

2016 Winter Recreation Activity Guide

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RAPIDS

Check it out! We have some NEW programs!

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. Students should bring a doll and bag lunch and should review book prior to class. Classes held at City Hall, first floor conference room. (Participant handbook and DVD may be picked up prior to class.)

Session Dates	Time	Day
January 22	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Friday
March 4	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Friday

Fees: \$36 Resident; \$39 Non-Resident

Brushes by Night (Adults)

Create a beautiful acrylic masterpiece by simply following directions on color mixing and where to apply the paint. Within two hours you easily replicate a beautiful painting! All supplies are included. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on! And bring a non-alcoholic beverage. Classes held at Centralia Center Art Room.

Session Dates	Time	Day	Theme
January 11	6-8 p.m.	Monday	Cardinal on a Branch
February 8	6-8 p.m.	Monday	LOVE (Robert Indiana)

Fees: \$25 Resident; \$30 Non-Resident

Adult Dance (MSTC Gymnasium)

Whether you have limited dancing experience or you are perfecting your moves, our dance classes will help you relieve stress, ease tension, and tone muscle - all while having a great time! So choose your pleasure and express yourself! You will develop a dance repertoire that includes Polish Hop Polka and Waltz. Only non-marking, soft-soled shoes are permitted. Partners not required.

Session Dates	Time	Day
January 11 & 18	6-7:30 p.m.	Monday

Fees: Couples: \$15 Resident; \$20 Non-Resident
Single: \$10 Resident; \$15 Non-Resident

Gymnastics

Tumble Bugs, Tykes and Beginning Tumbling classes will be held on Monday and Tuesday evenings at the Wisconsin Rapids YMCA (January 4-February 20). Sessions are 7 weeks with the fee of \$19 (Resident; driver's license with address required at time of registration) or \$39 for Non-Resident.

Nerf Wars (ages 7-14) (Howe Gym)

Our new "HIT" program - NERF Wars! Ready, Aim...FIRE! Participants will play a variety of games, such as: freeze tag, defend the pole, elimination and meat grinder. Participants need to bring their own NERF blasters, darts and safety goggles/glasses.

Session Dates	Time	Day
February 15-29	6:15-7:15 p.m.	Monday

Fees: \$6 Resident; \$9 Non-Resident

Skate With the Riverkings

Skate with the Riverkings! Ages 4-14. No skating experience necessary. Skates available at Witter Warming House. **FREE!!**

Date	Time	Day
January 7	6-7:30 p.m.	Thursday

Snowman Building Contest (All Ages)

Think your snowman building skills are the best? Then come to the Witter Warming House for a fun-filled winter competition! Bring your props and creativity as you compete for one of two prizes for "Best Traditional Snowman" and "Best Dressed"! **FREE!!**

Date	Time	Day
January 21	2-4 p.m.	Thursday

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.

Ages	Session Dates	Time	Day
3-4	January 11-February 1	6-6:30 p.m.	Monday
5-7	January 11-February 1	6:30-7 p.m.	Monday

Fees: \$11 Resident; \$14 Non-Resident

Sweet Treats Cupcake Decorating (7-Adult)

This program is designed to introduce youth and adults to cake decorating. They will use decorating tools, icing and pre-made cupcakes to create their own decorated treats. Ages 7-14 will decorate two different cupcakes; 15+ will decorate three different cupcakes to take home. (Class held at City Hall.)

Ages	Session Dates	Time	Theme
7-14	February 5	5-5:45 p.m.	Valentine's Day
15- Adult	February 5	6-6:45 p.m.	Valentine's Day

Fees: \$11 Resident; \$14 Non-Resident

Youth Snowboarding

If you've never snowboarded before, this is the program to start out with! This program is designed to introduce your child to the sport of snowboarding, get comfortable with the equipment and get up and down our bunny hill at Poplar Springs Park. Please bring your own equipment. This class is co-run with the LHS Ski/Snowboarding Club.

Age Group	Session Dates	Time
Ridge Riders 5-8	January 21 or 23	10:00-10:45 a.m.
Hill Sliders 8+	January 21 or 23	10:45-11:30 a.m.

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

Witter Ice Pond Warming House Hours

Normal Hours of Operation:

Date of Opening: December 18, 2015

Weekdays: 5:30 p.m., Weekends: 1-5 p.m.

No School Days: 1-8 p.m.

Holidays (Closed): Christmas Eve/Day, New Year's Day

Closed for Season: February 14, 2016

Registration Info

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. Class sizes are limited.



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



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!



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

Parks & Recreation Staff

Closures, Cancellations & Make-Ups

Please watch for a text, or check parks.wirapids.org and the Parks & Recreation Facebook page 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.

Insurance

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.

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. Parents are welcome to observe the last scheduled class of the session. (Exceptions: Swim lessons; spectators are permitted on the first day also; and Tumble Bugs where parents participate with child.) For the best instructional atmosphere, observation of other class sessions is not permitted. 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 called their class and taken attendance. Classes will end as scheduled. Instructors are either preparing for the next class or closing the facility; your promptness in picking up your child is necessary.

T-Ball Registration Begins
March 1, 2016!

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!