Decorah Parks & Recreation 2021 Summer Programs & Activities

Classes are filled on a first come first served basis, register early for best availability.

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Free Activities!

Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championships: Monday, May 17 at 4:30pm. Pre-registration required.

Yoga in the Park: Saturdays, June 5-September 25, 9-10am in the grassy area by John Cline.

Celebrate Iowa's free fishing weekend at Twin Springs Pond! - Saturday, June 5 & Sunday, June 6

Tennis (Grade level based on grade completed)

Dates & Cost	Time	Grade
June 7-10 Cost: $15 -Reg due June 1	8:00-8:50	3rd-4th
	9:00-9:50	2nd-3rd
	10:00-10:50	4th-6th
June 14-17 Cost: $15 -Reg due June 8	8:00-8:50	K-1st
	9:00-9:50	K-1st
	10:00-10:50	5th-7th
June 21-24 Cost: $15 -Reg due June 15	4:10-5:00pm	K-1st
	5:10-6:00pm	2nd-4th
	6:10-7:00pm	5th-adult
June 28-July 1 Cost: $15 -Reg due June 22	8:00-8:50	2nd & 3rd
	9:00-9:50	3rd & 4th
	10:00-10:50	4th-7th
July 6-9 Cost: $15 - Reg due June 29	4:10-5:00pm	2nd & 3rd
	5:10-6:00pm	3rd-5th
	6:10-7:00pm	5th-adult
July 12-15 Cost: $15 - Reg due July 6	8:00-8:50	2nd & 3rd
	9:00-9:50	3rd & 4th
	10:00-10:50	4th-6th
July 19-22 Cost: $15 - Reg due July 13	8:15-9:05	K-2nd
	9:15-10:05	4th-7th
	10:15-11:05	2nd-4th

Recreation Programs (Grade level is based on grade completed)

Dates	Camp & Cost	Time	Grade
June 7-10 - Reg due June 1	**Kickoff to Summer Camp** Cost: $15	8:00-8:50	1st-2nd
		9:00-9:50	3rd-4th
		10:00-10:50	4th-6th
June 14-17 -Reg due June 8	**Critter Camp** Cost: $15	8:00-8:50	1st-2nd
		9:00-9:50	3rd-4th
		10:00-10:50	4th-6th
June 21-24 -Reg due June 15	**Water Ventures Camp** Cost: $15	8:00-8:50	1st-2nd
		9:00-9:50	3rd-4th
		10:00-10:50	4th-6th
June 28-July 1 - Reg due June	**Survivor Camp** Cost: $15	8:00-8:50	1st-2nd
		9:00-9:50	3rd-4th
		10:00-10:50	4th-6th
July 6-9 - Reg due June 29	**Sports Camp** Cost: $15	8:00-8:50	1st-2nd
		9:00-9:50	3rd-4th
		10:00-10:50	4th-6th
July 12-16 - Reg due July 6	**Golf Camp** Cost: $20	8:00-9:00	4th-7th
		9:15-10:15	4th-7th
July 19-22 - Reg due July 13	**Outposts** Cost: $20	8:00-9:00	3rd-5th
		9:15-10:15	3rd-5th
		10:30-11:30	5th-7th
Aug 9-18 - Reg due July 30	**Drama Show Camp** Cost: $50	Aug 9-12:-9am-2pm & Aug 15-18: 5:30-8pm	2nd-8th

Baseball & Softball (Grade level is based on grade completed)

Program	Dates	Time	Grade
Tee Ball - Cost: $30 Reg due June 21	Mon & Wed, July 7-21	6:30-7:30pm	TK & K
Coach Pitch - Cost: $30 Reg due June 21	Mon & Wed, July 7-21	6:30-7:30pm	1st & 2nd
Little League Baseball -Cost $40 Reg due May 28	June 7 - July 9 (3 days per week)	1:00-2:15pm	2nd-4th grade
Big League Baseball -Cost $40 Reg due May 28	June 7 - July 9 (3 days per week)	2:30-3:45pm	5th-7th grade
Junior League Softball -Cost $40 Reg due May 28	June 7 - July 9 (3 days per week)	10:00-11:15am	2nd-4th grade
Senior League Softball -Cost $40 Reg due May 28	June 7 - July 9 (3 days per week)	11:30am-12:45pm	5th-7th grade

Tots Camp & Pee Wee Kids Camp (ages 4-7)
Cost is $20 per week

Dates	Camp Theme	Time
June 7-10	Under the Sea	1:30-3:30pm
June 14-17	Adventures in Nature	1:30-3:30pm
June 21-24	Water Week	1:30-3:30pm
June 28-July 1	The Mighty Jungle	1:30-3:30pm
July 6-9	Mad Science	9:00-11:00am
July 12-15	Fun on the Farm	9:00-11:00am
July 19-22	Olympics	9:00-11:00am

See additional pages for complete program descriptions

Recreation Activities

Summer Kickoff Camp (Completed 1st-6th grade)

Join us for a week of summer adventures including water fun, games, snacks, and activities in Decorah's parks. Classes will meet at a different location each day. Schedules will be emailed to participants prior to the start of the program. This program will be held Monday thru Thursday with Friday available as a make-up day if a class is cancelled due to rain. Participants should bring their own backpack and water bottle, and wear shoes that can get wet, sunscreen and bug spray to each class.

Critter Camp (Completed 1st-6th grade)

Join us for a week of investigating the creepy crawly cuddly critters around us. Each day we will focus on different groups of animals exploring their habitats and adaptations. We will investigate a pond, river, forest, and prairie to see what we can find and learn. Location will change daily and participants should be ready to walk or explore in the water. This program will be held Monday thru Thursday with Friday available as a make-up day if a class is cancelled due to rain. Participants should bring their own backpack and water bottle, and wear shoes that can get wet, sunscreen and bug spray to each class.

Water Ventures Camp (Completed 1st-6th grade)

Water fun will be the theme of this program as we explore Decorah's various natural water systems. Participants should be ready to walk in water and maybe get a little muddy. Classes will meet at a different location each day. This program will be held Monday thru Thursday with Friday available as a make-up day if a class is cancelled due to rain. Participants should bring their own backpack and water bottle, and wear shoes that can get wet, sunscreen and bug spray to each class.

Survivor Camp (Completed 1st-6th grade)

Each day of survival camp will test and grow your survival skills just like the TV show, Survivor. The week will include: team building, obstacle courses, scavenger hunts, shelter building, foraging for food in the forest, and fire making. Classes will meet at a different location each day. Schedules will be emailed to participants prior to the start of the program. This program will be held Monday thru Thursday with Friday available as a make-up day if a class is cancelled due to rain. Participants should bring their own backpack and water bottle, and wear shoes that can get wet, sunscreen and bug spray to each class.

Sports Camp (Completed 1st-6th grade)

Come ready to get your heart racing playing the typical and 'not so typical' sports you love! This program will include traditional sports like soccer and the not so traditional sports like capture the flag. Participants will play a different sport (or two) each day. This program will meet at Wil Baker Athletic Fields. Participants should bring a water bottle and wear sneakers to each class.

Golf Camp (Completed 4th-7th grade)

This week long program covers golf fundamentals, techniques, rules, regulations, and actual course play. Participants may bring their own clubs. Equipment will also be provided. This program will be held Monday-Thursday, July 12-15 at Will Baker Athletic Fields. Friday, July 16, all participants are invited to join our staff for actual course play at Silvercrest Golf & Country Club from 8:30 to 11:00am. Participants should bring a water bottle and wear sneakers to each class.

Outposts (Completed 3rd-7th grade)

Join us for a different activity each day including canoeing, biking, and hiking! Classes will meet at a different location each day. Schedules will be emailed to participants prior to the start of the program. This program will be held Monday thru Thursday with Friday available as a make-up day if a class is cancelled due to rain. Participants should bring their own backpack and water bottle, and wear sneakers, sunscreen and bug spray to each class.

Drama Show Camp (Completed 2nd-8th grade)

Join us for a week-long drama camp led by director, Mark Potvin. This program will culminate with a production of School House Rock Live Wednesday, August 18 at 7pm! Participants will meet 9am-2pm at Whalen Cabin August 9 thru 13 and 5:30-8pm in the Carrie Lee Auditorium August 16 thru 18. Participants should bring a lunch August 9 thru 13 and a snack August 16 thru 18. Participants should bring a water bottle to each class.

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Tennis, Tots Camp, Pee Wee Kids Camp & Special Free Events

Tennis (Completed K thru adult)

CHILDREN SHOULD REGISTER BASED ON THE GRADE THEY JUST COMPLETED.

Tennis is a great sport for all ages! Join our staff and learn the basics or improve your game by learning more advanced skills. Classes will meet at the City Tennis Courts. This program will be held Monday thru Thursday with Friday available as a make-up day if a class is cancelled due to rain.

Participants should bring their own racquet and water bottle, and wear sneakers to each class.

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Tots Camp (ages 4 & 5)

Join us for hours of outdoor and indoor activities, fun, friendships and exploration! This program encourages children to discover the joy of the world around them through hands-on activities in art, science, storytelling and so much more. Tots Day Campers play and learn new skills while forming wonderful relationships with their peers, and engaging in a fun theme based curriculum developed especially for this program.

Location: West Side Early Childhood Center

Pee Wee Kids Camp (ages 6 & 7)

Give your child a summer full of fun, friends, and discovery. Pee Wee Kids Camp features theme based hands-on activities and adventures. Children make choices, work with others, and participate in sports, science, nature, and art projects. Pee Wee Kids campers will learn more about themselves and the world around them as they engage with their peers under the leadership of our staff.

Location: West Side Early Childhood Center

Tots Camp & Pee Wee Kids Camp	
Dates	**Camp Theme**
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June 14-17	Adventures in Nature
June 21-24	Water Week
June 28-July 1	The Mighty Jungle
July 6-9	Mad Science
July 12-15	Fun on the Farm
July 19-22	Olympics

Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championships—Free Activity!

For ages 7 thru 14 as of December 31, 2021

This event will be held Monday, May 17, 2021 at the Decorah High School Track. To register online, go to https://parks.decorahia.org or download a PDF of the entry form from our website and submit to the Park-Rec Office. 1st place winners at the local meet will advance to the state championships in Marshalltown, Iowa on Saturday, June 19.

Yoga in the Park - Free Activity!

Decorah Parks and Recreation is partnering with local yoga instructors to offer Free Yoga in the Park Saturdays, June 5—September 25, 9-10am in the green space west of John Cline School. Bring your own mat or towel. No need to register, just show up!

Celebrate Iowa's free fishing weekend at Twin Springs Pond! - Free Activity!

Twin Springs pond will be prepared for fishing and stocked with trout by Decorah Parks & Recreation & Iowa DNR fisheries staff by Saturday morning, June 5. Free fishing weekend is a great time to take kids fishing. Iowa residents can try fishing without buying a license on June 4, 5 and 6 as part of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) free fishing weekend. Submit a photo of you fishing at Twin Springs Pond to decorahrec@gmail.com by the end of the weekend for your chance to be entered to win a fishing drawing prize. This is a free self-directed event provided in partnership with the Iowa DNR Fisheries staff.

Baseball & Softball Programs

Tee Ball & Coach Pitch

FOR YOUTH JUST COMPLETING TK THRU 2ND GRADE

REGISTRATON DEADLINE: MONDAY, JUNE 21

Baseball/softball skills will be taught and games will be played at Will Baker Athletic Fields Monday and Wednesday, July 7 thru July 21, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Each evening will include a short skill session followed by a game played with wiffle balls.

Participants will hit off of a tee and all batters will have a chance to hit each inning.

Schedules will be emailed to participants prior to the start of the program. Participants must have their own glove. Players should bring a water bottle, and wear sneakers and bug spray. Bats provided by Decorah Parks & Recreation will be shared amongst participants..

Parents: Please consider volunteering, we are in need of coaches for each team!

Tee Ball (Completed TK-K): Participants will hit off of a tee and all batters will have a chance to hit each inning.

Coach Pitch (completed 1st-2nd grade): Coaches or staff will pitch and all batters will have a chance to hit each inning.

TEAM SHIRT SPONSORS FOR THIS TEE BALL ARE: Dental Associates of Decorah, and The Family Table

TEAM SHIRT SPONSORS FOR COACH PITCH ARE: Casper Plumbing & Heating and Deco Products Company

Little League & Big League Baseball

FOR BOYS JUST COMPLETING 2ND THRU 7TH GRADES

REGISTRATON DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 28

This program at the City Diamonds will be held Monday thru Friday, June 7 thru July 9. Participants will practice and play games about three days per week. Practice and game dates will vary on a week to week basis, but it is our hope that each participant will have at least one practice and two games each week.

Schedules will be emailed to participants prior to the start of the program. Participants must have their own glove. Players should bring a water bottle, and wear sneakers or cleats (no metal spikes allowed). Players are encouraged to bring their own helmet and bat if they have one. Bats from home must be stamped with USA Baseball. Park-Rec will provide helmets and bats for those that need them. Equipment (including catcher's gear) provided by Decorah Parks & Recreation will be shared amongst participants.

Little League Baseball (Completed 2nd-4th grade) will be held 1:00-2:15pm

Big League Baseball (Completed 5th-7th grade) will be held 2:30-3:45pm

TEAM SHIRT SPONSORS FOR THE LITTLE AND BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL PROGRAM ARE:

A & J Petersburg Agency, Deco Products Company, Decorah Electric, Friest & Associates Realtors, Lifetime Financial Solutions, Prairie Lakes Church (2 teams), Rockweiler Appliance & TV, Stanley Engineered Fastening, Winneshiek Medical Center

Junior & Senior League Softball

FOR GIRLS JUST COMPLETING 2ND THRU 7TH GRADES

REGISTRATON DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 28

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Junior League Softball (Completed 2nd-4th grade) will be held 10:00-11:15am

Senior League Softball (Completed 5th-7th grade) will be held 11:30am-12:45pm

TEAM SHIRT SPONSORS FOR THE JUNIOR & SENIOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL PROGRAM ARE:

A & J Petersburg Agency, Deco Products Company, Dental Associates of Decorah, Lifetime Financial Solutions

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