


# SPRING & SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE




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# PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

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**Employment Opportunities**– Persons interested in obtaining part-time or seasonal employment with the Portage Park & Recreation Department should visit the next page, go on our website, or contact our department for information about open positions.

**Everyone is Welcome**– We welcome anyone to participate in our programs regardless of ability, race, or gender. We want to encourage everyone to participate and join in on the fun!

**You Snooze....You Lose**– Nothing kills a program quicker than waiting until the last minute to register. If we do not meet the minimum number of participants by the registration deadline, the program will be canceled. We also set registration maximums on each program based on staff, equipment, and space, so be sure to register early in order to reserve your spot before they are all gone!

**Say 'Cheese'**– For program promotional purposes, photographs may be taken of participants. If you do not wish to have your photo, or photos of your children taken, please notify our department.

**Residents vs. Non-Residents**– All program and park shelter rentals will list 2 prices under the description. (Ex: \$15/\$25). The first price is the City of Portage and Pacific Township residents. The second price is for non-residents (Lewiston, Caledonia, Fort Winnebago, Pardeeville, etc.). Non-resident fees are charged to help our department continue to maintain our programs and facilities for those who do not pay taxes to the City of Portage.

**Scholarships**– The City of Portage wishes to offer our programs and activities to all area children. If financial assistance is needed for a child's participation, please contact our department for more information. Park Shelter Rentals, select programs, and special events/tickets do not qualify for our scholarship program.

**Typos/Mistakes**– Occasionally, there may be an error in days, times, registration requirements, pricing, or location in our program descriptions. When such errors occur, our staff will do everything possible to correct the situation promptly. Our department reserves the right to change program schedules as needed to accommodate demand or school/community conflicts.

**Program Refund Policy**– Refunds will be granted if requests are made seven (7) days before the scheduled start of the activity. Please contact our department if you have questions regarding refunds due to medical or unavoidable circumstances. All refunds carry a \$5.00 processing fee.

**Facility Rental Refund Policy**– Refunds for facility rentals will be granted if requests are made thirty (30) days prior to scheduled rental. Extenuating circumstances are occasionally considered. Refunds requested due to poor weather on your rental day will not be granted. All refunds carry a \$5.00 processing fee.

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Applications and additional information about our Employment Opportunities can be found under the 'Employment' tab on our website: [portage.recdesk.com](http://portage.recdesk.com).

**Interviews for positions begin in April, so please submit applications by April 1st**

Drop off completed applications at 701 W Slifer St, or email [mike.percy@portagewi.gov](mailto:mike.percy@portagewi.gov)

## **Youth Sports Supervisor**

This position will lead and run our Youth Sports programs as well as supervise the staff helping with those programs. Applicants must be at least 18 and have past experience working with kids, preferably in a sports setting.

- 5-10 hours per week
- Pay range \$13-\$16/hour depending on qualifications and experience

## **Youth Sports Staff**

Help coach and instruct kids in our t-ball, soccer, and/or other youth sports programs! Employees must be reliable, hard working, outgoing, and able to work well with kids. Must be 14 to apply.

- 5-20 hours per week
- Flexible scheduling
- Pay starting at \$10.00/hour



## **Seasonal Maintenance Worker**

This is a non-supervisory position. General job function is to efficiently and effectively perform maintenance operations; including operating machinery and performing maintenance and cleaning tasks throughout the City's parks. Must be 18 to apply.

- Monday-Friday 7:00 am-3:00 pm / Some Saturday AM hours
- Starts mid-May, working through mid-August (start date may be flexible)
- Pay \$13.00/hour
- **Applications currently accepted, and position will be filled as soon as possible, so apply today!**

## **Playground Program Supervisor**

This position will help the Recreation Coordinator plan and implement various activities and games at our Summer Playground Program, while also helping lead and supervise the Playground Program Staff. Must be at least 18 to apply.

- 30-35 hours per week
- Pay range \$14-\$16/hour DOQ
- Previous experience working with kids required



## **Playground Program Staff**

This position will help at our Summer Playground Program at Collipp-Worden Park. Staff will be responsible for leading games, activities, and crafts throughout the program. Staff will also be responsible for supervising all children attending the program, and ensuring their safety and well-being. Must be 14 to apply.

- 20-35 hours per week
- Pay starting at \$10.00/hour

## **Lifeguards**

We are seeking Lifeguards for Silver Lake Beach! Job responsibilities will include lifeguarding, concession attendant, and facility opening and closing procedures. If you are interested in becoming Lifeguard Certified, contact our department for details on our next Lifeguard Certification Course. Lifeguards must be at least 15 years old to be certified.

- 10-30 hours per week, with flexible scheduling
- Pay starting at \$10.75/hour for Lifeguards

# REGISTRATIONS & RESERVATIONS

**There are 3 easy ways to register for a program or reserve a park shelter for your next event. We accept cash, check, or credit card for registrations and reservations. All Mail-In or Drop Off payments must be made with cash or check only. We do not offer over-the-phone registrations or reservations because there are liability waiver forms that you must sign.**

## Online

PORTAGE.RECDESK.COM

Create an account on our website to sign up for programs or reserve a park shelter. You will need a credit card to complete any online transaction. A small convenience fee will apply.

## Mail-In or Drop Off

Mail-in or Drop Off registration is available for all programs and shelter rentals. All Mail-In and Drop Off registrations or reservations must have completed paperwork and payment included in envelope. Drop Offs can be placed in our secure drop box outside of our office front door.

## In-Person

Check our website or Facebook page for office hours, or call ahead to make sure we are accepting in-person registrations.

## SUMMER HOT SPOTS

### Silver Lake Beach

522 Silver Lake Drive

Come enjoy this beautiful sandy beach with a dedicated swimming area, dock & slide for children, and a concession stand. This beach is staffed with lifeguards beginning at 11am daily throughout the summer, and is free to use!



Kayaks and paddleboards are available to rent during staffed hours. Price is \$5 per hour, cash only, and can be paid for at the concession stand. Lifejackets and paddles are provided for rentals. All equipment must be used at Silver Lake, no transporting to other locations. A Drivers License will be required as a deposit on-site.

### Goodyear Park Splashpad

920 Dewitt Street

Cool off in the Goodyear Park Splashpad this summer, located at 920 Dewitt St. This free facility is fun for kids, and operates from 10am-7pm daily, beginning Saturday, May 25th, and closing after Labor Day. This facility has bathrooms and shade structures.



# SUMMER HOT SPOTS

## Portage Family Skate Park

920 Dewitt Street

### Facility Information

- Located at Goodyear Park
- Free Admission
- Operating Hours: 8am– Dusk



## Fritz Port Dog Park

800 Morgan Street

The Fritz Port Dog Park is located at the Portage Fairgrounds, on the corner of Superior Street and Morgan Street. There is a \$2 daily fee to use the Dog Park (pay cash onsite). Residents who have registered their dog with the City of Portage in 2024 receive free use of the Dog Park with their annual dog registration.

# SPRING RECREATION PROGRAMS

## Flag Football

Back again is our popular Spring Flag Football program! Kids will learn and practice the basics of throwing, catching, and playing games. We will start with individual skill development and evolve into game play as the program progresses.

**Dates:** Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings, April 25th thru May 11th

**Times:** K-2nd Grade- 5:00-5:55pm on Thursdays,  
9:00-9:55am on Saturdays  
3rd-5th Grade- 6:00-6:55pm on Thursdays,  
10:00-10:55am on Saturdays

**Location:** Ball fields at the Portage Fairgrounds

**Grades:** K-5th

**Fee (Res/Non-Res):** \$25/\$35

**Registration Dates:** March 11th—April 15th

**Min/Max:** 10/30

\*Interested in helping coach? We have paid positions, as well as volunteer positions available. Coaches who volunteer will have their child's registration fee waived.



**Registration for programs can be done online at [portage.recdesk.com](http://portage.recdesk.com) or stop by our office at 701 W. Slifer St**

# SPRING RECREATION PROGRAMS

## Lifeguard Certification Course

We are happy to offer a Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Course this spring. This course will include online assignments in addition to in-water skills training and classroom training. Participants who successfully pass this course will be eligible for employment with the Portage Park & Recreation Department. Starting pay is \$10.75/hour for Lifeguards.

**Dates:** Monday, March 18th and Tuesday, March 19th  
(Portage School District Spring Break)

**Time:** 9am-4pm

**Ages:** Must be 15 or older by March 19, 2024

**Fee:** \$50- for participants who will work for Portage Park & Rec following successful completion of course  
\$150- for participants who will work elsewhere following successful completion of course

**Registration Deadline:** March 11



## SafeSitter Babysitting Course

This class will teach middle schoolers how to be a safe, responsible babysitter. Safety skills, child development and behavior tips, rescue breathing, first aid, and general responsibilities will be covered in this course. Upon passing this class, children may gain employment within their community with their certification, and parents will be able to feel more comfortable and confident leaving an elder child to watch their younger siblings. Participants will receive a babysitting bag and notepad.

**Dates:** -April 13 (registration open March 11)  
-April 20 (registration open March 11)  
-May 25 (registration open April 15)  
-June 8 (registration open April 15)  
-June 22 (registration open April 15)  
-July 20 (registration open April 15)  
-August 17 (registration open April 15)

**Times:** 9am-2:30pm

**Location:** Park & Recreation Office (701 W. Slifer St)

**Ages:** 11-15

**Fee (Res/Non-Res):** \$50/\$60

**Min/Max:** 2/6 per class

## Karate

**Basics-** Join in on the fun and join our martial arts program! Karate Basics is an intro level class and will introduce participants to the fundamental skills of the martial arts world. This class is designed for inexperienced, new karate participants.

**Intermediate-** This program is for our mid-level karate participants and will help build and improve the participant's skills and knowledge. This program is designed for participants who have experience in our karate programs.

**Advanced-** This program is designed for more experienced karate participants. This advanced program will expand and develop participant's knowledge and skills in martial arts. Karate Advanced participants must have a Green Belt or higher in order to register.

**Dates:** (Monday and Thursday evenings)

Session 2- March 4-April 25 (no class April 1)

Session 3- May 2-June 24 (no class May 27)

Session 4- July 1-August 26 (no class July 4 or Aug 12)

Session 5- August 29-October 21 (no class Sept 2)

Session 6- October 24-December 23 (no class Oct 31, Nov 4, Nov 28)

**Times:** Basics (5-6pm)

Intermediate (6-7pm)

Advanced (7-8pm)

**Location:** City Hall Basement (115 W Pleasant St)

**Ages:** 6+

**Fee (Res/Non-Res):** \$32/\$47 (per session)

\*Each class may have additional classes scheduled as needed for Belt Testing\*

**Registration:** Sessions 2 & 3 Registration is open online right now. Sessions 4-6 Registration begins Monday, April 15



# SUMMER YOUTH SPORTS

## Tot T-Ball (June)

This program will introduce baseball and softball to beginners. Players will learn the basics of fielding, catching, throwing, hitting, and running the bases. We'll work on individual skill development, as well as play scrimmage games later in the season. This program is about getting kids involved and having fun!

**Dates:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 4th - June 27th

**Times:** Session 1- 4:00-4:45pm  
Session 2- 4:50-5:35pm  
Session 3- 5:40-6:25pm

**Location:** Ball Fields @ the Portage Fairgrounds

**Ages:** 4-5 year olds

**Fee (Res/Non-Res):** \$25/\$35

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, May 31

**Min/Max:** 10/18 per session



## Tot Soccer (July)

This fun and instructive program will teach the basics of soccer to kids ages 4-5 years old. We'll work on skill development with kicking, passing, dribbling, and teamwork. Kids will practice skills and learn the game, and play scrimmages later in the program to get game experience.

**Dates:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 9th - August 1st

**Times:** Session 1- 4:00-4:45pm  
Session 2- 4:50-5:35pm  
Session 3- 5:40-6:25pm

**Location:** Soccer Fields @ the Portage Fairgrounds

**Ages:** 4-5 year olds

**Fee (Res/Non-Res):** \$25/\$35

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, June 28th

**Min/Max:** 10/18 per session

## Instructional Soccer Camp

This program will focus on intermediate skills and drills for soccer players. The first portion of the program will be dedicated to individual skill development, but will evolve into more advanced drill work and gameplay.

**Dates:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 11- July 18  
(No camp July 2nd or July 4th)

**Times:** 6-8 years olds- 1:30-2:30pm  
9-12 years olds- 2:30-3:30pm

**Location:** Soccer Fields @ the Portage Fairgrounds

**Ages:** 6-12

**Fee (Res/Non-Res):** \$35/\$45

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, June 7

**Min/Max:** 10/24 per age group

## Tot Basketball (August)

This program will introduce the game of basketball to beginners, and teach them the fundamental skills to be successful. Players will learn the basics of dribbling, shooting, passing, and defense. We'll work on individual skill development, as well as play scrimmage games later in the season. This program is about getting kids involved and having fun!

**Dates:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, August 13th - August 29th

**Times:** 4-6 year olds (Session 1)- 4:00-4:45pm  
4-6 year olds (Session 2)- 4:50-5:35pm  
7-8 year olds- 5:40-6:25pm

**Location:** Outdoor Basketball Courts at Collipp-Worden Park

**Ages:** 4-8 year olds

**Fee (Res/Non-Res):** \$20/\$30

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, August 9th

**Min/Max:** 8/15 per group



**Registration for Summer Programs begins Monday, April 15 @ 8am.**  
**Visit [portage.recdesk.com](http://portage.recdesk.com) or stop in to 701 W. Slifer St. to register!**

# SUMMER YOUTH SPORTS

## Youth Tennis Camps

We are currently working on scheduling our Summer Tennis Camps, and we will have details for these camps shortly! Stay tuned to our Facebook Page and website for more details!

## Baseball Skill Development Camp

This program is a skill development baseball program for players ages 9-13. This program will focus on individual skill development, drill work, and having fun. Scrimmage games will occur later in the season. This program will meet Monday and Wednesday mornings.

**Dates:** Mondays and Wednesdays  
June 17-July 24

**Time:** 9am-10:30am

\*Times may be adjusted depending on enrollment and gameplay.  
Coaches will announce changes at practice\*

**Location:** Fairgrounds-Lawton & Siegel Ball Diamonds  
(north end of Fairgrounds near the Dog Park)

**Ages:** 9-13

**Fee (Res/Non-Res):** \$35/\$45

**Registration Deadline:** Monday, June 10



## 5-8 Year Old TBall and Baseball Leagues

Portage Youth Baseball runs leagues for 5-8 years old in the Portage community. Please contact them or visit their website ([portageyouthbaseball.org](http://portageyouthbaseball.org)) for more information. Financial assistance is available through PYB. **Registration Deadline is Friday, March 31**

**Registration for Summer Programs  
begins Monday, April 15 @ 8am.  
Visit [portage.recdesk.com](http://portage.recdesk.com) or stop  
in to 701 W. Slifer St. to register!**

## PHS Sports Camps

We have been developing an amazing relationship with the Portage High School athletic programs to be able to offer these youth sports camps the past few years. Each one of these camps is coached by the Portage High School coaching staff and high school players for that sport. Kids in these camps receive incredible instruction from experienced coaches, and get to learn from skilled high school athletes! As a thank you to each of the teams helping with these youth camps, we share the revenue generated from each camp with that high school team.



### Girls Basketball

**Dates:** June 17, 18, 19

**Location:** Portage High School Gym

**Ages & Times:**

- Girls Entering Grades 3rd - 5th (11:30am-1:00pm)
- Girls Entering Grades 6th - 8th (9:00am-11:00am)

**Fee:** \$15

**Registration Deadline:** Monday, June 10



### Boys Baseball

**Dates:** TBD- follow our website and Facebook page for updates!

**Location:** Portage High School Baseball Diamond

**Ages & Times:**

- Boys entering grades 3rd - 6th times TBD

**Fee:** \$15

**Registration Deadline:** TBD



### Tennis (Boys & Girls)

**Dates:** June 24, 25, 26, 27

**Location:** Portage School District Tennis Courts  
(305 E Slifer St)

**Ages & Times:**

- 5-7 year olds: 5:00-5:45pm
- 8-10 year olds: 6:00-6:45pm
- 11-13 year olds: 7:00-7:45pm

**Fee:** \$15

**Registration Deadline:** Monday, June 17



### PHS Cheer Camp

Students will work on basic cheer fundamentals including jumps, band dances, stunting, tumbling, and cheering. This is a fun way to develop strength, flexibility, and self-esteem through fun choreographed material. Youth Cheerleaders will cheer with the Portage High School Varsity Cheer Team at a Warrior football game on September 6th.

**Dates:** Wednesdays, August 14 - September 4

**Time:** 5:00pm-6:00pm

**Location:** Portage High School Football Field (High School wrestling room will be used for a rain location)

**Ages:** 5-14

**Fee:** \$20 (will include t-shirt to wear at Football Game)

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, August 9th



**We will be working to scheduled additional sport camps, so stay tuned and pay attention to our website and Facebook Page this spring!**



# YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

## Playground Program

Looking for a fun and exciting program to keep your kids entertained all summer long? Our Playground Program is a supervised day camp designed to keep kids active and outdoors this summer! Whether you can attend all day every day, or just a few hours each week, our camp staff will lead them in fun structured games and activities, arts and crafts, and much more!

**Dates:** Monday thru Friday

-June 10th through August 2nd

-No program on July 4th or July 5th

-Start date may change depending on the final day of school for Portage School District

**Time:** 9:00am-3:00pm

**Location:** Collipp-Worden Park Shelter #1

**Ages:** 6-14 (entering 1st - 8th grade)

**Fee (Res/Non-Res):** \$150/\$175

**Max:** 70 kids (Register ASAP to reserve your spot!)



## Dance

Perfect for beginners, those wanting to see if dance is the right fit, or those wanting to give something new a try! Participants will learn a little of everything to help them become well-rounded dancers. Class also helps improve balance, coordination, and rhythm. Dance shoes are recommended but not required. Each class will learn a routine to be performed at National Night Out on August 6th!

**Dates:** Tuesday Nights

June 11 - August 6

**Ages & Times:** 4:30-5:00pm (ages 3-5)

5:05-5:35pm (ages 6-8)

5:40-6:10pm (ages 9-11)

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, June 7th

**Location:** Portage City Hall (115 W Pleasant St)

**Fee (Res/Non-Res):** \$30/\$40

**Min/Max:** 4/16 per class



## Discover Drums

Is your child's inner musician looking to explore? Would they like to learn about tons of rhythms and to play on a variety of drums? This program is the perfect introduction to the world of percussion and exploring your inner drummer! You'll discover drum sets, snare drums, marching drums, hand drums, mallet instruments and way too many percussion instruments to name them all (ankle bells, anyone?). This program is geared towards beginners and participants will receive a pair of drumsticks and a bucket drum at the conclusion of the class.

**Dates:** Session 1 (June 26th & 27th)

Session 2 (July 29th & 30th)

**Times:** 10am-Noon

**Location:** Portage Soundworks (129 W Cook St)

**Ages:** 8+

**Fee (Res/Non-Res):** \$40/\$50 per session

(includes drumsticks and bucket drum)

**Registration Deadline:** Session 1- June 17

Session 2- July 19

**Min/Max:** 3/5 participants per session



**Be sure to set up your online accounts and add any new household members (children) prior to April 15th! There is a brief 'approval' period once your account is created.**

**Registration for Summer Programs begins Monday, April 15 @ 8am.  
Visit [portage.recdesk.com](http://portage.recdesk.com) or stop in to 701 W. Slifer St. to register!**

# YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

## Summer Cheerleading

These classes are for anyone who dreams of being a cheerleader! Students will work on basic cheer fundamentals including jumps, band dances, stunting, tumbling, and cheering. This is a fun way to develop strength, flexibility, and self-esteem through fun choreographed material.

**Dates:** Session 1- Wednesdays, June 5-June 26  
Session 2- Wednesdays, July 10-July 31

**Times:** Kids entering K-4th Grade (4:45-5:15pm)  
Kids entering 5th-8th Grade (5:30-6:15pm)

**Location:** Portage High School Football Field (High School wrestling room will be used for a rain location)

**Ages:** Kids entering grades K-8th

**Fee (Res/Non-Res):** \$20/\$30

**Registration Deadline:** Friday prior to each start date  
**Min/Max:** 5/60



## Middle School Competitive Cheer Program

Our middle school competitive cheer teams are a no-cut sport for kids entering 5th-8th grade, and there are no try-outs. We will accept any child from any school district, as long as they are able to commit to our practice and competition schedule. We believe in offering a disciplined program to any person that wishes to learn the fundamentals of cheerleading, as well as experience cheerleading in an emotionally and physically safe environment. We strive to teach our athletes the value of commitment, hard work, integrity, leadership, self-confidence, a positive attitude, and a love for the sport.

All practices (unless pre-approved by coaches) and competitions are mandatory to be on this team. No other sport/activity can take precedence over your place on this team. This team is a commitment because once a routine is in place, the team cannot perform without a member.

**Mandatory Parent/Athlete meeting will be June 26th.**

**Practice Dates:** -Mon Nights, July 8-February 24  
-Thurs Nights, Nov 7-January 30

**Times:** Monday practices- 4:30-6:30pm  
Thursday practices- 4:30-6:30pm

**Location:** Portage High School \*schedule will denote specific location @ HS\*

**Competition Dates:** Select Saturdays in December-February (exact dates will be handed out during the season)

**Fee (Res/Non-Res):** \$175/\$185

\*Fee covers registration and apparel/shoes. If financial assistance is needed for a child's participation, please contact our department for more information.

**Ages:** Kids entering 5th-8th Grade

**Registration Deadline:** June 21

**Min/Max:** 7/34



## Warrior Spirit Craft Corner

Join the PHS Cheer Coaches with a morning of creating your own Warrior Spirit gear! Participants will make their own cheer bow, spirit scrunchie, and spirit stick!

**Dates:** Wednesday, July 31st

**Times:** 10:00am-11:00am

**Location:** Sunset Park Pavilion

**Ages:** 5-14

**Fee:** \$5

**Registration Deadline:** July 26th

**Min/Max:** 5/40



**Registration for Summer Programs begins Monday, April 15 @ 8am.**  
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# ADDITIONAL YOUTH PROGRAMS

## BattleDarts

Back by popular demand- BattleDarts is a mobile Nerf party that includes nerf blasters and inflated bunkers to provide the layout of a battlefield. All participants will be divided into teams and will have the opportunity to play games such as Capture the Flag and Team Elimination. There will be an official Referee and Game Monitor to make this event run smoothly. Participants must bring their own eye protection (sunglasses, goggles, clear glasses, etc.). All other equipment will be provided by the BattleDarts Game Operator.

**Dates:** TBD- check back on our website or Facebook page for further details!

**Location:** Portage Fairgrounds Soccer Complex  
(799 Thompson St)  
Rain Location- Bartels MS Gym

**Ages:** 7-13

**Fee:** \$15

**Registration Deadline:** 1 week before each date

**Min/Max:** 12/40 per event

## Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club is an after school and summer program for youth ages 7-18 years old. Club programming provides homework help, mentoring, friends and a wide array of activities spanning from arts and crafts to gym games and more. The Club aims to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

**After School Hours:** Mon-Thurs 3:00pm-7:00pm  
Fri 2:00pm-6:00pm

**Summer Hours:** Mon-Fri 7:30am-5:30pm

**Location:** 117 W Franklin St (Rusch Elementary)

**Website:** [www.bgcwcw.org](http://www.bgcwcw.org)

**Contact:** [Portage@bgcwcw.org](mailto:Portage@bgcwcw.org)



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
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## Looking For More?

Looking for more youth sports options? Check out these Youth Organization websites for more Youth Sports in the Portage area!

**Youth Soccer**- [portageyouthsoccer.org](http://portageyouthsoccer.org)

**Girls Basketball**- [portagegirlsbasketball.sportngin.com/](http://portagegirlsbasketball.sportngin.com/)

**Boys Basketball**- [portageboyshoopsclub.com](http://portageboyshoopsclub.com)

**Baseball**- [portageyouthbaseball.org](http://portageyouthbaseball.org)

**Girls Fastpitch Softball**- [portageyouthsoftball.org](http://portageyouthsoftball.org)

**Tackle Football**- [portagewarriorfb.com](http://portagewarriorfb.com)

**Wrestling**- [portageyouthwrestlingclub.sportngin.com/home](http://portageyouthwrestlingclub.sportngin.com/home)

**Hockey**- [thunderbirdyouthhockey.com](http://thunderbirdyouthhockey.com)

# POOL & SWIM LESSON UPDATE

## Message from Josh Sween, Portage School District Administrator:

The Portage Community School District will be closing the Llewellyn Breese Memorial Pool (Rusch Pool) at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year. We are currently working on plans to build a new aquatics facility, and the public will have the opportunity to provide the school district with feedback through community surveys that will be distributed to families that live in the Portage Community School District in early April. If there is support for a new aquatics facility then it will be part of a potential referendum in November of 2024. The PCSD understands that this is an inconvenience and is working hard to find a solution and bring an aquatics facility back to Portage as soon as possible.

There are Swimming Lesson opportunities in Baraboo, Poynette, and Wisconsin Dells. Please contact those organizations directly for more information.

**Registration for Summer Programs begins Monday, April 15 @ 8am.**  
**Visit [portage.recdesk.com](http://portage.recdesk.com) or stop in to 701 W. Slifer St. to register!**

# ADULT RECREATION

## Adult Softball

Adult softball is back in Portage and we are happy to offer our Monday Night Men's League again this year! Rules and Registration Packets can be found on our website beginning April 1st. Teams from last year will be contacted prior to April 1st and will have the first opportunity to register. Each league is limited to 8 teams, and we will accept the first 8 teams to turn in their Registration Packet and Team Fee.

**Times:** Games will start between 6-9 pm. Exact game times will be determined when the schedule is created after registration.

**Location:** Portage Fairgrounds (new field at the north end of complex near the Dog Park)

**Fee:** \$300 per team (no individual or non-resident fees)

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, April 19th

**Season Dates:** Mid-May through Mid-August



2023 Men's League Champions- J&T Auto

## Pickleball

Come join in on the Pickleball craze this year! Pickleball nets, paddles, and balls are provided in our Community Equipment storage bin at the courts, and feel free to bring your own if you'd like! We recently installed 3 permanent pickleball courts at Pine Meadow Park, and these are open for play through mid-fall!

If you are looking for other Pickleball Players to play with, we recommend signing up with Playtime Scheduler at [www.playtimescheduler.com](http://www.playtimescheduler.com). It is a free website, and allows you to see when others will be playing at the courts!

Courts are free to use and open to the public at all times, unless otherwise noted on the court entrances. At this time, we are not reserving courts for private groups or closed play, so please make sure you are sharing the courts!

If you are interested in setting up a Pickleball League, please reach out to Mike at [mike.percy@portagewi.gov](mailto:mike.percy@portagewi.gov) to discuss.

## Adult Co-Ed Sand Volleyball

We are excited to offer a 6 vs. 6 Recreational Co-Ed Sand Volleyball league this year at Collipp-Worden Park! Get some friends together, bring a cooler, and enjoy a fun night at the park each week! Registration packets can be found on our website under the 'Forms' tab, or in our office.

**Dates:** Thursday Nights, mid-June to mid-August

**Times:** Evenings (exact times and dates will be determined depending on number of teams)

**Location:** Collipp-Worden Park

**Ages:** 18+

**Fee:** \$50 per team

**Registration Dates:** Registration closes May 10th



## Friends & Family Sand Volleyball

This NEW volleyball league is designed to be a laid-back, fun weekly event for friends and families. Records and standings will not be kept, and spiking is not allowed. Teams will keep track of the game score and make their own calls, we will not have a referee.

**Dates:** Sunday afternoons, mid-June to mid-August

**Times:** Afternoons, roughly 4:00-6:00pm (exact times and dates will be determined depending on number of teams)

**Location:** Collipp-Worden Park

**Ages:** 12+

**Fee:** \$50 per team

**Registration Dates:** Registration closes May 10th



For more information, visit [portage.recdesk.com](http://portage.recdesk.com) or call our office at 608-742-2178

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## National Night Out

National Night Out is an opportunity to enjoy a fun night in the park to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement, while bringing back a true sense of community! Local Police and Sheriffs representatives will be in the park playing games, handing out safety information, and helping to create a positive relationship between our community and law enforcement.

This has been a HUGE community event the past few years, so come out and join in on the fun in 2024!

**Date:** Tuesday, August 6th

**Time:** Evening- exact time frame will be announced this spring!

**Location:** Collipp-Worden Park

**Fee:** Free



## Milwaukee Brewers Game

Join us at the Milwaukee Brewer game on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th as they take on the Chicago Cubs! Our group tickets will be in the general seating along the 1st base line, sections 206-208. Have a fun day at the ball park as we cheer on the Brewers!

**Price:** \$29 per ticket (transportation not included)

**Game Time:** 3:10pm



## Movie In The Park

Join us for a fun event as we enjoy a movie outdoors at Collipp-Worden Park! We'll have a projector and our large inflatable big screen. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, snacks, and drinks for this unique experience!

The movie will begin after the sun sets, estimated around 7:20pm

**Date:** Friday, September 13th

**Time:** 7:20-9:00pm (depending on movie length)

**Location:** Collipp-Worden Park

**Fee:** Free

**Movie Choices:** We are holding an open vote for which movie to choose this year. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code and vote for which movie you'd like to watch. The winning movie will be announced in July!



Super Mario Bros Movie



Paw Patrol:  
The Mighty Movie



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Taste of Portage

Taking place in downtown on Friday night and Saturday there will be live music, food, drinks, kid's activities, an art and craft show, and a classic car show. Events take place at Market Square Parking Lot, Cook Street and Dewitt Street.

**Dates:** August 23 & 24

For details visit <https://www.portagewi.com/>



## Concert in the Park

Join us at Pauquette Park at the Beasley Pavilion to enjoy some live music this summer. We encourage you to bring your family and friends along with a lawn chair or blanket and spend a relaxing evening at the park listening to live music. Concert is free to attend!

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Date-** Friday, July 12

**Band Name-** Ladies Must Swing (17 piece, all female band, featuring 5 saxophones, 4 trumpets, and 4 trombones)



## Portage Fireworks Celebration

The Portage Fireworks Celebration will be held on the north side of Portage, just off Gunderson Drive. We encourage you to enjoy the show from areas nearby including the parking lots of Festival Foods, and nearby businesses.

**Time:** 9:30pm

**Date:** Saturday, July 6



## Columbia County Fair

Join us as we celebrate this year's fair "Memories- made here" from July 24th-28th at the Columbia County Fairgrounds in Portage.

Questions about the Fair can be directed to the Columbia County Fair Board by visiting [ColumbiaCountyFairWI.org](http://ColumbiaCountyFairWI.org), emailing them at [columbiaCoFair@yahoo.com](mailto:columbiaCoFair@yahoo.com) or calling 608-697-5043



# WPRA DISCOUNT TICKETS

Our department receives discounted tickets to local attractions through our state-wide Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association (WPRA). Tickets are available at the Portage Park & Rec Office (701 W. Slifer St) May 1st thru September 1st Cash or card accepted. No checks. Please call ahead to check availability.

### NOAH'S ARK

Price: \$35.00 per person  
Children under 36" are FREE  
Season: May 28-September 2  
Anyone under 17 must have chaperone.

### JET BOAT ADVENTURE

Price: \$33.00 Adult (12+)  
\$18.50 Child (4-11)  
Children 3 and under not allowed  
Season: May 11-October 7

### WISCONSIN DUCKS TOUR

Price: \$33.00 Adult (12+)  
\$18.50 Child (4-11)  
Children 3 & under are FREE  
Season: March 8-Mid November

### UPPER DELLS BOAT TOUR

Price: \$33.00 Adult (12+)  
\$18.50 Child (4-11)  
Children 3 & under are FREE  
Season: April 1-October 27

### MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO

Price: \$14.50 Adult (13+)  
\$11.50 Child (3-12)  
Children 2 & under are FREE  
Open year-round. Tickets expire 12/31/24

### MOUNT OLYMPUS WATER & THEME PARK

Season: March 25-September 2  
Price: \$15.00 per person  
Kids 2 and under are FREE

### PIRATES COVE MINI GOLF

Price: \$8.00 per person  
Children 4 & under are FREE  
Season: Mid-March thru Mid-October  
Only paying players allowed on course

### Land of Natura

Price: \$20.00  
Season: May-September

# MEMORIAL TREES, BENCHES, BRICKS

Our Memorial Program gives you the opportunity to donate a tree, bench, or brick in celebration, honor, or memory of a person or event. Trees and benches will be placed in the Portage Park system, and the Memorial Bricks are for veterans and will be placed at Blue Star Park.

## Memorial Trees

Work with our department to select an approved tree and find a suitable location in one of our parks.

**Cost: \$500**



[Click here](#), or scan the QR code to find our Memorial Tree, Bench, and Brick Order Forms.

## Memorial Benches

Work with our department to find a location in our park system for your bench. Some restrictions may apply.

**Cost: \$2000**



Sample Bench

## Memorial Bricks

All Memorial Bricks will be placed at Blue Star Park. This is reserved for veterans.

**Cost: \$125**



Blue Star Park Memorial

# WINTER VEHICLE STORAGE

Looking for a place to store your boat, RV, camper, or vehicle over the winter months? The City of Portage offers indoor and outdoor storage at the Portage Fairgrounds.

## Move-In Dates:

- Friday, October 25, 2024 (8am-10am)
- Saturday, October 26, 2024 (8am-9am)

## Pricing:

- Resident Rate (Indoor/Secured Storage).....\$15/foot
- Resident Rate (Outdoor/Unsecured Storage).....\$10/foot
- Non-Resident Rate (Indoor/Secured Storage)..... \$20/foot
- Non-Resident Rate (Outdoor/Unsecured Storage).... \$15/foot



**\*This is a one-time up-front fee paid via check at Move-In. No monthly fees.  
The Move-out date will be scheduled for early April 2025\***

Resident Rates will be given to people who live within City Limits and pay taxes to the City of Portage, or who live within Pacific Township. Non-Resident rates will be given to those who live outside City Limits and pay their taxes to other municipalities or townships.

Items will be measured at Move In, and will be measured from the trailer hitch to the back bumper, propeller, spare tire, etc. No reservations required, this is a first come, first served program. More information will be shared in our August Activity Guide.

# PARK SHELTER RENTALS

Reserve any shelter at [portage.recdesk.com](http://portage.recdesk.com) under the 'Facilities' tab.  
Or stop in the Portage Park & Recreation Department at 701 W. Slifer Street, Portage, WI

## TIER ONE SHELTERS

**Monday-Friday \$45 R/\$70 NR Saturday/Sunday \$55 R/\$80 NR**

### Collipp-Worden #1



**226 W. Slifer St**  
-14 picnic tables  
-Electricity  
-Flush Restrooms  
-Charcoal Grill  
-Disc Golf Course  
-B-ball & Tennis Courts  
-Playground

### Sunset



**1217 W Pleasant St**  
-12 picnic tables  
-Electricity  
-Flush Restrooms  
-Charcoal Grills  
-Playground  
-Scenic Overlook of Wisconsin River

### Silver Lake



**522 Silver Lake Dr**  
-6 picnic tables  
-Electricity  
-Flush Restrooms  
-Playground  
-Beach swimming area

### Pauquette Beasley Pavillion



**815 W. Cook St**  
-12 picnic tables  
-Electricity  
  
\*Please see Pauquette Shelter #1 for additional park amenities.

### Pauquette #1



**900 W Conant St**  
-7 picnic tables  
-Electricity  
-Basketball Court  
-Playground  
-Flush Restrooms  
-Floral Garden

### Goodyear #1



**920 Dewitt St**  
-6 picnic tables  
-Electricity  
-Splashpad  
-Playground  
-Flush Restrooms  
-Skatepark

## TIER TWO SHELTERS

**Monday-Friday \$35 R/\$60 NR Saturday/Sunday \$45 R/\$70 NR**

### Collipp-Worden #2



**301 W Slifer St**  
-5 picnic tables  
-Electricity  
-Charcoal Grill  
  
\*Please see Collipp-Worden Shelter #1 for additional park amenities

### Pauquette #2



**900 W Conant St.**  
-6 picnic tables  
-Electricity  
  
\*Please see Pauquette Shelter #1 for additional park amenities

## TIER THREE SHELTERS

**Monday-Friday \$25 R/\$50 NR Saturday/Sunday \$35 R/\$60 NR**

### Cattail



**510 W. Burns St**  
-1 picnic table  
-Green Space  
-Small playground equipment

### Pine Meadow



**865 Hamilton St**  
-3 picnic tables  
-Green Space  
-Playground  
-Pickleball Courts  
-Portable Restroom

### Goodyear #2



**1016 Dewitt St**  
-2 picnic tables  
  
\*Please see Goodyear Shelter #1 for additional park amenities

### Pauquette Gazebo



**900 W. Conant St**  
-Great Wedding and photograph venue  
-Located next to Bridal Pond at Pauquette Park  
  
\*Please see Pauquette Shelter #1 for additional park amenities

### Sanborn



**922 W. Franklin St**  
-3 picnic tables  
-Green Space  
-Playground  
-Basketball Court

### Woodridge



**424 Winnebago St**  
-3 picnic tables  
-Playground

### Lincoln



**404 E Carroll St**  
-2 picnic tables  
-Playground  
-Basketball Court

### Riverside



**300 E. Wisconsin St**  
-6 picnic tables  
-Electricity  
-Swings  
-Portable Restroom  
-Along Wisconsin River  
-2.9 mile Levee walking trail