

2021-2022 Fall/Winter Activity Guide



COVID-19 Information: Any programs that are taking place in Portage School District facilities will be required to follow the COVID-19 safety protocols of that specific facility. We will update each program with what those specific requirements will be before the program begins, as well as throughout the program if there are any changes to the requirements.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

KARATE	2	SAFESITTER ESSENTIALS	4	PARK SHELTER RENTALS	6
YOUTH DANCE	2	YOUTH BASKETBALL	4	EMPLOYMENT	6
FLAG FOOTBALL	3	ICE SKATING	4	WINTER VEHICLE STORAGE	6
PUMPKINS IN THE PARK	3	A CALL FROM SANTA	4	PUBLIC LIBRARY	6
OPEN GYMS	3	TOT SPORTS SAMPLER	4	PARK PROJECT UPDATE	7
ADULT BASKETBALL	3	SWIM LESSONS	5		
ADULT VOLLEYBALL	3	LIFEGUARD COURSE	5		
		YOUTH SWIM TEAM	5		

Everyone's Welcome— The programs that we offer are open to anyone that would like to participate, regardless of ability, experience, race, gender, or sexual orientation.

Employment Opportunities- Anyone interested in part-time or seasonal employment with the Portage Park & Recreation Department should visit our website, or contact our department for information about open positions.

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 cancelled. 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. (example- \$15/\$25). The first price is for residents of the City of Portage or Pacific Township. 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.

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 and select programs 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 prior to 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. All refunds carry a \$10.00 processing fee.

**Register online at portage.recdesk.com, or stop in our office at 701 W Slifer St, Portage.
Call us at 608.742.2178 with any questions!**



Karate

Karate Basics

This class is for ages 6+ who are at the introductory level of karate. Participants will learn martial arts fundamentals and a strong emphasis will be put on building confidence, focus, discipline, and respect. Each student will have the opportunity to test at the end of the session. This program is for participants with less than a green belt status.

Karate Advanced

This program is a step above our Karate Basics program, and will teach advanced karate skills to ages 6+. Participants in this program must be a green belt or higher to participate in this class.

Ages: 6+

Dates: (Monday and Thursday Nights)

Session 7: August 30-October 4

Session 8: October 11- November 15

Session 9: November 22- December 30

any participant can register for any session

Fees: \$20-Residents / \$30-Non-residents (per session)

Location: City Hall Basement (115 W Pleasant St)

Times: Basics—6:00-7:00pm

Advanced—7:00-8:00pm

There may be additional classes scheduled for Belt Testing



Youth Dance

Whether your child aspires to become a professional dancer or you just want to improve their coordination, provide some exercise, or just have fun, this dance program has something for everyone! Our Youth Dance is designed to introduce dancers to the basics of dance in a fun and relaxed environment. Each class will learn 1-2 dances to perform at a recital held in April!

Ages: 4-14 year olds

Dates: Week of September 26th through April 10th

Specific schedules will be emailed prior to the class starting.

Recital will be Sunday, April 10th at Rusch Elementary

Classes: Tuesdays:

4 Year Olds: 5:45-6:15pm

5-6 Year Olds: 6:25-7:10pm

7-9 Year Olds: 7:15-8:00pm

Wednesdays

5-6 Year Olds: 5:45-6:30pm

7-9 Year Olds: 6:35-7:20pm

10-14 Year Olds: 7:25-8:15pm

Sundays:

7-14 Year Olds Tap: 4:45-5:25pm

5-6 Year Olds (Technique): 5:30-6:15pm

7-9 Year Olds (Technique): 6:20-7:05pm

10-14 Year Olds (Technique): 7:10-8:00pm



***Dancers are allowed to participate in more than one class if they choose to! Sunday Technique classes are for more experienced dancers to refine technique and form. The Tap Class on Sundays will be an introductory class for any dancers ages 7-14. Tap shoes will be required for this class.*

Location: City Hall Basement (115 W Pleasant St)

Fee: \$55-Residents / \$65-Non-residents

(Does not include cost of costume and shoes)

Min/Max: 4/10 per class

Registration Dates: August 30th thru September 20th

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFO:

You can register for our Youth Programs on our website (portage.recdesk.com). Login or create an account, and then select the 'Programs' tab. If you are creating a NEW ACCOUNT, it may take up to 24 hours for your account to be approved, so please create new accounts well in advance of the Registration Opening date.

**Register online at portage.recdesk.com, or stop in our office at 701 W Slifer St, Portage.
Call us at 608.742.2178 with any questions!**



Flag Football Skills Camp



Fall is football season! We are happy to offer a Flag Football Skills Camp this Fall! Boys and girls will learn and work on the basic skills such as passing, catching, running, and kicking. Coaches will focus on individual skill development, teamwork, and some modified game play.

Ages: 5-7 year olds– 5:15-6:00pm
8-10 year olds– 6:00-6:45pm

Dates: Tuesdays, September 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26

Location: Outfield grass of the Ball Diamond at the Portage Fairgrounds (North end near the Dog Park)

Fee: \$20-Residents / \$30-Non-residents

Min/Max: 8/20

Registration Dates: August 30th thru September 24th

Adult Basketball

NEW this year– We will be offering a 3-on-3 League! Check out our website under the ‘forms’ tab for more information and how to register!

Team Fee: \$75 (teams will consist of 3-5 players)

Free Agent Fee: \$25 (individual player looking to join a team)

Registration Dates: September 7 thru October 1

Game Location: Bartels Middle School

Game Nights: Monday Nights

Season Dates: November thru January

This program will follow all mask requirements set in place by the Portage School District

Pumpkins In The Park-ing Lot



Back again this year is our popular Halloween event, Pumpkins in the Park-ing Lot! Stop by our office on Thursday, October 21st and pick up a trick-or-treat bag with some fun surprises! Kids will be able to pick out a free pumpkin and play a few small games.

Date: Thursday, October 21st

Location: Portage Park & Rec Office (701 W Slifer St)

Time: 3:00-7:00pm

Fee: Free!

Open Gyms

We will be offering Open Gyms again this year at Bartels Middle School. We will provide some equipment, but feel free to bring your own basketballs, volleyballs, etc.

Dates: Sundays, November 7 thru February 27

Times: Youth Open Gym– 9:00-10:30am

Adult Open Gym– 10:30am-Noon

Location: Bartels Middle School

Cost: FREE

This program will follow all mask requirements set in place by the Portage School District



Adult Volleyball

Our Adult Coed Volleyball league on Wednesday nights will run November through February at Bartels Middle School. We will not have a scoring official this year, so teams will be required to keep track of their own scores and report it to the site supervisor.

Team Fee: \$140 with completed roster

Roster forms can be found on our website

Registration Dates: September 7 thru October 1

Location: Bartels Middle School

Game Nights: Wednesday Nights

Season Dates: November thru February

This program will follow all mask requirements set in place by the Portage School District



**Register online at portage.recdesk.com, or stop in our office at 701 W Slifer St, Portage.
Call us at 608.742.2178 with any questions!**



Youth Basketball Teams

Girls— The Portage Girls Basketball Club, a newly formed organization, will be handling all Girls Basketball teams this fall and winter. Information for registration and about the organization can be found on the Portage Park & Rec website (portage.recdesk.com), under the Youth Orgs tab.

Boys— The Portage Boys Hoops Club will handle all Boys Youth Basketball Teams. More information on their teams, registration, and organization can be found at www.pbhc.com



Ice Skating

Ice Skating will be available at Pauquette Park this winter. The weather will determine when we are able to safely clear the ice, so we will post updates on our Facebook page when the ice is safe to skate on. Please follow safety signs that are posted around the pond.



Tot Sports Sampler

Join us as we introduce your little ones to all sorts of sports in this Tot Sports Sampler! Each week, we'll introduce and practice the basic skills of sports like basketball, soccer, football, and more! This program is sure to be a blast for your future All-Stars!

Dates: Saturdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29

Times: 9:00am-9:40am OR 9:45am-10:25am

Location: Rusch Elementary School

Ages: 4-6 year olds

Fee: \$15/\$25

Registration Dates: December 13th-January 3rd

Min/Max: 8/15 per session

SafeSitter Essentials 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: Saturday, September 4th OR
Saturday, October 2nd

Times: 9am-2:30pm

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

Ages: 11-15

Fee: \$35/\$45

Registration Deadline: Monday prior to each classes start date

Min/Max: 2/6 per class



A Call From Santa

Would your little one like to receive a phone call from Santa? We are happy to partner with the Portage Optimists Club to offer this FREE event on Monday, December 6th. You will fill out a form for each child, and Santa will use that to have a conversation with them and get them excited for the Holiday Season! Call From Santa forms will be available in November and will be located at the Park and Recreation office and on our website. Please drop off or mail completed form to the Park and Recreation office, 701 W. Slifer Street, Portage, WI 53901.

Date: Monday, December 6th

Registration Deadline: Sunday, December 5th

Fee: FREE!

Register online at portage.recdesk.com, or stop in our office at 701 W Slifer St, Portage.
Call us at 608.742.2178 with any questions!

Swim Lessons

Each session of swim lessons includes 8 classes



Red/White/Blue Classes- \$27/\$37 Level 1 thru Level 6- \$37/\$47 Parent & Child Classes- \$15/\$25

SUNDAY FALL SESSION

Dates: September 26-November 21
(No class October 31)

TIME	CLASS #1	CLASS #2
1:00PM	PARENT/CHILD	LEVEL 1
1:30PM	RED	LEVEL 2
2:00PM	WHITE	LEVEL 3
2:30PM	BLUE	2:00-2:45PM
3:00PM	PARENT/CHILD	LEVEL 1
3:30PM	RED	LEVEL 2
4:00PM	WHITE	LEVEL 4
4:30PM	BLUE	4:00-4:45PM
5:00PM	PARENT/CHILD	LEVEL 5/6
5:30PM	BLUE	5:00-5:45PM
6:00PM	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 3
6:30PM	LEVEL 2	6:00-6:45PM

Registration Dates:
August 30th-September 24th

SUNDAY WINTER SESSION

Dates: January 9-February 27

TIME	CLASS #1	CLASS #2
1:00PM	PARENT/CHILD	LEVEL 1
1:30PM	RED	LEVEL 2
2:00PM	WHITE	LEVEL 3
2:30PM	BLUE	2:00-2:45PM
3:00PM	PARENT/CHILD	LEVEL 1
3:30PM	RED	LEVEL 2
4:00PM	WHITE	LEVEL 4
4:30PM	BLUE	4:00-4:45PM
5:00PM	PARENT/CHILD	LEVEL 5/6
5:30PM	BLUE	5:00-5:45PM
6:00PM	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 3
6:30PM	LEVEL 2	6:00-6:45PM

Registration Dates:
December 13th-January 7th

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFO:

You can register for our Swim Lessons on our website (portage.recdesk.com). Login or create an account, and then find the Swim Lessons under our 'Programs' tab. If you are creating a NEW ACCOUNT, it may take up to 24 hours for your account to be approved, so please create new accounts well in advance of the Registration Opening date.

This program will follow all mask requirements set in place by the Portage School District.

Questions

Unsure of what level to place your child in? Visit our website and click on the 'Pool' tab at the top. Scroll down and click the link 'What level does my child belong in?'

For further questions, please contact
Portage Park & Recreation at
608-742-2178



**American
Red Cross**

Lifeguarding Course

We plan to offer a Lifeguard Certification Course over Winter Break this year, so please contact our department if you are interested in taking the course!

Portage Youth Swim Team

If you are interested in joining the Portage Piranhas Youth Swim Team, please check out their website www.portageyouthswimteam.com for information on their fall and winter sessions!



**Register online at portage.recdesk.com, or stop in our office at 701 W Slifer St, Portage.
Call us at 608.742.2178 with any questions!**



2022 Park Shelter Rentals

2022 Park Shelter Rentals will be accepted beginning on January 4th, 2022. Reservations of these facilities can be completed on our website or in our office. The City of Portage has tons of great Park Shelters to rent for your Graduation Parties, Birthday Parties, Family Reunions, or whatever event you are planning for 2022! Costs vary depending on the facility, so please see our website for individual prices as well as descriptions and info for each facility.



Winter Vehicle Storage

Looking to store a boat, camper, motorcycle, or any other vehicles for the winter? We offer storage in enclosed, locked buildings at the Fairgrounds, as well as under our open-air shelters. This is a first come, first served event. We do not take reservations.

Move-In Dates: Fri, October 22nd 8am-11am
Sat, October 23rd 8am-10am

Move-Out Date: Sat, April 9th 8am-10am
*Early Move-Out is **NOT** an option*

More information and pricing can be found on our website, portage.recdesk.com. Look under the 'Forms' tab for 'Winter Vehicle Storage' or follow our Facebook page, [Facebook.com/portageparkrec](https://www.facebook.com/portageparkrec)

Employment

We are always looking for hard working and responsible staff members to join our team! Positions include seasonal park maintenance, mowers, program supervisors, youth recreation instructors, lifeguards, and swim lesson instructors. For complete job descriptions, and more details please feel free to visit the employment tab on our website at <http://portage.recdesk.com>. If you are interested in a Lifeguarding position, or taking a Lifeguarding Certification course, please contact our department for more information. Summer park maintenance job postings for the 2022 season will open in February and will be posted until filled. Staff looking for part time jobs working with our Recreation programs or Lifeguarding are encouraged to apply any time, as we have programs running year round.



Portage Public Library

Be sure to check out the Portage Public Library for more great programs and events throughout the year! They have programs for youth, teens, AND adults to keep the whole family entertained!
Website: portagelibrary.us



**Register online at portage.recdesk.com, or stop in our office at 701 W Slifer St, Portage.
Call us at 608.742.2178 with any questions!**



Park Project Update



New Ball Field at the Fairgrounds

Construction on the 2nd ball field at the Fairgrounds is underway. This will be a multi-use field and will host our Adult Softball games, Youth T-Ball Programs, Masters Baseball Program, as well as our Youth Flag Football utilizing the outfield grass in the spring and fall. This field will also be available for local teams as a practice site, and we hope to host youth softball, youth baseball, and adult softball tournaments in the near future!



Drone picture of new ball field construction (Courtesy of Joshua Banks)

2022 Spring/Summer Activity Guide

Our Spring/Summer Activity Guide next year will come out in March, so be sure to pay attention to our Facebook page and website next spring for information on all of the programs, swim lessons, and events we have planned for next year!



Playground Improvements at Collipp-Worden Park & Pauquette Park

We've added some great new features to our 2 busiest parks! At Collipp-Worden Park, we have added an ADA compliant border around the entire playground, as well as new concrete around the shelter and path from the parking lot. We added a new swing bay with a combination of toddler swings and regular swings. The most popular improvement to that park has been the installation of a zipline in the playground!



At Pauquette Park, we removed the old, outdated swing bay and installed a new swing bay off the corner of the existing playground area. This new swing bay included 2 regular swings and 1 toddler swing.



We also completed work on the Beasley Pavilion, which is now open and available for rentals. So if you're planning any graduation parties, weddings receptions, birthday parties, or family reunions for next year, be sure to check out this great new shelter, right next to the pond at Pauquette Park!

Register online at portage.recdesk.com, or stop in our office at 701 W Slifer St, Portage. Call us at 608.742.2178 with any questions!

