DECORAH PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES
IN DECEMBER 2021, JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2022

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CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER

will be announced on Facebook, & online at **https://parks.decorahia.org/cancellations.**

SPECIAL THANKS

to the **Decorah Community Schools** for providing the facilities necessary for many of our programs, to **Driftless Journal, Decorah Public Library,** and **KVIK** radio stations, **decorahnews.com, decorahnow.com, Winneshiek County Convention & Visitors Bureau,** and **Decorah Area Chamber of Commerce** for their promotion of Park-Rec. activities and events, and to our many sponsors and volunteers that help keep our participation fees affordable for all.

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REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

To register online, go to:
https://decorahparkrec.activityreg.com

Only check or cash payments are accepted when registering in person at the Park-Rec. Office. Mail-in registrations must be paid by check only- no cash payments, please.

Credit and debit card payments are only accepted online.

For future reference, the tentative online release dates for our quarterly brochures are listed below.

Date	Brochure
August 15	Sept, Oct & Nov
November 15	Dec, Jan & Feb
February 15	Mar, Apr & May
May 2	June, July & Aug

PICNIC SHELTER & WHALEN CABIN RESERVATIONS

2022 Whalen Cabin and picnic shelter reservation requests may be made beginning Monday, January 3, at 8:00 am. Reservation requests on January 3 must be made by calling 563-382-4158 and leaving a message with your name, phone number, and the date, time and name of facility you are requesting to reserve. Phone calls and messages will be returned in the order they are received. Messages received before 8:00 am Monday, January 3 will not be considered.

Whalen Cabin and picnic shelters in the Decorah Parks System can be rented during the following time slots; 9am-2pm, 3pm-10pm or all day. The cost to rent Whalen Cabin for one time slot is $50 and the cost to rent Whalen Cabin all day is $70. The cost to rent a picnic shelter is $10 per time slot and the cost to rent a picnic shelter all day is $20.

Rental fees must be paid at least one week in advance of the reservation date. Fees are non-refundable unless cancelled two weeks in advance. The key for Whalen Cabin must be picked up and rental agreement signed by 4pm Thursday if a weekend rental and 24 hours in advance if renting Monday thru Friday.

Scout troops may use Whalen Cabin at no cost, however reservations must be made in advance. Picnic shelters not posted with a reserved sign may be used on a first come, first served basis.

FREE EVENT - TURKEY TROT

Thursday, November 25 thru Sunday, November 28

Run or walk the 5k or 1-mile loop that we have marked out in the Decorah Community Prairie anytime Thursday, November 25 thru Sunday, November 28. Submit your name online at https://parks.decorahia.org and send a photo of you completing your turkey trot to decorahrec@gmail.com to be entered in a drawing to win a prize! This can be a fun challenge for individuals or for your entire household. The Decorah Community Prairie is located at the south end of Ohio Street (over the levy) in Decorah.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS & MAGICAL NIGHTS

Helping Services for Northeast Iowa will present Decorah's annual holiday drive-through light show at Pulpit Rock Campground beginning Thanksgiving Day. Admission is through donations to Helping Services. **For more info visit www.helpingservices.org.**

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OPEN BASKETBALL
a free drop-in activity

Open basketball play for kids of all ages in the Carrie Lee Elementary Gym (enter east doors off of Winnebago Street) on **Sundays, November 7 thru February 6 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.** All children in 4th grade and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Little Tykes hoops and basketballs will be available for younger kids, lowered hoops for those that are a little bit older, and regular 10 foot hoops for those in 4th grade and above.

Special open gym will also be available on no school days for kids in 5th thru 8th grade. A complete schedule is posted in the gym and online.

INTRAMURAL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL LEAGUE
for Decorah High School Students

Games are played in the High School Practice Gym on Sunday evenings, beginning January 9 and running thru mid March. More registration information will be announced at school as the deadline approaches.

FEE: $100/TEAM
DEADLINE: WED, DEC 22

CREATIVE KIDS
for grades K thru 2nd

Join us on **Thursdays, January 6 thru January 27,** for after school winter fun! Each week will include a different activity to show off your creativity including building with Legos, arts and crafts, painting, outdoor winter games and more. Students will meet immediately after school in the John Cline Gym and this program will run 3:10 to 4:00 pm.

This program will not be held if school is cancelled or dismisses early due to weather.

FEE: $20 (maximum of 20 participants)
DEADLINE: TUES, JAN 4

BIDDY BASKETBALL
for ages 3 to 6 yrs

Participants will learn the basic fundamentals of basketball and enjoy actual team competition. Teams are grouped according to age and game rules are modified to accommodate the lower ages and skill levels. Small baskets, balls and fun teaching techniques are used with special emphasis on sportsmanship. Each Saturday consists of a skills session followed by a game.

This program meets in the Carrie Lee Elementary Gym on **Saturday mornings, January 22 thru February 12.** Shirts and schedules should be picked up in the Park-Rec Office Thursday, January 20.

When registering, please indicate the league you are signing your child up for:
Pee Wee Coed (ages 3 & 4)
Kinder Coed (ages 5 & 6).

PARENTS: Two volunteer coaches are needed for each team. Park-Rec. staff will also assist with this program. If you are willing to coach, please include your name and shirt size on your child's registration form.

FEE: $20 (includes shirt)
DEADLINE: TUES, JAN 4

BIDDY BASKETBALL SPONSORS:
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DENTAL ASSOCIATES OF DECOARH, PC
PSIMOS ORAL SURGERY
WINNESHIEK MEDICAL CENTER

ADULT REC VOLLEYBALL
a free drop-in activity

Recreational volleyball is held in the Carrie Lee Elementary Gym (enter east doors off of Winnebago Street) **on Tuesdays, January 18 thru March 29 from 7:30 to 10:00 pm.** A schedule is posted in the gym and online.

WAYSIDE ICE RINK

Carl Selland Wayside Park is located at the intersection of College Drive and 5th Avenue. The opening date of the ice rink is weather dependent. Once open for the season, the rink is always open for skating unless a sign posted at the rink indicates otherwise.

FLY FISHING WORKSHOP
for all ages – 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult

THE IOWA DRIFTLESS CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED, DECORAH PARK-REC., and WINNESHIEK COUNTY CONSERVATION will co-host this workshop on **Saturday, January 29 from 10:00 am to noon** in the Decorah High School Gym. Local casting instructors will discuss equipment, demonstrate basic casts, and work with participants on their fly casting skills. Participants can watch experts and learn how to tie their favorite flies. This workshop is free and open to anglers of all ages and levels of experience. **This is a free event—no registration required—just show up!**

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOWLING
for grades 5th thru 8th

This program is held at Skyline Lanes on Saturdays, February 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 8:30 to 9:45 am. Participants will receive instruction from members of the High School Bowling team and will bowl one to two games during each class.

FEE: $25 (lane & shoe rental included)
DEADLINE: FRI, JAN 28

This program is limited to 32 participants.

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