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**Mission**

Parks, Recreation, and Forestry creates community through people, parks, and programs. We strengthen community image and sense of place, support economic development, strength, safety and security, promote health and wellness, foster human development, increase cultural unity, protect environmental resources, facilitate community problem solving, and provide recreational experiences.

**Online Registration**

begins April 4 for Park & Recreation and Nature Center activities. Follow the link on the City Web page at [www.ci.austin.mn.us](http://www.ci.austin.mn.us) or [https://secure.rec1.com/MN/austin](https://secure.rec1.com/MN/austin).

**No Refunds**

will be issued with the exception of when either the Park and Recreation Department or Jay C. Hormel Nature Center cancels a program or activity.

**Cancellations**

will be posted on Facebook when a decision has been made.

**A Holiday Week Break**

will be observed July 3-7, 10, 12, and 15, so programs (with the exception of swim lessons) will not meet during these days. Programs resume July 11.

**Reversible Tank**

purchase is strongly recommended for soccer. We have all sizes in stock, and the cost is $13.

**Youth Coaches Expectations**

- Austin Parks and Recreation Department expects our coaches and supervisors to exemplify the highest moral and ethical behavior for participants and fans to follow. Please contact our office if you observe behavior contrary to this statement. Our goal is to provide each participant with a positive learning experience.

- The City of Austin has adopted a policy prohibiting the use of tobacco in all City facilities and at any playground/park location. Coaches, as well, should be considerate of others by abiding by this policy.

- If your child has specialized needs, please let us know in advance so that we, in turn, can notify her/his related coach(es).

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We may use photographs of your child for City of Austin publications. You may request in writing that your child shall not be photographed.

Disclaimer: All activities are subject to COVID restrictions which may be in place at the date/time of the activities. Park and Rec staff reserve the right to modify, postpone, or cancel activities as they deem fit to best comply with any possible restrictions or mandates.
Tobacco-Free Policy - The City of Austin has adopted a policy which prohibits the use of tobacco in all city facilities and at any playground/park location. Please be considerate of others, and abide by this policy.

Pet Restrictions and Exercise Areas - Pet Ordinance: "Except as hereinafter provided, no pet animals, including horses, are permitted in public parks. Except for horses, pet animals are permitted on all public trails and park roadways with the exception of the three fenced softball and baseball complexes’ including Todd Park North, Todd Park South, and Riverland Community College (where no pets are permitted). While using the public trails and park roadways, pet animals shall be adequately restrained by a durable leash, cord, chain or other similar restraint and the pet animals shall be under the direct control of their owner, except that pet animals under the supervision of their owner may be unrestrained in the area designated as the dog park."
The Dog Park is located at 510 2nd Street SE.

Owners Are Required to Clean Up After Their Pets!

Kege Permits - Permits are required for kegs in any Austin park and are available in the Park and Recreation office. There is a $10 fee and a two-week waiting period. Cans are allowed without a permit. NO glass containers/bottles are allowed.

Park Rules - Parks are closed from 10:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. There is no camping, no driving or parking on the grass, no glass, and no hitting golf balls allowed in the parks. The speed limit is 15 miles per hour. For your safety and the safety of others, please follow these rules. Violations of this ordinance can carry a fine of up to a $700.

Bandshell - Interested groups can rent the bandshell for $50/day by filling out a contract form at the Park and Recreation Office. Electricity is also available.

Burning in Parks is Prohibited - No open burning/fires are allowed in any park. Exceptions to this are as follows: 1) Sutton Park fire ring, after obtaining a permit at the Park and Recreation office; and 2) grills for cooking.

Disc Golf - Intertwined through beautiful Todd Park, located at 11th Street and 21st Avenue NE, is an 18-hole disc golf course. South Driesner Park on Oakland Place SE also has an 18-hole course.

No Glass or Tobacco is Allowed in Any City Park!

Sand Volleyball Court Locations
Lions Park 8th Street & Oakland Place NE
Todd Park by South Complex 11th Street & 21st Avenue NE
Todd Park by North Complex 11th Street & 21st Avenue NE

Pickleball Court Locations
Neveln Tennis Courts 1918 East Oakland Avenue
Gary Paulson Tennis Courts 1400 West Oakland Avenue

Austin Parks & Recreation Department
500 4th Avenue NE
507-433-1881
Information is available at www.ci.austin.mn.us

Outdoor Basketball Court Locations
Rotary Centennial Park South Main & 8th Avenue SE
Sherman Park 14th Street & 6th Avenue NW
South Grove Park 21st Avenue & 4th Drive SW
Murphy Creek (1/2 Court) 7th Street & 24th Avenue NW
Orchard Creek (1/2 Court) 16th Avenue SW

Walking Paths and Bike Trails
Shirley Theel Memorial Park Path was provided by the Austin Zontas and is located in Southwest quadrant of the city. The path is .5 mile in length.

Mill Pond Path bike/walking trail circles the beautiful Mill Pond; it is located on North Main Street and is .88 miles in length.

Todd Park Bike Trail is 2.4 miles in length and departs from the Mill Pond Path; the trail then travels east along 8th Avenue NE and continues north on a shady pathway to Todd Park.

Cedar River Bike Trail leaves from Mill Pond Path and follows the scenic Cedar River, winding through Driesner Park and ending at the Bandshell Community Park/Skinner’s Hill and is 2.1 miles in length.

East Side Lake Bike Trail advances off Mill Pond Path and follows 8th Avenue NE to East Side Lake. The trail then continues around the lake and follows Oakland Avenue to Driesner Park where it connects to the Cedar River Trail.

Wildwood Park Trail is 1.25 miles in length and proceeds from Todd Park following a scenic shaded trail behind the Hormel Corporate Office, over Wolf Creek, and ends at Wildwood Park.

Need a fundraiser? Rent a complex, and run a tournament! Call Riley at 507-396-5027 for more information.

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For more information on any of the below rental sites, please stop in at the Park and Recreation Office at 500 4th Avenue NE, or call 507-433-1881.

Rental Sites

East Side Lake Gazebo
The gazebo at East Side Lake is fully accessible and available for various occasions. Rental fee is $50.

Horace Austin Gazebo (near the pool)
Located by the play equipment area, fully accessible with electricity. Rental fee is $50.

Lafayette Pavilion
Fully accessible with electricity. Rental fee is $50.

Lions Park - East Pavilion
Located by 8th Street, fully accessible with electricity. Rental fee is $50.

Lions Park - West Pavilion
Located by the river, fully accessible with electricity. Rental fee is $50.

Municipal Pool
The Austin Municipal Pool is available to rent! Enjoy fun in the sun for birthday parties, family reunions, weddings, employee appreciations, and more! The memorable experience you will be creating for you, your family, friends, and co-workers will be cherished for a lifetime. Rental fees are listed on page 4 in the "Municipal Pool" section.

Parkers' Gazebo
This arena facility is available November through February for ice rental events. Call our office for availability for non-ice events.

Riverside Arena
This arena is available for ice rentals all year. Call our office for availability. An hour of private ice is $138. Special price option – guarantee 20 hours for $116 per hour during May-August.

Shirley Theel Memorial Park Pavilion
Fully accessible with electricity. Rental fee is $50.

Veterans' Pavilion
Located in the Bandshell Community Park at 104 9th Place SW, it is fully accessible, includes electricity, and is available to rent for special occasions including weddings, receptions, family reunions, etc. Rental fee is $150, plus a $100 cash deposit when you pick up the key. Dates fill quickly, so please contact the Park and Recreation Office well in advance of your planned event.

Todd Park:
Izaak Walton Cabin
Offering a modest seating capacity of 109, Izaak Walton Cabin was updated and is fully accessible. It is available for special occasions such as weddings, receptions, family reunions, etc. Friday, Saturday or Sunday rental fee is $200, plus a $300 cash deposit when you pick up keys. Monday through Thursday rentals are $35 per hour, plus a $150 deposit.

#1 NW Large Pavilion
Located by the large play area, fully accessible with electricity and restrooms. Rental fee is $80.

#2 NE Large Pavilion - Located in the soccer field area, fully accessible with electricity and restrooms available. This facility now also has a newer playground near it. Rental fee is $80.

#3 South Small Pavilion - Located at the south entrance of Todd Park by the Monster play equipment. Fully accessible with electricity and restroom availability. Rental fee is $50.
Rent the Pool for Special Events
The Austin Municipal Pool is available for rent. Call the office for open times. Lifeguards will be on staff. Any food brought in must stay within the fenced-in picnic area. Cost is as follows:
- $200/hour for All Pool Areas
- $160/hour for Main Pool & Diving Well
- $145/hour Main Pool only
For more information, or to reserve a pool rental date, please contact the Park & Recreation Office at 507-433-1881.

Atlantis Swimming Federation
Summer swim 2022 will assist in developing techniques and conditioning for participants in competitive swimming. Instruction takes place weekday mornings from June 6 thru July 29 at Austin Municipal Pool. The swimming portion of this program is designed for athletes in any grade with at least some competitive swimming experience. Swim meet participants will have an additional cost for the USA fee. Contact Mark Vininski at 812-860-2699 or at atlantisswimmingfederation@gmail.com for more information.

Swim Meets scheduled when all pool areas will be closed to the public:
June 24, 25, 26
July 15, 16, 17
Swim Lessons
Register early online, as both the number of classes offered and the class sizes are limited. There will be four two-week sessions of lessons offered throughout the summer at the Municipal Pool. See lesson descriptions in opposite column. Fee for each two-week lesson is $40.

Swimming Lesson Session Dates
Session 1 June 13-June 24 (no lessons 6/24) Session 3 July 11-July 22 (no lessons 7/15)
Session 2 June 27-July 8 (no lessons 7/4) Session 4 July 25-Aug 5

Morning Lessons
10:00 - 10:30 Sea Turtle, Otter, Penguin
10:00 - 10:40 Otter, Seal, Manatee/Dolphin
10:30 - 11:00 Sea Turtle, Penguin, Otter
10:40 - 11:20 Otter, Otter, Manatee/Dolphin
11:00 - 11:30 Sea Turtle, Penguin, Sand Dollar
11:30 - 12:00 Sea Turtle, Penguin, Sand Dollar
11:20 - 12:00 Otter, Seal, Manatee/Dolphin

Evening Lessons
4:45 - 5:15 Sand Dollar, Sea Turtle, Penguin
4:45 - 5:25 Otter, Sea Turtle, Penguin
5:15 - 5:45 Sea Turtle, Penguin, Manatee/Dolphin
5:25 - 6:05 Otter, Seal, Manatee/Dolphin
5:45 - 6:15 Sea Turtle, Penguin, Sand Dollar
6:05 - 6:45 Otter, Seal, Otter
6:15 - 6:45 Sea Turtle, Penguin, Penguin

Swimming Lesson Descriptions
Register early online, as both the number of classes offered and the class sizes are limited. Listed in the next column are the course descriptions to assist you when registering. The Park and Rec office retains a list of prior year enrollment to assist with correct placement in swimming classes. Swimming lessons are not cancelled due to inclement weather; instead, class participants go inside the building for safety training.

Classes Offered May Change as They Begin to Fill
Park and Rec may open an additional section of a popular class in exchange for eliminating one or more other classes which have no registrants.

Adaptive Aquatic Lessons are available based upon individual needs. Physically challenged participants will be taught basic skills to strengthen arms and legs to their own capability as well as finding a unique environment to explore. Please notify Park and Rec of your child’s need in advance of lessons start date so that we can make arrangements to accommodate.

Sand Dollar, Sea Turtle, & Penguin classes meet for 30 minutes. All other classes meet for 40 minutes.

Sand Dollar: 6-36 months - Parent/Guardians are required to be in the water with the participants. This class has an instructor who gives direction to allow the parent and child to become comfortable in the water.

Sea Turtle: 3yrs (Limit 4 students per class) - Parent/Guardians are NOT allowed in the water with class participants. Students will be introduced to the water to aid them in becoming comfortable, gaining self-confidence prior to moving on to Penguin.

Penguin: Introduction to Water Skills (Limit 4 students per class) - Purpose: Learn pool and class rules, gain self-confidence, learn to float, paddle stroke 10 yards on front and back (with PFD), stroke development 25 yards front, back, and side (all without a flotation device).

Otter: Fundamental Aquatic Skills (limit 4 students per class)
Prerequisites: Competency in Penguin
Purpose: Learn four diving safety rules, know pool rules, front and back float, tread water, bob underwater, jump into deep water, stroke development, rhythmic breathing, surface dive, surface glide, and jump off diving board.

Seal: Stroke Development (limit 6 students per class)
Prerequisites: Competency in Otter
Purpose: Know diving safety; swim on front and back for 25 yds; tread water for one minute (wearing PFD); stroke development (25 yards each); overarm stroke with rotary breathing, breaststroke, backstroke w/ back alternating overarm, and sidestroke with scissor kick; standing dive, jump from diving board, and start flip turns with assistance.

NOTE: Manatee & Dolphin class will combine – Dolphin participants will need to complete more yards. (limit 6 students per class)

Manatee: Stroke Improvement
Prerequisites: Competency in Seal
Purpose: Know diving rules; learn about currents; float for 6 minutes (without flotation device); tread water 3 minutes with combo kicks; learn teamwork and water safety; stroke development (50 yds each): crawl with rotary breathing and open turns, breaststroke, elementary backstroke with a glide, back crawl w/roll and bent arm w/open turns, side stroke w/scissor kick and glide, and the butterfly (15 yds).

Dolphin: Stroke Refinement
Prerequisites: Competency in Manatee
Purpose: Learn backyard pool and water park safety; both float in and tread water for 6 minutes; set three self-improvement goals; stroke development (100 yards each): crawl w/rotary breathing and flip turns, breast stroke w/open turns, elementary backstroke w/glide, back crawl w/open turns, sidestroke w/scissor kick, the butterfly (15 yards), and standing dive w/glide (from the board). Lesson instructors will consult with pool manager prior to passing students through Dolphin.

Adaptability:
Aquatic Lessons are popular methods for teaching swimming to children.

Diving Safety:
Parents/guardians are encouraged to participate in the water with the children for additional safety.

Prerequisites:
Mandatory completion of prior level to progress to the next.

Purpose:
The primary purpose of these classes is to introduce children to various swimming techniques and skills in a controlled environment.

Manatee/Dolphin Classes:
These classes combine elements of both Manatee and Dolphin levels, providing a challenge to students.

Family Discount:
Parents who register for family class are eligible for a discount.

Pre-registration:
Students must register for the classes to secure their spot.

Session Dates:
Sessions are scheduled for specific dates throughout the summer.

Lesson Descriptions:
Each level has detailed descriptions of the skills taught and prerequisites.

Equipment:
Students are required to bring proper swimming attire and equipment.

Location:
All lessons take place at the Municipal Pool.

Schedule:
Classes are held at specific times, with different levels scheduled at various times.

Conclusion:
These classes are designed to foster a love of swimming and to build confidence in the water.
Youth Sports

Note: There will be a break July 3-July 10. Programs will not meet during these days, but they will resume again July 11.

**Soccer**
Soccer will be held June 7-July 24 at the Todd Park Soccer Complex. Practices will be Tuesday and Thursday mornings (except 7/5 or 7/7) and games on Sunday evenings. No games Sunday, June 19, July 3, or July 10. The **fee is $32**.

Reversible tanks are strongly recommended at a fee of $13. Purchase at P&R office.

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**Track**
Track will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Wescott Stadium track. Track is open to ages 4-15. This program involves coaching in track events and practice for track meets. Athletic shoes must be worn; no spikes are allowed.

**Dates:** June 7-July 21 (no class 7/5 or 7/7)
**Time:** 6:00-7:00 p.m.
**Fee:** $20 per person

**Austin Noon Kiwanis Track Meets**
The **Austin Noon Kiwanis** will be sponsoring two **Track Meets** for ages 3 and up at Wescott Stadium track as follows:
**Thursday, June 23, 2022 and Tuesday, July 19, 2022**
Field events will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m., and running events at 6:30 p.m.
Both meets are **free of charge**. All competitors will receive participant ribbons.

**Tennis Lessons**
Lessons will be held two days per week, both Mondays and Wednesdays. Players will be taught fundamental tennis skills using drills and games to provide a positive experience for budding tennis stars.
Class size is limited.
**Fee:** $25 per person
**Days/Dates:** Mon and Wed, June 6-July 20 (no class 7/4 or 7/6)
**Location:** Neveln Tennis Courts (1918 East Oakland Avenue)

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Times may be adjusted if classes do not fill.

**Watch for other tennis camp opportunities!**
Instructional Tee Ball – Starts 6/6
Tee Ball leagues are offered for boys and girls. Players will be assigned to teams as they register. (Online registration opens April 4). Please carefully read the Major and Minor League descriptions below to ensure your child is placed in the appropriate league. Players will need to provide their own baseball/softball glove. For some children, this will be their first exposure to team sports… and yes: it may look like chaos! Our goal is to ensure your player is having fun as well as learning sportsmanship and teamwork. On the first day, each player will get a t-shirt to wear when playing as well as a ball to take home. Make certain to record your child’s shirt size at registration. If you do not record a shirt size, your child will receive a youth large. All games will be played at North Todd Complex.
Fee: $32 per person.
Please note grade and age requirements. **No exceptions!**

### Minor League Tee Ball
- children who are **four years of age as of June 1, 2022** will play together.

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### Major League Tee Ball
- children who are **five years of age by June 1, 2022** will play together.

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Game schedules will be sent out via email and available to pick up on the first night. Game schedules will list the game time for each date.

**Teams will play any one of the times listed above; game times will vary.**

### Clinics Held at North Todd Complex - Monday, June 6

#### Minor League
- Orioles
  - 5:45 p.m.
- Royals
  - 5:45 p.m.
- Twins
  - 5:45 p.m.
- Rangers
  - 5:45 p.m.
- Blue Jays
  - 5:45 p.m.
- Mariners
  - 5:45 p.m.

#### Major League
- Cubs
  - 6:35 p.m.
- Dodgers
  - 6:35 p.m.
- Marlins
  - 6:35 p.m.
- Mets
  - 6:35 p.m.
- Pirates
  - 6:35 p.m.
- Giants
  - 6:35 p.m.

**Fee:** $32

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**Peewee Baseball - Starts 6/6**
Peewee baseball is offered to boys and girls who will be **ages 6-7 years by June 1**. This is a coach-pitch baseball program. Our goal is for the players to build upon the skills they already learned in Tee Ball and to continue the advancement of these basic skills and fundamentals of baseball. Players will need their own baseball glove. Each player will receive a t-shirt.

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**Where:** Todd Park North Complex

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**5-Pitch Coed Softball League - starts 6/7**
Join this coach-pitch league for a fast-moving, action-filled practice and games. Open to both girls and boys who will be **ages 7-9 years by June 1** who are not currently playing baseball. Each player will receive up to 5 pitches at each at bat. Be prepared for skills, drills, and fun! Players will need their own softball glove. Each player will receive a t-shirt.

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**Where:** Todd Park North Complex

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**Archery**

**Archery Lessons**
Youth archery lessons offered on Monday evenings for youth ages 9-18. The lessons will run June 6-July 18 (no class 7/4) at Packer Arena. Includes use of all equipment necessary to learn the basic skills of archery. Register early, as the class is limited to 12 people.

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Any adult who might be interested in archery instruction can contact the Park and Rec office. If there is sufficient interest, a class for adults, or even private lessons, can be arranged.

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**Archery League**
Youth archery league offered on Tuesday evenings for youth ages 9-18. The league will run June 7-July 19 (no league 7/5) at Packer Arena. Register early, as the activity is limited to 12 people.

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**Austin Youth Baseball**

Registrations are taken at: South Central Athlete, 110 4th Avenue NE and the Park & Recreation Office, April 1-15. A child is eligible to play if he/she is between the ages of 7 and 15 by June 1, 2022. All participants are guaranteed at least three full innings of play each game. Players will not be notified of their team until May 25 or later. Please do not call South Central or any of the board members about teams until after May 25. All games start at 6:00 p.m. Teams will play 2 games per week. Requirements for participating in Austin Youth Baseball are that your child must arrive 5 minutes prior to practice, and 15 minutes prior to games. Attendance is mandatory unless the coach is notified that the player will not be there. Registration fee is $30 per player. Maximum of $50 per family during the sign-up period.

Anyone who registers after the cut-off of April 15, 2022 will be charged a late registration fee of $35 per child with no family discount provided. Then, the registration fee will be accepted only if there is available space in the potential player’s respective division.

The following Board Members can address any questions about Austin Youth Baseball:

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**Garden Plots**

Plots must be cleaned out by October 15! Fee $25 per plot. Plots are 15’ X 20’. Water is available through a timed sprinkler. Fee: $25 per plot. Plots will be ready when weather permits. The plots, all 90 of them, are rented out on a first-come, first-served basis. Garden plots must be cleaned out by October 15!

Note: There will be a program break July 3-July 10. Programs will not meet during these days, but they will resume on July 11.

**All-Star Baseball**

For more information on All-Star baseball please check out their website at [www.austinallstarsbaseball.com](http://www.austinallstarsbaseball.com)

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**Austin Youth Associations Directory**

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**Austin Cycling Team**

Mountain Bike High School League

Avid bikers in grades 7-12 have the opportunity to join a competitive sport! This is a co-ed, summer through fall season activity. There are five races around the state of Minnesota that take place September through the end of October. Loaner bikes are available for those who would like to participate. For more information, contact: Spencer Salmon: 701-412-1505, or Gareth Hataye: 507-219-1886.
JAY C. HORMEL NATURE CENTER ACTIVITIES

Nature Play Afternoons on six select Thursdays and one Saturday (see dates below) from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Get outside and discover nature with your child! Enjoy FREE canoe or kayak rentals, pond scooping for aquatic critters, nature programs, archery, netting dragonflies & butterflies, crayfish hunting, survival games, art activities, and/or self-guided nature trail activities. Canoe and kayak availability is first-come, first-served, for an adult (18 & over) with a child (adults must accompany children). Visit www.hormelnaturecenter.org for more information. RSVP for the free programs below by calling 507-437-7519 or emailing info@hormelnaturecenter.org.

FREE Family Nature Programs (during Nature Play Afternoons)

Thursday, June 9, 1:00 p.m.: “Wonderful Wetlands” by naturalist Greta Wilkening. Join us in learning about the importance of mucky, magical wetlands. We will look at what makes up a wetland, why they are such important ecosystems, and learn about some of the wonderful creatures that call wetlands their home!
Art: Make paw prints in modeling clay and stampers

Saturday, June 18: No program. All other activities and archery available. Art: Rainbow paper art

Thursday, June 23, 1:00 p.m.: Archery available. It wouldn’t be summer at the JCHNC without a visit from our friend, David Stokes! Audiences of all ages will enjoy David’s amazing energy, live critters, songs, and stories about the natural world. Art: Painting and decorating a journey stick

Thursday, July 7, 1:00 p.m.: Erin Rupp from Pollinate Minnesota will be in town fascinating her younger audience with live honey bees (behind glass) and fun facts about their daily life. Art: Bee and butterfly art

Thursday, July 21, 1:00 p.m.: Sing and laugh along with musician, naturalist, and true-blue Minnesotan goodball Will Bjorndal as he brings a wagonload of original and traditional songs to our Thursday Nature Play! Driven by audience participation, this captivating yet laid-back performance is engaging for children of all ages.
Art: Pine cone critters

Thursday, August 4, 1:00 p.m.: Jackie Fallon is a Naturalist and Falconer from Rochester who will be bringing her peregrine falcon and American kestrel for a live bird show!
Art: Eagle and owl paper bag puppets

Thursday, August 18, 1:00 p.m.: Fun with bird adaptations! Naturalists will help you get into the mind of a bird by understanding why their beaks are shaped the way the are. Enjoy a hands-on activity that will help you understand what each bird eats and why.
Art: Fun with feathers

Summer Adventure Scholarships
Full scholarships are available for all Nature Center classes under $50.00. Half scholarships are available for classes $50.00 and above. To receive a scholarship, students must write three to five complete sentences about why they want to attend a specific summer adventure class and thank the scholarship donors.

Please submit your request and paragraph at the Interpretive Center before you register for the class (by April 1 if you plan to register on April 4). Include name, address, phone number, and age. We will place your child in the class at the adjusted price. When registration opens on April 1, you will log in to your account to pay the balance. Scholarships are offered on a first-come, first-served basis (one scholarship per child). For more information, call 507-437-7519 or email info@hormelnaturecenter.org.

Canoe and Kayak Rentals
The Nature Center rents canoes and kayaks for use on Dobbins Creek to East Side Lake, or on our pond. Rentals available daily from Sunday afternoon through Saturday (no rentals on city holidays), May 28-September 24, 2022. Life jackets, paddles, and canoe/kayak rollers are provided. Fee: $10.00 for up to three hours. Purchase a punch card for $25.00 and receive five canoe or kayak rentals for half the fee! Call 507-437-7519 for more information. A signed liability waiver must be on file at the Nature Center (children 17 and under must have waiver signed by an adult).

Sola Fide Observatory
Public Viewing Schedule – Weather dependent
Open House for 2 hours
April 9 & 23: 8 pm • May 7: 8 pm & 21: 9 pm
June 11 & 25: 9 pm • July 9 & 16: 9 pm
August 6 & 20: 9 pm • September 3: 9 pm & 24: 8 pm

Eco-Blitz Week: July 6-9: Celebrate and learn about all the great things pollinators do with a week of free programs and activities. To help us prepare, please RSVP in advance for programs and service day activities: 507-437-7519 / info@hormelnaturecenter.org

Wednesday, July 6, 5:45-7:45 p.m.: Free Inside the Hive Class
*Space is limited, RSVP early
Erin Rupp from Pollinate Minnesota will be going inside our Nature Center hive with you right by her side suited up in bee suits. Learn about the fascinating ins and outs of everyday honeybee life.

Thursday, July 7: Two Programs – 10:00 a.m. Senior Special & 1:00 p.m. Nature Play family program

Thursday, July 7, 6:30 p.m.: Cost Share Programs for Prairie Restoration
Steve Lawler from Mower SWCD will be discussing program options available for homeowners and farmers to turn part of their property into a pollinator haven.

Friday, July 8: Two Programs – 10:00-11:30 a.m. and a shorter presentation at 6:30-7:30 p.m.: How to Make Your Own Pollinator Garden
The Nature Center staff have been creating and updating their own pollinator gardens for the past 5 years. A naturalist will share their knowledge on the best plants to attract pollinators to your yard. They will then lead participants on a walk to look for pollinators on some of the plants they talked about.

Saturday, July 9, 9:00-11:00 a.m.; Clean Our Waters Service Day: Help clean up the Cedar River! Join us and earn a free kayak/canoe rental!
Contact 507-437-7519 or info@hormelnaturecenter.org for details.

Address of Observatory: 53680 180th St., Austin, MN 55912
GPS Coordinates: N43° 37.000', W092° 58.550'
For more information contact the Nature Center: 507-437-7519, or visit www.hormelnaturecenter.org/sola-fide-observatory

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The following classes are listed by age, from birth through age 18 and family/adult classes.

**Birth-2 years (with adult)**

**Busy Bees** with Julie Hecimovich • $10.00

**Safari time together to discover grasslands near and far!**

Bee ready to have fun making “bee”-utiful projects and sing about our amazing pollinators. Please dress for outside as we will be observing the Nature Center’s busy bees. Get ready for smiles as participants will dress up in buggy costumes.

**Birth-5 years (with adult)**

**Earth Day: Terrific Trees** with Julie Hecimovich • $10.00

Special Earth Day class! Make your own pine needle paint brush. Build with tree branches. Listen to “tree-mendous” stories and hug a tree.

**2-3 years (with adult)**

**Groovy Grasslands** with Julie Hecimovich • $15.00

Monday & Tuesday, June 6 & 7; 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Safari time to discover grasslands near and far! We will identify cool creatures lurking in grasses from around the world.

**Bear Hunt Adventure** with Julie Champlin • $10.00

Thursday, July 14; 15:00 – 11:15 a.m.

We all know what bears do when the weather turns cool and the snow starts to fall, but what do they do in the summertime? Bring your favorite teddy bear, and let’s go on a bear hunt adventure and learn together! This includes a picnic with your teddy bear.

**3-4 years (with adult)**

**Incredible Insects** with Greta Wilkening • $10.00

Wednesday, June 8; 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

What makes an insect an insect? The more you know more about how insects interact with the world around them, the less scary they become! We will learn about honey bees and monarch butterflies and why they are so important. The class will explore what a pollinator does and why our food is so dependent on these teeny tiny, amazing insects!

**4-5 years (with adult)**

**Little Explorers: Hand in Hand in Nature** with David Stokes • $35.00

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, June 20, 21, & 22; 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

David Stokes is a father, educator, naturalist, entertainer, and Nature Center favorite! This class is especially designed for a parent/grandparent to spend one-on-one “quality time” in nature with their 4 or 5 year-old child. Please dress for the weather and bring a camera! Registered participants only.

**Exploring the Garden with Kara Page • $10.00**

Friday, August 19; 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

It’s harvest time at the Nature Center gardens! Learn with your senses with hands-on experience in our Nature Center garden. We will explore all the wonderful things that a garden gives nature and humans. We will even be able to taste some of the veggies when we harvest them!

**4-6 years (with adult)**

**Nature Watchers and Terrific Trackers** with Julie Hecimovich • $15.00

Monday & Tuesday, May 23 & 24; 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Toss some snowballs and spin in a tornado as we experience a variety of weather. Together we will observe and record the weather outside. We will also be looking for signs of animals and trying to track them.

**Groovy Grasslands** with Julie Hecimovich • $15.00

Monday & Tuesday, June 6 & 7; 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Safari time together to discover grasslands near and far! We will identify cool creatures lurking in grasses from around the world.

**6-7 years**

**Nature Detectives** with David Stokes • $35.00

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, June 20, 21, & 22; 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

As an educator and entertainer, David will keep you laughing and learning about nature. This class is especially designed for 6 or 7 year-old children to spend “quality time” in nature. Please dress for the weather. Registered participants only. Parents are welcome, but not required.

**Junior Rangers: The Secret World of Birds** with Greta Wilkening • $20.00

Session 1: Wednesday & Thursday, June 15 & 16; 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Session 2: Wednesday & Thursday, June 15 & 16; 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. (Select one of the two sessions.) Birds are all around us, even if we don’t always see or hear them. Join us in learning more about the secret world of birds: how they fly, eat, make nests, hide from predators, and more adaptive behaviors!

**7-8 years**

**Monarch Magic • $10.00**

Session 1: Tuesday, July 26; 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Session 2: Tuesday, August 2; 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. (Select one of the two sessions.) Delve into the amazing life of the Monarch butterfly and search for Monarch eggs and caterpillars around the Nature Center to take home and raise yourself!

**8-9 years**

**Junior Naturalists: Wonderful Wasps** with Kara Page • $20.00

Session 1: Tuesday & Wednesday, August 23 & 24; 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Session 2: Tuesday & Wednesday, August 23 & 24; 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. (Select one of the two sessions.) Wasps are one of the most diverse groups of insects, but they are also one of the most disliked and misunderstood. We can think of wasps as good neighbors: pollinating our plants, eating insect pests, and being a food source for other wildlife. Rather than killing the wasps we find in our backyard, we can learn what these wonderful insects do, and how to co-exist peacefully.

**8-10 years**

**Astronomy • $20.00**

Wednesday, August 17; 8:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Become a space explorer at the Sola Fide Observatory. Get a chance to spend time with the stars, read a night sky map, identify constellations, and use our big telescope to see objects in deep space that our naked eyes can’t see!

**Nocturnal Nature • $20.00**

Session 1: Wednesday, June 8; 8:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Session 2: Wednesday, June 22; 8:30 – 10:30 p.m. (Select one of the two sessions.) Delve into what nature does while we sleep. This class offers a variety of fun activities that let us discover the magic of nature at night. Learn which animals are out and about, go on a night hike, and more. Come explore the hustle and bustle of the Nature Center after dark!

**Fishing Class with Luke Reese • $20.00**

Wednesday, June 15; 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 16; 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Learn about the basics of fishing: how to string a pole, tie lures on, and casting on Wednesday. On Thursday you will get a chance to put your skills to the test on East Side Lake. All fish caught will be catch and release.

**9-11 years**

**Nature Photography with Morgan Converse • $30.00**

Session 1: Tuesday & Wednesday, July 12 & 13; 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Join local photographer Morgan Converse and gain vital knowledge on composition, lighting, angles, and more as we visit some of the more remote areas of the Nature Center. Cameras will be provided or use your own and bring a flash drive to take photos home.

**www.hormelnaturecenter.org**
9-11 years
Radical Raptors • $48.00
Tuesday, July 19; 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.: Hawk talk & games
Tuesday, July 19; 8:30 – 10:00 p.m.: Owl Prowl for participant & family
Wednesday, July 20; 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.: Day trip to Wabasha (bring a lunch)
Discover the raptors of Minnesota here at the Nature Center and at the National Eagle Center in Wabasha! We will also be going on a hike in Wabasha, so wear comfortable clothes and closed-toe shoes.

9-12 years
Survival Week with Derek Barkeim • $75.00
Session 1: Monday through Friday, June 27 - July 1; 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Session 2: Monday through Friday, June 27 - July 1; 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. (Select one of the two sessions.)
Spend five days learning wilderness survival and awareness skills to equip you for your next outdoor adventure! Practice building shelters, using primitive traps, creating friction fires, identifying wild edibles and medicinal plants, and lots more with guest instructor Derek Barkeim. On Friday, get lost in the woods with Nature Center naturalists while you learn orienteering by mastering how to use a compass and completing a compass course.

10-11 years
Cedar River Canoe Trip • $15.00
Friday, June 17; 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Explore the beautiful Cedar River and parts of Mower County you may have never seen before, with a naturalist guided canoe trip. You do not need to know how to canoe to go on this trip!

10-12 years
Monarch Tagging • $10.00
Monday, August 27; 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Become a citizen scientist and help Monarch Watch’s research by learning to catch, tag, record, and release monarchs before they start their 2,000-mile migration to spend the winter in Mexico.

11-12 years
Canoeing the Root River & Exploring the Blufflands • $100.00
Wednesday, July 27; 9:00-10:30 a.m.: Canoe practice at the Nature Center
Thursday, July 28; 8:00 a.m.: Depart the Nature Center to explore Mystery Cave and Forestville State Park; then travel to Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center for group challenges, a high ropes course, dinner, and a hike. Please bring a lunch on July 28.
Friday, July 29; Breakfast at Eagle Bluff before canoeing part of the Root River; return to the JCHNC by 3:00 p.m.
Fee includes lodging, admission, canoe equipment, high ropes course, and three meals (dinner July 28, breakfast and lunch July 29). Full Scholarships available for this class.

Overnight at the Nature Center • $45.00
Friday-Saturday, July 15-16; 8:00 p.m.-9:00 a.m.
Spend the night at the Nature Center with our interns as we explore nature after dark. Investigate fascinating ways that animals come alive at night through nature walks, crafts, and activities. Enjoy an evening snack and breakfast in the morning.

Astronomy • $20.00
Wednesday, August 3; 8:30-10:30 p.m.
Become a space explorer at the Sola Fide Observatory. Get a chance to spend time with the stars, read a night sky map, identify constellations, and use our big telescope to see objects in deep space that our naked eyes can’t see!

Special Free Program offered at the Hormel Nature Center:
• Friday, April 22; 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.: Earth Day Moss Balls Open House
• Tuesday, June 21; 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.: David Stokes Program
• Saturday, July 23; 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.: Dammen Adventure Family Fun Day
• Saturday, September 10; 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Honey Harvest.

12-14 years
Nature Photography with Morgan Converse • $30.00
Tuesday & Wednesday, June 28 & 29; 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Join local photographer Morgan Converse and gain vital knowledge on composition, lighting, angles, and more as we visit remote areas of the Nature Center. Cameras will be provided or use your own and bring a flash drive to take photos home.

Shell Rock River Canoe & Fossil Hunting Trip • $35.00
Monday, August 15; 9:00-10:30 a.m.: Canoe practice at the Nature Center
Tuesday, August 16; 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.: Canoe trip—Bring Lunch
Enjoy canoeing the Shell Rock River, then visit the Fossil & Prairie Park Preserve to hunt for fossils to keep! Weather & water levels may change the river destination & activities for this trip.

Camping Class • $60.00
Friday-Saturday, June 24-25; 5:00 p.m.-9:00 a.m.
Take your backyard “camping” to the next level and sleep in the wilderness at the Nature Center. Learn how to put up your own tent (provided by us), cook supper, and start a fire. We will also go on a 3 mile hike at the Nature Center, so bring your hiking shoes. Don’t worry, a camping trip isn’t a camping trip without roasting marshmallows. Please bring your own sleeping bag. Supper and breakfast are provided.

12-18 years
Climbing Red Wing • $100.00
Monday & Tuesday, July 11 & 12; 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: Indoor climbing practice
Wednesday, July 13; 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.: Outdoor climbing at Red Wing
Participants in this special three-day climbing class will spend the first two afternoons at the Albert Lea Rock Gym for an intro to climbing, learning how to climb safely, and prepping to climb outdoors. On the final day, participants will apply these skills to an outdoor climb at Barn Bluff in Red Wing!

Please bring a lunch and water on July 13.

Adventure Bicycling with Jacob Burkhart and Steve Kime • $15.00
Saturday, July 30; 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Explore the "wilder" side of Austin by bicycle! We’ll ride on Austin’s bike trails through natural areas and along waterways, stopping to study animals and plants along the way. Participants must provide a bike and helmet and be prepared to ride 10-15 miles during the class.

Family/Adult
Family Nature Photography with Morgan Converse • $45.00 per family
Saturday, June 11; 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
In this photography class, designed specifically for families, you’ll have the opportunity to learn the basics of nature photography while exploring the Nature Center. Cameras will be provided (bring a flash drive to take photos home) or use your own.

Family Monarch Tagging • $15.00
Saturday, August 27; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Help with Monarch Watch’s research by learning to catch, tag, record, and release monarchs on their amazing 2,000-mile journey to spend the winter in Mexico!

Adult Cedar River Kayaking Trip • $15.00
Saturday, August 6; 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Explore the beautiful Cedar River and parts of Mower County you may have never seen before, with a naturalist guided kayak trip. You do not need to know how to kayak to go on this trip!
**Adult Activities**

**“Fall Dig” Indoor Volleyball**
Runs 10 weeks. Registration deadline is September 2.

**“Winter Roll” Indoor Volleyball**
Runs 10 weeks. Registration deadline December 2.

Indoor leagues will include at least two different levels of competition for women.

**Adult Softball**
Registration deadline is April 13! There will be a pre-season meeting April 20 at the Park and Recreation office, 5:30 p.m. for Co-Rec and 6:00 p.m. for Men. Co-Rec league team registration fee is $321, plus $8/player; Men’s league team registration fee is $366, plus $8/player. Only one player fee per person is to be paid if playing in both leagues. Players must be at least 16 years of age before June 1 of the current year. We keep a list of players looking for teams. Co-Rec league will begin May 4, and Men’s league will begin May 5. Please call our office if you have related questions. Last year’s managers will receive a letter of information.

**Adult Co-Ed Kickball Leagues**
Registration deadline is April 15. Team registration fee is $235, plus $8 per player. League begins May 5 and runs 10 weeks, including an end-of-season double-elimination tournament. Games are Thursday nights and are played at South Todd Park Complex. No games will begin before 6:30 p.m.

**Upcoming Special Events & Tournaments**

**Austin’s Annual Community Pick-Up:** April 18-May 2
It’s Spring cleaning time! Join in keeping our city a beautiful place to live from April 18-May 2. Please call our office to sign up for designated areas around the city to clean up trash deposited by winter winds including parks, trails, and public places. Protective gloves are available for use, and bags are available for the garbage you collect.

**4th Avenue Fest:** Horace Austin Park, Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 5:00-8:00 p.m. **FREE pools admission during this time/event!**

**Austin Noon Kiwanis Track Meets:** Thursday, June 23 and Tuesday, July 19, 2022
The Austin Noon Kiwanis will be sponsoring two track meets for anyone age 3 and up at Wescott field. Field events will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by running events starting at 6:30 p.m. Both meets are **free of charge**, and all participants will receive ribbons. Bring your family and friends for an evening of fun!

**Spamtown Disc Golf Tournament at Todd Park:** July 2, 2022
Singles will play two rounds of 21 holes separated by a lunch break. **Registration will be 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Todd Park Pavilion 1. First-round Tee Time will be 10:00 a.m.; the second-round Tee Time will be at approximately 2:15 p.m.** For more information, contact Dave Holder at oneeyedwonderpup@hotmail.com.

**Family Fun Night at The Municipal Pool:** Friday, August 5, 2022, 7:00-9:00 p.m. - **FREE!**
Family Fun Night at the Pool! DJ - DeeAnn Randall - Games and Prizes - More details to follow!

**Youth Tournaments at North Todd Complex** (located in Todd Park, 11th Street and 21st Avenue NE)
1A/AA West Sub-Section Softball Tournament – May 24
1A/AA Section Softball Tournament – May 26, 31, June 2

**Youth Tournaments at Riverland Baseball Complex** (located on RCC Campus, 1600 8th Avenue NW)
1A Section Tournament – June 10, 11, 12
1A/1AAA Section Tournament – May 28, 30 June 4,7

**Adult Sand Volleyball**
Monday nights held at courts on SW corner of Todd Park. Team Fee: $25 per team, plus $8 player fee. **Deadline May 2**
Competition begins May 10 and runs 10 weeks. Players officiate their own games. (No games 5/31, Memorial Day).

**Information regarding any specific adult activity is available via phoning the Park and Rec Office at 433-1881.**