

# RECREATION ACTIVITIES IN MARCH, APRIL & MAY 2024

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## CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER



...will be announced on Facebook and online at <https://parks.decorahia.org>.

## SPECIAL THANKS

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

## SOFTBALL LEAGUES

*for 16 years and older*

**MODIFIED (Tuesdays)**

## MEN'S SLOW PITCH (Wednesdays)

Leagues run in the evenings from late May to early August on the city diamonds and teams are required to supply umpires according to the schedule. **Entry fee for each of the leagues is \$120/team** and includes softballs and field maintenance.

## REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

To register online, go to:



**Credit and debit card payments are only accepted online.**

Only check or cash payments are accepted if you wish to register in person at the Park-Rec. Office. Mail-in registrations must be paid by check.

**The tentative online release dates for our quarterly brochures are:**

<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

## ACTIVE IN THE OUTDOORS

*for grades Kindergarten thru 2nd*



Join us in the John Cline Gym on **Tuesdays April 2, 9, 16 & 23, from 3:15 to 4:15 pm**. Kids will have the opportunity to play team building games and be outside to run off their afterschool energy. If weather is not ideal for activities outdoors, they will be held inside.

**FEE: \$24 (maximum of 20 participants)**

**DEADLINE: TUES, MARCH 26**

## EASTER EGG *for kids 8 years and under*

**Sunday, March 24, 3:00 pm, at Will Baker Athletic Fields**

Children find plastic eggs filled with candy or prizes and all egg hunters receive participation gifts at the close of the Hunt.

The Easter Bunny will also be there so bring your cameras!

**Registration can be made in the office or online but you must get your basket in the office!**

Each child who registers receives an official Easter bag to collect their eggs the day of the hunt.

**FEE: \$5/Child DEADLINE: MON, MARCH 18, 2024**



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## PEE WEE SOCCER LEAGUE

for ages 3 and 4 years

This program is held on Saturday mornings, April 20 thru May 11, at the Will Baker Athletic Fields. All players will be required to wear shin guards which Park-Rec. provides at the fields. Games will not be made up if canceled due to weather.

Players are asked to pick up their team shirt on the first day of the program from coaches. Schedules will be available at the Park-Rec. Office on Thursday, March 4, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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

**FEE: \$24 (includes t-shirt)**



## A BIG THANK YOU TO THESE SOCCER LEAGUE SPONSORS!



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## YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUES

for grades TK/Kindergarten thru 7<sup>th</sup>



This program is held on Saturday mornings, April 6 thru May 11. All players will be required to wear shin guards which Park-Rec. provides at the fields. Games will be played at Will Baker Athletic Fields and will not be made up if canceled due to weather.

Players are asked to pick up their team shirt on the first day of the program from coaches. Schedules will be available in the Park-Rec. Office Thursday, March 4, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

PARENTS: Two volunteer coaches are needed for each team. Park-Rec. staff will also assist with this program. If you can coach, please include your name and shirt size on your child's entry form. Volunteer coaches are not needed for the 5th-7th league.

**FEE: \$30 (includes t-shirt)**

**DEADLINE: WED, MARCH 13**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MAY 1



May 1 is the release date of our summer brochure, and the first day you can register for summer recreation activities and swimming lessons, and purchase pool passes. Registration starts promptly at 8:00 am online at <https://decorahparkrec.activityreg.com>

and in the Park-Rec. Office.

Credit and debit cards are only accepted online. Cash or check must be used when registering at the Park-Rec. Office.

## LIVE HEALTHY IOWA KIDS TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP

a free event for ages up to 14 as of 12/31/2024



This event will be held Tuesday, May 14, 4:30 pm, at the Decorah High School Track. To register, go to <https://decorahparkrec.activityreg.com> where you can register online directly or download a PDF of the entry form to submit to the Park-Rec. Office. **Pre-registration is strongly encouraged**, but late registration will be taken beginning at 4:00 pm near the track entrance on the day.

## Fun Trail Run

Stay tuned for more information about a fun Spring Run through some of Decorah Parks this Spring!



## March Madness Tournament Challenge *a free event for all ages*



This will be an on-going event through the entire March Madness Tournament for both men and women. Each participant is allowed to submit one bracket per tournament, one for men's and one for women's for a total of two brackets. Brackets will be submitted through ESPN's Tournament Challenge no later than Wednesday, March 20th. Decorah Parks and Recreation will provide a link and code for participants to use. Participants with the most points will be

eligible to win prizes!

For a full list of rules, details, and points breakdown, visit our website at:

<https://parks.decorahia.org/>.

## Ice Cave Scavenger Hunt

There's gnome place like home!

Gnomes are big fans of Decorah for many reasons. Join us on a family-friendly hunt to find all of the gnomes and complete other fun challenges along the way!

More information will be announced on our website and Facebook page.



## Seasons of a Prairie Series

Conduct a Backyard Burn-

This new Park Rec program covers safe prairie habitat burning operations from ignition until it is safe to leave the site. This program is largely dependent on weather, so date is TBA. However, we hope for a Late March/Early April date. Please RSVP to [parkrec@decorah.iowa.gov](mailto:parkrec@decorah.iowa.gov) if interested so that we may contact you with the date when the weather cooperates. FREE program!



## Seasons of a Prairie Series

Winter Hike-

Our Winter Hike, led by staff, will take place on Sunday, February 25, 1:30 pm. Meet at the Decorah Community Prairie, located at the south end of Ohio Street (over the levy) in Decorah. This program is FREE! No need to register, just show up!

