2018 Fall-Winter Activity Guide

Portage Park and Recreation Department | 608.742-2178

FALL & WINTER SWIM LESSONS

We will be offering fall and winter swim lessons on Sunday afternoons this fall and winter.

Fall

SUNDAYS	SEPT. 9, 16, 23	OCT. 7, 14, 21	NOV. 4, 11, 18

Red/White/Blue Levels: 30-minute sessions, ends Nov. 11
Levels 1 and 2: 30-minute sessions, ends Nov. 18
Levels 3 and 4: 45-minute sessions, ends Nov. 18

3:00 PM	Red	Blue
3:30 PM	White	Parent/Child
4:00 PM	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 3
4:30 PM	LEVEL 2	
5:00 PM	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 4
5:30 PM	LEVEL 2	

Registration for Fall Lessons begins Monday, August 6, 2018.

Winter/Spring

SUNDAYS January 6 through March 10, 2019
Parent/Child, Red, White, Blue end on Feb 24

2:30 PM	Parent/Child	LEVEL 1
3:00 PM	RED	LEVEL 2
3:30 PM	WHITE	LEVEL 1
4:00 PM	BLUE	LEVEL 2
4:30 PM	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 3
5:00 PM	RED	
5:30 PM	WHITE	LEVEL 4
6:00 PM	BLUE	

Registration for Winter/Spring 2019 Lessons begins in December, 2018.

COLLEGE PLANNING WORKSHOP

We are partnering with Philekoos College Admissions Counseling to offer a two-part College Planning workshop this fall. These presentations are designed to help Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and their parents get a better understanding of the college planning and selection process. Both presentations are FREE, and you can choose to attend just one or both.
No pre-registration is required.

DATES Wednesday, October 17, 2018
Solving the College Admissions Puzzle

Wednesday, November 7, 2018
College Finances

TIME: 6:30-8:00 pm

LOCATION: Portage High School

FEE: FREE

REGISTRATION: No pre-registration required

SPECIAL EVENT!
PUMPKINS IN THE PARK

NEW this year is our Pumpkins in the Park event at Collipp-Worden Park. Come enjoy this family-friendly Halloween event. We'll have pumpkins to carve (pumpkins and materials provided), musical entertainment, and of course, candy and treats!

AGES All ages welcome!

DATE Sunday, October 21

TIME 12:00pm-3:00pm

LOCATION Collipp-Worden Park

FEE $7 per person
includes pumpkin, pumpkin carving kit, and entertainment

REGISTRATION DEADLINE Monday, October 15

Register online **portage.recdesk.com**, by phone **608.742-2178** or stop in at the **Portage Park & Recreation Department Office** 701 West Slifer Street, Portage, Wisconsin

YOUTH DANCE

Whether your child aspires to become a professional dancer or you want to improve their coordination, provide some exercise, or just have fun, there is something for everyone in our dance program. This program is designed to introduce dancers to the basics of dance in a fun and relaxed environment. The instructors will include instruction on dance terminology and dance basics. Dancers will learn two routines and perform them at a recital held at Rusch Elementary School in late February.

AGES 4-10+

DATES September 17-March 4 *Recital at Rusch Elementary*

TIMES **MONDAYS**
age 4: 5:45-6:15 pm
ages 5-6: 6:25-7:10 pm
ages 7-9: 7:15-8:00 pm

WEDNESDAYS
ages 5-6: 5:45-6:30 pm
ages 7-9: 6:35-7:20 pm
ages 10+: 7:25-8:15 pm

LOCATION Woodridge Primary School

FEE $45/$55 *Does not include cost of costume and shoes*

MIN/MAX 5/12

REGISTRATION DEADLINE Friday, September 21, 2018

FALL TOT FOOTBALL

Our department is excited to offer our Tot Football Program again this year! Boys and girls will learn and work on basic skills such as passing, catching, and kicking. The program will be a blast for your little one! Don't delay, as participation is limited to the first 30 kids!

AGES 4-6

DATES **THURSDAYS**
September 13, 20, and October 4

TIMES 5:30-6:30 pm

LOCATION Veteran's Memorial Field Complex

FEE $15/$25

MIN/MAX 10/30

REGISTRATION DEADLINE Friday, September 7, 2018

FALL FLAG FOOTBALL

This youth flag football program will focus on developing individual skills, teamwork, and evolve into gameplay. This recreational program is focused on learning, improving football skills, and having fun! **Volunteer coaches are needed for this program, so please contact our department if you are interested.**

AGES 1st-4th grades

DATES **TUESDAYS**
Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Oct. 2

TIMES 1st/2nd grade: 5-6 pm
3rd/4th grade: 6-7 pm

LOCATION Veterans Memorial Field Complex

FEE $40 *includes program shirt*

REGISTRATION DEADLINE Friday, August 24, 2018

GIRLS BASKETBALL

This program is designed for girls in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Teams will be assembled for each grade. Girls will have two practices per week, with games on Saturdays from December through mid-February. **Volunteer coaches are needed for this program, so please contact our office if you are interested.**

AGES 4th, 5th, 6th grade

DATES Season runs November thru February
specific dates TBD

TIMES Weekday evenings for practices and Saturday mornings for games

LOCATION Practices will be at Bartels Middle School or Rusch Elementary School. Games TBD.

FEE $100 *includes Portage Warriors basketball jersey*

MIN/MAX 6/12 per grade

REGISTRATION DEADLINE October 1, 2018

JUNIOR WARRIORS FALL BASKETBALL

The Junior Warriors Basketball program is focused on individual skill development, teamwork, and having fun! This program will be led by the Portage Girls' Varsity coaching staff and players. Kids will be sure to have a blast improving their ball-handling skills, passing, shooting, and getting some great game play experience! This program will use lowered hoops (8-9 feet) and age-appropriate basketballs, which will encourage proper shooting form, increase ball-handling abilities, and improve confidence in shooters.

AGES 3rd-8th grades

DATES **SATURDAYS**
9/15, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 11/3, 11/10

TIMES 3rd-5th grades 8:00-9:30 am
6th-8th grades 9:30-11:00 am

LOCATION Bartels Middle School

FEE $15/$25 *includes a Portage Warrior reversible basketball jersey*

MIN/MAX 8/25

REGISTRATION DEADLINE Friday, September 7, 2018

ADULT BASKETBALL

The Adult Men's Basketball League will be joining a league with teams from Wisconsin Dells, Baraboo, and Sauk City. Games will be played on Wednesday nights.

Registration begins in September with the season schedule tentatively set for mid-October through mid-February. Team registration fee is $450 and must be submitted with a completed roster.

KARATE

Karate Basics

This class is for all ages 5+ who are at the introductory level for karate. Participants will learn martial arts fundamentals and a strong emphasis will be put on building confidence, focus, discipline, respect and manners. This program is for participants with less than a green belt status.

Karate Advanced

So you are hooked on the sport of Karate; or maybe you just want to come and try it out as a new hobby. This program is a step above our basics program and will teach advanced karate skills to all ages. Participants must be a green belt or higher to participate in this class.

DATES **FALL SESSION 1**
Monday, October 1 thru
Thursday, November 8

WINTER SESSION 1
Monday, November 26 thru
Monday, January 7
(Skipping Holiday dates)

TIMES **Basic** 6-7 pm **Advanced** 7-8 pm

LOCATION: City Hall Basement

FEE $20/$30

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Adult Coed Volleyball on Wednesday nights will run November through February at Bartels Middle School. Registration fee is $175 and must be turned in with a completed roster.

Pickleball

The Portage Park & Recreation Department will be offering a Pickleball Open Gym this Fall/Winter. This will be **FREE** to anyone wanting to come play, or just to come try it out for a day! Supplies and equipment will be provided, but feel free to bring your own as well! Check back with us in late September for the location and time of the Open Gyms!

Pickleball combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis.

ICE SKATE RENTALS AT PAUQUETTE PARK

NEW this year, we will be offering Ice Skates for rent at Pauquette Park! Skates will be available to rent on Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Pauquette Park shelter. Rentals cost $1. Weather permitting.

SAFE SITTER ESSENTIALS

Do you want to have your child learn how to be a great babysitter?
The Portage Park & Recreation Department is pleased to present a one day "Safe Sitter Essentials" course that teaches 11-15 year olds the responsibilities of safely caring for younger children

AGES 11-15

DATE Saturday, October 6

TIMES 9:00am-2:30pm

LOCATION Portage Park & Recreation Department Office
701 West Slifer Street, Portage, Wisconsin

FEE $30/$40

REGISTRATION DEADLINE Friday, September 28

AQUA AEROBICS

This low impact, high resistance program is great for men and women 18 and older. Get in the water and enjoy a well-paced workout to improve cardiovascular fitness and strength in a social and enjoyable setting! Workouts are set to music and incorporate the use of aqua barbells, noodles, and kickboards (all provided).

AGES 18 and Older

DATES **MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS**
September through December, minus holidays

TIMES 6:15-7:15 pm

LOCATION Rusch Community Pool

FEE $25/$35

DROP IN RATES $5/$6

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A CALL FROM SANTA

Would your little one like to receive a phone call from Santa Claus? We are happy to partner with the Portage Optimists Club to offer this FREE event in the evening on Monday, December 10, 2018. All you need to do is fill out a form and return it to the Portage Park & Rec department. Pick up a form at the Park & Rec office or online at portage.recdesk.com, under the *Forms* tab beginning in mid-November.

Forestry

Park and Boulevard Street Trees

The Portage Park and Recreation Department is in charge of all park and boulevard street trees (trees between the sidewalk and road or within the City Right of Way if there is no sidewalk). If you'd like a tree planted at your home or have a question about the condition of a tree in front of your house call our office and ask for Dan.

Tree plantings take place in the spring; trimming/removals are handled during cold weather months and as needed throughout the year.

Tree plantings are permitted in the City Right of Way via a permit through the City of Portage's tree replacement program. This program designates what trees are allowed to be planted within the City but makes the homeowner eligible to receive matching funds to help pay for the cost of the tree. In addition to the tree replacement program, the City of Portage plants between 75 and 100 street trees each year along the boulevard. If you wish to have your address considered for the City sponsored street tree planting program please contact the office.

Emerald Ash Borer

Emerald Ash Borer is in full swing within the City of Portage. If your ash tree is showing signs like the below photo it means the Emerald Ash Borer has infected and is killing your tree. The City is removing all public property ash trees as they begin showing signs of dieback. If you have a question about Emerald Ash Borer or if you have a public street tree that looks like the below photo you may call our office for more information.

Park Projects

Portage Youth Baseball Field

The City of Portage and Portage Youth Baseball Inc. have worked together since 2015 to fund, design, and construct a third youth baseball field at the Bruce A. Smith Little League Complex. Photos below show a few stages of construction. The project is scheduled to be completed by fall of 2018 and ready for play in early summer of 2019.

Boat Pier

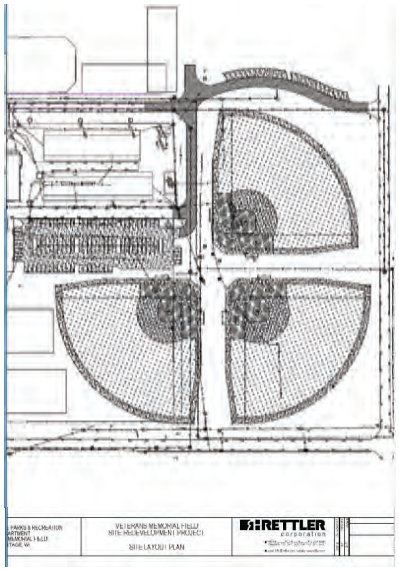
The City of Portage replaced the Silver Lake parking lot wall in 2015/2016 but a boat pier was not able to be included in the budget.

At that time the City placed funds in the budget for 2018 and **the boat pier was successfully installed in the spring of 2018**. Boats may now tie off safely and access Silver Lake at our boat ramp location.

Adult Softball Diamond

The City of Portage is working on the third segment of the Veterans Memorial Field master plan which calls for the construction of new softball fields within the Veterans Memorial Fields Complex. The City is currently constructing the first field within the plan that calls for three fields in the area. In 2018 the City is building one, three-hundred-foot, fenced, adult softball diamond which will have the light pole bases and underground electrical conduit installed at the same time. Lights and future fields will be funded at a later date when the City's capital budget allows. Construction is scheduled to be completed fall of 2018 and ready for play late spring of 2019.

VMF Master Plan Concept Photo – Developed 2014



North End of Veterans Memorial Field Master Plan

Playground Projects

Silver Lake Beach and Sunset Park underwent new playground projects due to a generous matching grant from the Lenz Charitable Trust. The City used $50,000 from the parkland fund to match $50,000 from the Edward and June Lenz Charitable Trust to fund $100,000 worth of playground structures at the two park locations. Both projects were completed in June of 2018 and are open to the public.

Silver Lake Beach After

Silver Lake Beach Before

Sunset Park Before

Sunset Park After