

# DECORAH PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER 2022, JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2023

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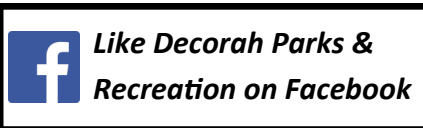
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**CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER** will be announced on Facebook, & online at <https://parks.decorahia.org/cancellations>.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to **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.



## 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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Brochure</u>
August 15	Sept, Oct & Nov
November 15	Dec, Jan & Feb
February 15	Mar, Apr & May
May 1	June, July & Aug


## PICNIC SHELTER & WHALEN CABIN RESERVATIONS

**2023 Whalen Cabin and picnic shelter reservation requests may be made beginning Tuesday, 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 Tuesday, January 3 will not be considered.

Whalen Cabin and picnic shelters in the Decorah Park 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 \$15.

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 24 thru Sunday, November 27

Run or walk the 5k or 1-mile loop that we have marked out in the Decorah Community Prairie anytime Thursday, November 24 thru Sunday, November 27.

Submit your name using the form available Nov 24-27 at <https://parks.decorahia.org> and send a photo of you completing your turkey trot to [decorahrec@gmail.com](mailto: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 <https://www.helpingservices.org/holidaylights/>**

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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 13 thru February 19 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm**. All children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and under must be accompanied by an adult.

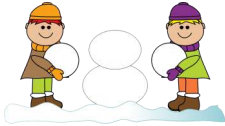
Little Tykes hoops and basketballs will be available for younger kids, lowered hoops for those that are a little bit older, and regular 10 foot hoops for those in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and above.

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

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURERS

*for grades K thru 2<sup>nd</sup>*

Come right after school and participate in a variety of outdoor winter activities!



This program will be held **Thursdays, January 5 thru January 26, 3:15 to 4:15pm**. Students will meet in the John Cline gym and then head outside. Participants should dress for the weather. This program will be held in the John Cline Gym if temperatures prevent us from going outside. This program is offered in partnership with Winneshiek County Conservation. Maximum of 20 participants.

**FEE: \$20**

**DEADLINE: TUES, JAN 3**

## CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLINIC

*Stay tuned for more info!*

We are partnering with Winneshiek County Conservation and the Luther College Cross Country Ski Club to offer a cross country ski clinic. More information, including date and time, will be announced on our website (<https://parks.decorahia.org/>), and Facebook page as conditions become favorable for skiing.

## 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 21 thru February 11**. Shirts and schedules should be picked up in the Park-Rec Office Thursday, January 19.

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: WED, JAN 4**

### BIDDY BASKETBALL SPONSORS:

DECO PRODUCTS COMPANY

THE FAMILY TABLE

ONEOTA VALLEY FAMILY EYE CARE

WINNESHIEK MEDICAL CENTER

## ADULT REC VOLLEYBALL

*a free drop-in activity*

Recreational volleyball is held in the Carrie Lee Elementary Gym (enter through gym entrance off of Winnebago Street) on **Tuesdays, January 31 thru March 28 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, February 4 from 10:00 am to 12 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 King Pin Entertainment Center on **Saturdays, January 7 thru January 28 from 10:30 am to 11:45am**. Participants will receive instruction from members of the High School Bowling team and will bowl one to two games during each class.

**FEE: \$40** (lane & shoe rental included)

**DEADLINE: THURS, JAN 5**

**This program is limited to 32 participants.**



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**Follow us on Twitter @DecorahParkRec**

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**CHECKS PAYABLE TO "Decorah Parks & Recreation":** \$10 service charge on all returned checks. Send form and payment to Decorah Park-Rec., PO Box 513, Decorah, IA 52101. **No receipts will be sent out.**

**LATE REGISTRATIONS:** For programs that include a team shirt, a shirt will not be guaranteed when registration is received beyond the program deadline. Late registrations for all programs will only be accepted in the Park-Rec. Office if space is available.

**REFUNDS:** Given only if program is canceled due to low enrollment, program is filled, or registrant cannot participate due to medical reasons.

**TEAM ASSIGNMENTS:** Children will be placed on teams in a random manner with the exception of children living in the same household who will be assigned to the same team if in the same age/grade division. Requests to "team up" children for carpooling purposes will not be granted. If you feel you have extenuating circumstances, please contact the Decorah Parks & Recreation Office at 563-382-4158.

**CHILDREN'S CONDUCT POLICY:** Children are required to follow all set rules and guidelines for programs or activities. The use of foul language, fighting or disruption of activities is prohibited. If acts of disruption occur, parents will be notified and further disciplinary actions will be discussed. Consequences of poor behavior may include time outs, temporary suspension or revocation of participation privileges.

**REGISTRATION FORM (or register online at <https://decorahparkrec.activityreg.com>)**

### HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD/GUARDIAN - FAMILY INFORMATION

FIRST NAME LAST NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

HOME PHONE WORK PHONE CELL PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS, IF ANY

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME AND PHONE

PARTICIPANT NAME	BIRTHDATE	GRADE	SEX	PROGRAM NAME	FOR BIDDY BASKETBALL ONLY SHIRT SIZE: 6-8, 10-12, 14-16 OR ADULT S, M, L, XL	FEE

Program registrants assume full responsibility for any risk, implicit or direct, by participation in said activity or facility. You are advised the City does not provide medical insurance covering injuries to its participants.

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE**

WAIVER FORM: I, Parent or guardian of the entrant(s) listed above, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages against the City of Decorah, Decorah Parks and Recreation and its employees, Decorah Community Schools, other sponsors and volunteers, for any and all injuries that may be suffered by the entrant(s) listed above in connection with the above registered activity(ies). I grant the Decorah Parks and Recreation Department permission to use pictures or videos taken of my child during participation in programs. I waive my right to inspection and compensation.

**HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**YES! I would like to volunteer to coach my child's Biddy Basketball team.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size (circle) S M L XL XXL