

2017 Winter Recreation Activity Guide

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RAPIDS

Red Cross Babysitting Certification

This training is intended for children, ages 11+, who have the responsibility of caring for younger children during the absence of their parents/guardians. It is particularly valuable for young people who are interested in working as babysitters. Participants must pass skills and written tests to receive certification. Students should bring a doll and bag lunch and should review book prior to class. Limit 10. Classes held at City Hall, first floor conference room. (Participant handbook and DVD may be picked up prior to class.)

Session Date	Time	Day
January 20	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Friday
March 3	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Friday

Fees: \$37 Resident; \$40 Non-Resident

Brushes by Night (Adults)

Acrylic Painting: Create a beautiful masterpiece by simply following directions on color mixing and where to apply the paint. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on! And bring a non-alcoholic beverage. Classes will be held at City Hall breakroom (basement of City Hall).

Session Date	Time	Theme
January 10 & 17	6-9 p.m.	Winter Scene
February 6 & 13	6-9 p.m.	Spring Scene

Fees: \$20 Resident; \$25 Non-Resident

Ukrainian Eggs: Try a traditional Ukrainian decorating technique for your Easter eggs this year! All supplies are included, no experience necessary. Classes held at City Hall, First Floor Conference Room. Choose one class to attend.

Session Dates	Time
March 9, 13 or April 10	6-9 p.m.

Fees: \$15 Resident; \$20 Non-Resident

Acrylic Block: This is not your average art class... Create a beautiful masterpiece by simply following directions on color mixing and where to apply the paint. Enjoy a night of painting with a friend. Includes lesson, paint, and brushes. Bring your own acrylic or glass block, size 7.5". No experience necessary. Bring a non-alcoholic beverage. Class will be held at City Hall breakroom (basement of City Hall).

Session Date	Time	Theme
January 18	6-9 p.m.	Snowman

Fees: \$15 Resident; \$20 Non-Resident

NEW CLASS!! Fairy Gardening (Adults)

Mini Fairy Gardens: Fee includes instruction, soil, drainage, and how to make accessories out of clay. Please bring a 6-8 inch diameter container and two small plants to the class. Classes will be held in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall.

Session Date	Time	Theme
April 24	6-9 p.m.	Mini Fairy Garden

Fees: \$15 Resident; \$20 Non-Resident

Community Indoor Skating

The Parks & Recreation Department is partnering with the South Wood County Recreation center to offer families a chance to enjoy indoor skating! Ice skate rental will be **free** (limited skate sizes available). December 18, 4-6 p.m., at the South Wood County Recreation Center. Sponsored by 5th District Alderperson Steven Koth.

Youth Snowboarding

This program is designed to introduce your child to the sport of snowboarding, get comfortable with the equipment and get you up and down our bunny hill at Poplar Springs Park. There will be some equipment available for you to use, but may also bring your own. This class is co-run with the LHS Ski/Snowboarding Club.

Age Group	Session	Time
Ridge Riders 5-8	January 7	10:00-10:45 a.m.
Hill Sliders 8+	January 7	10:45-11:30 a.m.

Fees: \$5 Resident; \$8 Non-Resident

Snowman Building Contest

No school? Nothing to do? Build a snowman!! Come to the Witter Warming House for a fun winter competition! Bring your friends, props, and creativity as you compete for one of two prizes for "Best Traditional" and "Best Dressed" Snowman! **FREE!**

Ages	Date	Day	Time
All	January 19	Thursday	1-4 p.m.

Soccer (ages 3-7) (Howe Gym)

This class provides an opportunity for children to learn the basic concept of soccer in a fun, and structured atmosphere. Children are to wear tennis shoes and bring a water bottle to all classes. Parents are encouraged to participate with their 3 & 4 year olds.

Ages	Session	Time	Day
3-4	January 9-23	6-6:30 p.m.	Monday
3-4	February 6-20	6-6:30 p.m.	Monday
5-7	January 9-23	6:30-7 p.m.	Monday
5-7	February 6-20	6:30-7 p.m.	Monday

Fees: \$10 Resident; \$13 Non-Resident

Youth Volleyball (ages 4-Grade 5)

This program introduces volleyball to young beginners. Basic skills will be developed using games and drill techniques. Program held in the East Junior High Fieldhouse.

Dates	Day	Time
January 8, 15, 29, February 5, 12 & 26	Sunday	1-2 p.m.

Fees: \$8 Resident; \$11 Non-Resident

Winter Program Registration begins on December 1 at 8:00 a.m. Online registration available at parks.wirapids.org. Registration will continue until each class is filled. Classes are filled on first-come, first-served basis.

Payment must be made at time of registration.



T-Ball Registration Begins March 1, 2017!

Office Hours

8 a.m. - Noon & 1 - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday
Online registration and facility rentals available at any time at parks.wirapids.org



Witter Ice Pond Warming House Hours

Date of Opening: December 19, 2016 (weather permitting)
Weekdays: 5:30-8 p.m., Weekends: 1-8 p.m.
No School Days: 1-8 p.m.
Holidays: Closed (Christmas Eve/Day, New Year's Day)
Closed for Season: February 28, 2017 (weather permitting)



Closures, Cancellations & Make-Ups

Please check the Parks & Recreation Facebook page or listen to WFHR Radio prior to calling the office regarding cancellation of various activities sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Department due to inclement weather. Classes missed for individual absences (i.e., illness, vacations, etc.) are not "made-up" nor may participants attend classes other than the one they are registered for.

Liability

Participants assume the risk of injuries that occur during programs and activities. The City of Wisconsin Rapids and the Parks & Recreation Department are not liable for any injuries, or for the treatment of those injuries. Participants are encouraged to obtain their own health or other insurance to cover their participation in these programs and activities.

Photographs

For program promotion purposes, we may photograph several of our activities and their participants. Photographs may be used in various fliers, brochures or on our website. If you do not wish to have your or your child's photo taken, please notify the department when registering.

Refunds

Full Refunds will be given if: 1) Program is cancelled, 2) Attendee gives at least 24 hours' notice prior to the start of the program, or 3) If there are changes to the original schedule and the participant can no longer attend. No refunds will be issued after the start of the program. Class fees will not be prorated.

A Great Gift Idea

Wisconsin Rapids Parks & Recreation Gift Certificates are available in any amount \$5 and over, and can be used toward any program offered by the City of Wisconsin Rapids Parks & Recreation. For complete details, give us a call!

Volunteers Needed!



Volunteers are always needed! If you are interested in volunteering with the Recreation Department, contact us at (715) 421-8240. Scan below for our volunteer application!



Parks & Recreation Staff

Matt Heideman, Parks & Buildings Supervisor
Mary Wolosek, Recreation Supervisor
Dawn Desorcy, Administrative Assistant

Resident/Non-Resident

Programs and services provided are open to ALL Wisconsin Rapids residents, at a reduced rate. A resident is defined as any individual who lives within the boundaries of the city of Wisconsin Rapids. Non-residents may participate in our programs for an additional fee. A non-resident includes individuals who live outside the city limits yet may be in the Wisconsin Rapids School District.

Spectators

One of the fundamental instructional program goals is to provide your child with a fun and positive learning opportunity with their peers while developing separation skills. For the best instructional atmosphere, observation of other class sessions is not permitted. Parents are welcome to observe the last scheduled class of the session. Please feel free to discuss your child's progress before and after class with the instructor.

Starting & Ending Class Times Reminder

Our instructors need time to open facilities and prepare for your class. Please provide proper supervision, as children "dropped off" before classes start will not be supervised by our staff. Parents should not leave until instructors have taken attendance. Classes will end as scheduled. Instructors are either preparing for the next class or closing the facility; please be prompt picking up your child.