

PARK & RECREATION ACTIVITY GUIDE



Mission Statement

The Portage Park & Recreation Department aims to provide and maintain a beautiful and accessible park system, quality and affordable recreation programs, and restore and maintain city forestry. We strive to serve the community and provide options that will benefit the lives of those in the Portage Community



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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!

Smile! – 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.

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

Drop off completed applications at 401 Cemetery Road or email to mike.percy@portagewi.gov



Tot Sports Supervisor

This position will lead and run our Tot Sports programs as well as supervise the staff helping with those programs. Practice plans will be prepared by Park & Rec staff, but it will be the responsibility of the Tot Sports Supervisor to execute the prepared practice plans during the program. Applicants must be at least 18 and have past experience working with kids, preferably in a sports setting.

- Tot Sports include TBall, Soccer, and Basketball
- Roughly 6-8 hours per week
 - Tues/Thurs evenings
- Pay range \$16-\$18/hour depending on qualifications and experience



Youth Sports Staff

Help coach and instruct kids in our t-ball, soccer, basketball and/or other youth sports programs! These programs will have lead instructors, and the Youth Sports Staff will help lead drills, games, and help the programs run smoothly. Employees must be reliable, hard working, outgoing, and able to work well with kids. Must be at least 14 to apply.

- Programs may include: Tot Sports (TBall, Soccer, Basketball), Youth Soccer, Youth Baseball Camp, and more!
- 5-20 hours per week
- Flexible scheduling, and can work other Park & Rec positions around Youth Sports program schedules
- 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 \$15.50/hour
- Applications currently accepted, and position will be filled as soon as possible, so apply today!

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 at least 15 years old to apply.

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



Beach Concession Attendant

This position will be responsible for operating the concession stand at Silver Lake Beach. Duties will include selling concession items, restocking items, renting kayaks and paddleboards, keeping the concession stand clean, and cash handling. Must be at least 16 years old to apply.

- 10-30 hours per week, with flexible scheduling
- Must be responsible and reliable
- Pay starting at \$11.00/hour

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 due to liability waivers that must be signed at the time of reservation.

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 & reservations

SUMMER HOT SPOTS

Silver Lake Beach

Enjoy this FREE sandy beachfront with a dedicated swimming area, fishing piers, and a dock with a slide. This beach is SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK. We also offer a concession stand, and paddleboard and kayak rentals onsite during staffed hours.



Portage Family Skate Park

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



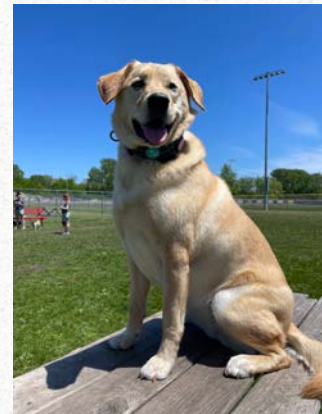
Goodyear Park Splash Pad

Cool off in the Goodyear Park Splash Pad this summer! This FREE facility is fun for kids, and operates daily, 10:30am–6:30pm, from Memorial Day through Labor Day. This facility also has bathrooms, seating, and shade structures.



Fritz Port Dog Park

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 2025 receive free use of the Dog Park with their annual dog registration.



SPRING RECREATION PROGRAMS

Karate

Check out our popular youth Karate program! We have 3 levels to choose from, so that each individual will learn and be challenged by others with similar skills and experience.

- **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 3- April 21

Session 3- April 28- June 19 (no class May 26)

Session 4- June 30- August 18

Session 5- August 25- October 16 (no class Sept 1)

Session 6- October 27-December 18 (no class Nov 27)

Times: Basics (5-6pm)
Intermediate (6-7pm)
Advanced (7-8pm)

Location: 401 Cemetery Rd (New Park & Rec Office)

Ages: 6+

Fee (Res/Non-Res): \$35/\$50 (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 Wednesday, April 16 at Noon.



Registration for these Spring Recreation Programs is currently Open!
Visit portage.recdesk.com or stop in to 401 Cemetery Rd. to register!

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, May 1 thru May 24

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 17-April 25

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.*



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.

Dates -March 29* -April 12*
-May 10* -June 7
-June 21 -August 16
-September 13

Registration: Opens online April 16 at Noon

*indicates Registration is currently open

Times: 9am-2:30pm

Location: NEW Park & Recreation Office (401 Cemetery Rd)

Ages: 11-15

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

Min/Max: 2/6 per class

SUMMER YOUTH SPORTS

TOT SPORTS

Tot T-Ball (June)

This program will introduce baseball and softball to future All-Stars! 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. This program is about getting kids involved, learning, and having fun!

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 3rd-June 26th

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): \$26/\$36

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 30

Min/Max: 10/18 per session

Tot Soccer (July)

This fun and instructive program will teach the basics of soccer to 4 & 5 year olds. We'll work on skill development with kicking, passing, dribbling, and teamwork. Kids will practice skills and learn the game, and play scrimmages to get game experience.

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 8th-July 31st

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): \$26/\$36

Registration Deadline: Monday, June 30

Min/Max: 10/18 per session

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, Aug 12th-Aug 28th

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): \$21/\$31

Registration Deadline: Friday, August 8

Min/Max: 8/15 per group



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, July 8th-July 31st

Times: 6 & 7 years olds- 2:00-2:45pm

8-10 year olds- 3:00-3:45pm

Location: Soccer Fields @ the Portage Fairgrounds

Ages: 6-10

Fee (Res/Non-Res): \$26/\$36

Registration Deadline: Monday, June 30

Min/Max: 10/24 per age group

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.

Dates: Mondays and Wednesdays

June 16-July 16

Time: 9am-10:30am

*Times may be adjusted depending on enrollment and gameplay.

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 9

Youth Baseball

For those interested in Youth Baseball for ages 6-14, please check out Portage Youth Baseball at portageyouthbaseball.org. They offer a variety of levels from TBall and Coach Pitch to traveling tournament teams. The registration deadline for these teams is March 31!

Registration for Summer Programs begins Wednesday, April 16 at Noon!
Visit portage.recdesk.com or stop in to 401 Cemetery Rd. to register!

SUMMER YOUTH SPORTS

PHS Sports Camps

We have developed a great partnership with the Portage High School Athletic programs to be able to offer these youth sports camps. Each one of these camps is coached by the PHS coaching staff and players for that sport. Kids in these camps receive incredible instruction from experienced coaches, and get to learn from skilled high school athletes! A portion of each registration fee goes directly to the high school team helping with that camp.

Baseball

Dates: TBD- watch our Facebook page and website!

Location: Portage High School Baseball Field

Ages & Times: 3rd-5th graders: 11:30am-1:00pm
6th-8th graders: 9:00am-11:00am

Fee: \$15



Girls Basketball

Dates: June 23, 24, 25

Location: Portage High School Gym

Ages & Times: 3rd-5th graders: 11:30am-1:00pm
6th-8th graders: 9:00am-11:00am

Fee: \$15

Registration Deadline: June 16

Tennis

Dates: Session 1: June 23-26

Session 2: July 14-17

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
11-14 year olds: 7:00-7:45pm

Registration Deadline: 1 week before program start date

Fee: \$15

Max: 20 per group

Track/Cross Country

Dates: July 29, 30, 31

*Plus a FREE optional Track Meet on Thursday,
July 31 in the evening

Location: Portage High School Track

Ages & Times: 3rd-5th graders: 9:00am-10:00am
6th-8th graders: 10:00am-11:00am

Fee: \$20 (includes t-shirt)

Registration Deadline: July 21



Volleyball

Dates: August 12, 13, 14

Location: Portage High School Gym

Ages & Times: 3rd-4th graders: 8:00-9:00am
5th-6th graders: 9:00-10:00am
7th-8th graders: 10:00am-Noon

Fee: \$15

Registration Deadline: August 4th

Soccer

Dates: July 8, 9, 10

Location: Portage Soccer Complex (799 Thompson St)

Ages & Times: 3rd-5th graders: 8-10am
6th-8th graders: 10:30am-12:30pm

Fee: \$15

Registration for Summer Programs begins Wednesday, April 16 at Noon!
Visit portage.recdesk.com or stop in to 401 Cemetery Rd. to register!

YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Playground Program

Looking for a fun, outdoor 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 participants in fun games and activities, arts and crafts, supervise playtime on the playground, and much more!

Dates: Monday thru Friday

- June 9th through August 1st

- No program on July 4th

Time: 9:00am-3:00pm

Location: Collipp-Worden Park Shelter #1

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

Fee (Res/Non-Res): \$160/\$185

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 5th!

Dates: Tuesday Nights | June 10 - August 5

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 6th

Location: Park and Rec Office

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

Min/Max: 4/15 per class



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 4-June 25

Session 2- Wednesdays, July 9-July 30

Session 3- Wednesdays, August 6-August 27

Times: Kids entering K-4th Grade (4:45-5:15pm)

Kids entering 5th-8th Grade (5:30-6pm)

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

**These sessions will NOT cheer at a football game. Sideline Cheer Clinic to cheer at game will be held through the PHS Cheer Program*

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 16 & 17

Session 2- July 14 & 15

Session 3- July 16 & 17

Session 4- Aug 11 & 12

Min/Max: 3/5 participants per session

Times: 10am-Noon

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

Ages: 8-15

Fee: Resident-\$40 or Non-Resident-\$50

(Includes drum sticks & bucket drum)

Registration for Summer Programs begins Wednesday, April 16 at Noon!
Visit portage.recdesk.com or stop in to 401 Cemetery Rd. to register!

YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

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, megaphone, and t-shirt!

Dates: Wednesday, July 30th

Times: 10:00am-11:30am

Location: Sunset Park Pavilion

Ages: 5-14

Fee: \$10

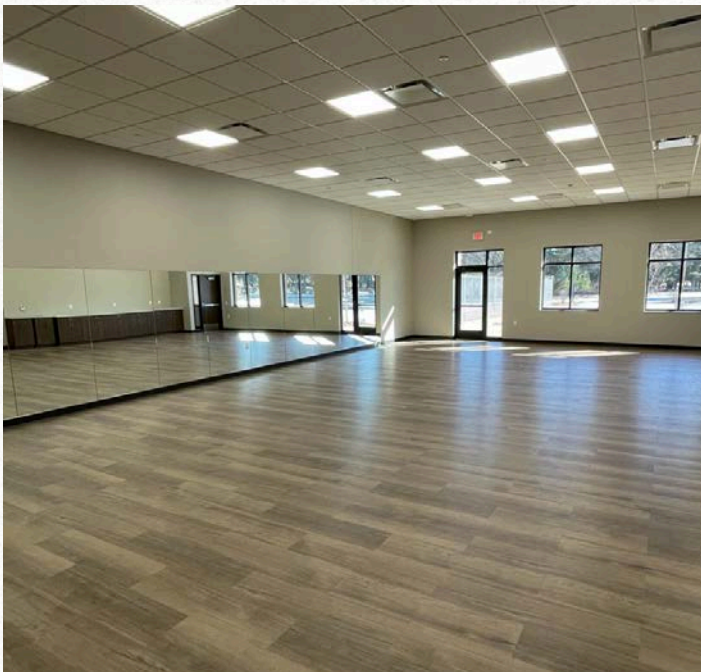
Registration Deadline: July 25th

Min/Max: 5/40



Coming Soon!

Our NEW Park & Recreation Department building includes a multi-purpose Community Room, which we will be able to utilize to offer more enrichment programs and classes throughout the year! We will be moving into our new offices this spring, and hope to begin offering new programs later this year. Be on the lookout and follow our Facebook page and website so you don't miss announcements on new programs!



Competitive Cheer

All youth competitive cheerleading is now through the **Portage Jr Warriors Cheerleading Program**. Registration for competitive cheer for athletes going into 3rd-8th grade can be found at jrwarriorscheer.com.



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
- **Girls Basketball**– portagegirlsbasketball.sportngin.com/
- **Boys Basketball**– portageboyshoopsclub.com
- **Baseball**– portageyouthbaseball.org
- **Girls Fastpitch Softball**– portageyouthsoftball.org
- **Tackle Football**– portagewarriorfb.com
- **Wrestling**– portageyouthwrestlingclub.sportngin.com/home
- **Hockey**– thunderbirdyouthhockey.com
- **Competitive Cheerleading**– jrwarriorscheer.com
- **Archery**– portagewiarchery.wixsite.com/portage-archery-club
- **Curling**– portagecurling.com/

Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club in Portage offers an after school and summer program for youth ages 7-17 years old. Club programming provides homework help, mentoring, friends, as well as 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.

The Portage Boys & Girls Club is located in the former Rusch Elementary School building, and utilizes classrooms, gym space, and the outdoor recess area.

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

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

Location: 117 W Franklin St (Rusch Elementary)

Website: www.bgcwcw.org

Contact: Portage@bgcwcw.org

Please check out the Boys & Girls Club website for more information about registering for their Summer Camp or their Annual Membership.

Registration for Summer Programs begins Wednesday, April 16 at Noon!
Visit portage.recdesk.com or stop in to 401 Cemetery Rd. 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! League 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

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 18th

Season Dates: Mid-May through Mid-August



2024 Men's League Champions– La Tolteca

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 9th



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, but 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 mid-spring to mid-fall, dependent on the weather.

If you are looking for other Pickleball Players to play with, we recommend signing up with Playtime Scheduler at www.playtimescheduler.com. It is a free website that allows you to see when others will be playing at the courts, and allows you to sign up to play with others.

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!

Our department, as well as the Portage Public Library, plan to offer 'beginner' Pickleball lessons this spring and summer. Watch our Facebook pages and websites for more information this spring!

Adult Tennis

We are looking to grow the adult tennis community in Portage, so come join other tennis players in a fun and relaxed setting!

We plan to schedule Open Tennis times each week throughout the summer, in an effort to make finding other players easier for those looking to play. All skill levels are invited to come check it out, or sign up for our 'Tennis Club' on our website to stay informed about upcoming Open Play times, instructional programs, and more!

*Because this is a free program, players will be responsible for bringing their own rackets and balls.

Dates: Sundays, beginning in May, or when the weather allows us to start in the spring

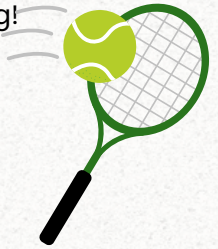
Time: 5:30pm

Location: Portage School District Tennis Courts (near Bartels Middle School)

Fee: FREE!

Ages: Must be in High School or older to participate

Registration: There is no registration or sign up for the Open Play dates, just show up whenever you can! If you'd like to sign up for our 'Tennis Club' to stay in the loop with tennis news in Portage, go to our website, select 'Programs' and register for Tennis Club. There is no fee to sign up for this.



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.

We'll have food and snacks available, multiple raffles, demonstrations, as well as tons of local businesses and organizations handing out giveaways, promotional items, and more!

This has been a HUGE community event with thousands of attendees the past few years, so come out and join in on the fun in 2025!

Date: Tuesday, August 5th

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

Location: Collipp-Worden Park

Fee: Free- no registration required



Milwaukee Brewers Game

Join us at the Milwaukee Brewer game on Saturday, May 17th as they take on the Minnesota Twins! Our group tickets will be in the Loge Outfield area. Have a fun day at the ball park as we cheer on the Brewers! This is a group rate partnership between Portage, Sauk Prairie, and Wisconsin Dells communities. You do not need to be a resident of these communities in order to get this discounted rate.

Price: \$34 per ticket (transportation not included)

Game Time: 6:10pm

Location: American Family Field, Milwaukee, WI



2024 National Night Out Mascot Race. Congrats to the winner, Wolfie, from Madison College!

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- Tuesday, July 15th

Band Name- The Dweebs- an interactive, unique show including crazy stage antics and lots of crowd participation. The Dweebs play everything from the 60's to today!

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 22 & 23

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

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: Friday, June 27th



Columbia County Fair

Join us as we celebrate this year's fair "Christmas in July" from July 23-27th at the Columbia County Fairgrounds in Portage.

Questions about the Fair can be directed to the Columbia County Fair Board by visiting ColumbiaCountyFairWI.org, emailing them at ColumbiaCoFair@yahoo.com or calling 608-697-5043



SUMMER DISCOUNT TICKETS

Our department receives discounted tickets to local attractions through our state-wide Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association (WPRA). Tickets are available to purchase in-person at the Portage Park & Rec Office (401 Cemetery Rd) May 5th thru August 29th. Cash or card accepted. No checks. Please call ahead to check availability.

NOAH'S ARK

Price: \$37.35 per person
Children under 36" are FREE
Season: May 24-September 1

JET BOAT ADVENTURE

Price: \$39.00 Adult (12+)
\$19.00 Child (4-11)
Children 3 and under not allowed
Season: May 10-October 12

ORIGINAL WISCONSIN DUCKS

Price: \$39.00 Adult (12+)
\$19.00 Child (4-11)
Children 3 & under are FREE
Season: March 8-Mid November

UPPER DELLS BOAT TOUR

Price: \$39.00 Adult (12+)
\$19.00 Child (4-11)
Children 3 & under are FREE
Season: March 15-November 2

MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO

Price: \$15.50 Adult (13+)
\$12.50 Child (3-12)
Children 2 & under are FREE
Open year-round. Tickets expire 12/31/25

MOUNT OLYMPUS WATER & THEME PARK

Season: May 23-September 1
Price: \$16.00 per person
Kids 2 and under are FREE

PIRATES COVE MINI GOLF

Price: \$8.50 per person
Children 4 & under are FREE
Season: Mid-March thru Mid-October
Only paying players allowed on course

LAND OF NATURA

Price: \$19.99
Season: May-September

MEMORIAL PROGRAM

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. Customized plaque included.

Cost: \$500



Sample Tree

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 program is reserved for veterans.

Cost: \$160



Blue Star Park Memorial

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



WINTER VEHICLE STORAGE

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

Move In- Late October or Early November. Exact dates will be announced in August.

Rates- Resident of Portage: Indoor=\$15/foot Outdoor=\$10/foot
Non-Residents: Indoor=\$20/foot Outdoor=\$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 2026 and will be announced prior to Move-In.

For more information visit portage.recdesk.com or call 608-742-2178

PARK SHELTER RENTALS

Reserve any shelter at portage.recdesk.com under the 'Facilities' tab.
Or stop in the Portage Park & Recreation Department at 401 Cemetery Rd, 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
-Basketball, Volleyball, and 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
-NEW Playground in 2025
-Pickleball Courts
-Portable Restroom

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

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We want to say **THANK YOU** to all of our Sponsors who helped support us in 2024. We truly appreciate all of your generosity, and you helped us provide quality programs and facilities for kids and families in our community.

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- **SMILEY LAW OFFICE**
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