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.

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Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Mission

Park, 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 15 for Park & Recreation and Nature Center activities. Follow the link on the City Web page at www.ci.austin.mn.us or http://cityofap.maxgalaxy.net.

No Refunds will be issued with the exception of when either the Park and Recreation Department or Jay C. Hormel Nature Center cancel a program or activity.

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

A Holiday Week Break will be observed July 4-July 11, so programs (with the exception of swim lessons) will not meet during these days. Programs resume July 12.

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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**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!**

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No Glass or Tobacco is Allowed in Any City Park!

**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.

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**Austin Parks & Recreation Department**

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**Outdoor Basketball Court Locations**

- **Rotary Centennial Park**
  - South Main & 8th Avenue SE
  - 14th Street & 6th Avenue NW

- **Sherman Park**
  - 21st Avenue & 4th Drive SW

- **South Grove Park**
  - 7th Street & 24th Avenue NW

- **Murphy Creek (1/2 Court)**
  - 16th Avenue SW

- **Orchard Creek (1/2 Court)**
  - 43rd Street & 12th Avenue SW

**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

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**Need a fundraiser? Rent a complex, and run a tournament! Call Riley at 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.

**Packer Arena**
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 Rec 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 $25 per hour, plus a $150 deposit.

**#1 NW Large Pavilion**
Located in 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.
The pool will open Monday, June 7 at 1:00 p.m.!
Pool passes, if they are made available, will be sold beginning May 3. See online information by following the web site address or by scanning the QR Code, both in the opposite column on this page.

Pool Closing Policy
- If there is lightning in the area, the pool will close. Pool staff will wait until 20 minutes after the last bolt of lightning to re-open. For your added safety, pool management utilizes a lightning app to supplement their ability to spot lightning in the area.
- If there are fewer than 25 patrons after the first hour and 45 minutes of opening, the pool will close.
- The pool will not open if the air temperature is less than 67 degrees.
- If we are experiencing inclement weather, the pool will not open.

Municipal Pool Information
- An adult must accompany children under 8 at all times.
- Swim diapers are required in the Tot Lot and Main Pool and can be purchased at the pool. Please do not leave diapers in the pool.
- The concession stand is open during general public swim hours. Lifeguards will be on staff.
- The pool will not open if the air temperature is less than 67 degrees.
- If we are experiencing inclement weather, the pool will not open.

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
- $150/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.

Atlantic Swimming Federation
Summer swim 2021 will assist in developing techniques and conditioning for participants in competitive swimming. Instruction takes place weekday mornings from June 7 thru July 30 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 4, 5, 6 (pools open to the public beginning June 7)
July 9, 10, 11

Why aren't the other pool hours printed in the brochure?
Because the guidelines for pool capacity may change by the time the pool opens, and we want for you to have access to the most up-to-date information. Once hours are ‘set’ for the summer, we’ll post them at the pool and on Facebook.

The tentative pool closing date for the season is August 13.

Everyone, including Tot Lot users, must use the main entrance.

Watch for the "open" flag near the diving well which indicates the pool is open!

Austin Packer Summer Swim
Dates: June 7-July 30, 2021
Location: Ellis Middle School Pool
Time: 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Ages: Elementary, Junior High, & High School
Fee: $100 - register on line - Park & Recreation
Contact: Alexa Dolan Peterson - alexa.dolan@austin.k12.mn.us
Ryan Kelly – ryan.kelly@austin.k12.mn.us
Ability: Not for non-swimmers; must be able to swim 50 yds, two lengths of the pool, without stopping and without assistance.
This is for competitive swimmers of all ages and abilities. AHS swim coaches will lead this technique- and endurance-focused program. Athletes will be grouped by swimming ability to ensure the appropriate level of challenge for all participants.
Swim Lessons
Register early on line, as 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
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**Morning Lessons**
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**Evening Lessons**
4:40-5:10 | Sand Dollar | Sea Turtle | Penguin | Otter | Seal | Sea Turtle | Seal |
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5:50-6:20 | Sea Turtle | Penguin | Sand Dollar | Otter | Seal | Otter | Otter |
6:10-6:50 | Otter | Seal | Otter | Sea Turtle | Penguin | Penguin | Penguin |

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.

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.

Swimming Lesson Descriptions
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: 3+ years** (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 floatation 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.

**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 floatation 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.
Youth Sports

Note: There will be a break July 4-July 11. Programs will not meet during these days, but they will resume again July 12.

Golf Lessons
Golf instructions include basic fundamentals of golf for ages 6 and up. Classes will be held at Meadow Greens Golf Course. Clubs will be provided for 6-9 year-old students. Students age 10 and older must supply their own clubs. The recommended clubs are: 1 or 3 wood, 3, 7, and 9 irons, and a putter. Class sizes are very limited. On the last day of class, participants will play 4 holes of golf. The participant fee is $50 and covers round balls at each class and the green fee for 4 holes (on your selected time, of the last day).

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At the end of the golf season, participants will play 4 holes of golf. Sign-up sheets will be available at class for Thursday, July 22 with a choice of 9:00am or 1:00pm.

“Rolling Rec” Schedule
Fridays 2:30-4:00 p.m.
June 11–Jons Park- Oakland Place NE
June 18– Kaufman Park– 5th St. and 11th Ave SE
June 25– Sherman Park– 550 6th Ave SW
July 2–Orchard Creek– 26th St. and 16th Ave SW
July 22– Wildwood– 12 St. and 16th Ave NE
July 29– Shirley Theel– 400 25th St NW
August 5–Bustad Park– 8th St. and 14th Ave SW
Watch our FB page for more!!

Soccer
Soccer will be held June 8–July 25 at the Todd Park Soccer Complex. Practices will be Tuesday and Thursday mornings (except 7/6 or 7/8) and games on Sunday evenings. No games Sunday, June 20, July 4, or July 11. 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 8–July 22 (no class 7/6 or 7/8)
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 24, 2021 and Tuesday, July 20, 2021
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 7-July 21 (no class 7/5 or 7/7)
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 6/7
Tee Ball leagues are offered for boys and girls. Players will be assigned to teams as they register. (Online registration opens April 15). 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, except the last game, which will be played at Riverland. 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, 2021, will play together.

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Game schedules will be distributed at respective clinics. Additional schedules will be available at the Park and Rec office. 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 7**

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5-Pitch Coed Softball League - starts 6/15
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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Archery

**Archery Lessons**
Youth archery lessons offered on Monday evenings for youth ages 9-18. The lessons will run June 7-July 26 (no class 7/5) 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. Fee: $50

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Water, Nature, & Adventure and Shake, Rattle, & Read
Pick one or both of the three-week camps where kids ages 6-10 will focus on being active while learning at the same time. Meet in the Gazebo at Horace Austin Park, east of the Municipal Pool on Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This is a collaboration between Community Education and Parks & Recreation. Each participant will enjoy fitness and literacy. A school sack lunch will be provided.

**Water, Nature & Adventure**
June 10, 15, 17, 22, 24
Fee: $25

**Shake, Rattle & Read**
July 13, 15, 20, 22, 26
Fee: $25
Note: There will be a program break July 4-July 11. Programs will not meet during these days, but they will resume on July 12.

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, 2021. 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, 2021 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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All-Star Baseball

For more information on All-Star baseball please check out their website at www.austinallstarsbaseball.com

Austin Youth Associations Directory

**Austin Youth Baseball**
Ryan Palumbo
507-202-5362

**Victory Volleyball**
Riley Donovan: 507-396-5027

**Austin Youth Soccer**
Corey Anderson: 507-438-9407
coreya@gpaustin.com
austinyouthsoccer.org

**Austin Youth Basketball**
Austinyouthbasketball.org

**Austin Swim Club**
Alexa Dolan Peterson or Ryan Kelly
alexa.dolan@austin.k12.mn.us
ryan.kelly@austin.k12.mn.us

**Riverside Figure Skate Club**
Facebook: Riverside Figure Skating Club

**Austin Youth Wrestling**
Jeremy Wilson: 507-438-1145

**Austin Youth Hockey**
Paul Overocker: 507-438-5081
www.austin.pucksystems2.com

**Austinyouthsoftball.com**

**Austin Youth Football**
Dennis Harmer: 507-437-6143

**Cedar River Archery Club**
www.cedarriverarcheryclub.com

Garden Plots

Garden plots available to rent are located by Woodson Kindergarten Center. 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.

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 use of canoes or kayaks, pond scooping for aquatic critters, nature programs, archery, dragonfly & butterfly netting, 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 (age 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 by emailing info@hormelnaturecenter.org.

FREE FAMILY Nature Programs (during Nature Play Afternoons)

Thursday, June 10, 1:00 p.m.: No program. All other activities are available.
Thursday, June 24, 1:00 p.m.: No program. All other activities are available.

Thursday, July 8, 1:00 p.m.: “Terra Loam, Spirit of the Earth” will share the stage with Steve Lawler, soil scientist. There will be song, dance, humor, and theatre that will bring soil to life right before your eyes. Be ready to participate, and have some fun with dirt. *Archery available!
Thursday, July 22, 1:00 p.m.: Sing and laugh along with musician, naturalist, and true-blue Minnesotan goofball 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. Remember, you’re always as young as you feel!
Saturday, August 7, 1:00 p.m.: No program. All other activities and archery available.
Thursday, August 19, 1:00 p.m.: Enjoy music from all ages for people of all ages with Twin Cities musician Bill Cagley. Bill’s skillful guitar flatpicking and infectious wit are sure to entertain! *Archery available!
Thursday, August 26, 1:00 p.m.: 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.

Summer Adventure Scholarships

Full scholarships are available for all Nature Center classes under $50. Half scholarships are available for classes $50 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 12, if you plan to register on April 15). Include name, address, phone number, and age. We will place your child in the class at the adjusted price. When registration opens on April 15, 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. Sunday afternoon through Saturday (no rentals on City holidays), June 1–Sept. 29, 2021. Life jackets, paddles, and canoe/kayak rollers are provided. Fee: $10 for up to three hours. Purchase a punch card for $25 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. Those age 17 and under must have on file a waiver signed by an adult.

Eco-Blitz Week: July 6-10; Celebrate the mightiness of soil in our ecosystems 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

Tuesday, July 6: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Rain Garden Preservation Work Party: Help us with routine maintenance in our rain gardens around the property to assist with water and soil health. Please RSVP by July 2.

Eco-Blitz Week (Continued from previous column)

Tuesday, July 6; 6:00 p.m. - Free Program: Steve Lawler with Soil and Water Conservation District - Cover Crops: Come and discover the important role cover crops play in diminishing erosion and keeping local soil and ecosystems healthy! Please RSVP by July 2.

Wednesday, July 7; 10:00-11:30 a.m. Free Program; Field Day; Join Cedar River Watershed District and Nature Center staff in viewing a large embankment that serves multipurpose benefits: Flood reduction, water quality improvement and protected wildlife habitat to name a few. Come learn about Dobbins Creek history of flash flooding over the last 150 years and why these projects will leave a lasting image of improvement on Dobbins Creek. Meeting location TBD. Please RSVP by July 6.

Thursday, July 8; Two Programs – 10:00 a.m. Senior Special & 1:00 p.m. Nature Play family program: Led by crowd favorite Terra Loam, Spirit of the Earth and Steve Lawler, Soil Scientist, and explore the wonderful world of soil through song, dance, and humor!
Friday, July 9; 2:00 p.m.; Free Program: Incredible Compost: Come and learn about the ins and outs of how to compost! What is the magic behind turning organic materials into rich soil? Find out how to start your own small compost operation with your kitchen scraps, as well as the dos and don’ts to be successful. Please RSVP by July 8.
Saturday, July 10, 9:00-11:00 a.m.: Clean Our Waters Service Day - River Cleanup. Join us and earn a free kayak/canoe use! Contact 507-437-7519 or info@hormelnaturecenter.org for details.

*This Year: Attendance at our events during Eco-Blitz Week will make you eligible to enter a drawing for prizes at the end of the week.

Sola Fide Observatory

PUBLIC VIEWING SCHEDULE
April 10 & 17; 8:00 p.m.
May 1 & 8; pm; and May 15; 9:00 p.m.
June 5 & 19; 9:00 p.m.
July 17 & 31; 9:00 p.m.
August 14 & 28; 9:00 p.m.
September 11; 9:00 p.m. & 25; 8:00 p.m.
October 9 & 23; 8:00 p.m.
November 6 & 13; 8:00 p.m.

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

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Birth-2 years (with adult)

Busy Bees with Julie Hecimovich • $10
Monday, August 16; 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Bee ready to have fun making “bee”-u-tiful projects and singing 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.

Class requires an accompanying adult.

2-3 years (with adult)

Wonderful Water: Streams to Seas with Julie Hecimovich • $15
Monday & Tuesday, June 7 & 8; 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Take a hike to discover interesting plants and animals living in our local waterways on day one. Day two, we’ll learn about sea creatures, and play in the water tables. Class requires an accompanying adult.

3-4 years (with adult)

Spectacular Spiders with Julie Hecimovich • $10
Monday, August 16; 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Itsy bitsy spiders can climb up water spouts and do other amazing activities like building intricate webs. You will be creating your own amazing spiders and webs. Dress for a walk outside as we try to find spiders and their hidden webs. Class requires an accompanying adult.

4-5 years (with adult)

Little Explorers: Hand in Hand in Nature with David Stokes • $35
Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, August 23, 24, & 25; 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) Class requires an accompanying adult.

4-6 years (with adult)

Weather Watchers and Terrific Trackers with Julie Hecimovich • $15
Monday & Tuesday, June 7 & 8; 6:00-7:30 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. Class requires an accompanying adult.

6-7 years

Nature Detectives with David Stokes • $35
Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, August 23, 24, & 25; 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: Can You Blend In? with Meredith Maloney • $20

Learn all about the many creatures of the Hormel Nature Center and how they’ve adapted to blend in with their environment. All of our Junior Rangers will also use the resources provided to them in order to dress up and try to blend in with our environments.

7-8 years

Monarch Magic • $10
Session 1: Wednesday, July 21; 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Session 2: Tuesday, July 27; 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: Plants & Their Super Powers • $20
Session 1: Tuesday & Wednesday, June 29 & 30; 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Session 2: Tuesday & Wednesday, June 29 & 30; 1:30-3:30 p.m. (Select one of the two sessions.)

Explore all about the many ways in which plants can clean and protect our waterways from pollution. We will put in some Plant Superheroes near our streams to protect them for years to come.

8-10 years

Nocturnal Nature • $20
Tuesday, June 8; 8:30-10:30 p.m.

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!

9-11 years

Survival Week with Derek Barkeim & Dan Block • $75
Monday through Friday, June 14-18; 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Spend five days learning wilderness survival and awareness skills to prepare you for your next outdoor adventure!

Nature Photography with Nature Center Staff• $30
Session 1: Monday & Tuesday, June 21 & 22; 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Session 2: Monday & Tuesday, July 12 & 13; 8:00-11:00 a.m. (Select one of the two sessions or register for both.)

Interested in photography, nature, and exploring? Then, this class is for you! Learn about composition, lighting, angles, and more as we visit some of the more remote areas of the Nature Center. Cameras will be provided (bring a flash drive to take photos home) or use your own. Wear shoes that can get muddy, since we’re often photographing near the edges of water! Photos from this class can be entered into our photography contest! More details at www.hormelnaturecenter.org/photocontest.

Radical Raptors • $48
Monday, July 19; 9:30-11:00 a.m.: Hawk talk & games
Tuesday, July 19; 9:30-10:00 p.m.: Owl talk & calling class (participant & family)
Tuesday, July 20; 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.: Day Trip to the National Eagle Center

Discover the raptors of Minnesota here at the Nature Center and at the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN! Please bring a lunch on July 20.

10-12 years

Monarch Tagging • $10
Tuesday, August 24; 1:30-3:30 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!
JAY C. HORMEL NATURE CENTER  
— Summer Adventure Classes —

11-12 years

Canoeing the Root River & Exploring the Blufflands • $100
Wednesday, July 28; 9:50-10:30 a.m. Canoe practice at the Nature Center
Thursday, July 29; 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 29.
Friday, July 30: Breakfast at Eagle Bluff before canoeing part of the Root River; return to the Nature Center by 3:00 p.m.
Fee includes lodging, admission, canoe equipment, a high ropes course, and three meals (dinner July 29; breakfast and lunch July 30).
There are Full Scholarships available for this class.

Astronomy with Kelly Bahl • $20
Thursday, July 1; 8:30-10:30 p.m.
Explore the stars with naturalist Kelly at the Sola Fide Observatory. Get a chance to spend time with the stars, read a night sky map, identify some constellations and use our large telescope to see objects in deep space that our naked eyes can’t see!

12-14 years

Nature Photography with Nature Center Staff • $30
Monday & Tuesday, June 21 & 22; 5:30-9:30 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 camera. Photos from this class can be entered into our photography contest! More details at www.hormelnaturecenter.org/photocontest.

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12-14 years cont.

Shell Rock River Canoe & Fossil Hunting Trip • $35
Monday, August 16; 8:30-11:30 a.m.: Canoe practice and Fossil class with Gordy Kuene at the Nature Center - Tues., August 17, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Canoe trip (Backup day: Wed., Aug 18)
Enjoy canoeing the Shell Rock River, then visit the Fossil & Prairie Park Preserve to hunt for fossils (to keep)! We will be introduced to some of the fossils we may find on our trip with a short class the day before. Weather and water levels may change the river destination and activities for this trip. Please bring a lunch on August 17.

12-18 years

Climbing Red Wing • $100
Monday & Tuesday, July 12 & 13; 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: Indoor climbing practice
Wed., July 14; 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.: Outdoor climbing at Red Wing (Backup day: Friday, July 16)
Participants in this special three-day climbing class will spend the first two mornings at the Albert Lea Rock Gym for an introduction 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 drink on July 14.

Family/Adult

Family Nature Photography with Nature Center Staff • $45 per family
Saturday, June 19; 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 camera. Photos from this class can be entered into our photography contest! More details at www.hormelnaturecenter.org/photocontest.

Family Monarch Tagging • $15
Wednesday, August 25; 4:00-6:00 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!

Friends Members: Outdoor Fun for the “Not Outdoors-y” Families • Free
“this class is for current Friends of the Nature Center members only” Thursday, July 15; 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Have you wanted inspiration on how to spend your time outside? Maybe even out here at the Nature Center, but don’t know what to do? Come to this class and have some fun with us! We will be playing trail games, discovering ways to find fun wherever you are, and get a little dirty as we explore the Nature Center trails.
Please RSVP for the class by calling (507) 437-7519 or emailing info@hormelnaturecenter.org.

Celebrating 50 Years in 2021!

Throughout 2021, join us in celebrating the past 50 years at the Jay C. Hormel Nature Center. Here are a few events we have planned for the year. Keep up to date on any other pop-up events we are planning by checking our website or social media!

Hormel Nature Center Photography Contest:
This year we are holding a photography contest for youth and adults alike celebrating the beauty surrounding all things Jay C. Hormel Nature Center. Starting April 12, entries for the contest will be accepted and held for display until our Annual Nature Art Show on August 21 & 22 when the public will vote to determine winners in each category and age group. All info regarding criteria can be found on our website at: www.hormelnaturecenter.org/photocontest.

50th Anniversary Special Programming:
Join us at the Nature Center this summer to help celebrate 50 years with some special programming! Be it learning about nature, or listening to great music, you’ll be in good company! All programs start at 6:30 p.m.  Aug. 19 - Bill Cagley;  Aug. 24 - David Stokes;  Sept. 9 - Dariel Bustad;  Sept. 16 - Tom Pease

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Adult Activities

“Fall Dig” Indoor Volleyball
Runs 10 weeks. Registration deadline is September 3.

“Winter Roll” Indoor Volleyball
Runs 10 weeks. Registration deadline December 3.

Adult Softball
Registration deadline is April 14! There will be a pre-season meeting April 21 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 $886, 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 Mens’ 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 14. Team registration fee is $191, plus $8 per player. League begins May 6 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 19-May 1
It’s Spring cleaning time! Join in keeping our city a beautiful place to live from April 19-May 1. 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 16, 2021, 5:00-8:30 p.m. FREE pools admit this time/event!

Austin Noon Kiwanis Track Meets: Thursday, June 24 and Tuesday, July 20, 2021
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: Saturday, July 3, 2021
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 6, 2021, 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 – June 4
1A/AA Section Softball Tournament – June 5,9,11
1AAA /AAAA Section Softball Tournament – June 4,5,9,11
All Stars U10, U11, U12, & U13 Baseball Tournament – June 25,26,27
Girls Fast-Pitch Softball Twister Tournament – June 19 & 20

Youth Tournaments at Riverland Baseball Complex (located on RCC Campus, 1600 8th Avenue NW)
1A Section Tournament – June 7
1A/1AAA Section Tournament – June 9,12
MSF U14 AAA/15AA/AAA Baseball State Tournament - July 23,24,25
FW Tournament - August 12-14

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 3
Competition begins May 10 and runs 10 weeks. Players officiate their own games. (No games 5/31, Memorial Day).