass Open Studio

Tuesdays, 12:00–3:00P or 3:30–6:30P
Wednesdays, 9:00A–12:00P, 12:00–3:00P or 3:30–6:30P
Thursdays 5:00–7:00P or 7:00–9:00P

Continue building your stained-glass skills in a supportive, creative studio environment! This open studio class is designed for participants who have completed our First Timers Stained Glass or Beginner Stained Glass class and are ready to work more independently. **Ages 14+**
Res Fee $36 – Fee $45
Location: Dole Center – Studio 4

Lapidary (Stone Cutting & Polishing) Open Studio

Tuesdays, 6:00–8:00P

Extra classroom time for students who have projects to finish up. This could include using the trim saws, shaping, and polishing stones. Also, various stone settings such as wire wrapping, epoxy setting, bezel setting, and more. **Ages 12+**
Res Fee $19 – Fee $24
Location: Dole Center – Studio 1



Ceramics Open Studio

Sundays, 10:00A–12:00P, 1:00–2:30P or 3:00–4:30P
Tuesdays, 1:00–3:00P or 4:30–6:30P
Wednesdays, 4:00–6:00P
Thursdays, 1:00–3:00P or 6:00–7:30P

We've carved out some time in our Ceramics Studio for you to come in and finish the pieces you are working on in any of our ceramics classes. **Ages 7+**
Res Fee $24 – Fee $29 (1.5 hrs.)
Res Fee $29 – Fee $38 (2 hrs.)
Location: Dole Center - Studio 2



Painting & Drawing Open Studio

Mondays, 6:30–8:00P

Welcome to Painting & Drawing Open Studio. Sign up day by day when it works for you to use our space, tools, and help from our instructor to start and/or finish a project. In this class, you'll play with:

- *Getting Started / Breaking the Blank Canvas* – strategies for beginning a painting and building momentum, including "rehearsing" ideas in a sketchbook
- *Composition & Visual Flow* – organizing elements, movement, and balance, using sketchbooks to plan and evaluate what's working
- *Color & Mood* – exploring limited palettes, contrast, and emotional tone
- *Mark-Making & Texture* – experimenting with tools, layers, materials, and surface
- *Developing vs. Knowing When to Stop* – pushing a piece further versus recognizing when it's resolved
- *Articulating Intent* – talking through what a piece is about and receiving feedback

Ages 15+
Res Fee $25 – Fee $30
Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3



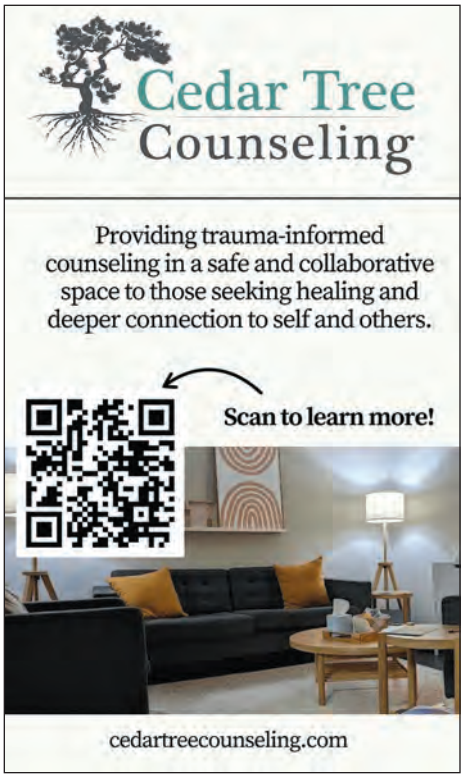
Haunted Gingerbread Mansion
Hocus Pocus Tea Party
Frozen Castle Party
Holiday Baking
Puzzle Palooza
& Much More!

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Our New Family Programs make it easy to spend quality time together.

From magical celebrations and creative activities to frightening Halloween fun and family game nights, there's something for everyone.

See pages 24-25 for all Family Programs.



Mixed-Age Series Classes (Youth & Adult)

Supervisor: Megan Ulczak

ARTS & CRAFT SERIES CLASSES

Dive into your creative spirit with one of our fun series programs!

Classes held in Dole Center Art Studio, unless otherwise noted, and are typically 2 to 3-week sessions. See Amilia for other details.

For kids to adults!
(Ages vary)

CERAMICS

SunDAY Clay

Sundays, 1:00P–2:30P or 3:00–4:30P
Sep 6–Oct 11 • Oct 25–Nov 29 • Jan 3–Feb 7
Feb 21–Mar 28

Play with clay! With hands-on projects, participants will learn essential techniques like hand-building and sculpting, allowing them to create unique functional and decorative pieces. **Ages 7–17**
Res Fee $124 – Fee $144
Location: Dole Center - Studio 2

Beginners' Wheel

Tuesdays & Fridays, 6:30–8:00P
Sep 8–Oct 13 • Sep 11–Oct 16 •
Oct 27–Dec 1 • Oct 30–Dec 4 • Jan 5–Feb 9 •
Jan 8–Feb 12 • Feb 23–Mar 30

Learn the fundamentals of a pottery wheel. Throughout the class, our instructors will guide you through the essential techniques, from centering the clay to shaping and trimming your creations. No prior experience is needed. **Ages 12+**
Res Fee $124 – Fee $144
Location: Dole Center - Studio 2

Partner Ceramics

Thursdays, 4:00–5:30P
Sep 10–Oct 15 • Oct 29–Dec 10 •
Jan 7–Feb 11

This unique workshop invites pairs – friends, siblings, or parent-child duos – to explore the art of ceramics together. Over several sessions, you'll learn essential techniques such as hand-building, sculpting, and wheel throwing, all while collaborating on fun projects. **Ages 7+**
Res Fee $124 – Fee $144
Location: Dole Center - Studio 2



Youth Ceramics

Mondays, 4:30–6:00P
Sep 14–Oct 19 • Nov 2–Dec 7 • Jan 4–Feb 8 •
Feb 22–Mar 29

Designed for young artists, this engaging program introduces students to the exciting world of clay. Through hands-on projects, participants will learn essential techniques like hand-building and sculpting, allowing them to create unique functional and decorative pieces. **Ages 7–17**
Res Fee $124 – Fee $144
Location: Dole Center - Studio 2

Family Ceramics

Saturdays, 9:30–11:00A or 11:15A–12:45P
or 1:15–2:45P
Apr 11–May 16 • May 30–Jul 11 •
Jul 25–Aug 29 (No Class July 4)

Explore a variety of hand-building techniques in addition to trying your hand at the wheel. The fee covers one adult and a child. **Ages 4–12**
Res Fee $124 – Fee $144
Location: Dole Center - Studio 2

Hand Building Fundamentals

Tuesdays, 1:00–2:30P
Sep 8–Oct 13 • Oct 27–Dec 1 • Jan 5–Feb 9 •
Feb 23–Mar 30

Learn the fundamental methods of ceramic hand building, focusing on transforming simple lumps of clay into beautiful, lasting objects. We will focus on the three core methods of construction: pinch, coil, and slab. This is a perfect environment for beginners to experiment, de-stress, and discover a new creative passion. **Ages 7+**
Res Fee $124 – Fee $144
Location: Dole Center - Studio 2

Beginners' Ceramics

Thursdays, 6:00–7:30P
Sep 10–Oct 15 • Oct 29–Dec 10 •
Jan 7–Feb 11

Perfect for those new to pottery, this hands-on course introduces you to essential techniques like hand-building, wheel throwing, and glazing. With the guidance of our experienced instructors, you'll learn how to transform raw clay into beautiful, functional, and decorative pieces. **Ages 7+**
Res Fee $124 – Fee $144
Location: Dole Center – Studio 2

LAPIDARY/JEWELRY/STAINED GLASS

Stone Cutting & Jewelry Making

Thursdays, 6:00–8:00P
Sep 3–24 • Oct 1–22 • Nov 5–19 • Dec 3–31

Learn the art of shaping stone and minerals into beautiful pieces of art! This class utilizes heavy machinery and tools to cut, shape, and polish natural materials into cabochons. Stones can be put into jewelry settings or wire-wrapped. Dress casually and bring an apron if you have one. **Ages 14+**
Res Fee $118 – Fee $138
Location: Dole Center - Studio 1

Beginners Stained Glass

Tuesdays, 12:00–3:00P or 3:30–6:30P
Sep 1–Oct 20 • Nov 3–Dec 22 • Jan 5–Feb 23

Wednesdays, 9:00A–12:00P, 12:00–3:00P or 3:30–6:30P
Sep 2–Oct 21 • Nov 4–Dec 23 • Jan 6–Feb 24

Thursdays, 5:00–7:00P or 7:00–9:00P
Sep 3–Oct 22 • Jan 7–Feb 25

Unleash your creativity for beginners and seasoned artists alike! This hands-on, 8-week class will guide you through the enchanting world of Tiffany-style stained glass. You'll learn the essential techniques of glass cutting, foiling, and soldering. Let your spirit shine through vibrant colors and intricate designs!
Ages 14+
Res Fee $340 – Fee $360
Location: Dole Center - Studio 4

Discover our Music & Theatre classes
on pages 34–35.

PAINTING/DRAWING

Abstract Life Painting
Mondays, 6:30–8:00P
Sep 7–28 • Oct 5–26 • Nov 9–30 • Dec 7–28 • Jan 4–25 • Feb 1–22 • March 1–22
Learn how to create expressive and unique works. Embrace creative freedom and let go of the need for perfection. We will explore how to express emotion, gesture, and movement in creations. Students will discover how to create artwork that is true to their own voice and intuition. Each student will have completed personal and expressive pieces. **Ages 15+**
Res Fee $101 – Fee $121
Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3

Youth Drawing & Painting
Tuesdays, 3:30–4:30P
Sep 8–Oct 13 • Oct 27–Dec 1 • Jan 5–Feb 9 • Feb 23–Mar 30
Do you doodle? Do you love color? Need some extra art classes in your life? Join our fun instructor and a group of other kids after school to draw and paint in our art studio at Dole Center! **Ages 7–12**
Res Fee $49 – Fee $66
Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3

Cartooning 101
Tuesdays, 5:00–6:30P
Sep 8–Oct 13 • Oct 27–Dec 1 • Jan 5–Feb 9 • Feb 23–Mar 30
Fundamentals of creating cartoons, such as character design, storytelling, and visual communication. Provided hands-on guidance to help students develop their skills. For beginners or those looking to refine their abilities, this class offers a supportive and creative environment to learn and grow. **Ages 7+**
Res Fee $43 – Fee $56
Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3

Drawing & Painting
Wednesdays, 6:30–8:00P
Sep 9–Oct 14 • Oct 28–Dec 2 • Jan 6–Feb 10 • Feb 24–Mar 31
Spend your evenings drawing and painting at Dole Center with professional support and guidance from a local artist and college instructor. Create distraction-free with a group of others looking to create. Instruction is made for all skill levels.
Ages 12+
Res Fee $82 – Fee $102
Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3

PRINTMAKING

Introduction to Printmaking
Fridays, 6:00–7:30P
Oct 30–Dec 4
Explore the colorful, hands-on world of printmaking designed for artists ages 7 and up! Students will be introduced to foundational printmaking techniques including block printing, monoprint, and screen printing. Through guided instruction and open creative time, students will explore their artistic voice in a supportive, engaging environment. All materials are provided, so artists need only bring their creativity and enthusiasm! **Ages 7+**
Res Fee $49 – Fee $66
Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3

Block Printing
Fridays, 6:00–7:30P
Sep 11–Oct 16 • Jan 8–Feb 12
Delve into this oldest technique of printmaking techniques designed for artists ages 7 and up! Students will learn how to safely carve and print their own blocks by hand. Through guided instruction and open creative time, students will explore their artistic voice in a supportive, engaging environment. All materials are provided, so artists need only bring their creativity and enthusiasm! **Ages 7+**
Res Fee $49 – Fee $66
Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3

SEWING/TEXTILES

Foundations or Alterations
Sundays, 1:00–3:00P
Sep 6–27 • Oct 4–25 • Nov 8–29 • Dec 6–27 • Jan 3–24 • Feb 7–28 • Mar 7–28
Tuesdays, 6:30–8:30P
Sep 8–29 • Oct 6–27 • Nov 3–24 • Dec 8–29 • Jan 5–26 • Feb 2–23 • Mar 2–23
Students will explore different types of seams and hems, understanding their functional and aesthetic purposes. By engaging in hands-on practice, participants will gain confidence in making alterations to create perfectly fitted garments, setting the groundwork for future design projects. Emphasis will be placed on creativity and sustainability throughout the program. **Ages 10+**
Res Fee $96 – Fee $116
Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3



Learn to Sew Clothes
Mondays, 4:00–6:00P
Sep 14–Oct 19 • Nov 2–Dec 7 • Jan 4–Feb 8 • Feb 22–Mar 29
Learn to use a simple pattern and to sew and finish your garment! Possible projects include a shirt, elastic-waist casual pants, a simple dress with pockets, or a raglan sleeve jacket. Plan to buy your fabric; you'll need 2-3 yards of woven cotton, depending on your project. No experience is necessary, but this is also a supportive environment for those who have sewn before and would like some help. **Ages 10+**
Res Fee $121 – Fee $141
Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3

Quilting 101
Wednesdays, 4:00–6:00P
Sep 9–Oct 14 • Jan 6–Feb 10
Each student will make their own lap-size or baby-sized quilt from start to finish. Learn to use the sewing machine, how to cut the fabric, make the quilt sandwich, and do the top quilting and binding. Have a quilt you started but haven't finished? Bring that in! All fabric and thread are provided. **Ages 10+**
Res Fee $121 – Fee $141
Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3

Shibori Dyeing
Wednesdays, 4:00–6:00P
Oct 28–Dec 2 • Feb 24–Mar 31
Learn the Japanese art of Shibori folding and dyeing. Learn the Arashi, Itajime, Kaneko, and Nemaki styles of folding/tying and two all-over patterns for two-color dye processes. Use Procion fiber reactive dyes and make gorgeous fabrics each week that you can use to sew into garments or quilts, or dye bandanas and T-shirts, your choice! **Ages 10+**
Res Fee $121 – Fee $141
Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Room 3

performing arts
Youth Dance

Supervisor: Erin Coffman

YOUTH DANCE (Ages 6-13)

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

See charts for specific locations.

Fall Session: Sep 12 – Dec 10
Thanksgiving Break, Nov 23-29
Winter Session: Jan 9 – Mar 22



The Nutcracker

Saturday, Dec 12
Fenwick High School

Students enrolled in any Fall Youth Dance session participate in PDOP's production of the Nutcracker.

If your student cannot participate in the performance, please contact Erin.Coffman@pdop.org for a costume refund.

Learn more at pdop.org/nutcracker

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

Broadway Bound
Enjoy a popular, fun and energetic form of dance and move to your favorite Broadway tunes.

Hip Hop & Tumbling
An energetic fusion of hip hop grooves and tumbling tricks, this high-energy class keeps kids moving, flipping, and having a blast!

Disney Jamz Jazz/Tap
This awesome duo class will combine the energy and great tunes of Disney Jamz Jazz with the footwork and fun of Tap.

FALL
Sep 12 – Dec 10 (12 weeks)

Beginner Ballet

Day	Time	Ages
M	6:00 – 6:55P G	6–8
Sa	12:00 – 12:55P R	6–8

Ballet Basics

Day	Time	Ages
Sa	12:00 – 12:55P D	9–13

Hip Hop

Day	Time	Ages
Th	7:00 – 7:55P G	9–13

Broadway Bound

Day	Time	Ages
W	6:00 – 6:55P G	9–13

Hip Hop & Tumbling

Day	Time	Ages
Th	6:00 – 6:55P G	6–8
Sa	12:00 – 12:55P C	6–8

Disney Jamz Jazz/Tap

Day	Time	Ages
Tu	6:00 – 6:55P G	6–8

FALL: Res Fee $252 – Fee $272

Fee includes recital costume for the Nutcracker.

G = GRC R = Ridgeland Common
C = CRC D = Dole Center

WINTER
Jan 9 – Mar 22 (10 weeks)

Beginner Ballet

Day	Time	Ages
M	6:00 – 6:55P G	6–8
Sa	12:00 – 12:55P F	6–8

Ballet Basics

Day	Time	Ages
Sa	3:00 – 3:55P F	9–13

Hip Hop

Day	Time	Ages
Th	7:00 – 7:55P G	9–13

Broadway Bound

Day	Time	Ages
W	6:00 – 6:55P G	9–13

Hip Hop & Tumbling

Day	Time	Ages
Th	6:00 – 6:55P G	6–8
Sa	12:00 – 12:55P F	6–8

Disney Jamz Jazz/Tap

Day	Time	Ages
Tu	6:00 – 6:55P G	6–8

FALL: Res Fee $160 – Fee $180

G = GRC F = Field Center

Supervisor: Erin Coffman

ADULT DANCE (Ages 15+)

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

See chart for specific locations.

Fall Session: Sep 12 – Dec 10
Thanksgiving Break, Nov 23-29
Winter Session: Jan 9 – Mar 22



Dancin' at the Mansion

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

Private Dance Lessons

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

Beginner Ballet

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

Intermediate Ballet

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

Tap

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

Broadway

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

Not ready to commit?
Try a drop-in class!
You can take any of these classes (with the exception of Tap) as a Drop-In class for $18 per class.
Give it a try!

FALL 1
Sep 12 – Dec 10 (6 weeks)

FALL 2
Oct 26 – Dec 10 (6 weeks)

WINTER
Jan 9 – Mar 18 (10 weeks)

Adult Broadway

Day	Time	Ages
W	8:00 – 8:55P G	15+
	**no winter session*	

Adult Tap

Day	Time	Ages
Th	7:00 – 7:55P D	15+

Adult Beginner Ballet

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

Adult Intermediate Ballet

Day	Time	Ages
M	7:00 – 7:55P G	15+

FALL: Res Fee $99 – Fee $119
WINTER: Res Fee $160 – Fee $180

G = GRC D = Dole Center

Not Your Typical Line Dance NEW

Tuesdays, 7:00–8:00P

Brought to you by Not Your Typical Line Dance founder Tish Littlejohn, this beginner-friendly class is all about energy, joy, and community.

If you can move, you can dance, and this class will prove it! Line dancing isn't just steps; it's an experience anyone can enjoy. You'll learn fun, easy-to-follow routines set to great music while building coordination and confidence. Each week we will add on new moves, working toward a group routine that everyone can perform together by the end of the session. This is a family-friendly class, but you're welcome to come solo or with friends. It's for everybody. **Ages 9+**

Fall (4 weeks): Sep 8–29 • Oct 6–27
Winter (4 weeks): Jan 5–26 • Feb 2–23
Drop-In Pricing: Res Fee $14 – Fee $19
Location: GRC

Supervisor: Erin Coffman

MUSIC (Ages 6+)

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

Location: Stevenson and Field Centers



Private Guitar Lessons

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

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

Beginner Guitar Lessons (30 min.)
4 classes per month
Res Fee $117 – Fee $137

Intermediate Guitar Lessons (45 min.)
Advanced Guitar Lessons (60 min.)
Available upon request.



Accepting submissions for our Summer 2027 Concerts in the Park!

Please email a band bio and video/audio samples of your music for our committee to review and selections will be made by early February. From Dec 1–Jan 15, you can email any references, materials, and links to summer.concerts@pdop.org.

Enjoy our Arts & Crafts programs! See pages 28–31.



Start planning your summer!

Art. Nature. Sports. Swimming. More!

Summer camps have something for everyone!

- Summer Camp Guide available online Jan 30
- Resident Registration begins Feb 6
- Nonresident Registration begins Feb 13

FARE

Scratch-made bowls, plates, smoothies and breakfast made daily with ingredients you can actually recognize.



Supervisor: Erin Coffman

THEATRE (Youth & Adults)

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

See chart for specific locations.



Fall Session: Sep 12 – Dec 10
Thanksgiving Break, Nov 23-29
Winter Session: Jan 9 – Mar 22

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Stage Acting

Students will learn theatre warmups and improv games, while exploring stage presence, different types of theatre, and collaboration. They will get the chance to learn scenes and perform it in a showcase at the end of the session. **Ages 13-17**

Mini Musicals

Kids will learn a few scenes and musical numbers from different shows. Students will have the opportunity to switch roles and act as many of the different characters. The class will end in a small showcase in which the parents can watch the mini musical. **Ages 7-12**

Fall at Dole Center
- Aladdin
- Cinderella

Winter at Field Center
- The Wizard of Oz

Mini Musicals for ages 4-6, on page 47.

Fall
Sep 12 – Dec 10 (12 weeks)

Stage Acting

Day	Time	Ages
M	6:00 – 7:00P (D)	13-17

Mini Musicals

Day	Time	Musical	Ages
M	5:00 – 6:00P (D)	Aladdin	7-12
Sa	2:00 – 3:00P (D)	Cinderella	7-12

FALL: Res Fee $192 – Fee $212

Winter
Jan 9 – Mar 18 (10 weeks)

Stage Acting

Day	Time	Ages
M	6:30 – 7:30P (F)	13-17

Mini Musical: Wizard of Oz

Day	Time	Ages
Sa	2:00 – 3:00P (F)	7-12

WINTER: Res Feel $160 – Fee $180

(D) = Dole Center (F) = Field Center

TRAPPED IN THE 80s

Oak Park's first Adult Musical Revue!
Tuesdays, 6:15 – 8:15P, Sep 8 – Nov 9

Be part of a musical revue! At the end of the session, every participant is guaranteed a part in a solo or ensemble or sing and dance in the group numbers. Songs and dances will be catered to the levels of the participants from beginner to advanced.

Join in the fun of our first production of "Trapped in the 80's"! No prior experience required.

Res Fee $330 – Fee $350
Location: Dole Center

ADULT PROGRAMS

Broadway Voices

Join this fun musical theatre singing experience for all levels, where we learn at least two musical ensemble numbers and enjoy a short showcase at the end of the session. **Ages 18+**

Winter: Tuesday, 7:00-7:55P, Jan 12 – Mar 2 (8 weeks)
Location: Field Center
Res Fee $128 – Fee $148



Improv for Adults

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

Fall (8 weeks):
Wednesday, 7:00-8:15P • Sep 23 – Nov 11
Location: Dole Center
Res Fee $20 – Fee $25

Winter (8 weeks):
Wednesday, 7:00-8:15P • Jan 13–Mar 3
Location: Field Center
Res Fee $20 – Fee $25

Supervisor: Erin Coffman

CIRCUS ARTS (Ages 5+)

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

Location: Carroll Center



CHEERLEADING (Ages 6–14)

Get ready to cheer and shine! This program builds confidence, teamwork, and spirit while preparing youth for competitive cheer.

Location: OPRF Fieldhouse



Intro to Circus & Beginner Gym Wheel

We've partnered with instructors from CirqueExperience to host an Intro to Circus class including the Gym Wheel, juggling, plate spinning, etc. The Gym Wheel is a large, circular metal frame in which gymnasts perform acrobatics and stunts. No matter your age or skill level, anyone can learn the amazing circus arts, which involve rolling, spinning, flips, balances, and handstands! **Ages 6+**
Location: Carroll Center

Fall Sep 26 – Nov 7 (6 weeks) *No class on 10/31*	
Winter **Jan 16 – Feb 20 (6 weeks)**	
Intro to Circus & Beginner Gym Wheel	
Day	Time
Sa	1:00 – 2:00P
FALL & WINTER: Res Fee $230 – Fee $250	

Oak Park Youth Cheerleading Association

We've partnered with Oak Park Cheerleading Association, providing youth with a better foundation and knowledge of competitive cheer and increasing their skills across jumps, motion tech, stunts, tumbling, and performance.
Location: OPRF Fieldhouse

Fall Sep 14 - Oct 26 (6 weeks)		
Youth Cheerleading		
Day	Time	Ages
M	7:00 – 8:00P	6 -10
M	7:00 – 8:00P	11 - 14
FALL & WINTER: Res Fee $140 – Fee $160		

Still have energy? Check out Gymnastics on pages 82-85.



Kids' Night Out at the GRC

**A Night Off for You.
A Night of Fun for Them.**

**4th Friday of Every Month
6:30 to 9:30P**

Caregivers, enjoy an evening to yourselves while the kids take over the Gymnastics & Recreation Center! They'll spend the evening running, tumbling, playing games, making new friends, and enjoying pizza in our entire gymnastics studio. You'll all look forward to an evening every month! Ages 6+
Res Fee/Fee: $40 per child

Kids will enjoy open gym fun, games and activities, and pizza with friends.

Caregivers will enjoy time together, dinner out, and a little peace and quiet

Scan the code to register!

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Lifelong Learning Membership

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Scholarships for Lifelong Learners

We want you to enjoy our Lifelong Learning programs.

Awards up to $300*
per individual household member.

Use towards Lifelong Learning Membership, Park District classes & more!

See application on pages 10-12 or scan QR code to apply online!

**Based on individual household income.*

Lifelong Learning Programs

Our Lifelong Learning programs are designed for adults 50 years and older and afford individuals the opportunity to explore, develop, or reignite their passions.

What We Offer

Programs are grouped in three categories: Arts & Crafts, General Recreation, and Health & Fitness. Choose from 50 or more activities monthly; day trips, clubs, and international travel are also part of the program too! Detailed program descriptions are included on the following pages 40-41.

When & Where

Most Lifelong Learning programs take place at Dole Center, 225 Augusta Blvd, Monday-Friday, 9:00A–3:00P. (Some programs are outside of Dole Center at RCRC, Stevenson.)

How

Purchase a Lifelong Learning Membership to access all our programming for FREE or a greatly reduced price. Not interested in a membership? No problem! All programs are available to non-members, at the full price listed in Amilia.



Interested in becoming an instructor or volunteer?

We are always looking for help at the Economy Shop and Dole Center.

Contact us at (708) 725-2715 or lifelonglearners@pdop.org.

Our Supportive Partner in Lifelong Learning

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

Lifelong Learning Membership

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What you'll enjoy with our membership...



A Vibrant Community



Staying Connected



Learning & Staying Active



Taking Part in Activities & Events

Ignite Your Curiosity | Become a Lifelong Learning Member

For Adults Age 50+ | Annual Membership: $75

Unlock a world of knowledge, discovery, and connection with a Lifelong Learning Membership!

BENEFITS:

- **Vibrant Community** of 500+ active adults (50+)
- **Stay Connected** with like-minded members who value wellness and fun
- **Enjoy Programs** that promote an active, healthy lifestyle
- **Learn** from inspiring guest speakers and immersive experiences
- **Take Part** in lively discussions, collaborative projects, and group trips

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

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

PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP:

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

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Three Historic Gems in one day!

Tours available Tuesday–Friday. Visit fopcon.org/tours to book your visit.



1 Oak Park Conservatory



2 Pleasant Home



3 Cheney Mansion

Lifelong Learning Programs

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Enjoy Weekly Programs with your membership.

Enjoy a variety of programs held throughout the week. One-day, monthly, and special events are regularly scheduled throughout the year.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Ceramics Knitting/Crochet Weaving OP Tai Chi Yoga Beginning Weaving Inkle Weaving	Quilting Sewing with Help Mahjong Basic Fitness Dancercise Mindful Movement Virtual Tech Class Weaving Stained Glass	Ceramics Painting and More Mahjong Documentaries Basic Fitness Stained Glass Inner Tai Chi



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Lapidary Stained Glass OP Weaving OP Films Basic Fitness Mat Pilates Mindful Movement Virtual Tech Class Beginning Sewing	Cardmaking Enameling Soldering Weaving OP Stained Glass OP Bridge, Scrabble Tai Chi Basic Fitness Line Dance	Basic Fitness 40+ Double Dutch *Build a schedule that works for you!*



Current Lifelong Learning Members

Welcome to a NEW SEASON of programming!

Scan the QR code or visit the Lifelong Learning tile in Amilia to register for Fall and Winter 2026-2027 programs. You must register for all programs and can do so online, in person, or by phone.

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



50 Years at Park District of Oak Park | See page 10 for details.

Lifelong Learning Programs

Supervisor: Megan Ulczak • Coordinators: Helen Schmucker and Nancy Wisti-Grayson

Registration is required before class to participate.

All classes take place at Dole Center unless otherwise noted. Classes take place every day as listed throughout the month, unless otherwise noted.

All classes are FREE for LLM unless otherwise specified.

Please check Amilia for registration requirements.



Arts & Crafts

Cardmaking

Join our experienced card maker in this monthly workshop to create seasonal greeting cards. These make wonderful gifts, frameable art, and of course, personal greetings to friends and family. A variety of techniques will be used, and two designs will be offered per class.

Knitting/Crochet/Needlecrafts

This class has a relaxed, cozy atmosphere, perfect for unwinding while learning new techniques. Enjoy a well-lit room, which is often accompanied by a fun conversation. Tables are arranged with various materials—threads, yarns, needles, embroidery hoops, fabric, and patterns—neatly organized for easy access.

Painting and More!

Join a group of creativity-seeking individuals in a light-filled studio for a morning of painting, learning new skills, or working on a piece in progress. Participants can bring their supplies or, for novices finding their medium, we have a variety of materials to explore during class. Individual attention is provided, but in a group setting. All skill levels are welcome!

Quilting

Start from scratch or bring a project you started but would like support to finish. Learn to cut fabric with the rotary cutter, learn how to sew on a sewing machine, make the quilt sandwich, and/or do the top quilting and binding. Or maybe you already know how to quilt but enjoy the company and lots of space to work? Either way, join us! All fabric and thread are provided.

Sewing with Help

Do you have a project you are working on and need help and guidance? Bring your project from home and get the advice you need. Sewing machines are available for use. This is not a pattern-making class, but pick one out with the instructor's help.

Intermediate & Advanced Stained Glass and Weaving

Continue your stained glass & weaving craft. Participants must have previous loom and stained-glass experience, and projects must be completed within the registered time. All rooms are cleared of materials before the beginning of a new session unless other arrangements are made. Students may wish to purchase their own materials. This class is session-based with four offerings a year.

Stained Glass and Weaving Open Studios

Do you need to finish pieces from other classes? Come on in and work on your pieces. This class has no instructor, so you must be comfortable working on your own.







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All classes are FREE for LLM unless otherwise specified.

Please check Amilia for registration requirements.

General Recreation

Mahjong

American Mahjong is a fun, engaging, and educational experience designed for players of all levels! Whether you're a beginner or looking to sharpen your skills, this program provides the perfect balance of instruction and hands-on play. Join us and immerse yourself in the rich tradition of Mahjong while having a great time! Whether you're playing for fun or looking to compete, this program will help you build confidence and skill in an enjoyable setting.

Bookworms Book Club

Looking for a good book and some good conversation with a group of your peers? Bookworms may be the best fit. The group meets once a month on a Thursday. Space is limited, so registration is required to join the discussion.

Films & Documentaries

Are you interested in learning about the world around you through documentaries and films? Join us for an educational and entertaining afternoon. Titles are listed on our registration software, Amilia (and may be subject to change). After the film, stay for a friendly critique and discussion. Feel free to bring some snacks.



Dole Bridge Club

Bridge has been the favorite card game of many notable Oak Park residents, including Elizabeth Cheney (of Cheney Mansion). Join your fellow Bridge enthusiasts for an afternoon of card etiquette and serious gameplay in a relaxing environment. No partner is needed.

Scrabble with Friends

Fridays are for FUN. Sign up to join a lovely group of friends for an afternoon of competition. Two to four players score points by placing tiles, each bearing a single letter, onto a game board divided into a 15×15 grid of squares. The tiles must form words that, in crossword fashion, read left to right in rows or downward in columns and are included in a standard dictionary or lexicon.

Health & Wellness

40+ Double Dutch

The 40+ Double Dutch Club was created in 2016 for women aged 40 and above who want an exciting, affordable way to tone, burn calories, and improve their physical and mental health while interacting with other women, reliving positive childhood memories, and creating new ones! We jump Double Dutch, Chinese rope, hopscotch, hula hoop, and play all the games we did on the playground growing up!

Absolute Beginners Tai Chi, Tai Chi Colleagues, Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention

Welcome to Tai Chi. Studies show Tai Chi can reduce falls and improve cognitive function. In this class, you'll learn the benefits of deliberate movement through breathing and slow motion that can help improve balance, stability, and flexibility. These classes are all one-day registrations, but we recommend signing up for multiple to learn the practice.

Dancercise

Have fun moving and grooving to those songs that simply make you want to jump out of your chair and move. After a brief warm-up, 40 minutes of heart-pumping dance to make your brain, heart, and body smile. A perfect mix of cardio fun on a weekday morning. No dance experience is required.

ProBono NETWORK Training Conference

Discover How Pro Bono Can Fit Into Your Life

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ART, CRAFTS & MORE

- Ceramics
- Enameling
- Lapidary
- Soldering
- Beginners Weaving
- Beginners Stained Glass
- Virtual Technology

FITNESS

- Basic Fitness
- Mat Pilates
- Yoga
- Line Dance
- Good Steps & Good People

Nature Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten

Supervisor: Pilar Martinez

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



2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR: Nature Preschool and Pre-K

Age-appropriate PLAY and a nurturing environment provide young children with opportunities to develop socially, emotionally, and cognitively through hands-on exploration, experimentation, and socialization. Our Nature Preschool and PreK classes will be combined this year, adding a nature-based learning component to our PreK curriculum while continuing the hands-on experiences families love. The Park District follows the School District 97 calendar. If the program is full, please sign up for the waitlist free of charge. For questions, contact Pilar Martinez, Program Supervisor at (708) 725-3135 or email Pilar.Martinez@pdop.org.

3 & 4 Year Olds

Nature Preschool

Nature is an amazing teacher when children engage in hands-on activities both inside and out. Multi-sensory, nature-based play experiences are the vehicle for individualized learning, problem-solving, and concept integration. Low teacher/child ratios promote social, emotional, and academic readiness.

4-5 Year Olds

Pre-Kindergarten

Teachers skillfully create child-specific, hands-on experiences that provide writing, math, and reading readiness skills. Social and academic opportunities are provided through independent, small, and large group work. Social skills, innovation, and problem-solving habits are fostered in a collaborative class culture, creating a strong foundation in learning.

What Parents are saying about our Preschool programs:

I love that it's a program rooted in our community and park district. It's diverse and accessible for all.

I think you offer a high-value, play-based preschool (my older daughter participated in preschool at Carroll Center for two years) at a very reasonable price.

I enjoy the mixture of outdoors and indoor play.

Registration 2027–2028 School Year

JAN 18 Priority Resident Registration • JAN 23 Oak Park Resident Registration • JAN 29 Non-Resident Registration

Program/Days	Ages	Dates	Time	Location	Monthly Fee
Nature Preschool: Mon/Wed/Fri	3–4	Sep 9 – May 28	8:30 – 11:30A	Carroll Center	Res Fee $351 – Fee $371
Nature Preschool: Tu/Th	3–4	Sep 8 – May 27	8:30 – 11:30A	Carroll Center	Res Fee $228 – Fee $248
Pre-Kindergarten: Mon–Fri	4–5	Sep 8 – May 28	8:30A – 12:00P	Carroll Center	Res Fee $526 – Fee $546

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***$100 non-refundable administration fee is due at the time of registration. If program is full, you may sign up for our waitlist free of charge.**

Supervisor: Pilar Martinez, unless otherwise noted

Tot Obstacle Course
Saturday, 11:30–12:15P
Sep 5 • Nov 7
Join us for gross motor fun with your toddler! Let them enjoy making big and small movements, bending, and being silly while having a blast.
Ages 3–5
Res Fee $26 – Fee $35
Location: Stevenson Center - Upper Level

All Aboard for Toddler Train Fun!
Saturday, Nov 7, 9:00–9:45A
Let your toddler explore, play, and build Thomas Trains and wooden tracks while making new friends!
Ages 2–5
Res Fee $22 – Fee $27
Location: Andersen Center

Let's Rock and Paint!
Saturday, Sep 26, 9:00–9:50A
Unleash your creativity and paint your very own colorful rocks! Join us for a fun-filled time of imagination, art, and endless possibilities! **Ages 2–5**
Res Fee $26 – Fee $35
Location: Carroll Center North

Mon-Yay Fundays
Mondays, 8:45–9:30A
Sept 14 • Sep 28 • Nov 9 • Dec 7
Yay! Mon-Yay Fundays will be filled with nonstop joy for little hearts. Children will have the opportunity to explore their creativity and engage in interactive activities centered around themes like fall leaves, hibernation, turkeys, pumpkins, and more.
Ages 2–3
Res Fee $30 – Fee $39
Location: Stevenson Indoor Playground

Kate Ogilvie Lactation Consulting

-10+ years IBCLC experience
-Prenatal and Postnatal Home and Virtual visits available
-Most visits covered by insurance



Schedule a consult:**Kolactation.com**

Programs marked with this icon are specifically designed for participation with both the child and caregiver.

Indoor Playground Playdate
Sundays, 8:30–9:30A
Sep 6 • Oct 4
Come along with your toddler and move around to music and gross motor play at the indoor playground. Have some coffee while they go and play.
Ages 12 months–36 months
Res Fee $15 – Fee $20
Location: Stevenson Indoor Playground

Intro to Fun Gymnastics: Tot Rock
Thursdays, 9:15–9:50A
Sep 3 • Sep 24 • Oct 1
Sing, dance, jump, and join the movement-filled fun! Give your child a chance to experience what a class feels like, with engaging routines that build positive habits while they play and learn.
Ages 18 months–24months
Res Fee $30 – Fee $39
Location: GRC

Messy Art for Tiny Hands
Wednesdays, 9:30–10:15A
Oct 14 • Nov 18 • Jan 13 • Feb 17 • Mar 17
Join us for toddler playtime and socialization! Embrace the chaos with messy crafts and let your toddler's creativity shine! **Ages 2–5**
Res Fee $25 – Fee $30
Location: Barrie South Room / Andersen Center: See Amilia

Canta, Pinta y Juega / Sing, Paint & Play: Español for Little Ones
Monday or Friday, 9:30–10:15A
Oct 5–16 • Nov 2–12
A joyful way for toddlers and parents to explore Spanish together through music and sensory focus.
Ages 2–5
Res Fee $25 – Fee $30
Locations: Steven Center (Mondays), Barrie Center (Fridays)

Monster Truck Mondays
Mondays, 10:00–11:30A
Sep 14 • Sep 28
Enroll now for Monster Truck Fun & Play! Let your little one explore the excitement of monster trucks as they race down ramps and tackle fun tracks.
Ages 2–5 years old
Res Fee $33 – Fee $42
Location: Stevenson Center Lower Level

Sweet Treats
Mondays, 1:00–2:15P
Nov 2 • Nov 9 • Nov 16
Join the hands-on fun with a sweet, sweet note – cookie decorating, ice cream making, and get that hot cocoa perfectly ready. **Ages 3–5**
Res Fee $72 – Fee $92
Location: Stevenson Center

PJs with the Grinch
Friday, Dec 18, 5:30–7:15P
Join the Grinch for a fun-filled, festive PJ party! Perfect for capturing holiday memories, enjoying the cheer, and making this season extra special. Don't miss out on the Grinch-approved fun! **Ages 2–5**
Res Fee $31 – Fee $40 (one caregiver + one child)
Location: Stevenson Center - Lower Level

New Year's Sparkle Party
Thursday, Dec 31, 10:30A–12:15P
Ring in the New Year with us at Stevenson's indoor playground! Crafts, dancing, balloon drops, apple juice toast, and lots of fun! **Ages 1–5**
Res Fee $24 – Fee $29 (one caregiver + one child)
Location: Stevenson Center Lower and Upper Level

Birdhouse Club
Wednesdays, 12:30–1:45P
Oct 7 • Nov 4 • Dec 2
Join our Birdhouse Club, where little ones can discover the wonderful world of birds! Children will learn all about their feathered friends while decorating their own birdhouse, creating fun birdseed crafts, and even painting with feathers. It's a hands-on, creative adventure you won't want to miss! Never too early to introduce the relationship between birds and plants. **Ages 2–4**
Res Fee $72 – Fee $92
Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Scan the code to register for programs.

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Enrichment Programs

Supervisor: Pilar Martinez, unless otherwise noted

Let's Play Together: Silly Block Party Games Come Alive!

Sundays, 12:30–1:45P
Oct 4 • Nov 15 • Dec 6

Come join the fun and embrace the silliness! Be as competitive as you'd like. It's a wonderful chance to let your child see just how playful you can be as you laugh, play, and enjoy these games together. Races to tag, crawling faster or having to jump to get those laughs in. **Ages 2–5**
Res Fee $50 – Fee $67
Location: CRC Community Rooms

Oury the Mini Ball Python

Thursday, Oct 1, 11:00A–12;00P

Meet Oury, our friendly mini python! Come discover the fascinating world of snakes, explore the habitats they call home, and you might even meet her up close and learn how she eats! **Ages 2–4**
Res $30 – Fee $39
Location: Austin Gardens

Adult and Me Nature Walks

Sundays, 8:30–9:30A

Explore the outdoors with your little one! Each month we'll explore a different topic and learn up close. Location varies. **Ages 2–5**
Res Fee $16 – Fee $21

- **Sep 6:** Itty Bitty Birders (Taylor Park)
- **Oct 11:** Autumn Leaf Adventure (Lindberg Park)

Totally Messy Thursdays

Thursdays, 1:00–2:00P
Oct 8 • Nov 12 • Dec 10

Drop off your child for an exciting afternoon filled with messy, colorful fun! During this hands-on session, kids will explore painting with brushes, sponges, and even their fingers. Mix colors to see how new shades are created and chat about primary and secondary colors in a fun, age-appropriate way. They'll dive into sensory play with different textures, enjoy a short color-themed story or song, and fully immerse themselves in creative expression.
Ages 3–5
Res Fee $29 – Fee $38
Location: CRC - Multipurpose Room



Adventures in Discovery: A Passport for Little Learners

Saturdays, 9:15–10:00A
Sep 12 • Nov 7 • Jan 10 • Jan 9 • Mar 6

Give your little one a joyful start with our mini fun class. From hands-on crafts to playful games, your toddler will learn, explore, and grow in a safe, nurturing environment. You bring the smiles, we'll take care of the rest! **Ages 2–5**
Res Fee $23 – Fee $28
Location: Carroll North Room

DIY Tortilla-Making for Kids

Sunday, Nov 1, 10:15–11:15A

Kids get hands-on making and tasting their own tortillas, sparking creativity and confidence in the kitchen! **Ages 2–4**
Res Fee $32 – Fee $41
Location: Barrie Center

School's Out: Preschool Edition

Monday–Friday, 8:30–11:45A
Sep 21 • Oct 12 • Nov 3 • Nov 25• Dec 21, 22, 23 • Dec 28, 29, 30

Join us on select District 97 days off for a day of games and discovery! Each day features a different theme. Dress for mess (indoors & outdoor).
Ages 3–5
Res Fee $31 – Fee $40
Location: Carroll Center North Room

School's Out: Preschool Edition

Monday–Friday, 8:30–11:45A
Jan 1 • Jan18 • Feb 15 • Mar 1 • Mar 26• Mar 29, 30, 31

Join us on select District 97 days off for a day of games and discovery! Each day features a different theme. Dress for mess (indoors & outdoors). **Ages 3–5**
Res Fee $30 - Fee $39
Location: Carroll Center North Room

Bake, Decorate, and Celebrate!

Sunday, Dec 6, 11:30A–1:00P

Bake, decorate cookies, sing, dance, and spread holiday cheer! **Ages 2–5**
Rest Fee $30 – Fee $39
Location: Andersen Center

Monster Munch Pizza Party

Friday, Oct 16, 5:30–7:30P

Get ready for a monster-sized blast with pizza, tasty treats, and tons of fun! **Ages 2–6**
Rest Fee $30 – Fee $39
Location: Carroll Center North Room

Slice, Dice, and Eat!

Saturday, 9:00–9:50A
Nov 21 • Dec 19 • Feb 6

A fun session where your toddler can cut real veggies under supervision. It's a great way to boost motor skills and inspire a love for cooking! **Ages 2–5**
Res Fee $28 – Fee $37
Location: Andersen Center

Scan the code to register for programs.

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Supervisor: Pilar Martinez, unless otherwise noted



Early Childhood NATURE CLASSES

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Sep 15–29 • Oct 6–22 • Nov 3–19 • Dec 1–15 • Jan 5–21 • Feb 2–18 • Mar 2–18
Location: Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center

Busy Bees and Butterflies

9:00–10:30A

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

Ages 15 months–3 years old
Res Fee $107 – Fee $127

Toddler Mix & Play Fun!

11:00–11:45A

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

Ages 2–4 years
Res Fee $71 – Fee $91



DIY Sensory Bins

1:00–1:45P

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

Ages 24–48 months
Res Fee $71 – Fee $91

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS at the Oak Park Conservatory

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



For Ages 18mos–5yrs

Registration is required for all.
Register online at oakparkconservatory.org

Toddler Exploration Time

Fridays, 9:30–10:15A & 10:30–11:15A

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

Sep 18: Harvest
Oct 16: Fall Fun
Nov 20: BRRR!
Jan 15: In the Desert
Feb 19: What's Hatching
Mar 19: Branches & Buds

Story Time at The Conservatory

Wednesdays, 10:00–10:30A

Every week, children and their caregivers enjoy nature-themed stories, songs, and puppets led by our Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory volunteers. Throughout the month, we offer two new formats of the Story Time program:

- On the first Wednesday of the month, children are introduced to a new language through Bilingual (English and Spanish) Story Time.
- The second Wednesday of the month is Musical Story Time, featuring stories along with music led by a trio from the Oak Park Farmers Market Band.

All children must register to attend Story Time.

Dance

Supervisor: Erin Coffman

Early Childhood Dance

To Register, see Early Childhood tile in Amilia.

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

See chart for specific locations.

Fall Session: Sep 12 – Dec 10

- Thanksgiving Break, Nov 23 – Nov 29

Winter Session: Jan 9 – Mar 22



The Nutcracker

Saturday, Dec 12
Fenwick High School

Students enrolled in any Fall Youth Dance session participate in PDOP's production of the Nutcracker.

If your student cannot participate in the performance, please contact Erin.Coffman@pdop.org for a costume refund.

Caregiver & Tot Creative Movement

A fun and engaging class where parents and toddlers explore movement, music, and imagination together through playful dance activities.

Itty Bitty Ballet

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

Tiny Tappers

Dancers will explore rhythm, sound, and movement as they learn to listen, tap, and move to the beat in a fun and musical way.

Mini Dance & Tumbling

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

Fall
Sep 12 – Dec 10 (12 weeks)

Caregiver + Tot Creative Movement		
Day	Time	Ages
F	11:00 – 11:40A G	2–3

Itty Bitty Ballet		
Day	Time	Ages
M	5:00 – 5:40P G	2–3
Sa	8:00 – 8:40A G	2–3
	9:00 – 9:40A R	2–3
	9:00 – 9:40A C	2–3

Tiny Tappers		
Day	Time	Ages
Sa	10:00 – 10:40A G	2–3

Mini Dance & Tumbling		
Day	Time	Ages
Tu	4:00 – 4:40P G	2–3
Sa	10:00 – 10:40A R	2–3
	10:00 – 10:40A C	2–3

G = GRC R = Ridgeland Common C = CRC

FALL: Res Fee $228 – Fee $248

Fee includes recital costume for the Nutcracker.

Winter
Jan 9 – Mar 22 (10 weeks)

Caregiver + Tot Creative Movement		
Day	Time	Ages
F	11:00 – 11:40A G	2–3

Itty Bitty Ballet		
Day	Time	Ages
M	5:00 – 5:40P G	2–3
Sa	8:00 – 8:40A F	2–3
	9:00 – 9:40A F	2–3
	9:00 – 9:40A G	2–3

Tiny Tappers		
Day	Time	Ages
Sa	10:00 – 10:40A G	2–3

Mini Dance & Tumbling		
Day	Time	Ages
Tu	4:00 – 4:40P G	2–3
Sa	10:00 – 10:40A F	2–3
	10:00 – 10:40A G	2–3

G = GRC F = Field Center

WINTER: Res Fee $140 – Fee $160

Find more Dance Classes on pages 32–33.

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

Disney Jamz Jazz
This awesome duo class will combine the energy and great tunes of Disney Jamz Jazz with the footwork and fun of Tap.

Twinkle Toes Tap
Enjoy a popular, fun and energetic form of dance to all of your favorite tunes. Dancers will be training their musical ear as well as their feet using rhythm, syncopation, and sound in addition to movement.

Fall
Sep 12 – Dec 10 (12 weeks)

Pre–Ballet

Day	Time	Ages
M	4:00 – 4:40P G	4–5
Th	4:00 – 4:40P G	4–5
Sa	9:00 – 9:40A G	4–5
	11:00 – 11:40A R	4–5

Disney Jamz Jazz

Day	Time	Ages
Th	5:00 – 5:40P G	4–5

Twinkle Toes Tap

Day	Time	Ages
Sa	11:00 – 11:40A G	4–5

Combination Classes (Ages 4–5)

Day	Time	Class
Sa	11:00 – 11:40A C	Hip Hop & Tumbling
Tu	5:00 – 5:40P G	Dance & Tumbling

G = GRC R = Ridgeland Common
C = CRC

FALL: Res Fee $228 – Fee $248

Fee includes recital costume for the Nutcracker.

Combination Classes

Hip Hop & Tumbling
An energetic fusion of hip hop grooves and tumbling tricks, this high-energy class keeps kids moving, flipping, and having a blast!

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



Winter
Jan 9 – Mar 22 (10 weeks)

Pre–Ballet

Day	Time	Ages
M	4:00 – 4:40P G	4–5
Th	4:00 – 4:40P G	4–5
Sa	9:00 – 9:40A G	4–5
	11:00 – 11:40A F	4–5

Disney Jamz Jazz

Day	Time	Ages
Th	5:00 – 5:40P G	4–5

Twinkle Toes Tap

Day	Time	Ages
Sa	11:00 – 11:40A G	4–5

Combination Classes (Ages 4–5)

Day	Time	Class
Sa	11:00 – 11:40A F	Hip Hop & Tumbling
Tu	5:00 – 5:40P G	Dance & Tumbling

G = GRC F = Field Center

WINTER: Res Fee $140 – Fee $160

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

Fall
Sep 12 – Dec 10 (12 weeks)

Mini Musicals (Ages 4–6)

Day	Time	Musical
M	4:00 – 4:45P D	Beauty and the Beast
Sa	1:00 – 1:45P D	Winnie the Pooh

D = Dole Center

FALL: Res Fee $168 – Fee $188

Winter
Jan 9 – Mar 22 (10 weeks)

Mini Musicals (Ages 4–6)

Day	Time	Musical
M	5:30 – 6:15P F	Frozen
Sa	1:00 – 1:45P F	101 Dalmations

F = Field Center

WINTER: Res Fee $140 – Fee $160



Early Childhood Sports

To Register, see Early Childhood tile in Amilia.

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



Youth Soccer League

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

Ages 3–6

Res Fee $116 – Fee $136

Outdoor Soccer League (Ages 3–6)

Fall

Sa, 9:00A – 3:00P Sep 12 – Oct 17

Location: Lindberg Park

Indoor Soccer League (Ages 3–6)

Winter

Sa, 9:00A – 3:00P Jan 16 – Feb 20

Location: CRC

Find Youth Sports for ages 6+
on pages 69–73.

Ready, Set, Dash!
A 50-yard dash for our littlest runners!
Lil Runners
See the individual age categories on page 10.



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- **Tumble & Flip** at the GRC
- **Explore & Discover** Nature at the Conservatory
- **Glide & Spin** at the Ice Rink
- **Play & Climb** at Cubhouse Indoor Playground
- **Splish & Splash** at the Pool

We'll handle the details, you enjoy the smiles.

Supervisor: Keith Kerrigan

Preschool Gymnastics

To Register, see Early Childhood tile in Amilia.

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

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



Session Dates

FALL 1: Aug 24–Oct 18
FALL 2: Oct 19–Dec 20
No class Sep 7, Nov 25–29

- **Resident Registration opens:** Saturday, Aug 1 at 8:30A
- **Non-Resident Registration opens:** Saturday, Aug 8 at 8:30A

WINTER: Jan 4–Mar 28
No class Jan 18

- **Resident Registration opens:** Saturday, Dec 5 at 8:30A
- **Non-Resident Registration opens:** Saturday, Dec 12 at 8:30A

Enjoy Preschool Playtime at the GRC!
See page 82.

NOTE: To enroll, students must be the indicated age by November 1, 2026 (Fall Sessions) or January 10, 2027 (Winter Session).

Gym Tots (2–3 yrs)

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

Gym Kids 1 (3½–4 yrs)

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

Gym Kids 2 (4½–5 yrs)

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

Gym Kids 3 (3½–5 yrs)

(Invitation only class)

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

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

Fall 1
Aug 24 – Oct 18 (7–8 weeks)
Fall 2
Oct 19 – Dec 20 (8–9 weeks)
Winter
Jan 4 – Mar 28 (11–12 weeks)

Gym Tots (Ages 2–3)

Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	9:00 – 9:45A	Sa	8:00 – 8:45A
W	9:00 – 9:45A	Su	8:30 – 9:15A
F	10:00 – 10:45A		9:30 – 10:15A

Gym Kids 1 (Ages 3.5–4)

Day	Time	Day	Time
M	1:45 – 2:30P	F	9:00 – 9:45A
	3:30 – 4:15P		11:00 – 11:45A
	5:30 – 6:15P		4:30 – 5:15P
Tu	1:30 – 2:15P		5:30 – 6:15P
	3:30 – 4:15P	Sa	9:00 – 9:45A
	4:30 – 5:15P		10:00 – 10:45A
W	3:15 – 4:00P	Su	9:15 – 10:00A
	4:30 – 5:15P		10:15 – 11:00A
Th	3:30 – 4:15P		
	4:30 – 5:15P		

FALL 1: Res Fee $99 – Fee $119
FALL 2: Res Fee $112 – Fee $132
WINTER: Res Fee $149 – Fee $169

Fall 1
Aug 24 – Oct 18 (7–8 weeks)
Fall 2
Oct 19 – Dec 20 (8–9 weeks)
Winter
Jan 4 – Mar 28 (11–12 weeks)

Gym Kids 2 (Ages 4.5–5)

Day	Time	Day	Time
M	12:30 – 1:30P	Th	3:30 – 4:30P
	3:30 – 4:30P		4:30 – 5:30P
	4:30 – 5:30P		5:30 – 6:30P
Tu	3:30 – 4:30P	F	4:30 – 5:30P
	4:30 – 5:30P		5:30 – 6:30P
	5:30 – 6:30P	Sa	10:00 – 11:00A
W	12:30 – 1:30P		11:00A – 12:00P
	3:15 – 4:15P	Su	10:15 – 11:15A
	4:30 – 5:30P		

Gym Kids 3 (Ages 3.5–5)

Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	5:30 – 6:30P	Sa	9:00 – 10:00A
Th	5:30 – 6:30P		

FALL 1: Res Fee $130 – Fee $150
FALL 2: Res Fee $147 – Fee $167
WINTER: Res Fee $196 – Fee $216

Swim School

Supervisor: Josh Gronwold • Coordinator: Cameron Bayer

Swimming Program

To Register, see Early Childhood tile in Amilia.

Introduce your little one to the water with swim lessons for ages 3 months to 5 years. Children are grouped by age and ability, and our experienced coaches ensure they're placed in the right stage based on swimming and safety skills.



StarTots

This class is designed to foster comfort in the water while training caregivers in water safety and drowning prevention. Swimmers learn mobility in the water, confidence, and independence. StarTots must be accompanied in-water by a caregiver for their lessons. **Ages 3-36 months**

Swim School

Swim School is divided into five stages reflecting the five core competencies of functional swimming: trust and submersion, body position and air recovery, forward movement and direction change, rotary movement, and integrated movements.

This course will develop a high comfort level in the water and teach functional swimming skills. Students will work within their skill groups to develop their skills using age-appropriate learning activities. Learning is self-paced but challenging. Students register by age and are tested on their skills during the first day of class. **Ages 3-5**

Youth Swimming for ages 6+, see page 80.

Fall 1
Sep 13 – Oct 25 (6 weeks)
No class 10/18

Fall 2
Nov 8 – Dec 20 (6 weeks) No class 11/29

Winter 1
Jan 10 – Feb 28 (8 weeks)

Winter 2
Mar 7 – Apr 25 (6 weeks)
No class 3/28, 4/4

Star Tots
(Ages 3 months – 5 years)

Day	Time	Location
Su	10:15 – 10:45A	Local High School

Swim School
(Ages 3–5)

Day	Time	Location
	9:10 – 9:40A	Local High School
	9:45 – 10:15A	
	10:20 – 10:50A	
	11:00 – 11:30A	
	11:35A – 12:15P	

FALL 1 & 2: Res Fee $70 – Fee $90
WINTER 1: Res Fee $100 – Fee $120
WINTER 2: Res Fee $70 – Fee $90

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

Welcome to our Friendly, Forest-themed **Cubhouse**

An Indoor Playground at Stevenson Center





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

Admission:
$13/Child at the Door

Season Pass:
$75 (+$22 per additional Child)

For Kids 8 M - 5 Yrs

49 Lake Street, Oak Park | Oct 1, 2026 - Apr 17, 2027 | Tues - Sat, 9:00A - 2:00P

Learn to Skate & Hockey

Figure Skating Supervisor: Brigid Guerin | Hockey Program Supervisor: Mike Baiardo

Learn to Skate & Hockey

To Register, see Early Childhood tile in Amilia.

Discover the joy of skating! Our Pre-School Learn to Skate and Hockey classes help young skaters build confidence, coordination, and fun on the ice in a safe, supportive, and engaging environment.





Caregiver and Tot

In this class, your tot will learn to sit and stand up with skates on/off-ice, march in place, march forward, and more with their caregiver on the ice to help ease the transition. **Ages 2–5**

Learn to Skate – Snowplow 1

If your child is new to skating, this is the place to start! Based on the established Snowplow curriculum, our instructors teach your tot to skate in a fun, play-focused environment. **Ages 3–5**

Prerequisite: Children should be able to follow instruction and have a desire to learn to ice skate.

Learn to Skate – Snowplow 2

This course builds on skills learned in Snowplow 1 and progresses your tot toward competence of basic skating skills in a fun, play-oriented environment. **Ages 3–5**

Prerequisites: Learn to Skate- Snowplow Sam 1.

Learn to Skate – Snowplow 3

This course builds on skills learned in Snowplow 2 and progresses your tot toward competence of basic skating skills in a fun, play-oriented environment. **Ages 3–5**

Prerequisites: Learn to Skate-Snowplow Sam 2

Ice Cubs Hockey

For the aspiring young hockey player who has already mastered the skating skills taught in Learn to Skate 1 & 2. Your child will learn the fundamental hockey of skating and stick skills. This class engages youth players with mini-games, races, and activities. **Ages 4–6**

Prerequisites: Learn to Skate 1 & 2

Fall 1
Sep 8 – Oct 17 (6 weeks)

Fall 2
Oct 20 – Dec 12 (7 weeks)
No class 11/26, 11/28, 11/30

Winter
Jan 5 – Feb 27 (8 weeks)

Caregiver and Tot			
Day	Time	Day	Time
Th	5:50 – 6:20P	Sa	11:55A – 12:25P

Learn to Skate – Snowplow 1			
Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	4:50 – 5:20P	Sa	11:55A – 12:25P
Th	4:30 – 5:00P	Sa	1:20 – 1:50P

Learn to Skate – Snowplow 2			
Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	4:50 – 5:20P	Sa	11:55A – 12:25P
Th	4:30 – 5:00P	Sa	1:20 – 1:50P

Learn to Skate – Snowplow 3			
Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	4:50 – 5:20P	Sa	1:20 – 1:50P
Th	4:30 – 5:00P		

Fall 1: Res Fee $88 – Fee $108
Fall 2: Res Fee $106 – Fee $126
Winter: Res Fee $124 – Fee $144

Fall 1
Sep 9 – Oct 25 (*6/7 weeks)
No class 10/18

Fall 2
Oct 28 – Dec 9 (5 weeks)
No class 11/25, 11/29

Winter
Jan 6 – Feb 28 (8 weeks)

Ice Cubs			
Day	Time	Day	Time
W	5:45 – 6:30P	*Su	8:30 – 9:15A

Fall 1: Res Fee $106 – Fee $126
Fall 2: Res Fee $70 – Fee $90
Winter: Res Fee $124 – Fee $144

No Gear? NO PROBLEM!



We offer FREE equipment rentals if you are enrolled in one of our Hockey Academy classes.

Contact hockey@pdop.org to schedule a fitting which must be done prior to the first day of class.

Free skate rentals are included in all classes.

Ice Show | 2027

Be Part of the skating magic March 19-21!

Any young skater enrolled in a winter skating program can enjoy the opportunity to perform in our annual professionally produced ice show! All are welcome and encouraged to participate – from beginners to experienced skaters.

Skaters must register by January 31.

TEEN TRIPS

Transportation provided to and from location. Ages 10–15.

Jump into the School Year!

Monday, Aug 17, 10:30A–2:30P

Kick off the school year with a high-flying adventure at Altitude Trampoline Park in Lombard! Take a break from homework and leap into fun with trampolines, extreme dodgeball, foam pits, and obstacle courses. It's the perfect way to bounce into a fun year ahead!

Res Fee $68 – Fee $88

Location: Meet at Barrie Center

Indoor Go-Kart Racing!

Tuesday, Aug 18, 10:00A–2:30P

Join us for a trip to Andretti Indoor Karting and Games in Schaumburg. Get ready to experience the exhilaration of electric go-karting, arcade games, VR experiences, and laser tag!

Res Fee $82 – Fee $102

Location: Meet at Barrie Center



Jonamac Orchard

Saturday, Sep 26, 9:00A–4:00P

Join us for a fun-filled trip to Jonamac Orchard in Malta, IL! Options to explore: The corn maze, picking fresh apples, feeding the barn animals, paintball, and shooting the apple cannons. We will also relax and sip on delicious cider, while enjoying fall treats like donuts and caramel apples. Whether you are up for an adventure or just want to take in the crisp autumn air, this is the perfect seasonal getaway for teens!

Res Fee $70 – Fee $90

Location: Meet at Longfellow Center



Face Your Fears at Disturbia

Saturday, Oct 17, 6:00–10:00P

Get ready for a night of thrills and chills at Disturbia Haunted House in Downers Grove! Step into a world of terrifying twists, eerie encounters, and heart-pounding scares as you navigate one of the most intense haunted houses around. Do you dare to enter? Brace yourself for a scream-worthy adventure!

Res Fee $50 – Fee $67

Location: Meet at Longfellow Center

Haunted Trails Trip

Saturday, Oct 24, 6:00–10:00P

Join us for a trip to Haunted Trails Family Entertainment Center in Burbank! We will have the options to ride go-karts, maneuver through a laser maze, and play arcade games. Pizza and soda are included!

Res Fee $60 – Fee $77

Location: Meet at Longfellow Center

Great Big Game Show!

Saturday, Jan 23, 6:00–10:00P

Step into the spotlight at The Great Big Game Show in Oak Brook! Compete in fast-paced, interactive games inspired by classic TV game shows – test your trivia skills and win bragging rights. With lights, buzzers, and tons of excitement, this high-energy experience is fun, friendly competition!

Res Fee $75 – Fee $95

Location: Meet at Longfellow Center

In the Game – Hollywood Park

Saturday, Mar 27, 7:00–9:30P

Get ready for an epic adventure at In the Game – Hollywood Park experience! Join us for a thrill-packed trip where you and your friends can challenge each other in arcade games, race to victory on the go-kart track, go pin-for-pin in a bowling game, and test your skills in mini golf!

Res Fee $65 – Fee $82

Location: Meet at Longfellow Center

PROGRAMS

Safe Sitter Essentials

Saturdays, 9:30A-3:00P

Sep 19 • Oct 17 • Nov 14 • Dec 19 • Jan 16 • Feb 20 • Mar 20

Safe Sitter prepares students to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. Students learn life-saving skills such as how to rescue someone who is choking, and helpful information like what to do if there is severe weather. The lessons are filled with fun activities and role-playing exercises. Safe Sitter course content includes safety skills, childcare skills, and life/business skills. Pizza lunch and juice will be provided. **Ages 11-15**

Res Fee $100 - Fee $120

Location: Fox Center

Fantasy Days: Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays, 12:00-3:00P

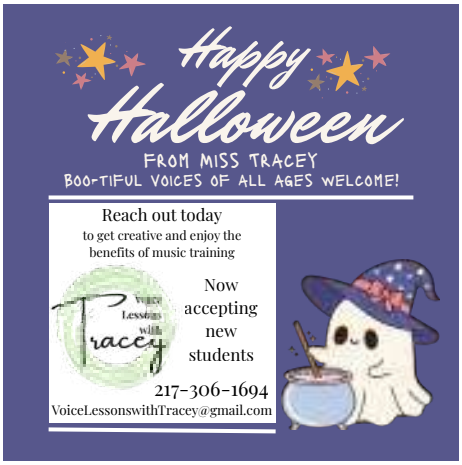
Oct 3 • Dec 5 • Feb 6 • Apr 3

One-shot Dungeons & Dragons-style adventure for beginners! Character sheets, snacks, and storytelling fun. Bring your friends and meet new people to begin campaigns with.

Ages 10-15

Res Fee $30 - Fee $39

Location: Longfellow Center



Youth Special Interest programs on pages 54-58.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Matcha Workshop
Saturday, Sep 12, 11:30A–1:30P
Learn more about the popular internet drinks in our one-day matcha workshop. We bring the ingredients and supplies; you bring the great ideas! In this workshop, we will whisk up matcha, make fresh syrups, mix cold foam, and experiment with new flavors. Bring home your caffeinated creations to share with your friends and family! **Ages 11–15**
Res Fee $45 – Fee $58
Location: Fox Center

Friday Nights at the CRC
Friday, 7:00–8:30P
Oct 2 • Nov 6
Middle school students are invited to join the fun at the CRC on a Friday night! Enjoy an evening filled with basketball, esports, board games, and selected arts and crafts. Pizza will be served, so grab a slice! Bring your friends and make new ones while hanging out in a safe, welcoming environment. **Ages 11–13**
Res Fee $10 – Fee $13
Location: CRC

Scavenger HAUNT
Friday, Oct 16, 7:30–9:30P
Join us in a park district tradition – a puzzle and scavenger hunt designed to keep players on their toes while they search for answers all over Austin Gardens. Players will be provided with a flashlight, and there will be prizes and candy. **Ages 11–15**
Res Fee $30 – Fee $39
Location: Austin Gardens

DIY Blanket and Movie Nite
Friday, December 18, 7:30– 9:30P
Kick-off winter break with a cozy night in. We will make a no-sew fleece blanket for you to take home, hot cocoa with all the toppings you can imagine, and watch a movie to end the evening. Bring your friends, your favorite stuffie, and most comfortable pajamas!
Ages 11–15
Res Fee $40 – Fee $53
Location: Barrie Center

International Snack Taste-Off
Saturday, Feb 6, 7:00–9:30P
Come join us for an afternoon of tasting various international snacks and candies. Guess the flavor profiles and the origins of the food you are eating.
Ages 11–15
Res Fee $32 – Fee $41
Location: Fox Center

Tie Dye Day
Saturday, Mar 6, 11:30A–1:30P
Who says that tie dying is just for summer camp? Bring your old white clothing and give it a new life! We will have dyes of all colors and step-by-step guides to doing different tie dying techniques. We will also provide shirts and canvas bags. Let's get creative!
Ages 10–15
Res Fee $45 – Fee $58
Location: Barrie Center

Glow-in-the-Dark Dodgeball
Friday, Mar 19, 7:30–9:30P
3...2...1...Go! Come one come all to the ultimate dodgeball game. Come alone or with a group of friends for a fun evening of glow-in-the-dark dodgeball! **Ages 10–15**
Res Fee $32 – Fee $41
Location: Carroll Center



Teen Night at the Rink
Forgotten Island Edition

Friday, September 11
7:30–9:30P
Grab a friend and hit the ice for a movie-inspired night of fun at the ice rink just for teens! Skate to music from Forgotten Island along with some of teen's favorite music; fuel up with pizza, and catch up with friends. Don't miss the coolest night on ice!
Ages 11–14
Preregistration:
$15 or $20 at the door,
skates included

Scan QR code to register.
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CRC YOUTH AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Register by scanning the code below:

Access the CRC amenities and activities every school day from 3:00–6:00P for the 2026–2027 school year.

- **Open Play** in the gymnasium and Esports Lounge
- **Health & Wellness** workshops
- **Arts & Crafts** sessions
- **Sports Tournaments** & more!

Questions? Contact Jerome.Bailey@pdop.org

AFTERSCHOOL

Esports Lounge Activities at CRC

Supervisor: Abby Meachum | Coordinator: Keni Roman

ONE-DAY WORKSHOPS

Minecraft Build Challenge
Friday, 12:00–2:30P, 6:30–8:00P
Oct 23 • Dec 18 • Feb 19
Work together to design and construct creative worlds in Minecraft. Each session features a themed challenge such as building a dream home, theme park, or futuristic city. **Ages 8+**
Res Fee $32 – Fee $41

Game Design Studio
Friday, 6:30–8:00P
Sep 18 • Nov 13 • Jan 15
Collaborate to create your own simple video game using beginner-friendly coding tools like Scratch, JavaScript, and Roblox Studio. Create characters, develop rules, and test gameplay together while learning the basics of game development. **Ages 7+**
Res Fee $32 – Fee $41

Multiplayer Arena Games Lab
Friday, 6:30–8:00P
Aug 28 • Oct 9 • Jan 29
Participants explore team-based gameplay through League of Legends, Marvel Rivals, and Overwatch. Jump into guided matches while learning character roles, abilities, and strategies that make multiplayer arena games exciting and dynamic. **Ages 11+**
Res Fee $32 – Fee $41



SERIES CLASSES

Scratch Jr Coding
Tuesdays, 6:30–7:30P
Oct 6–Nov 24 • Jan 5–Feb 23
Explore the basics of coding by designing characters, stories, and animations. By piecing together simple coding commands, learn to develop foundational skills such as sequencing, problem-solving, and logical thinking. **Ages 5–8**
Res Fee $242 – Fee $262

Roblox Game Design
Tuesdays, 7:30–8:30P
Oct 6–Nov 24 • Jan 5–Feb 23
Create and code a first Roblox experience by building a 3D obstacle course and adding interactive elements like color-changing blocks. Learn beginner coding concepts such as variables and loops while designing and playtesting a fun, engaging game. **Ages 10–17**
Res Fee $242 – Fee $262

Code & Play
Thursdays, 6:30–7:30P
Oct 8–Dec 3 • Jan 7–Feb 25
Explore the fun world of interactive programming using p5.js, a beginner-friendly JavaScript library for creative coding. Design playful animations, build interactive experiences, and bring your digital ideas to life! This program introduces the fundamentals of coding in an exciting and engaging way, encouraging experimentation and creativity through hands-on projects. **Ages 10–17**
Res Fee $242 – Fee $262



Minecraft Coding
Thursdays, 7:30–8:30P
Oct 8–Dec 3 • Jan 7–Feb 25
Navigate creative challenges and puzzles while learning problem-solving, logic, and debugging skills. Each session is designed to be fun, engaging, and beginner-friendly, providing a supportive environment to explore coding in Minecraft.
Ages 9–14
Res Fee $242 – Fee $262

Computer Literacy
Saturdays, 3:15–4:15P
Aug 29–Sep 19 • Jan 23–Mar 13
Explore basic skills such as navigating files and folders, typing, internet safety, and using common programs. This program builds confidence and independence with technology, giving participants the foundation they need to succeed in school, gaming, and everyday life. **Ages 7–14**
Res Fee $242 – Fee $262



Esports Lounge Activities at CRC

Supervisor: Abby Meachum | Coordinator: Keni Roman

SPECIAL EVENT

Minecraft Pixel Art
Friday, 12:00–2:30P
Sep 18 • Oct 16 • Nov 20 • Dec 11 • Jan 15 • Feb 12
Design and build Minecraft-inspired pixel art using colorful Perler beads. Learn the basics of pixel design, color patterns, and planning as you recreate characters, items, and original creations on one bead at a time. **Ages 5+**
Res Fee $32 – Fee $41

Roblox Rockstars
Fridays, 6:30–8:00P
Nov 6 • Jan 8 • Feb 12
Join us for a day of endless imagination, creativity, and fun in the virtual world of Roblox. Create your own games, customize your avatar, and explore a universe filled with millions of games created by players just like you. **Ages 7–14**
Res Fee $32 – Fee $41

Minecraft Masters
Saturdays, 4:15–6:15P
Sep 19 • Oct 17 • Nov 21 • Dec 19 • Jan 16 • Feb 20
Explore, build, and quest with friends, whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game. With mini-games, challenges, and friendly competitions, this event promises fun for all! **Ages 7–14**
Res Fee $32 – Fee $41

Among Us Detectives
Saturdays, 4:15–6:15P
Sep 26 • Oct 10 • Dec 12 • Feb 27
Gather your crewmates and prepare an evening of mystery, strategy, and suspense as you work together to uncover impostors lurking among you.
Ages 7–14
Res Fee $32 – Fee $41

Rocket League Pick-Up Play
Fridays, 6:30–8:00P
Sep 11 • Oct 16 • Jan 22
Jump into casual matches featuring fast goals, wild saves, and nonstop gameplay as teams rotate throughout the session. **Ages 7+**
Res Fee $32 – Fee $41

TOURNAMENT/LEAGUES

Mario Kart Tournament
Friday, 6:30–8:00P
Oct 30 • Feb 19
Players compete across a variety of tracks filled with twists, turns, and power-ups as they battle for the top spot. Participants rotate through races, earn points, and experience the fast-paced fun of friendly competition in a high-energy tournament designed for all skill levels. **Ages 9–14**
Res Fee $32 – Fee $41

Fortnite Tournament
Friday, 6:30–8:00P
Oct 23 • Feb 26
Play through multiple rounds, earn points for placement and eliminations, and see who comes out on top. **Ages 9+**
Res Fee $32 – Fee $41

NBA2k Tournament
Friday, Mar 19, 6:30–8:00P
Hit the court and show off your skills in our fast-paced NBA 2K Tournament! Compete in friendly matchups against other players, test your strategy, and see who can rise to the top of the leaderboard.
Ages 9+
Res Fee $32 – Fee $41

Smash Bros Meet Up
Friday, 6:30–8:00P
Sep 4 • Nov 20 • Feb 5
Go head-to-head with local players in exciting matches. Learn new techniques, test your reflexes, and climb the leaderboard as you fight for glory.
Age 9+
Res Fee $32 – Fee $41



Friday Nights at the CRC

Your Friday Plans Are Here!

Friday, 7:00–8:30P | Oct 2 & Nov 6

Middle schoolers, grab your friends and head to the CRC for a night packed with fun! Make new friends, hang out with old ones, and enjoy a fun Friday night in a safe, welcoming environment.

Ages 11–13

Basketball | Esports | Pizza | Board Games | Arts & Crafts



Location: CRC
Res Fee $10 – Fee $13

Supervisor: Hannah Garcia

ONE-DAY WORKSHOPS for All Ages

Knight Armor Demonstration

Saturdays, 7:00–8:00P
Nov 7 • Feb 27

Travel back in time to Italy in the 14th century and see how knights wore their armor! Join Cavaliere Xander as he adorns and prepares his suit of transitional plate armor for battle. Both children and adults are welcome. **Ages 6+**
Res Fee $27 – Fee $36
Location: Fox Center

Magic Academy: One Day Wonders!

Fridays, 6:45–7:45P
Sep 18 • Oct 16 • Nov 13 • Dec 11 • Jan 15 • Feb 12 • Mar 12

Have a magical time with professional magician Aaron Fasel, renowned professional magician from 312 Magic! Impress your family and friends with tricks that involve cards, ropes, coins, or even mind-reading. Each child received magic props to take home, and brand-new tricks are taught each time! **Ages 5+**
Res Fee $48 – Fee $65
Location: Fox Center



YOUTH SERIES PROGRAMS

American Sign Language for Kids (8-weeks)

Wednesdays, 6:15–7:15P (Beginner)
Wednesdays, 7:15–8:15P (Intermediate)

Join our immersive ASL course taught by native signers. This class focuses on basic signs so your kids can gain confidence in their communication in and out of the classroom. Our adult class is taught separately at the same time, so you can learn as a family. **Ages 5–13**
Res Fee $100 – Fee $120
Location: Dole Center



Magic Academy

Mondays, 6:15–8:15P
Apr 6–May 25 • Jun 15–Aug 3

Featuring the internationally recognized and award winning 'Discover Magic' curriculum, professional magician Aaron Fasel will amaze you with new tricks and guide you in how to perform them yourself! Each week, junior magicians will focus on one of the Eight Traits of a True Magician and leave class with a new prop and file folder for their magic dossier so they can perform at home. **Ages 5–12**
Res Fee $255 – Fee $275
Location: Fox Center

Chess Scholars

Tuesdays, 6:30–7:30P
Sep 8–Oct 13 • Oct 27–Dec 1 • Jan 5–Feb 9 • Feb 23–Apr 6

Develop your child's intellect through the royal game of chess! Chess has been proven to enhance children's motivation, concentration, focus, social skills, and creativity. All skill levels welcome! **Ages 5–12**
Res Fee $190 – Fee $210
Location: Barrie Center



Adventures in STEAM

Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30P
Sep 9–Oct 14 • Oct 28–Dec 2 • Jan 6–Feb 10 • Feb 24–Apr 7

This exciting program from Afterschool Enrichment Solutions brings together elements of science, art, and math in a hands-on, action-packed environment! Students will conduct experiments, play educational games, and unlock their creativity through building challenges and projects. No experience necessary. **Ages 5–11**
Res Fee $200 – Fee $220
Location: Barrie Center

Amigos Spanish Club

Thursdays, 6:30–7:30P
Sep 10–Oct 15 • Oct 29–Dec 4 • Jan 7–Feb 11 • Feb 25–Apr 8

Learning Spanish is as easy as uno, dos, tres! In Amigos Spanish club, children will learn numbers, colors, shapes, greetings, days of the week and more. We will be singing, clapping, and counting our way towards learning a new language! No previous knowledge of Spanish is necessary. **Ages 5–12**
Res Fee $200 – Fee $220
Location: Barrie Center

LEGOs with Snapology

Fridays, 6:00–7:00P (Ages 6–12)
Sep 11–Oct 16 • Oct 30–Dec 5 • Jan 8–Feb 12

Saturdays, 10:00–11:00A (Ages 4–6)
11:00A–12:00P (Ages 7–14)
Sep 12–Oct 17 • Oct 31–Dec 6 • Jan 9–Feb 13

Join our friends from Snapology to build and create with LEGOs, K'NEX, and more! Learn about the world around you and create amazing builds with new projects each week. Check Amilia for class specifics.
Res Fee $200 - Fee $220
Location: Longfellow Center

Supervisor: Hannah Garcia, unless otherwise specified

NEW! HOMESCHOOL CLASSES

We're offering a whole new set of homeschool classes this school year! These supplementals are designed to enrich your curriculum and provide your children with classroom-style learning experiences. For more information about our homeschool program, contact hannah.garcia@pdop.org. Prices are fee per class.

Wonderful Ecology

Mondays, 11:00A–12:00P, Sep–Dec

Join us as we learn about animal adaptations, human interaction with the environment, and ecological systems like food webs and the water cycle. This class is hands-on and takes place outside as often as possible. **Ages 7+**

Res Fee $25 – Fee $30

Location: Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center



Survival Skills

Mondays, 11:00A–12:00P, Jan–May

In this class, we're working on our bushcraft skills and learning how to survive in the wilderness! Lessons include compass work, lighting campfires without matches, learning the characteristics of different animals, and more. **Ages 7+**

Res Fee $25 – Fee $30

Location: Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center

Drop-In Nature Center Time

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
12:00–1:00P, Sep–May FREE

The Environmental Education Center is open to the public! Feel free to stop by and explore, eat your lunch, and play some games based on our theme of the month. **All Ages**

Location: Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center

Garden Math

Mondays, 1:00–2:00P, Sep–Dec

Math is all around us! We're exploring mathematical concepts through plants, soil, and more. Topics covered include estimation, area & perimeter, angles, symmetry, and more. This class takes place entirely outdoors, except in inclement weather. **Ages 7+**

Res Fee $25 – Fee $30

Location: Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center

Mission to Mars!

Mondays, 1:00–2:00P, Jan–May

Using curriculum from NASA, we're exploring the world of engineering, geology, and space science. Over the course of the semester, we'll plan our own Mars mission from the design stages, the launch, to operating our rovers. **Ages 7+**

Res Fee $25 – Fee $30

Location: Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center

Homeschool Archery

Tuesdays, 11:00A–12:00P, Jan–May

This class is for beginners and seasoned archers alike! Besides learning how to shoot a bow and arrow, this is a great way for children to improve their skills in hand-eye coordination, patience, concentration, and spatial awareness. **Ages 7+**

Res Fee $29 – Fee $38

Location: Fox Center

Scratch Jr. Coding

Tuesdays, 12:30–2:00P, Sep–Dec

Explore the basics of coding by designing characters, stories, and animations. By piecing together simple coding commands, learn to develop foundational skills such as sequencing, problem-solving, and logical thinking. **Ages 5+**

Res Fee $25 – Fee $30

Location: CRC

Supervisor: Abby Meachum

More Nature & Adventure Programs
see pages 26–27.



Junior Tech Engineers

Tuesdays, 12:30–2:00P, Jan–May

Learn the basics of programming through fun, hands-on activities using Scratch, JavaScript, and Code.org. Create games, animations, and interactive projects while developing problem-solving, logical thinking, and creativity skills. **Ages 7+**

Res Fee $25 – Fee $30

Location: CRC

Supervisor: Abby Meachum

Biome Builders

Wednesdays, 11:00A–12:00P, Sep–Dec

This class focuses on habitats from around the world. Each month we will explore a different biome and learn about the animals and plants that call it home. Children will work on a different project or hands-on activity each week. **Ages 5-7**

Res Fee $25 – Fee $30

Location: Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center

Monthly Themes:

- **Sep:** Tropical Rainforest
- **Oct:** Prairie
- **Nov:** Deciduous Forest
- **Dec:** Tundra

Science Lab Junior

Wednesdays, 11:00A–12:00P, Jan–May

This class offers students the opportunity to get a taste for scientific experimentation through a new hands-on science lab each week. We focus on the fundamentals of observation and hypothesis to get kids "thinking like a scientist". **Ages 5–7**

Res Fee $25 – Fee $30

Location: Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center

Supervisor: Hannah Garcia, unless otherwise specified

Global Passport
Wednesdays, 1:00–2:00P, Sep–May
Pack your bags, we're traveling the world! In this class we'll explore a different country or nation every month and learn about their culture, environment, and more. **Ages 5+**
Res Fee $90 – Fee $110
Location: Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center

Monthly Themes:
- **Sep:** Mexico
- **Oct:** Australia
- **Nov:** The Navajo Nation
- **Dec:** India
- **Jan:** Cuba
- **Feb:** Kenya
- **Mar:** Ireland
- **Apr:** Japan
- **May:** Brazil

Computer Literacy
Thursdays, 12:30–2:00P, Sep-May
Explore basic skills such as navigating files and folders, typing, internet safety, and using common programs. This program builds confidence and independence with technology, giving participants the foundation they need to succeed in school, gaming, and everyday life. **Ages 5+**
Per Class: Res Fee $25 – Fee $30
Location: CRC
Supervisor: Abby Meachum

Gymastics Open Gym
Thursdays, 1:00–2:00P, Sep–May
The GRC has extended their open hours to accommodate homeschool schedules. No gymnastics experience required! This program is intended for anyone who wants to practice independently to improve their skills. Drop-ins not accepted once max registrations are met. **Ages 6+**
Res Fee/Fee: $14
Location: GRC
Supervisor: Keith Kerrigan

Daytime Dance
Fridays, 9:45–10:45A
Sep 18–Nov 6 • Jan 15–Mar 5
A fun and welcoming daytime dance class for homeschoolers! Join us to build creativity, confidence and movement skills. No dance experience required! **Ages 6+**
Res Fee $120 – Fee $140
Location: GRC
Supervisor: Erin Coffman

Find Dance Classes
on page 32.

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Scan the QR to sign up for our free newsletter!

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History Mysteries
Fridays, 11:00A–12:00P, Sep–May
We're traveling back in time! Each month we'll learn about a different historic civilization and major accomplishments from that time period. **Ages 7+**
Res Fee $90 – Fee $110
Location: Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center

Monthly Themes:
- **Sep:** Mesopotamia
- **Oct:** Ancient Egypt
- **Nov:** The Maya
- **Dec:** Ancient Greece
- **Jan:** Ancient China
- **Feb:** The Aztec Empire
- **Mar:** Vikings
- **Apr:** The Incan Empire
- **May:** Medieval Europe



Homeschool Science Fridays
Fridays, 1:00–2:30P, Sep–May
This class offers students the opportunity to get a taste for scientific experimentation through a new hands-on science lab each week. We focus on the fundamentals of the scientific method and explore topics like physics, chemistry, and biology. **Ages 7+**
Per Class: Res Fee $25 – Fee $30
Location: Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center



Clubhouse School-Age Childcare Program & School's Out

Supervisors for these programs are listed below each description.

Clubhouse Registration

Jan 18: Priority Registration
Jan 23: Open Registration

Visit pdop.org/clubhouse for details.

Clubhouse Afterschool 2027–2028

FOR AGES 5–12 cdm

Supervisor: Abby Meachum

School is out, and it's time for fun! During Clubhouse, children participate in a variety of structured and unstructured activities. Indoor and outdoor learning experiences feature fun recreational activities, such as group games and sporting activities, as well as time to relax, read, do homework, and participate in quiet activities like arts & crafts and table games. An after-school snack will be provided each day.

Clubhouse follows the District 97 calendar and meets on all school days (including half-days). On full days off of school, consider signing up for our Passport to Adventure program.

Only Oak Park residents are eligible for this program. See below for the specific schools served by each Clubhouse location and availability. If the program is full, sign up for our wait list free of charge. $100 non-refundable administration fee is due at time of registration.

Clubhouse	Schools Served
Carroll Center	*Lincoln Students*
Barrie Center	*Irving Students*
Longfellow Center	*Longfellow Students*
Dole Center	*Whittier Students*
Fox Center	*Lincoln Students*
Stevenson Center	*Beye Students*
Andersen Center	*Hatch Students*
Austin Gardens	*Holmes Students*
Field Center	*Mann Students*

Program Days/Times:
M/Tu/Th/F, 3:00–6:00P
W, 2:30–6:00P

School's Out Programs

Passport to Adventure cdm

8:00A–3:00P or 8:00A–6:00P
Sep 21 • Oct 12 • Oct 23 • Nov 3 • Nov 25 • Jan 18 • Feb12 • Feb 15 • Mar 1 • Mar 26

Join the Park District of Oak Park on your day off from school! On select days when District 97 students are off, spend your day off with us laughing, exploring, and trying something new! Make sure to update your Passport for the many field trips we will attend! (Field trips will be added to Amilia later.)
Ages 5-11

Care Per Day

Regular	Extended
8:00A–3:00P	**8:00A–6:00P**
Res Fee $65 – Fee $85	Res Fee $87 – Fee $107

Location: Longfellow Center
Supervisor: Abby Meachum



School's Out – Art Day! cdm

9:00A–12:00P or 9:00A–3:00P
Sep 7 & 21 • Oct 12 & 23 • Nov 3, 25 & 27 • Dec 21–23 & 28–31 • Jan 18 • Feb 12 & 15 • Mar 1, 26, 29, 30 & 31

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

- Half Day: Res Fee $34 – Fee $43
- Full Day: Res Fee $67 – Fee $87

Location: Dole Center - Multipurpose Rm 2
Supervisor: Megan Ulczak

Day Camp for Curious Minds cdm

8:00A–3:00P or 8:00A–6:00P
Sept 21 • Oct 12 • Oct 23 • Nov 3 • Nov 25 • Feb 12 • Mar 1 • Mar 26

Join us on your days off of school for art, games, and science-fueled fun. A different science project is done each day to keep things new and exciting.
Ages 5–11

Care Per Day

Regular	Extended
8:00A–3:00P	**8:00A–6:00P**
Res Fee $65 – Fee $85	Res Fee $85 – Fee $105

Location: Fox Center
Supervisor: Hannah Garcia

CRC YOUTH AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Register by scanning the code below:

Access the CRC amenities and activities every school day from 3:00–6:00P for the 2026-2027 school year.

- **Open Play** in the gymnasium and Esports Lounge
- **Health & Wellness** workshops
- **Arts & Crafts** sessions
- **Sports Tournaments** & more!

Questions? Contact Jerome.Bailey@pdop.org

AFTERSCHOOL

Supervisors for these programs are listed below each description.

WINTER BREAK CAMPS

Passport to Adventure: Winter Break Camp

cdm

Monday–Friday, Dec 21–Jan 1
8:00A–3:00P or 8:00A–6:00P

Join the Park District of Oak Park on your day off from school! On select days when District 97 students are off, we've got a daily field trip and some activities planned that you can sign up for! Spend your day off with us laughing, exploring, and trying something new! Regular care is offered from 8:00A–3:00P, and extended care is offered from 8:00A–6:00P.

Ages 5–12
Regular Care Per Day: Res Fee $65 – Fee $85
Extended Care Per Day: Res Fee $87 – Fee $107
Location: Longfellow Center
Supervisor: Abby Meachum

Icy Game-a-Thon

cdm

Monday–Friday, Dec 21–Jan 1
8:00A–3:00P

Participants rotate through popular esports titles, team challenges, and interactive tech activities designed to keep players engaged and active throughout the day. From casual matches and tournaments to collaborative challenges and gaming breaks, each day offers a fun and structured esports experience for all skill levels. **Ages 8–16**
Regular Care Per Day: Res Fee $62 – Fee $79
Location: CRC Esports Lounge
Supervisor: Abby Meachum

Winter Break: Day Camp for Curious Minds

cdm

Monday–Wednesday, Dec 21-30
8:00A–3:00P or 8:00A–6:00P

Join us on your days off of school for art, games, and science-fueled fun. A different science project is done each day to keep things new and exciting.

Ages 5–11
Regular Care Per Day: Res Fee $65 – Fee $85
Extended Care Per Day: Res Fee $85 – Fee $105
Location: Fox Center
Supervisor: Hannah Garcia

Camps will not be held on 12/24, 12/25, 12/31, and 1/1.

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

Passport to Adventure: Spring Break Camp

cdm

Monday–Friday, Mar 29–Apr 2
8:00A–3:00P or 8:00A–6:00P

On select days when District 97 students are off, we've got a daily field trip and some activities planned that you can sign up for! Spend your day off with us laughing, exploring, and trying something new. Regular care is offered from 8:00A–3:00P and extended care is offered from 8:00A–6:00P.

Ages 5–12
Regular Care Per Day: Res Fee $65 – Fee $85
Extended Care Per Day: Res Fee $87 – Fee $107
Location: Longfellow Center
Supervisor: Abby Meachum

Minecraft Modding Lab

Monday–Friday, Mar 29–Apr 2
8:00A–12:00P

Take Minecraft creativity to the next level by learning how games are built from the inside out! Participants design their own custom Minecraft worlds using beginner-friendly coding tools to create unique landscapes, interactive features, and gameplay experiences. **Ages 8–16**
Res Fee $280 – Fee $300
Location: CRC Esports Lounge
Supervisor: Abby Meachum



Streaming & Content Creation

Monday–Friday, Mar 29–Apr 2
12:00–3:00P

Learn streaming basics and communication skills while recording a short gameplay session together. This hands-on experience introduces digital creativity, media literacy, and online safety.

Ages 8–16
Res Fee $280 – Fee $300
Location: CRC Esports Lounge
Supervisor: Abby Meachum

Spring Break: Day Camp for Curious Minds

cdm

Monday–Friday, Mar 29–Apr 2
8:00A–3:00P or 8:00A–6:00P

Join us on your days off of school for art, games, and science-fueled fun. A different science project is done each day to keep things exciting. **Ages 5–11**
Regular Care Per Day: Res Fee $65 – Fee $85
Extended Care Per Day: Res Fee $85 – Fee $105
Location: Fox Center
Supervisor: Hannah Garcia

Chicago Edge Spring Break

Monday–Friday Mar 29–Apr 2
9:00–10:00A (Ages 4–6)
9:00A–12:00P (Ages 6–14)

Sharpen your soccer skills and have fun whether you play Travel, AYSO, or Recreational soccer. Coached by the professional coaches from the Chicago Edge, players will work on individual ball skills throughout the week and end each day with an exciting small-sided World Cup tournament. **Ages 4–14**
Ages 4–6: Res Fee $138 – Fee $158
Ages 6–14: Res Fee $256 – Fee $276
Location: Julian Turf field
Supervisor: Chad Drufke

Play. Action. Fun. Friends!

Summer camps have something for everyone!

- Summer Camp Guide available online Jan 30
- Resident Registration begins Feb 6
- Nonresident Registration begins Feb 13

Start planning!

Stay STRONG this Fall and CRUSH your New Year goals!

Cardio, Strength, Flexibility, and Fun!

WITH OVER 40 CLASS OFFERINGS, enjoy the comforts of a smaller class setting and high-quality, certified instructors who teach to all levels and abilities. Stay active, build your fitness community, and connect with others who share your fitness journey. PDOP fitness offers:

- Convenient locations: CRC, Ridgeland Common, and Stevenson Center
- Monthly memberships and punch pass packs
- First class is free! Please reach out to erin.coffman@pdop.org to receive your free class promo code!
- Ultimate Fitness Membership, $59/month-unlimited fitness classes, with a free CRC gym membership included!



Ultimate Fitness Membership: $59/month

Sign Up Now!

Unlimited fitness classes plus CRC Membership with access to indoor walking/running track, fitness center, childcare Playzone, and more!

Single & Multi-Class Punch Passes

Enjoy these passes for drop-in opportunities for your favorite fitness classes.

- **10-Class Card:** Res Fee $104 – Fee $124
- **5-Class Card:** Res Fee $63 – Fee $83
- **Single Class:** Res Fee $16 – Fee $21

The Park District offers a variety of fitness classes to meet every fitness need. Learn more about each class below:



BODYPUMP

LesMills BODYPUMP™ is the original barbell class that strengthens your entire body. A full-body barbell workout set to motivating music that strengthens and tones all major muscle groups for fast, effective results.

BARRE FITNESS

A low-impact fusion of Pilates, ballet, and strength training that targets core and lower body muscles to build long, lean tone.

CYCLE

A fun, high-energy indoor cycling class featuring intervals, hills, and sprints to boost endurance and burn calories.

HIIT

A total-body workout combining strength and cardio in short, intense bursts to maximize fitness and efficiency.

NIA

A barefoot, movement-based class blending dance, martial arts, and mindfulness for a joyful, full-body workout suitable for all levels.

WERQ

A fun, high-energy dance fitness class set to popular music that gets your heart pumping while building strength.

YOGA

A calming yet strengthening practice that improves flexibility, balance, and mind-body connection for all experience levels.

PILATES

A core-focused workout that enhances strength, flexibility, and body awareness through controlled, precise movements.

See many more of our class descriptions on our website at pdop.org/fitness!

Join us for our 50th **Frank Lloyd Wright Races!**

See page 10.

Specialty Classes

Supervisor: Erin Coffman

FITNESS-AT-A-GLANCE

M	**MORNING:**	EXPRESS BODYPUMP (RCRC)	VINYASA FLOW (CRC)	NIA (RCRC)
	MIDDAY:	EXPRESS BODY PUMP (RCRC)		
	EVENING:	ZUMBA (CRC)	POWER VINYASA (CRC)	POWERSTRENGTH (RCRC)
TU	**MORNING:**	BODYPUMP (RCRC)	NIA (STEVENSON)	
	MIDDAY:	PILATES (CRC)	BODYSCULPT (CRC)	
	EVENING:	STEP & PUMP (RCRC) PILATES (RCRC)	WERQ (CRC)	EXPRESS CYCLE+FOAM ROLLING (RCRC)
W	**MORNING:**	EXPRESS BODYPUMP (RCRC)	BODYPUMP (RCRC)	BEG/CONT YOGA (CRC)
	MIDDAY:	PILATES (CRC)	BODYSCULPT (CRC)	
	EVENING:	YOGA SCULPT (CRC)	NIA (RCRC)	CORE STRENGTH (CRC)
TH	**MORNING:**	BODYPUMP (RCRC)	CYCLE + FOAM ROLLING (RCRC)	NIA (RCRC)
	EVENING:	BODY FLOW (RCRC)	CORE & CARDIO DANCE FITNESS (RCRC)	SUNSET SLOW FLOW YOGA (CRC)
F	**MORNING:**	BODYPUMP (RCRC)	NIA (STEVENSON)	PILATES (CRC)
	EVENING:	POWER VINYASA (CRC)		
SA	**MORNING:**	BODYPUMP (RCRC) CYCLE (RCRC)	BOOTCAMP: STRENGTH TRAINING (CRC)	FOAM ROLLING (RCRC) WERQ (CRC)
SU	**MORNING:**	NIA (RCRC)	YOGA BARRE (CRC)	CARDIO HIIT + CORE (RCRC) LOW IMPACT (RCRC)
	EVENING:	SLOW FLOW (CRC)		

SCAN ME

To see the full schedule scan the QR code or visit pdop.org/fitness

SPECIALTY FITNESS CLASSES

Burn Before the Bird!
FREE
Thursday, Nov 26, 8:00–9:00A
Get your family moving before the feast! This FREE Thanksgiving strength and cardio workout is open to all — just bring a canned good to donate for our food drive for Beyond Hunger and enjoy some festive fitness fun before the turkey is on the table. **Ages 6+**
Location: CRC

Pie-lates
Sunday, Mar 14, 10:00–11:30A
Celebrate Pi(e) Day with a fun Pilates workout followed by a well-earned slice of pie! **Ages 15+**
Res Fee $25 – Fee $30
Location: Pleasant Home



The following are included with the Unlimited Fitness Membership:

Halloween Werq-Out
Saturday, Oct 31, 10:30–11:15A
This Werq class is a spooktacular dance party set to your favorite Halloween jams! **Ages 15+**
Res Fee $16 – Fee $21
Location: CRC

Holiday HIIT's
Sunday, Dec 20, 9:45–10:30A
Get ready to jingle all the way to a great workout with this festive HIIT routine set to your favorite Holiday tunes where you will deck the halls with sweat!
Ages 15+
Res Fee $16 – Fee $21
Location: RCRC

St. Paddy's Day Core Strength
Wednesday, Mar 17, 5:30–6:15P
Wear all your favorite green workout gear to this fun St. Paddy's Core Strength class, where we will be Sham-rockin' out! **Ages 15+**
Res Fee $16 – Fee $21
Location: CRC





It's all here for you.

PARK DISTRICT of OAK PARK

CRC

COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER



Welcome to the Park District of Oak Park's Community Recreation Center.

It's all here for you!

SCAN ME

- Indoor walking/running track
- Gymnasium with open gym times throughout the day dedicated to basketball, pickleball, volleyball, and more
- Fitness center with the latest cardio & strength equipment
- Group exercise & dance studio
- Esports Lounge with open play times for youth and adults
- Multipurpose room for birthday parties
- Childcare in the Playzone room
- Inclusive locker room that welcomes all humans
- Access to Community Mental Health Board resources

Membership Options:

	Monthly Fee	
Membership Type	Resident	Nonresident
Track Membership (Ages 12+)	Free	Not available
Daily Drop-In	$15	$15
Adult Membership (Ages 19+)	$25	$50
Teen Membership (Ages 12-18)	$20	$40
Jr. Membership (Age 8-11, allowed with a 16+ member)	$5	$10
Ultimate Fitness Membership*	$59	$118
Special Add-ons:		
Playzone Membership (per child)	$15	$30

In-Depth Fitness Equipment Class

Wanting a more "in-depth" review of our fitness equipment? Want to learn how to bench press properly or learn how to use the universal/pin-pull weight machines appropriately? In our one-hour class sessions, we will show you techniques on how to correctly use the CRC fitness equipment. We will teach safety and proper etiquette as well. You might even learn a few fitness secrets that can enhance your workout routine! Come ready to work out and learn from certified staff.
Supervisor: Chris Evans

Res Fee $50 – Fee $67		Fall	Winter
Ages	Day/Time	Dates	Dates
Adult (Ages 19+)	W, 7:00 – 8:00P	Sep 2 – Sep 16 Nov 4 – Nov 18	Jan 6 – Jan 20 Mar 3 – Mar 17
Adult (Ages 19+)	M, 1:00 – 2:00P	Sep 14 – Sep 28 Nov 2 – Nov 16	Jan 4 – Jan 18 Mar 1 – Mar 15
Youth (Ages 12–18)	W, 5:30 – 6:30P	Sep 2 – Sep 16 Nov 4 – Nov 18	Jan 6 – Jan 20 Mar 3 – Mar 17

FREE Blood Pressure Checks

Saturday, 11:00A–2:00P
Oct 10 • Dec 5

On your way into the CRC to workout, stop and get a free blood pressure check from The Community Blood Center. Keeping track of some of your health numbers is very important. They will be set up in the CRC lobby with BP cuffs and information!
Location: CRC Lobby

CRC Youth Afterschool Program

The Youth Afterschool Program is a free, drop-in program for all Oak Park middle and high school students for the 2026-27 school year. The Youth Afterschool program will follow both the middle and high school calendar and will be available Monday through Friday, 3:00–6:00P. Open access to the Esports Lounge, gymnasium and activity room. Youth can participate in health and wellness workshops provided in collaboration with the Community Mental Health Board and its partners. All students need parent/guardian to register them prior to dropping into the program. Interested junior high and high school students wishing to serve on the CRC afterschool committee should contact Jerome Bailey via email at Jerome.Bailey@pdop.org. **Register at pdop.org/crc/afterschool**
Supervisor: Jerome Bailey

Friday Nights at the CRC
Just for Teens! See page 55.

Location: 229 Madison Street, Oak Park IL 60302 · pdop.org/crc
Hours: Monday - Friday: 5:30A - 10:00P · Saturday: 6:00A - 7:00P · Sunday: 7:00A - 5:00P

adult sports

Leagues

Supervisor: Peyton Rapier

Adult Sports Leagues Engage in friendly competition and foster a sense of community with our adult sports leagues, offering a variety of team-based activities tailored for participants of all skill levels. All leagues are in a team-based format – you oversee fielding your own team. All prices you see are per team and not per person!

Adult Pickleball League

Leagues are divided by skill level. Bring your own paddles and compete against other players in your skill range! Only one player needs to sign up for a team. **Ages 18+**

Location: CRC

No class 11/27

Pickleball	
Fall 2	
F, Nov 6 – Dec 18	Res Fee $144 – Fee $164
Winter	
F, Jan 15 – Feb 19	Res Fee $144 – Fee $164

Adult Basketball Leagues

Join us for our adult basketball league. This league is 5 vs 5 with a six-week season and one night playoff. Only one person needs to sign up for the team!

Ages 18+

Location: CRC (Playoffs Dec 10)

Women's Basketball	
Fall	
Th, Oct 22 – Dec 3	Res Fee $682 – Fee $702







Find Youth Leagues on page 69.

Supervisor: Peyton Rapier



Adult Tennis

Join our adult tennis program to improve your skills, stay active, and enjoy friendly competition with fellow players in a supportive environment. Please note price may vary based on number of weeks in session. **Ages 18+**
Location: Taylor Park

Beginner Guidelines: Never played before or played some during youth or as an adult recreationally. Some success rallying ball back and forth but would like to develop more shot quality. Would like a firm understanding of stroke technique production and footwork. Needs basic game coaching, scoring, and tactical playing experience.

Intermediate Guidelines: Can rally successfully but still desires more ball control and better movement. Aware of different stroke types but needs correction and/or practice in some areas. Aware of covering court spaces, but unable to exploit opponents' weaknesses. Developing conditioning, consistency, shot depth, game, and style of play.

Beginner Tennis

Fall 1

M, 6:30 – 8:00P	Oct 5 – Oct 26
Tu, 8:00 – 9:30P	Oct 6 – Oct 27
W, 6:30 – 8:00P	Oct 7 – Oct 28
Th, 8:00 – 9:30P	Oct 8 – Oct 29
Res Fee $115 – Fee $135	

Intermediate Tennis

Fall 1

M, 8:00 – 9:30P	Oct 5 – Oct 26
Tu, 6:30 – 8:00P	Oct 6 – Oct 27
W, 8:00 – 9:30P	Oct 7 – Oct 28
Th, 6:30 – 8:00P	Oct 8 – Oct 29
Res Fee $115 – Fee $135	

Adult Pickleball Lesson

What is the fastest growing sport in the USA? It's pickleball – a paddle sport which combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Pickleball can be played on a tennis court with a lowered net. It is played with a perforated plastic baseball (similar to a whiffle ball) and wood or composite paddles. Participants will be sorted by skill level. Participants are required to bring their own paddle. **Ages 18+**
Location: Barrie Park (Possible indoor lessons at CRC)

Beginner Pickleball

Fall 1

M, 6:00 – 7:00P	Sep 14 – Oct 5
Tu, 5:00 – 6:00P	Sep 15 – Oct 6
W, 5:00 – 6:00P	Sep 16 – Oct 7
Res Fee $66 – Fee $86	

Intermediate Pickleball

Fall 1

Th, 5:00 – 6:00P	Sep 17 – Oct 8
Res Fee $66 – Fee $86	



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Figure Skating Supervisor: Brigid Guerin • Hockey Program Supervisor: Mike Baiardo

Adult Skating: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced

Beginner class introduces the fundamentals of skating. No experience is required for this class. *Intermediate* class will build on Beginner skills and include forward stroking, forward and backward crossovers, three turns, and t-stops. *Advanced* classes cover waltz jumps, front and back edges, and one-foot spins. **Ages 18+**

Fall 1
Sep 8 – Oct 17 (6 weeks)

Fall 2
Oct 20 – Dec 12 (7 weeks)
No class 11/26, 11/28, 11/30

Winter
Jan 5 – Feb 27 (8 weeks)

Day	Time	Level(s)
Th	9:55 – 10:35A	Beginner (1–3)
	10:35 – 11:15A	Interm./Adv. (4–6)
	5:50 – 6:30P	All Levels
Sa	12:40 – 1:20P	Intermediate
	1:20 – 1:50P	Beginner

FALL 1: Res Fee $130 – Fee $150
FALL 2: Res Fee $155 – Fee $175
WINTER: Res Fee $180 – Fee $200

Find Youth Skating
on pages 75–77.

Adult Pond Hockey

Sunday, Nov 29, 7:00A–12:30P

This in-house recreational 4 v 4 Pond-Style Hockey event offers a chance to play in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Games consist of two 15-minute running clock periods with a short intermission between. Teams will play four games over the event. Sign-ups for the event are done on an individual basis, but we can put our own teams together on the ice. The league reserves the right to move players around teams to ensure balance and quality of the program. Full equipment is required. **Ages 16+**

Adult Hockey 101

This class introduces fundamental hockey techniques and skills. No experience is required. Classes focus on skating, puck handling, shooting, small-area games, and more. This class will prepare you for Hockey 201 and Adult Recreational Hockey. Full equipment is required, and free gear rental is available. **Ages 16+**

Adult Hockey 201

This class builds off skills from Hockey 101 and is geared towards intermediate to advanced players. Classes focus on edgework, puck protection, shooting, positioning, small-area games, and more to prepare you for Adult Recreational Hockey. Full equipment is required, and free gear rental is available. **Ages 16+**

Fall 1
Sep 8 – Oct 25 (7 weeks)

Fall 2
Oct 27 – Dec 9 (*6/7 weeks)
No class 11/29

Winter
Jan 5 – Feb 23 (8 weeks)

Adult Hockey 101

Day	Time	Level(s)
Tu	9:30 – 10:45P	Adult Hockey 101
Su	7:30 – 8:45P	Adult Hockey 101

Adult Hockey 201

Day	Time	Level(s)
Tu	9:30 – 10:45P	Adult Hockey 201
*Su	7:30 – 8:45P	Adult Hockey 201

FALL 1 & 2: Res Fee $124 – Fee $144
***FALL 1 & 2:** Res Fee $114 – Fee $120
WINTER: Res Fee $172 – Fee $192

Women's Beginner Hockey

Join this unique environment for female participants led by female coaches. If you identify outside the gender binary, you are also welcome. This class follows curriculum for Adult Hockey 101 & 201, so beginners and intermediate/ advanced participants can register. Classes focus on skating, puck protection, shooting, small-area games, and more to prepare you for Adult Recreational Hockey. Full equipment is required, and free gear rental is available. **Ages 16+**

Adult Recreational Hockey

This in-house recreational hockey program offers a chance to play in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Games consist of three 20-minute running clock periods with a referee. In addition to AHAI/USA Hockey Rules, the program does not allow checking or slap shots and has a zero-tolerance policy for unsportsmanlike conduct. Participants should have experience playing hockey or participated in Hockey 101 & 201. Sign-ups for the league are done on an individual basis. The league reserves the right to move players around teams to ensure balance and quality of the program. Full equipment is required. **Ages 18+**

Fall 1
Sep 13 – Oct 25 (6 weeks)

Fall 2
Nov 1 – Dec 6 (5 weeks)
No class 11/29

Winter
Jan 10 – Feb 28 (8 weeks)

Women's Beginner Hockey

Day	Time	Level(s)
Su	7:00 – 8:15A	Women's Beginner

FALL 1 & 2: Res Fee $124 – Fee $144
WINTER: Res Fee $172 – Fee $192

Adult Recreational Hockey

Day	Time	Level(s)
Su	9:15 – 10:30P	Adult

FALL 1 & 2: Res Fee $142 – Fee $162
WINTER: Res Fee $196 – Fee $216

Find Youth Hockey
on pages 78-79.

Partner Sports Programs

Ages 14+

The Park District of Oak Park partners with organized adult athletic programs to bring you high quality adult sports and martial arts experiences!

Fencing

En garde! Diana Unger, a certified coach with the United States Fencing Association with more than 25 years of fencing experience, will teach you the basics of fencing, and advanced techniques, based on your skill level. Participants must purchase and bring their own fencing mask and jacket. Participants must obtain a $29 U.S. Fencing Membership prior to the first day of class. Participants need to bring a glove for the hand they write with, it does not have to be a fencing glove. A light winter glove, work or gardening glove will do. **Ages 15+**
Location: Longfellow Center

Fencing

Fall

Th, Sep 10 – Nov 19	
8:30 – 9:25P	Res Fee $190 – Fee $210

Winter

Th, Jan 7 – Mar 18	
8:30 – 9:25P	Res Fee $190 – Fee $210

Aikido

Discover the transformative power of aikido, a martial art that combines self-defense with the pursuit of inner harmony. Unlike traditional combat arts, aikido focuses on redirecting energy rather than confronting it head-on, allowing practitioners to neutralize conflict with grace and control. Through dedicated practice, you'll develop physical strength, flexibility, and agility while cultivating a calm, focused mind. Aikido offers more than just physical training – it's a path to increased confidence, mental clarity, and personal growth. Whether you're a beginner or are experienced, there's a place for you on the mat in Oak Park. **Ages 15+**
Location: Carroll Center

Aikido

Fall	Winter
Tu, Sep 1 – Dec 15	Tu, Jan 5 – Mar 30
F, Sep 4 – Dec 11	F, Jan 8 – Mar 19

See Amilia for specific class dates, times and fees.

Modern Arnis

Modern Arnis is a Filipino martial art that trains practitioners to be proficient with both weapons and empty hands. This class will introduce students to single stick, double stick, empty hand and ground control drills and techniques to significantly improve skills, reflexes, agility and power. Two rattan sticks will be required by the second session and can be purchased through the instructor. **Ages 13+**
Location: Stevenson Community Center
No class 10/31

Modern Arnis

Fall

Sa, Sep 12 – Nov 21	
9:30 – 11:00A	Res Fee $133 – Fee $153

Winter

Sa, Jan 9 – Mar 13	Res Fee $133 – Fee $153
9:30 – 11:00A	



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Youth Sports Leagues

Our youth sports leagues provide opportunities for children to develop physical skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship in a fun and supportive environment. Leagues run 6-8 weeks, depending on the league. All of our leagues require volunteer coaching. If you are interested, contact Peyton Rapier at peyton.rapier@pdop.org.

Ages 6-18

1st & 2nd Grade Basketball League

This program is geared to first and second grade boys and girls. The first two weeks will be practice only and the remaining weeks will consist of practice/games. Games and practice will be for one hour between 9:00A–2:00P on Saturdays. Your time slot will vary from week to week. The league schedules will be sent out prior to the start of the season Participants will also receive a unique jersey for their team! **Ages 6-8**
Location: CRC

1st & 2nd Grade Basketball League

Fall 2

Sa, 9:00A – 2:00P	Nov 7 – Dec 19
Res Fee $116 – Fee $136	*No class 11/28*

Preseason Basketball League

This is a great way to get prepared for our Winter Basketball league. This is an opportunity to showcase your skills and talent and of course learn some basic skills. Your child will be placed on a team. This is a 4-week program. First two weeks are geared toward practicing. The last two weeks, basketball games will be played against another team. **Ages 9-14**
Location: D97

Preseason Basketball League

Fall 2

Sa, 9:00A – 2:00P	Nov 15 – Dec 13
Res Fee $84 – Fee $104	*No class 11/29*

Youth Basketball League

All players will receive a uniform and basketball with the cost of registration. Practices will take place on either Tuesday or Thursday evenings between 6:00-9:00P for the 3rd-8th grade level with games on Sundays and practices on Tuesdays or Thursdays. 3rd-8th grade leagues will compete in an annual end-of-season tournament. **Ages 9-14**
Location: D97

Youth Basketball League

Winter 1

Su, 9:00A – 2:00P	Jan 5 – Mar 14
Res Fee $134 – Fee $154	

Floor Hockey League (Grades 1-2)

Welcome to our youth Floor Hockey League! The league will have two weeks of practices and then the remaining weeks will be games played against other teams. Participants will receive a unique jersey for their team! **Ages 6-8**
Location: CRC

Floor Hockey League

Winter 2

Sa, 9:00A – 1:00P	Sep 19 – Oct 24
Res Fee $116 – Fee $136	

Find Adult Hockey
on pages 67.





Calling all VOLUNTEER
COACHES

We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to coach our Youth basketball, volleyball & soccer teams!

Help us create memorable experiences for young athletes while sharing your love of the game. All coaches must be the caregiver of a child in the program. Contact peyton.rapier@pdop.org if you are interested.



Supervisor: Peyton Rapier



Basketball
An energetic and engaging basketball class, fostering fundamental skills development, teamwork, and a love for the game. **Ages 5–9**
Location: CRC

Volleyball
Engaging volleyball classes that are designed to focus on fundamental skills, teamwork, and serving.
Ages 8–13
Location: CRC

Pickleball
Engaging pickleball classes that are designed to focus on fundamental skills, techniques, and serving. Players will need to bring their own paddles to classes. **Ages 10–14**
Location: Barrie Park/CRC (M, Th)



Fall 1
Sep 14 – Oct 7 (4 weeks)

Fall 2
Oct 19 – Nov 12 (4 weeks)
Nov 16 – Dec 17 (4 weeks)
No class 11/23–11/26

Winter 1
Jan 11 – Feb 4 (4 weeks)

Winter 2
Feb 8 – Mar 4 (4 weeks)
Mar 8 – Mar 25 (3 weeks)

Basketball		
Day	Time	Ages
M	6:00 – 6:45P	5–6
M	6:45 – 7:30P	5–6
M	7:30 – 8:15P	7–9
W	6:00 – 6:45P	5–6
W	6:45 – 7:30P	7–9

Winter 1: Res Fee $64 – Fee $84

Beginner Volleyball		
Day	Time	Ages
Tu	6:00 – 6:45P	8–14

Intermediate/Advanced Volleyball		
Day	Time	Ages
Tu	6:45 – 7:30P	8–14

Winter 1: Res Fee $64 – Fee $84

Pickleball		
Day	Time	Ages
M	5:00 – 6:00P (Barrie)	10–14
Th	6:00 – 6:50P (CRC) Fall 2	10–14
Th	6:00 – 7:00P (CRC) Winter	10–14

Res Fee $65 – Fee $85

Please note price may vary based on number of weeks in session.

Public Skate
Fun for the Whole Family!

Looking for a fun way to keep the kids active? Head to the ice rink for weekly Public Skate sessions! Whether you're a first-timer or a seasoned skater, you'll have a fun time.

All skill levels welcome!
Skate rental included.

Pre-register: $12 | At the Door: $15

Great for families and friends. A fun way to burn off energy.



Friday Night Skate
6:30–8:15P

Saturday Cosmic Skate
6:30–8:15P
Music, lights, and extra fun!

Sunday Afternoon Skate
12:45–2:45P

Purchase an Annual Rink Pass for just $82 and enjoy unlimited public skating plus free admission to special rink events all year long!

Partner Sports Programs

The Park District of Oak Park partners with organized youth athletic programs to bring you high quality youth sports and martial arts experiences!

Please note price may vary based on number of weeks in session.

Boxing

In a fun and safe environment, students will learn self-defense utilizing boxing techniques. Students learn how to punch, block and use boxing combinations depending on skill level achieved. Students become more physically fit and learn the whole body coordination. **Ages 6–9* & 10–14****
Location: Longfellow Community Center
No class 11/23

Boxing

Day/Time	Fall 1	Fall 2
M, 6:00 – 6:45P*	Sep14 – Oct 19	Nov 2 – Dec 4
M, 6:50 – 7:35P**	Sep14 – Oct 19	Nov 2 – Dec 4
Res Fee $106 – Fee $126		

Day/Time	Winter 1
M, 6:00 – 6:45P*	Jan 25 – Mar 15
M, 6:50 – 7:20P**	Jan 25 – Mar 15
Res Fee $137 – Fee $157	

Chicago Edge Jr's Soccer

The Chicago Edge Juniors Soccer program is aimed at creating the next generation of young soccer players in the Oak Park/River Forest community. The Edge Juniors program is a fun soccer program for young players ages 3–7 years old and is aimed at developing the fundamental skills of soccer in a fun and dynamic environment. Coached by the professional soccer coaches at Chicago Edge Soccer Club, one of Oak Park's youth travel soccer clubs. **Ages 3–7**
Location: Fox Park (Fall); D97 School TBD (Winter)
No class 11/29

Chicago Edge Jrs. Soccer

Fall 1, 2 & 3

F, Sep 11 – Oct 23	Res Fee $130 – Fee $150
Sa, Sep 12 – Oct 24	Res Fee $130 – Fee $150
Su, Nov 15 – Dec 13	Res Fee $120 – Fee $140

Winter 1 & 2

Su, Jan 17 – Feb 7	Res Fee $100 – Fee $120
Su, Feb 14 – Mar 7	Res Fee $100 – Fee $120
See Amilia for times.	

OPYBS Baseball/Softball

This upbeat skills class is a great introduction to baseball and softball fundamentals for young players. Taught by energetic OPYBS coaches, each session keeps the game fun while helping kids build confidence in throwing, catching, hitting, fielding, pitching, and baserunning. Players get lots of active reps in a supportive environment designed to spark a love of the game. **Ages 5–9**
Location: Fox Park Ball Diamond

Baseball

Fall

M, Sep 14 – Oct 5 (baseball)
Th, Sep 17 – Oct 8 (softball)
Res Fee $75 – Fee $95
See Amilia for times

Chicago Fire Soccer

Chicago Fire FC classes are the perfect opportunity for girls and boys of all abilities to develop their soccer skills and their love for the game. Working in small groups with professional coaches, these classes will focus on technical development and social-emotional learning, to elevate them as both players and people. **Ages 2–11**
Location: Longfellow Park (Fall); D97 School TBD (Winter)
No class 11/25

Chicago Fire Soccer

Fall 1 & 2

W, Sep 2 – Sep 23	Res Fee $100 – Fee $120
W, Oct 7 – Oct 28	Res Fee $100 – Fee $120
W, Nov 18 –Dec 16	Res Fee $100 – Fee $120

Winter 1 & 2

W, Jan 13 – Feb 3	Res Fee $100 – Fee $120
Su, Feb 10 – Mar 3	Res Fee $100 – Fee $120
See Amilia for times.	

Ultimate Ninjas Elmhurst

Each class is structured to provide progressive growth over the course of the session, and each set of obstacles and circuits are aimed at providing a foundation of strength, agility, and balance. Our mission is to strive to have all achieve and be fulfilled and grow in perseverance, athleticism and confidence…AND HAVE FUN DOING IT! Held at Ultimate Ninjas at 684 W. Lake St. in Elmhurst.
Ages 3–13
Location: Ultimate Ninjas in Elmhurst, 684 W. Lake St. in Elmhurst

Ultimate Ninjas

Fall & Winter

See Amilia for days/times	Res Fee $186 – Fee $206

Fencing

En garde! Diana Unger, a certified coach with the United States Fencing Association with more than 25 years of fencing experience, will teach you the basics of fencing. Self-confidence, self-control, and emotional strength gained from this sport will lead to a healthier lifestyle. Participants must purchase and bring their own fencing mask and jacket, as well as a $29 U.S. Fencing Membership prior to the first day of class. Participants need to bring a glove for the hand they write with, it does not have to be a fencing glove – a light winter glove, work or gardening glove will do. **Ages 10–18**
Location: Longfellow Center

Beginning Fencing (Ages 10–12)

Day/Time	Fall 1	Winter 1
Th, 6:30 – 7:25P	Sep 10 – Nov 19	Jan 7 – Mar 18
Res Fee $190 – Fee $210		

Continuing Fencing (Ages 11–18)

Day/Time	Fall 1	Winter 1
Th, 7:30 – 8:25P	Sep 10 – Nov 19	Jan 7 – Mar 18
Res Fee $190 – Fee $210		

Find Adult Sports on pages 65–68.

Supervisor: Chad Drufke, unless otherwise noted



Rise Field Hockey

During the first two weeks, participants will focus on basic skill, some advanced skills, team concepts and rules of the game. The remaining four weeks will be small-sided games. Athletes need a stick, mouthguard, and shin guards. **Grades K–8**
Location: Julian Turf Field

Rise Field Hockey

Fall: Sep 2 – Oct 7

W, 5:15 – 6:15P	Gr K–4	Res Fee $160 – Fee $180
W, 6:15 – 7:30P	Gr 5–8	Res Fee $195 – Fee $215

1000 Watts Flag Football

What better way to start your spring than with 1000 Watts NFL Flag Football League! Each session begins with a practice followed by two 20-minute halves. At the end of the session, there is a single elimination tournament. The winner of each division will be crowned Super Bowl champs! Players will be placed on teams and receive their own NFL jersey and flag. **Note:** Your game/practice times will be determined and communicated after registration period has completed. *Girls-only league available!* **Grades K–6**
Location: Maple Park

Flag Football

Fall

Su, Sep 13 – Nov 1	Res Fee $352 – Fee $372
See Amilia for times	

Find Early Childhood Sports on page 48.

East Ave. Lacrosse

East Ave Lacrosse is proud to bring some of the best high school and college coaches in the state to Oak Park for fast-paced, fun training sessions designed to challenge and engage players of all skill levels and experience. *Free equipment rental is available for players who need it on a first come first serve basis.* **Ages 4–14**
Location: Julian Turf Field

East Ave. Lacrosse

Fall

Tu, Sep 1 – Oct 20
See Amilia for times & fees

Jr. Huskies Basketball Academy

Jr. Huskies Basketball Skills Academy, the official feeder program for OPRF High School Basketball, offers a 6-week program for boys and girls in grades 3-8. Led by experienced coaches, players will develop essential skills, fundamentals, and learn offensive/defensive concepts through competitive drills and scrimmages. This program introduces participants to the OPRF basketball system, helping them prepare for the next level and guiding them toward becoming future Huskie basketball players. **Ages 8–10* & 11–13****
Location: D97 School TBD

Jr. Huskies Basketball Academy

Fall 1

Tu, 6:00 – 7:00P*	Sep15 – Oct 20
Tu, 7:05 – 8:05P**	Sep15 – Oct 20
Res Fee $150 – Fee $170	





Chicago Union Ultimate Frisbee

Looking to advance your ultimate skills? Look no further – take part in our elite ultimate frisbee program with the professional Ultimate team the Chicago Union! **Ages 8–11**
Location: Andersen Park

Chicago Union Ultimate Frisbee

Fall 1

W, 4:00 – 5:30	Sep 9 – Sep 30
Res Fee $62 – Fee $82	

Skyhawk Tennis Lessons

Serve up fun with Skyhawks Tennis! Designed for beginners and intermediate players, this program enhances tennis skills and enjoyment. We focus on refining techniques, practice sessions, and match play to develop consistent, well-rounded players. Each session also fosters personal growth, emphasizing sportsmanship and perseverance. **Ages 8–14**
Location: Taylor Park

Skyhawk Tennis Lessons

Fall 1

Sa, 9:00 – 11:50A	Sep 19 – Oct 10
Res Fee $105 – Fee $125	

Supervisor: Chad Drufke, unless otherwise noted

Illinois Shotokan Karate

ISKC's karate classes offers a good mix of strength training with cardiovascular and flexibility exercises. Students increase their coordination, agility and poise, as well as learn lasting personal safety skills. They also benefit from the mental stimulation of learning the choreographed moves of the kata and the discipline of conforming to the class rules. Please find specific dates/times/fees on our online registration platform by searching for karate. Adult registration can be found in the Youth Sports Amilia tile. **Ages 4+**
Location: Fox Center

Shotokan Karate	
Fall	**Winter**
Th, Sep 3 – Dec 10	M, Jan 4 – Mar 22
M, Sep 14 – Dec 14	Th, Jan 7 – Mar 25
See Amilia for times and fees	



KH Kim Taekwondo

Taekwondo is a 2,000-year-old martial art offering a variety of benefits for people of all ages and abilities. Students have the opportunity to improve concentration, self-esteem, achieve lifelong physical fitness, and learn self-defense skills. Classes are taught under the direction of Grand Master Ki Hong Kim (9th Dan Kukkiwon World Taekwondo Headquarters). On the first day, students will get sized for their uniform ($50 fee) by the instructor which is required to complete the class and test for belt rank. Tests happen, for an additional fee, at the instructor's discretion when the student has learned the appropriate skills. Green belt students (Ages 7+) are required to have complete sparring gear, which is purchased from the Instructor. **Ages 15+**
Location: Fox Center
No class 11/24, 11/25

Taekwondo	
Fall	**Winter**
Tu, Sep 1 – Dec 15	Tu, Jan 5 – Mar 23
W, Sep 2 –Dec 16	W, Jan 6 – Mar 24
See Amilia for times and fees.	

Aikido for Kids

Aikido is a way of harmony, not combat. Children who study aikido develop and expand their mental and physical awareness while learning cooperation and respect for others. Instruction begins with exercises to stretch and strengthen young bodies and improve attention, coordination, and motor skills. Falling with confidence is a big part of training, followed by learning the principles of movement which allow students to practice techniques with partners. **Ages 15+**
Location: Carroll Center

Aikido	
Fall 1	**Fall 2**
Tu, Sep 1 – Oct 6	Tu, Oct 13 – Nov 17
Res Fee $67 – Fee $87	
Winter 1	**Winter 2**
Tu, Jan 5 – Feb 9	Tu, Feb 16 – Mar 23
Res Fee $67 – Fee $87	

Find Adult Sports
on page 65–68.



Paul Hruby Ice Arena / Ridgeland Common Recreation Complex

The Paul Hruby Ice Arena, located at 415 Lake Street, offers year-round public skate, ice skating, figure skating, and hockey classes.



Public Skate

Public skate sessions are offered Monday–Friday from 11:30A–1:00P (Noon Skate) and every Friday, 6:30–8:15P, Saturday Cosmic Skate, 6:30–8:15P and Sunday, 12:45–2:45P. Suggested items to bring: helmet, warm jacket, gloves, long pants, and socks. Skate rental is included. $12 preregistration, $15 at the door. Free for Rink Passholders.

Specialty Skate

Specialty skate sessions offered include Stick & Puck (for open hockey and skill practice) and a variety of age-based open hockey sessions including Hruby Skate 40+ and 60+. Scan QR code for schedule.

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Special Events

Special event skates are all-ages themed skating events that are scheduled throughout the year. See our Special Events listed below.

Customer Service: (708) 725-2000 or customerservice@pdop.org

Customer Service is open Monday–Friday, 8:30A–7:00P and Saturday & Sunday, 8:30A–5:00P for in-person, phone and email assistance at Ridgeland Common.

Rink Membership

Our Rink Pass provides year-round entry to any Public Skate, Noon Skate, School's Out Skate, and special events at the rink. Rink Passes also include a $4 discount on Stick & Puck.
Res Fee $82 – Fee $94



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FREE access to all Public Skates sessions and Rink Special Events (skates included).
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Glide into fun with PUBLIC SKATE!

Don't miss these Special Events at the Rink! Free for Rink Passholders.

- **Sep 11:** Teen Night at the Rink
- **Oct 23:** Fright on Ice
- **Nov 25:** Give Back Glide
- **Dec 18:** Skate with Santa
- **Dec 31:** Noon Year's Eve Skate
- **Jan 10:** My Doll & Me
- **Feb 13:** Teen Night at the Rink

Preregister for $15 or $20 at the door

Celebrate Your Child's BIRTHDAY ON ICE!

Looking for a cool way to throw an unforgettable birthday party? Host it at the rink!

Party Package Includes:

- A private party room with dedicated attendant
- Skates for all party guests

Parties are only available during Public Skate sessions on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Your party will be the highlight of the season!

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Reserve a Day!

The Medium or Large activity rooms are available to rent at Ridgeland Common.

Either room is perfect for hosting birthday parties, meetings, or other small events.

We offer flexible room layouts at an affordable hourly rate. Rentals are available on weekends from 8:30A to 10:00P.

To learn more, visit pdop.org/rentals or scan the QR code.

Supervisor: Brigid Guerin

LEARN TO *Skate Academy*

If your child is a beginner at skating or you just want them to continue to develop their skills, we have a class for you! Our coaches will teach your child the fundamentals of skating in a fun, safe, and encouraging environment. *Free Skate Rental is now included in all classes.*

How do I get started skating? What class should I take first?

If your child has never skated before, the first class they should take is Learn to Skate - Snowplow 1 (Ages 3-5) on page 51 or Basic 1 (Ages 6-15). This class will teach the basics of skating from standing and falling, to marching, and taking your first strides. If they are age 2-5 and would benefit from having a caregiver on the ice with them, we recommend starting with Caregiver & Tot for support while a coach leads them through the process of learning to skate.

Once your child has completed Learn to Skate – Basic 1 and Learn to Skate – Basic 2, they may enroll in Basic 3.

If your child has previous skating experience, email brigid.guerin@pdop.org to determine which skating level they should start with.



Helmets Are Mandatory

For Caregiver/Tot, Snowplow 1 & 2 and Basic 1 & 2 classes

Head protection is highly recommended for all other levels. Please bring your own bike, hockey, skateboard helmet, or protective halo. A limited number of helmets are available to borrow.

Basic 1-6 Skating Progression (Ages 6-15)

BASIC 1	Fundamentals of skating: marching, falling, standing, snowplow stops, glides
BASIC 2	Skills developed: Scooter pushes, backward swizzles, two foot turns & more.
BASIC 3	Skills developed: Forward stroking, half swizzle pumps, 2-foot turns and more.
BASIC 4	Skills developed: Forward crossovers, forward edges on the circle, lunges & more.
BASIC 5	Skills developed: Backward crossovers, forward outside three-turn, hockey stops & more.
BASIC 6	Skills developed: 1-foot spin, spirals, T-stops & more.



Learn to Skate - Basic 1

Whether your child is interested in figure skating, hockey, or just wants to learn to skate, this class is the perfect introduction to the fundamentals of skating. **Ages 6-15**

Prerequisite: Children should be able to follow instruction and have a desire to learn to ice skate.

Learn to Skate - Basic 2

Building on the skills introduced in Snowplow 1/ Basic 1, this course will teach fundamentals of backward skating and exercises that build up and reinforce those skills. **Ages 6-15**

Prerequisites: Learn to Skate 1.

Beginners are invited to participate in our **Annual Ice Show.** See page 76.

Fall 1
Sep 8 – Oct 17 (6 weeks)

Fall 2
Oct 20 – Dec 12 (*6/7 weeks)
No class 11/24, 11/26, 11/28

Winter
Jan 5 – Feb 27 (8 weeks)

Learn to Skate – Basic 1 & 2

Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	4:50 – 5:20P	Sa*	11:55A – 12:25P
Th	4:30 – 5:00P		1:20 – 1:50P
	5:50 – 6:20P		

*FALL 1: Res Fee $88 – Fee $108
FALL 2: Res Fee $106 – Fee $126
WINTER: Res Fee $124 – Fee $144

Skates included with all classes.

Supervisor: Brigid Guerin

START YOUR *Figure Skating*

We teach the fundamentals of figure skating following the United States Figure Skating Learn to Skate curriculum. Our experienced coaches guide skaters through every level, from standing on the ice to mastering jumps and spins. Beyond skill development, participation in our academy opens doors to exciting opportunities, including participation in our skating exhibitions and the annual Ice Show, where skaters can showcase their talents. Skaters learn new skills, forge lasting connections, and stay active in a welcoming and supportive environment.

How do I get started skating?

Once your child has completed Learn to Skate 1 and Learn to Skate 2, and are interested in Figure Skating, then they may enroll in Basic 3. If your child has previous skating experience, please email brigid.guerin@pdop.org to determine which Figure Skating level they should start.

Skate Academy Practice Ice

Skate School sessions are open to all Skate Academy participants. Use this ice time to practice your skills on your own and at your own pace. **All Ages**
Fee: $7 each session
Days and Times Vary (See Amilia for schedule)



Basic 3

In the Basic 3 class, skaters continue to build confidence and develop fundamental skating skills. Basic 3 is perfect for those who have mastered Basic 2 and are ready to progress toward more advanced techniques such as forward stroking and backward snowplow stops, in a supportive, fun environment. **Ages 6–15**

Prerequisites: Learn to Skate 2

Basic 4

The Basic 4 class builds on skills learned in Basic 3, helping skaters gain strength, balance, and control on the ice. Skaters will learn forward outside and inside edges, backward one-foot glides, backward pumps, a two-foot spin, and forward crossovers. This level introduces more advanced elements that lay the groundwork for higher-level figure skating and hockey skills. **Ages 6–15**

Prerequisites: Basic 3

Basic 5

In the Basic 5 class, skaters continue to develop their technique with a focus on strength, control, and coordination. This level introduces backward crossovers, hockey stops, forward outside three-turns, and begin learning a one-foot spin. These skills form the foundation for more advanced figure skating moves and prepare skaters for Basic 6 and beyond. **Ages 6–15**

Prerequisites: Basic 4

Basic 6

Basic 6 class is the final level of the Basic Skills curriculum, focusing on refining technique and introducing more advanced elements. Skaters will learn forward inside three-turns, T-stops, bunny hops, and develop a stronger one-foot spin. This level prepares skaters for the transition into specialty areas like figure skating, hockey, or synchronized skating, building confidence and control on the ice. **Ages 6–15**

Prerequisites: Basic 5

Fall 1
Sep 8 – Oct 17 (6 weeks)

Fall 2
Oct 20 – Dec 12 (*6/7 weeks)
No class 11/24, 11/26, 11/28

Winter
Jan 5 – Feb 27 (8 weeks)

Basic 3, 4, 5 & 6

Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	4:10 – 4:50P	Sa*	12:40 – 1:20P
Th	5:05 – 5:45P		

*FALL 1: Res Fee $100 – Fee $120
FALL 2: Res Fee $120 – Fee $140
WINTER: Res Fee $140 – Fee $160

Skates included with all classes.

Ice Show | 2027

Be Part of the Magic at Our Annual Ice Show!

Skaters will enjoy the opportunity to perform in a professionally produced show featuring costumes, music, choreography, group and special solo opportunities.

Any skater enrolled in a winter skating class is eligible to register for the show – first-time skaters to advanced performers are welcome and encouraged to participate. Make memories that last a lifetime!



Supervisor: Brigid Guerin

ADVANCED *Figure Skating*

Figure Skating Academy offers intermediate and advanced skaters additional programs tailored to enhance specific skills, complementing their Freeskate classes. These include Spin Class, Advanced Jumps & Spins, and Tackle that Axel/Double Jumps. Prior to enrolling in advanced specialty classes, participants must obtain approval from the Skate Academy Supervisor by contacting brigid.guerin@pdop.org.

Advanced Jumps & Spins

Skaters must have a clean Axel and be working on double jumps. Advanced Jump and Spins will develop double jumps and advanced spinning as well as turns and step sequences.

Prerequisite: Participants must receive passing permission from the Skating Program Supervisor prior to enrolling in this class.

Spin Class

This class will work on all levels and variations of spins, from back scratch, front scratch, sit spin, camel, layback, attitude, and combination spins.

Prerequisite: Basic 5

Tackle that Axel/Double Jumps

This class gives skaters the opportunity to focus on Axels and double jumps and work closely with the instructor on the key techniques necessary to achieving these jumps.

Prerequisite: Skaters must be currently enrolled in Free Skate 5 and up to enroll in this class.

Elite Advanced Skating

Skaters must be able to land two double jumps consistently to participate.

Prerequisite: Participants must receive passing permission from the Skating Program Supervisor and Class Instructor prior to enrolling in this class.

Find our Early Childhood Skating & Hockey on page 51.



PreFS, Freeskate (FS) 1-6, Advanced Skating (Ages 6-18) Progression

PRE-FS	Skills developed: Landing position, mazurka, waltz jump & more.
FS1	Skills developed: Consecutive edges, half flip, toe loop & more.
FS2	Skills developed: Backward outside & inside consecutive edges, half lutz, salchow & more.
FS3	Skills developed: Advanced back spin, loop jump, waltz three-turns & more.
FS4	Skills developed: Waltz eight, sit spin, flip & more.
FS5	Skills developed: Camel spin, lutz jump, backward outside three-turns & more.
FS6	Skills developed: Layback spin, forward power pulls, beginning axel & more.

Fall 1
Sep 8 – Oct 17 (6 weeks)

Fall 2
Oct 20 – Dec 12 (*6/7 weeks)
No class 11/24, 11/26, 11/28

Winter
Jan 5 – Feb 27 (8 weeks)

Pre–FS

Day	Time
Tu	4:10 – 4:50P

FS 1

Day	Time
Tu	4:10 – 4:50P

FS 2

Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	4:10 – 4:50P	Sa*	11:15 – 11:55A

FS 3 through FS 6

Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	5:20 – 6:00P	Sa*	11:15 – 11:55A

*FALL 1: Fes Fee $120 – Fee $140
FALL 2: Res Fee $140 – Fee $160
WINTER: Res Fee $160 – Fee $180

Fall 1
Sep 8 – Oct 17 (6 weeks)

Fall 2
Oct 20 – Dec 12 (*6/7 weeks)
No class 11/24, 11/26, 11/28

Winter
Jan 5 – Feb 27 (8 weeks)

Advanced Jumps & Spins

Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	5:20 – 6:00P	Sa*	8:35 – 9:15A

Spin Class

Day	Time
Th	4:30 – 5:00P

Tackle That Axel/Double Jumps

Day	Time
Th	5:05 – 5:45P

Elite Advanced Class

Day	Time
Sa*	8:35 – 9:15A

*FALL 1: Fes Fee $120 – Fee $140
FALL 2: Res Fee $140 – Fee $160
WINTER: Res Fee $160 – Fee $180

Learn to Play Hockey

Supervisor: Mike Baiardo

HOCKEY ADM FUNdamentals

Aligned with USA Hockey's American Development Model (ADM), Hockey Academy uses an athlete-centered approach that aims to help individuals realize their athletic potential and utilize sport as a path toward an active and healthy lifestyle. In the ADM FUNdamentals stage, children develop fundamental movement skills, general athleticism, and begin to learn and acquire basic hockey skating and stick skills.

How do I get started playing hockey?

If your child has never skated before, it is required that they pass Learn to Skate 1 & 2 before progressing to our hockey classes. All new participants should choose their hockey class based on their age group.

Do you have previous hockey experience? Email hockey@pdop.org for participant-specific class recommendations.

No gear? No problem.

Due to the competitive nature in ice hockey, full gear is required for all levels, including helmet with face mask, shoulder pads, elbow pads, hockey gloves, hockey pants, shin pads, hockey socks, and skates.

We host a Hockey Information & Equipment Fitting Day at the start of each session where enrolled participants can rent equipment for free!



Hockey 101 (Ages 6–13)

Your child will learn the fundamental skating and stick skills for hockey such as c-cuts, stops, glide turns, passing, shooting, and puck handling. This class lays the foundation for Hockey 201 while building confidence and competence to have fun and compete! **Ages 6–13**

Prerequisites: Learn to Skate 1 & 2

Hockey 201 (Ages 6–13)

For the young hockey player who has already completed Hockey 101. In this course, your child will build on the skills they've already learned while adding more advanced skating, shooting, passing, and stick-handling techniques. This course prepares your child to enter the Ice Bears Academy.

Prerequisites: Hockey 101

Skates included with all classes.

Advanced Hockey

Advanced Hockey Clinics will now be offered to youth and adult participants. **All Ages**

Youth Prerequisites: Hockey 201, Ice Bears, or Travel Hockey

Adult Prerequisites: Adult Hockey 101 or Women's Beginner Hockey

Advanced Power Skating & Skills

Ready to skate past the competition? You will learn the same advanced hockey skating concepts and techniques professional athletes in the NHL and PWHL use. You'll work on inside and outside edges, balance, quick starts, overspeed, and conditioning.

Hockey Shooting Clinic

This class introduces the technical skills of shooting including form, technique, power, accuracy, and release while learning seven different types of shots. Learn the techniques and practice against goalies in drills and a shootout.

Goalie Clinic

This class covers USA Hockey Goaltending curriculum throughout the season and focuses on four different stages. Join this goalie-centered environment and improve your skills each week. Goalies who register for this class may also attend Ice Bears Academy Cross-Ice games on Sundays.

Fall 1
Sep 9 – Oct 25 (*6/7 weeks)
No class 10/18

Fall 2
Oct 28 – Dec 9 (5/6 weeks)**
No class 11/25, 11/29

Winter
Jan 6 – Feb 28 (8 weeks)

Hockey 101			
Day	Time	Day	Time
W	5:45 – 6:30P	Su*	8:30 – 9:15A

Hockey 201			
Day	Time	Day	Time
W	5:45 – 6:30P	Su*	8:30 – 9:15A

**FALL 1 & 2: Res Fee $80 – Fee $100
*FALL 1 & 2: Res Fee $100 – Fee $120
FALL 1 & 2: Res Fee $120 – Fee $140
WINTER: Res Fee $140 – Fee $160

Advanced Power Skating & Skills	
Day	Time
Su	9:30 – 10:15A

Hockey Shooting Clinic Goalie Clinic	
Day	Time
Su	10:30 – 11:15A

FALL 1 & 2: Res Fee $160 – Fee $180
WINTER: Res Fee $264 – Fee $312

Girls Hockey Weekend

Saturday, 2:45–6:15P, Oct 16–18

The International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) designated October 16-18 as Girls Ice Hockey Weekend, and we are joining in that celebration by hosting these special events and activities! **All Ages**

- **Girl's Try Hockey,** 2:45-3:45P
- **Girl's Hockey Scrimmage,** 4:00-5:00P
  Res Fee $25 - Fee $30
- **Girl's & Women's Skate,** 5:15-6:15P
  Res Fee $15 - Fee $20
- **Adult & Child**
  Res Fee $25 - Fee $30

Supervisor: Emily Franciszkowicz

ICE BEARS

The Ice Bears are the PDOP in-house travel hockey team. The Ice Bears offer teams at the 8U, 10U, and 12U levels. The team plays in the Northwest Hockey League.

Prerequisite for Team: Ice Bears Pre-Evaluations are done prior to registration and held during the Winter and Summer 2 Sessions.

ICE BEARS *Academy*

Ice Bears Academy helps prepare your child with the transition from Hockey Academy to the Ice Bears travel hockey program. Ice Bears Academy (IBA) players will participate in multi-station skill practices alongside players and coaches from Ice Bears teams on Wednesdays. IBA players will also participate in cross-ice games on Sundays to develop their in-game awareness, hockey IQ, and apply the skills they've been practicing. New on Sundays, there will be a special classroom portion to go over hockey concepts, rules, and terms through videos, worksheets, and games to better prepare your child for Ice Bears.

Prerequisite: Hockey 201



Ice Bears Academy

Ice Bears Academy focuses on age-appropriate curriculum to develop and sharpen skills needed to succeed at the travel hockey level. This includes skill sessions, cross-ice games, and a 30-minute classroom session on to play travel hockey and prepare for Ice Bears.



Fall 1
Sep 9 – Oct 25 (7 weeks)
No class 10/18

Fall 2
Oct 28 – Dec 9 (7 weeks)
No class 11/25, 11/29

Winter
Jan 6 – Feb 28 (8 weeks)

Ice Bears Academy 8U (Ages 6–8)		
Day	Time	
W	4:45 – 5:30P	Registration includes both days.
Su	11:30A – 12:15P	

Ice Bears Academy 10U (Ages 9–10)			
Day	Time	Day	Time
W	6:30 – 7:15P	Registration includes both days.	
Su	11:30A – 12:15P		

Ice Bears Academy 12U (Ages 12–15)			
Day	Time	Day	Time
W	7:30 – 8:15P	Registration includes both days.	
Su	11:30A – 12:15P		

FALL 1 & 2: Res Fee $244 – Fee $252
WINTER: Res Fee $264 – Fee $312

Skates included with all classes.

Ice Bears Mite Jamboree

Sunday, Dec 20, 8:00A–12:30P

Come prepared for a day full of cross-ice games, a skills competition, and of course the much-anticipated breakaway challenge. Remember, judges will be giving scores based on goals, dangles, costumes, and theatrics! **Ages 6–8**

Res Fee/Fee: $40

Prerequisite: Ice Bears 8U or Ice Bears Academy 8U



Swim Academy

Supervisor: Josh Gronwold • Coordinator: Cameron Bayer

SWIMMING PROGRAM CURRICULUM

The swimming curriculum is for students ages 6 months to adult.

Classes are separated by ages and stages. There are five swimming stages based on core swimming competencies.

Benchmarks are established at each stage in the program that combines swimming and safety skills and are a barometer for which stage a swimmer is in.

Sign up based on your swimmer's age and our swim coaches will identify what stage of learning they are in and place them in the appropriate class.

Note: All Fall, Winter and Spring swimming sessions may be subject to change based on facility availability.

How do I get started swimming?

All new participants should choose their swim class based on their age. New swimmers ages 3 months to 5 years can check out swim classes on page 50. Ages 6–13 years should register for Swim School, and ages 14+ should register for Adult Beginner. Coming into Swim Academy with previous experience? Contact us at swimacademy@pdop.org for participant-specific level recommendations.





Swim School (Ages 6–13)

Swim School is divided into five stages reflecting the five core competencies of functional swimming: trust and submersion, body position and air recovery, forward movement and direction change, rotary movement, and integrated movements. This course will develop a high comfort level in the water and teach functional swimming skills. Students will work within their skill groups to develop their skills using age-appropriate learning activities. Learning is self-paced but challenging. Students register by age and are tested on their skills during the first day of class.

Stroke School (Ages 6–13)

This course is for students who have mastered functional swimming and would like to fine-tune techniques and develop endurance. Students refine freestyle and learn stroke technique for the four competitive strokes. Students ages 11+ who are familiar with all strokes are also encouraged to register for Swim Team Prep, listed under Specialty Swim Classes.

Discover our Early Childhood Swimming programs on page 50.

Fall 1
Sep 13 – Oct 25 (6 weeks)
No class 10/18

Fall 2
Nov 8 – Dec 20 (6 weeks)
No class 11/29

Winter 1
Jan 10 – Feb 28 (8 weeks)

Winter 2
Mar 7 – Apr 25 (6 weeks)
No class 3/28, 4/4

Swim School

Day	Time	Location
Su	9:20 – 10:00A	Local High School
	10:05 – 10:45A	
	10:50 – 11:30A	
	11:35A – 12:15P	

Stroke School

Day	Time	Location
Su	10:50 – 11:30A	Local High School
	11:35A – 12:15P	

FALL 1: Res Fee $104 – Fee $114
FALL 2: Res Fee $104 – Fee $114
WINTER 1 & 2: Res Fee $91 – Fee $111

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

Swim Academy

Supervisor: Josh Gronwold • Coordinator: Cameron Bayer

Swim Team Prep (Ages 11–14)
Students refine swim strokes and develop an understanding of basic training principles such as using a pace clock, starts and turns, and racing. This program is an introduction to competitive swimming in a friendly environment. Students who have not taken swimming lessons with PDOP in the past must contact the Swim Coordinator to register for this program.

Adult Beginner (Ages 14+)
Join us for this welcoming class designed for adults who are new to swimming or looking to build comfort and confidence in the water. Our experienced instructors will guide you through basic skills at your own pace, focusing on foundational techniques in a supportive, stress-free environment.

Adult Intermediate (Ages 14+)
This intermediate level is intended for adults familiar with the four main strokes of swimming and comfortable swimming 25 yards in deep water. Class time will be split between stroke development and endurance training and is designed to help swimmers learn the fundamentals of competitive swimming.



Unwind. Connect. Explore. Whether you're looking to learn a new skill, explore a passion, or simply enjoy a fun night out, our programs offer something for everyone!

Find more about our **21+ Adult Leisure & Lifestyle** activities for on pages 20-23.



Fall 1
Sep 13 – Oct 25 (6 weeks)
No class 10/18

Fall 2
Nov 8 – Dec 20 (6 weeks)
No class 11/29

Winter 1
Jan 10 – Feb 28 (8 weeks)

Winter 2
Mar 7 – Apr 25 (6 weeks)
No class 3/28, 4/4

Swim Team Prep

Day	Time	Location
Su	10:05 – 11:05A	Local High School

FALL 1 & 2: Res Fee $154 – Fee $174
WINTER 1: Res Fee $212 – Fee $232
WINTER 2: Res Fee $154 – Fee $174

Adult Beginner

Day	Time	Location
Su	9:15 – 9:55A	Local High School

Adult Intermediate

Day	Time	Location
Su	8:30 – 9:30A	Local High School

FALL 1: Res Fee $91 – Fee $111
FALL 2: Res Fee $154 – Fee $174
WINTER 1 & 2: Res Fee $91 – Fee $111

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

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gymnastics

Fall 2026/Winter 2027 Registration

Supervisor: Keith Kerrigan

WELCOME TO THE Gymnastics & Recreation Center (GRC)

21 Lake Street • (708) 725-2200
Email: gymnastics@pdop.org

The Gymnastics and Recreation Center (GRC) offers instructional programs that provide opportunities for kids and adults of all ages to enjoy gymnastics from preschool programs to competitive level as well as open gym sessions and special events throughout the year.

About Our Instruction

Comparable to any private club, the GRC can meet the needs of any new or experienced gymnast. Careful time and attention are spent on class placement to make sure all students have a rewarding and enjoyable gymnastics experience.

The GRC follows the guidelines of the USAG Developmental Program. Students learn a progressive skill curriculum with an emphasis on safety and progressions. Student progress is documented as they continue through the program. All full-time coaching staff have their USA Gymnastics Safety Certification and Safe Sport Certification.

Here is an overview of what we offer:

- **Gymnastics Classes:** Recreational classes available for toddlers through adults.
- **Specialty Classes:** Tumbling, cheerleading, ninja and more classes available to a variety of ages.
- **Open Gym:** Drop in and enjoy all the gymnastics amenities during our open gym times.
- **Competitive Team:** Girls and boys teams, serving levels 3–10, our team competes in local and national competitions.
- **Kids' Night Out (Ages 6+):** Available for caregivers to enjoy an evening sans kids while kids have a blast at the GRC featuring fun, games, and pizza!

Registration & Fee Structure

More information at pdop.org/gymnastics

Entry Level Classes

Beginner Girls 1; Beginner Boys; Specialty Classes; Adult Classes

Our entry-level classes continue to be session-based. Fees are listed on each page per session, per class.

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis, and registration dates are as follows:

Fall 1 & 2	Winter
Resident: Saturday, Aug 1 at 8:30A	Resident: Saturday, Dec 5 at 8:30A
Non-Resident: Saturday, Aug 8 at 8:30A	Non-Resident: Saturday, Dec 12 at 8:30A

Early Childhood Gymastics programs, see page 49.

Advanced Level Classes

Tuition is based on the average of a nine-month school year (Sep-May) with a consistent monthly fee regardless of how many times the class meets during that month. Fees for each class are as follows:

Beginner Girls 2
Advanced Beginner Girls/Boys:
Resident $97 / Non-Resident $117

Intermediate & Up:
Resident $145 / Non-Resident $165

Additional Information

Waitlists: If a class is full, please join our waitlist. If an opening becomes available, you will receive an email to register.

Make-up Policy: Make-up classes are not offered. Students can request a free pass to an Open Gym session in place of a missed class.

Cancellation Policy: See cancellation policies for individual programs on their pages.

Open Gymnastics Sessions

Drop in at the Gymnastics and Recreation Center to enjoy all the amenities during our open gym times Registration opens 7 days before each Playtime or Open Gym, and you can cancel up to 24 hours before the event. **Pre-Register to ensure your spot.** Walk-ins will not be accepted after maximum registrations are initially reached.

Preschool Playtime (Ages 1–6)

This open gym is a favorite to keep the little ones busy! All children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.

$8 per visit or $7 with prepaid 10-visit pass for $70

School year schedule:
Mon–Thu, 10:15–11:45A • Fri, 1:00–2:30P
pdop.org/preschool-playtime

Open Gym (Ages 6–Adult)

This program is intended for anyone who wants to practice independently to improve their skills. No gymnastics experience required!

$14 per visit or $13 with prepaid 5-visit pass for $65

School year schedule:
Sun 4:30–6:30P
pdop.org/open-gym

Kids' Night Out (Ages 6+)

4th Friday of every month, 6:30–9:30P (unless otherwise indicated)

Parents, enjoy an evening to yourselves while your kids have a blast at the GRC featuring fun, games, and pizza! $40 per child. Registration opens four weeks in advance.
pdop.org/parents-night-out

Beginner Gymnastics

Participation Requirements

To enroll, your child must be 6 years old by November 1, 2026 (Fall Session) or January 10, 2027 (Winter Session).

Registration Information

Below are the open registration dates for both Fall and Winter gymnastics programs.

FALL 1 (AUG 24–OCT 18)
FALL 2 (OCT 19–DEC 20)
No class Sep 7, Nov 25–29

- **Resident Registration opens:** Saturday, August 1 at 8:30A
- **Non-Resident Registration opens:** Saturday, August 8 at 8:30A

WINTER (JAN 4–MAR 28)
No class Jan 18

- **Resident Registration opens:** Saturday, December 5 at 8:30A
- **Non-Resident Registration opens:** Saturday, December 12 at 8:30A

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations up to 48 hours before the first class: Payment can be refunded or credited minus a $5 cancellation fee.

Up to 48 hours before the second class: Refund/credit is reduced by the cost of the first class as well as the $5 cancellation fee.

Any later than 48 hours before the second class: No refund/credit will be given.



Beginner Girls 1 (6+)

For the beginning gymnast. If you're new to the program, start here! Classes are 1 hr 20 min.

Beginner Boys (6+)

For the beginning gymnast. If you're new to the program, start here! Classes are 1 hr 20 min.

Fall 1
Aug 24 – Oct 18
No class Sep 7

Fall 2
Oct 19 – Dec 20
No class Nov 25–29

Winter
Jan 4 – Mar 28
No class Jan 18

Beginner Girls 1 (Ages 6+)

Day	Time	Day	Time
M	4:00 – 5:20P	F	4:00 – 5:20P
	5:30 – 6:50P		5:30 – 6:50P
Tu	4:00 – 5:20P	Sa	9:00 – 10:20A
	5:30 – 6:50P		10:30 – 11:50A
	7:00 – 8:20P		12:00 – 1:20P
W	3:00 – 4:20P	Su	11:30A – 12:50P
	4:30 – 5:50P		1:00P – 2:20P
Th	4:00 – 5:20P		
	5:30 – 6:50P		
	6:40 – 8:00P		
	6:40 – 8:00P (9+)		

Beginner Boys (Ages 6+)

Day	Time	Day	Time
M	7:00 – 8:20P	Th	4:00 – 5:20P
Tu	5:30 – 6:50P	F	4:00 – 5:20P
W	3:00 – 4:20P	Sa	9:00 – 10:20A

FALL 1: Res Fee $171 – Fee $191
FALL 2: Res Fee $193 – Fee $213
WINTER: Res Fee $257 – Fee $277

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





Check out our Circus Arts and Cheerleading programs, see page 36.

Advanced Gymnastics

Supervisor: Keith Kerrigan

Advanced Level Gymnastics

Participation Requirements

To enroll, your child must be 6 years old by November 1, 2026 (Fall Session) or January 10, 2027 (Winter Session).

Each of the following classes requires students to have mastered the skills of the previous level. Our coaches conduct skill evaluations during each session and will let students know when they're ready to graduate. Students need approval from the GRC coaching staff to be marked eligible for those higher-level classes.

Tuition & Registration

The Park District's advanced gymnastics program for classes Beginner 2 and above have moved to a monthly tuition system. This monthly fee allows your gymnast to be continuously enrolled in class without needing to re-register during the school year! Gymnasts will be automatically evaluated to be sure they are in the appropriate class for their level. You will be informed if a class change is needed.

You may register at any time throughout the school year provided you pass the skills test to enroll in a particular class and there are spaces available. Tuition is based on the average of a nine-month school year (Sep-May) with a consistent monthly fee regardless of how many times the class meets during that month.

Fees for each class are as follows:

Beginner Girls 2, Advanced Beginner Girls or Boys
Monthly: Res Fee $97 – Fee $117

Intermediate & Up
Monthly: Res Fee $145 – Fee $165

Cancellation Policy

If you need to cancel out of your class, contact us at gymnastics@pdop.org. All upcoming payments will be cancelled, but you must request your cancellation by the 15th of the month in order to have your most recent payment credited or refunded.



Beginner Girls 2 (6+)

For girls who have mastered the required skills of Beginner Girls 1 and have received a written notification from their coach to sign up for this level. Classes are 1 hr 20 min.

Advanced Beginner Girls (6+)

For girls who have mastered the required skills of the Beginner Girls 1 & 2 programs and have received written notification from their coach to sign up for this level. Classes are 1 hr 20 min.

Intermediate & Up Girls (6+)

For girls who have mastered the skills required for their previous levels and have received written notification from their coach to sign up for this level. Classes are 2 hours.

Advanced Beginner Boys (6+)

For boys who have mastered the required skills of the Beginner Boys program and have received written notification from their coach to sign up for this level. Classes are 1 hr 20 min.

Intermediate & Up Boys (6+)

For boys who have mastered the skills required for their previous levels and have received written notification from their coach to sign up for this level. Classes are 2 hours.

Fall 1
Aug 24 – Oct 18
No class Sep 7

Fall 2
Oct 19 – Dec 20
No class Nov 25–29

Winter
Jan 4 – Mar 28
No class Jan 18

Beginner Girls 2 (Ages 6+)

Day	Time	Day	Time
M	4:00 – 5:20P	Sa	10:30 – 11:50A
	5:30 – 6:50P		12:00 – 1:20P
W	3:00 – 4:20P	Su	11:30A – 12:50P
	4:30 – 5:50P		1:00 – 2:20P
F	5:30 – 6:50P		

Advanced Beginner Girls (Ages 6+)

Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	4:00 – 5:20P	Th	5:30 – 6:50P
	7:00 – 8:20P	Sa	10:30 – 11:50A

Intermediate & Up Girls (Ages 6+)

Day	Time	Day	Time
Tu	6:00 – 8:00P	W	6:00 – 8:00P

Advanced Beginner Boys (Ages 6+)

Day	Time	Day	Time
M	4:00 – 5:20P	W	4:30 – 5:50P

Intermediate & Up Boys (Ages 6+)

Day	Time
Th	6:40 – 8:40P



Adult Gymnastics & Specialty Gymnastics Classes

Participation Requirements

To enroll, your student must be the indicated age by November 1, 2026 (Fall Session) or January 10, 2027 (Winter Session).

Registration Information

Below are the open registration dates for both Fall and Winter gymnastics programs.

FALL 1 (AUG 24–OCT 18)
FALL 2 (OCT 19–DEC 20)
No class Sep 7, Nov 25–29

- **Resident Registration opens:** Saturday, August 1 at 8:30A
- **Non-Resident Registration opens:** Saturday, August 8 at 8:30A

WINTER (JAN 4–MAR 28)
No class Jan 18

- **Resident Registration opens:** Saturday, December 5 at 8:30A
- **Non-Resident Registration opens:** Saturday, December 12 at 8:30A



Cancellation Policy

Cancellations up to 48 hours before the first class: Payment can be refunded or credited minus a $5 cancellation fee.

Up to 48 hours before the second class: Refund/credit is reduced by the cost of the first class as well as the $5 cancellation fee.

Any later than 48 hours before the second class: No refund/credit will be given.



Tumbling & Trampoline

This co-ed class focuses on basic tumbling and trampoline skills. Students will learn skills based on a progression chart and have the opportunity to progress at their own rate, from beginner to advanced tumbling, trampoline and tumble track skills. Classes are 1 hour. Each class has its own age range; to enroll, your student must be the indicated age by November 1, 2026 (Fall Session) or January 10, 2027 (Winter Session).

Ninja Training

Unleash your inner ninja! Combining elements of parkour and gymnastics, this class will challenge students to build strength, skill, and confidence through an ever-changing rotation of obstacle courses. Every class is a new mission to complete! Classes are 1 hr 20 min. **Ages 6+**

Tumbling for Cheerleading

Learn tumbling, cheerleading style! This class focuses on tumbling skills for school cheer squads and for competitive cheerleading. We emphasize technique, form, and drills to master the tumbling needed for your squad performance to be breathtaking. Classes are 1 hr 20 min. **Ages 12+**

Adult Gymnastics (18+ yrs)

This is a co-ed instructional class for adults who are interested in learning gymnastics or maintaining their gymnastics skills. Time will be spent on gymnastics equipment, as well as strength training and stretching. Classes are 1 hour.

Fall 1
Aug 24 – Oct 18
No class Sep 7

Fall 2
Oct 19 – Dec 20
No class Nov 25–29

Winter
Jan 4 – Mar 28
No class Jan 18

Tumbling & Trampoline

Day	Time	Ages
M	6:30 – 7:30P	6–8
	7:45 – 8:45P	9+
Tu	6:45 – 7:45P	6+
Sa	12:00 – 1:00P	6+

FALL 1: Res Fee $130 – Fee $150
FALL 2: Res Fee $147 – Fee $167
WINTER: Res Fee $196 – Fee $216

Ninja Training

Day	Time	Ages
Su	1:00 – 2:20P	6+

Tumbling for Cheerleading

Day	Time	Ages
W	7:00 – 8:20P	12+

Adult Gymnastics

Day	Time	Ages
Th	7:00 – 8:20P	18+

FALL 1: Res Fee $171 – Fee $191
FALL 2: Res Fee $193 – Fee $213
WINTER: Res Fee $257 – Fee $277

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



Dog Parks & Permits

Residents and non-residents are invited to enjoy the Park District of Oak Park's two off-leash dog parks below.

Your four-legged friends can expend energy exercising and socializing with other dogs in a safe and healthy environment, while you socialize with other permit holders who share your love of dogs.

Dog Park Locations

- Ridgeland Common Dog Park (415 Lake Street)
- Maple Park (1105 S. Maple Avenue)

Permit Required for Entry to Dog Parks

Prerequisite for Permit Application

To apply for a Dog Park Permit, owners must provide proof of a valid village dog license receipt in the village of your residency, including the license number. Additionally, proof of vaccinations for the current year, including Rabies, Distemper, Kennel Cough/Bordetella, Para-influenza and Parvovirus are required. Proof of a negative fecal test for intestinal parasites within the last year must also be provided at the time of registration.

Dog Park Access

Dog parks use a key card access system. Dog parks are maintained and inspected by Park District staff. Dog owners, who are not in compliance with dog park rules and requirements, may be subject to fines, as well as dismissal from dog park use.

For a full list of rules and regulations, please visit www.pdop.org/dogs. Please remember that all dogs must be on a leash in all other Park District spaces.

Dog Park Permits

Dog park permit documentation mentioned above should be emailed to info@pdop.org. Non-resident pass sales are limited to the first 200 purchasers in a 12-month period. Permits are valid for one year from the date of purchase.

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Permit Fees (Limit 2 dogs per household)

- **Residents:** 1st & 2nd Dog FREE
- **Non-Residents:** 1st Dog $20 • 2nd Dog $10
  $10 Deposit (Refunded once returned and membership is not renewed)



CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR POOCH



We all love our furry friends!

Part of being a responsible pet owner is keeping our shared spaces in the park clean and ensuring the safety of all park patrons. PLEASE:

- Leash your dog while visiting our parks
- Pick up after your pet
- Keep your dog out of plant beds

Let's work together to maintain a pristine and pleasant environment for everyone!

Service Dogs & Playgrounds

For the safety of our patrons, dogs are not allowed in Park District playgrounds unless serving as a service animal. Dogs are allowed in our regular parks as long as they are on a leash which is no longer than 8 feet at all times. Please kindly pick up waste from your pet.



Take a BRISK WALK in our PARKS



Walking is a great way to get some exercise. The only equipment you need are your legs and walking shoes!



Walking Paths
(Approximate 1-mile equivalent)

- Austin Gardens ..... 4 laps
- Barrie Park ..... 3 laps
- Euclid Square Park ..... 4 laps
- Lindberg Park ..... 2 laps
- Longfellow Park ..... 3 laps
- Maple Park: N to S path loop ..... 1.5 laps
- Mills Park ..... 6 laps
- Scoville Park ..... 3 laps
- Taylor Park ..... 2 laps
- Stevenson Park ..... 4 laps

Longer Trips
(Roundtrip distance in miles!)

- Austin Gardens to Lindberg Park .... 2.1 mi
- Barrie Park to Euclid Square Park .... 1.8 mi
- Field Park to Taylor Park ..... 1.3 mi
- Longfellow Park to Euclid Square .... 2.2 mi
- Lindberg Park to Taylor Park ..... 1.4 mi
- Maple Park to Fox Park ..... 2.3 mi
- Stevenson Park to Andersen Park .... 1.8 mi
- Taylor Park to RCRC ..... 2.0 mi

Find links to each path mapped out in the park at pdop.org/walkingpaths

No Smoking
In accordance with Park District Ordinance 7.23, no smoking of any kind (cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, pipes, marijuana or other tobacco products) is allowed on Park District property. Thank you for cooperating.

No Alcohol
In accordance with Park District Ordinance 7.23, no alcoholic liquor, intoxicating substances or other drugs are allowed on Park District property. Thank you for cooperating.

No guns
No guns are allowed in our parks or facilities.

Only Water Allowed on Turf Fields at RCRC, Irving School, Julian Middle School and Brooks Middle School
Water is the only consumable allowed on the turf field. No other drinks or food are permitted. This includes chewing gum, candies, seeds, oranges, Gatorade, juice, etc. Food and drink other than water will stain the turf and will cause unsanitary conditions.

Bikes in Our Parks
No person may ride a bicycle within any park facility where the use of bicycles is posted as prohibited. No person may use a bicycle at any time in a manner that interferes with or threatens any other person.

No Skateboarding
Skateboarding is prohibited on park benches, monuments, or other park features as posted.

No private tennis lessons allowed on Park District tennis courts.
According to Park District Ordinance, no person shall conduct any private instruction, lesson, or class in any Park Facility at any time except as previously approved by the Park District.

Operating Hours

Outdoor facilities are available weather permitting.

Stevenson Skate Park
The 12,000 sq. ft. skate park is free. Helmets must be worn.

Hours of Operation:
M–F, Sa, Su . . . . . 8:00A – 8:00P

Barrie Park Sports Courts
These FREE Sports Courts feature 6 dedicated pickleball courts and 2 half-court basketball areas.

Hours of Operation:
M–F, Sa, Su . . . . . 8:00A – 8:00P

Stevenson Basketball Courts
Three half-court basketball courts at Stevenson Park are free.

Hours of Operation:
M–F, Sa, Su . . . . . .8:00A – 8:00P

Longfellow Basketball Courts
This basketball court is free to all ages.

Hours of Operation:
M–F, Sa, Su . . . . . 8:00A – 8:00P

Field, Andersen, Fox & Longfellow Splash Pads

Hours of Operation:
Memorial Day–Labor Day . . . . . 9:00A – 7:00P

Rehm Trains
The FREE hand-operated trains cruise along a track inside the playground at Rehm Park!
Hours of Operation: Apr 18 – Aug 31
Sa & Su . . . . . 11:00A – 1:00P
Tu & Th . . . . . 6:00 – 8:00P

Accessibility
The Park District of Oak Park welcomes the opportunity to assist residents and visitors with disabilities to enjoy our facilities, programs and services. The Park District is a public entity as defined under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) which prohibits the District from discriminating against individuals with disabilities (as defined by the ADA) in all programs, activities, and services. We are committed to complying with all applicable provisions of Title II as well as all other federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to persons with disabilities.

The Park District works closely with our partner, West Suburban Special Recreation Association, who provides recreation programs for adults and children with physical impairments, mental disabilities, or any other type of disability. Residents of all ages with disabilities can participate in year-round programming specifically designed to meet their individual needs through inclusion support of Park District programs and participation in WSSRA programs.

To contact WSSRA directly, please call (847) 455-2100 or visit www.wssra.net. To request an inclusion aide for a Park District of Oak Park program, please indicate your request on the program registration form which can be completed online at pdop.org or in-person. See page 2 for registration locations and hours.

For assistance with special needs at public meetings, please contact Karen Gruszka, Executive Assistant, at (708) 725-2017 or karen.gruszka@pdop.org. For assistance and general information on accessibility at the Park District of Oak Park, contact Bill Hamilton, Superintendent of Properties & Planning at bill.hamilton@pdop.org or (708) 725-2052.

Carry In/Carry Out Program

We all understand the importance of caring for our environment so that we leave our planet better than we found it for future generations. Each one of us can make a difference. The same is true for our parks. Here is your opportunity to be a good park steward.

We are asking for your help and cooperation in keeping our parks clean and safe through our Carry In/Carry Out program. You simply need to carry out all waste and recyclables you bring into the park. Basically leave the park the way you found it. **It's that simple.**





Individual Park & Facility Amenities

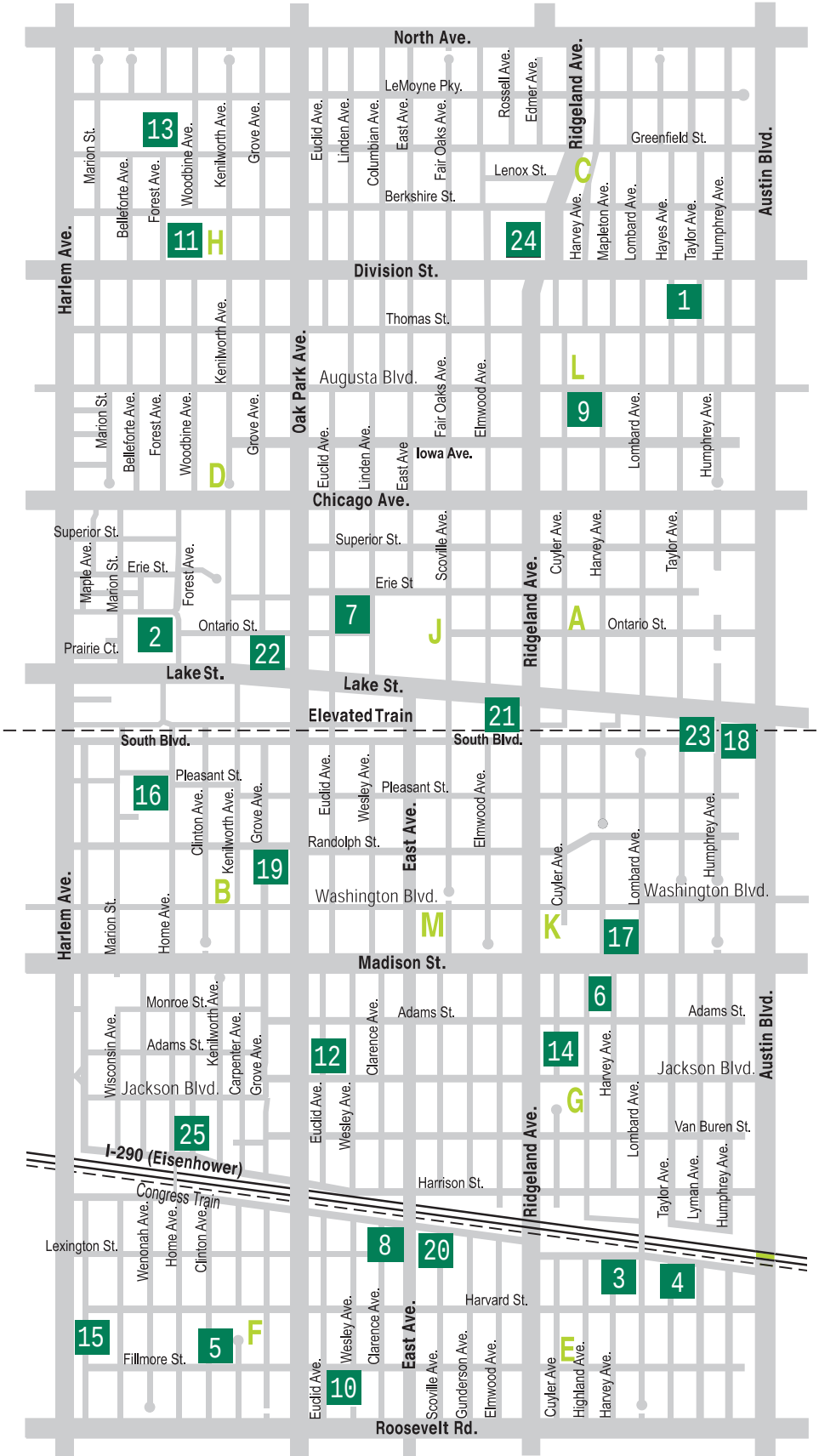
Hours for Playgrounds: Sunrise to Sunset • Hours of Parks: 6:00A -10:00P

Lights Disabled at 10:00P • ***Park Type (N=Neighborhood; M=Mini; C=Community) • **Court/Hit Board Lights:** *On Timer, **Manual-control • **SyT**=Synthetic Turf • Accessible

PARK DISTRICT of OAK PARK

		Administrative Center	Andersen Park & Center	Austin Gardens	Barrie Park & Center	Carroll Park & Center	Cheney Mansion	Community Recreation Ctr.	Conservatory	Dole Center	Euclid Square	Field Park & Center	Fox Park & Center	Gymnastics & Recreation Center	Lindberg Park	Longfellow Park & Center	Maple Park	Mills Park / Pleasant Home	Randolph Park	Rehm Park & Pool	Ridgeland Common Rec. Complex	Scoville Park	Stevenson Park & Center	Taylor Park	Wenonah Park
	WI-FI Available	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X					X	X	X		
	AED	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
	***Park Type	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	M	N	N	C	N	N	M
	Acres	.34	1.3	3.64	4.22	2.68	2.20	.65	.80	.35	2.81	3.39	1.54	.62	13.9	2.62	6.98	4.43	.32	6.51	6.06	3.98	3.3	11.75	.12
Fields & Courts	All-purpose Field		1		1	1					1	1	1		2	1	2			1	1		1	1	
	Baseball/Softball Field				60'	60'					60'	60' (2)	60'		90' (2)	60'	60' (2)				60' (2)		60'		
	Basketball Court				½ (2)			X								full							½ (3)		
	Soccer Field		X		X							X	X		X	X	X			X	X		X	X	
	Tennis Court										4				3	2*	2**			2		3**		6**	
	Pickleball				X			X			X						X							X	
	Turf Field																				SyT				
	Volleyball Court (sand)							X												2					
Special Site Features	Ceramic/Art Studio									X															
	Community Center		X	X	X	X						X	X			X							X		
	Dance Studio									1				1							1		1		
	Dog Park																X				X				
	Gymnastics Center													X											
	Ice Rink: Indoor (i); Outdoor (o)															X(o)					X(i)			X(o)	
	Indoor Playground													X									X		
	Fitness/Multipurpose Studio							X		3				2							2				
	Nature Area			X			X		X						X			X				X		X	
	Outdoor Fitness Equip.				X														X						
	Pavilion/Gazebo											X			X		X							X	
	Permitable Picnic Area											1			1		1							2	
	Picnic/Chess Tables		4	3							X	4	4	1	4		4		2	1	2			4	2
	Program Registration								X		X			X							X				
	Public Restrooms		♿	♿	♿	♿	♿	♿	♿	♿	♿	♿	♿	♿	♿	♿	♿			♿	♿	♿	♿	♿	
	Rental/Banquet Facilities		X		X	X	X		X			X	X			X		X			X		X		
	Skateboard Park																						X		
	Sled Hill				X																			X	
	Spray/Splashpad		X									X	X			X									
	Outdoor Swimming Pool																			X	X				
	Trains (hand-powered)																			X					
Play Equip	Equipment for 0-5 yrs		X		X	X					X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
	Equipment for 5+yrs		X		X						X	X	X			X	X			X			X	X	

Parks & Facilities Map



PARKS & FACILITIES

1. **Andersen Center/Park** (824 N. Hayes)
2. **Austin Gardens** (167 Forest Avenue)
3. **Barrie Center** (1011 S. Lombard)
4. **Barrie Park** (127 Garfield Street)
5. **Carroll Center/Park** (1125 S. Kenilworth)
6. **Community Recreation Center** (229 Madison St.)
7. **Elizabeth F. Cheney Mansion** (220 N. Euclid)
8. **Oak Park Conservatory** (615 Garfield Street)
9. **Dole Center** (255 Augusta)
10. **Euclid Square Park** (705 W. Fillmore)
11. **Field Center/Park** (935 Woodbine)
12. **Fox Center/Park** (624 S. Oak Park Avenue)
13. **Lindberg Park** (1151 N. Marion)
14. **Longfellow Center/Park** (610 S. Ridgeland Ave)
15. **Maple Park** (1105 S. Maple Ave)
16. **Mills Park/Pleasant Home** (217 S. Home)
17. **Hedges Administration Center** (218 Madison)
18. **Gymnastics and Recreation Center** (21 Lake Street)
19. **Randolph Park** (Grove & Randolph)
20. **Rehm Pool and Park** (515 Garfield)
21. **Ridgeland Common Recreation Complex (RCRC) & Paul Hruby Ice Arena** (415 Lake Street)
22. **Scoville Park** (800 W. Lake Street)
23. **Stevenson Center/Park** (49 Lake Street)
24. **Taylor Park** (400 W. Division)
25. **Wenonah Park** (Wenonah & Harrison)

OTHER PROGRAM LOCATIONS

A. **Beye School** (230 N. Cuyler)
B. **Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School** (916 Washington Boulevard)
C. **Hatch School** (1000 N. Ridgeland Avenue)
D. **Holmes School** (508 N. Kenilworth Avenue)
E. **Irving School** (1125 S. Cuyler Avenue)
F. **Lincoln School** (1111 S. Grove Avenue)
G. **Longfellow School** (715 Highland Avenue)
H. **Mann School** (921 N. Kenilworth Avenue)
J. **Oak Park & River Forest High School** (201 N. Scoville Avenue)
K. **Percy Julian Middle School** (416 S. Ridgeland)
L. **Whittier School** (715 N. Harvey Avenue)
M. **Fenwick High School** (505 W. Washington Blvd)

Park Permits (Available Apr 15–Oct 31)

If you are planning an event in a park in Oak Park, you may need to secure a park permit in order to proceed with your event. Certain activities that require a permit include, but are not limited to:

- Gatherings/events with 12 or more participants
- Bringing outside equipment into a park
- Events requiring a specific location within a park
- Professional filming or photography
- Food or merchandise sales or sampling
- Use of any amplified sound, including microphones or radios

Obtaining a Park Permit

To apply for a permit or determine if your activity requires a permit, please visit pdop.org/permits. Fill out the appropriate permit request and submit it to the Park District at least three weeks prior to the proposed activity. Requests must be accompanied by the application fee ($10 for residents, $25 for non-residents) to be processed. Questions? Email reservations@pdop.org.

Picnic Patio & Shelter Permits (Available Apr 15–Oct 31)

Permits may be reserved for the Field Park gazebo, Taylor Park patio, Taylor Park Picnic Shelter, Lindberg Park Picnic Shelter or Maple Park Picnic Shelter during the spring/summer/fall seasons between 9:00A–8:00P for a minimum of 3 hours. **Reservations can be made starting March 15.**

Location	Capacity	Rate Per Hour	Grilling Allowed?
Field Park Gazebo	25 max.	Per Hour: Res Fee $18 – Fee $27	Not allowed
Taylor Park Patio	50 max.	Per Hour: Res Fee $20 – Fee $30	Allowed on adjacent provided grills only
Taylor Park Picnic Shelter	35 max.	Per Hour: Res Fee $20 – Fee $30	Not allowed
Lindberg Park Picnic Shelter	35 max.	Per Hour: Res Fee $20 – Fee $30	Not allowed
Maple Park Picnic Shelter	35 max.	Per Hour: Res Fee $20 – Fee $30	Not allowed
Rehm Park Picnic Shelter	35 max.	Per Hour: Res Fee $20 – Fee $30	Not allowed

LOOKING FOR A SPACE TO HOST YOUR NEXT GATHERING?

Fox and Andersen Centers, and RCRC Activity Rooms are open for rentals.

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Perfect for hosting birthday parties, family gatherings, meetings, and other small events! These centers offer flexible room layouts at an affordable hourly rate. Rentals are available 8:30A-10:00P with options outside these hours subject to additional charges. Two-hour rental minimum.



Scan the QR code above or visit pdop.org/rentals for details.

Facility Rentals

The Park District of Oak Park offers a variety of venues for your special occasions, including our unique historic properties well-suited for weddings, showers and corporate functions. Our recreation centers throughout the community are great settings for birthday parties and other gatherings.

Cheney Mansion
cheneymansion.com
Susan Crane, susan.crane@pdop.org • (708) 725-2500

Pleasant Home
pleasanthomeop.com
Susan Crane, susan.crane@pdop.org • (708) 725-2095

Oak Park Conservatory
oakparkconservatory.org
Patti Staley, patti.staley@pdop.org • (708) 725-2400

RCRC, Andersen Center, and Fox Center Room Rentals
pdop.org/room-rentals
reservations@pdop.org • (708) 725-2000

Birthday Parties
pdop.org/birthdayparties

Gymnastics Parties
gymnastics@pdop.org or (708) 725-2200

Oak Park Conservatory Parties
Patti Staley, patti.staley@pdop.org
(708) 725-2400

Esports Gaming Parties
Keni Roman, keni.roman@pdop.org
(708)725-2177

Rink Parties
Keely Garbacz, keely.garbacz@pdop.org
(708) 725-2309

Cubhouse Indoor Playground Parties
Pilar Martinez, pilar.martinez@pdop.org
(708) 725-3135

Pool Parties
Josh Gronwold, josh.gronwold@pdop.org
(708) 725-2303

Nature Center Parties
Hannah Garcia, hannah.garcia@pdop.org
(708) 725-2043



Rush North & Harlem — Expert Care, Right in Your Neighborhood

Rush brings nationally recognized care closer to you with the opening of Rush North & Harlem, your new neighborhood hub for health and wellness. Conveniently located at the corner of North and Harlem in Chicago, this state-of-the-art, 61,000-square-foot facility offers comprehensive health care services.

Urgent Care, 7 Days a Week
Walk in for minor injuries and illnesses — no appointment needed. Open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., our urgent care clinic is here when you need it most.

Primary & Specialty Care
Access trusted primary care providers, along with specialists — Rush ranked 6th in the nation among academic health systems by Vizient.

Advanced Imaging Services
A full range of on-site imaging, including 3-D mammograms, X-rays, MRIs, CT scans, and ultrasounds, making it easier to get the tests you need.

Rush Pharmacy
Pick up your prescriptions without making an extra stop. Located on the first floor, easily accessible and steps from the main entrance.

Free, Easy Parking
Enjoy complimentary parking in our dedicated surface lot.

Learn more and schedule an appointment at rush.edu/northandharlem.

Rush North & Harlem
1625 N. Harlem Ave.
Chicago, IL 60607

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Customer Service

Ridgeland Common Recreation Complex (RCRC)
415 Lake Street
Oak Park, IL 60302
Phone: (708) 725-2000
Fax: (708) 725-2301

Field, Facility, & Pool Conditions
Smartphone: Check Statusfy App
Online: pdop.org/facility-conditions
(708) 742-6366 or (708) 7GAMEON

Report Park or Facility Damage
(708) 725-2050

AEDs are located on exterior walls of bathrooms and buildings at Taylor, Lindberg, Stevenson, Ridgeland Common, Carroll, Barrie, Longfellow, Fox, Scoville and Maple Parks in the spring, summer and fall.

Key Dates

Fall Program Registration
Resident: Aug 1 • Non Resident: Aug 8

Winter Program Registration
Resident: Dec 5 • Non Resident: Dec 12

Holiday Program Registration
Resident: Oct 3 • Non Resident: Oct 10

PARK DISTRICT of OAK PARK

(708) 725-2000;
Mon–Fri: 8:30A–7:00P
Sat & Sun: 8:30A–5:00P

www.pdop.org

Affiliate Groups

American Youth Soccer Organization
www.opayso.org

Chicago Edge Soccer Club
www.chicagoedgesc.com

East Ave Lacrosse
www.eastavelacrosse.com

Festival Theatre
www.oakparkfestival.com

Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory
www.fopcon.org

Oak Park River Forest Pony League
www.oprfpony.com

Oak Park River Forest Youth Football
www.oakparkyouthfootball.org

Oak Park Windmills
www.oakparkwindmills.org

Oak Park Youth Baseball and Softball
www.opybs.org

OPRF Alliance
oprfalliancesoccer.com

OPRF Ultimate
www.oprfyu.org

Senior Citizens' Center of Oak Park and River Forest
sccoprf@sbcglobal.net

Southeast Oak Park Community Organization
www.seopco.org

West Suburban Special Recreation Association
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