



2025 OTTAWA RECREATION PROGRAM GUIDE



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Overview:

Ottawa Recreation offers programs throughout the year, especially the summer to provide recreational opportunities for the citizens of Ottawa and the surrounding area. The Recreation Board members are committed to providing quality recreational opportunities with the lowest possible fee to the greatest number of people.

3 different ways to register:

1. Register Online: Visit our website www.ottawarecreation.org to register online. A fee does apply when registering with a credit/debit card online.
2. Registration by mail: Follow the directions on the registration form, attach a check (made out to Ottawa Recreation), or cash, and mail it to: Ottawa Recreation 301 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350.
3. Register over the phone: Give us a call anytime between 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm. We are able to get you registered over the phone and take card payments (fees still apply) over the phone.

More information regarding camps/activities:

- Registration is on a first-received, first-registered basis.
- Most camps require a minimum of 8 participants by Thursday before the camp begins.
- Ottawa Recreation will contact you **BY EMAIL** if a camp is closed due to low enrollment.
- Ottawa Recreation charges a \$5.00 recreation fee per participant per activity for those families residing outside of Ottawa City Limits. *No outside limits household shall pay more than \$20.00 extra for the summer season*
- All of the activities listed in the brochure are supervised by one or more adult directors.
- Ottawa Recreation will have one main T-Shirt this year. You can pick it up at our office in the basement of City Hall! OR contact us to talk about other options for pickup.
- Ottawa Recreation offers a scholarship program for families with financial needs. Must provide some forms of documentation. (Please call or email for more information)
- Ottawa Recreation may use children's images for publicity purposes. Ottawa recreation is **NOT** responsible for pictures taken by any media outlet. If you do not wish to have your child's photo used make sure that you fill out a Photo Opt Out form during the time of registration or ask a park supervisor for a form.

Summer Office Location :

301 W. Madison St. Ottawa
(Basement of City Hall)
Phone (815) 434-7292

Summer Office Hours:

9:00am-12:00pm weekday mornings
1:00pm-4:00pm weekday afternoons

Our Website:

www.ottawarecreation.org

Our Email:

cityrec@cityofottawa.org

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Parent/Guardian

First and Last Name _____

Phone: _____

Email : _____

Address: _____

**2025 OTTAWA
RECREATION
PROGRAM
REGISTRATION**

Child 1 Name: _____ Age: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Child 2 Name: _____ Age: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Child 3 Name: _____ Age: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Child 4 Name: _____ Age: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Program/Camp	Fee	Participants Name	Session	Total Fee	Initials
Art Camp	\$40.00				
Bowling	\$40.00				
Boys Basketball Camp	\$40.00				
Cheer Camp	\$40.00				
Disc Golf	\$40.00				
Girls Bball Skills Camp	\$40.00				
Hoop It Up!	\$40.00				
Little Ninjas	\$40.00				
Munchkins Tennis	\$40.00				
OHS Volleyball Clinic	\$40.00				
Parent Child Swim	\$40.00				
Preschool Swim	\$40.00				
Progressive Swim	\$40.00				

More Programs on back: 

2025 OTTAWA RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Program/Camp	Fee	Participants Name	Session	Total Fee	Initials
Pom Camp	\$40.00				
Pro Level Soccer	\$40.00				
Park Crafts	\$25.00				
Running Camp	\$40.00				
Safety Town	\$40.00				
Shoot the Rock	\$40.00				
Sporties for Shorties	\$30.00				
Taekwondo Martial Arts	\$40.00				
Tennis Lessons	\$100.00				
Tiny Tots Crafts	\$25.00				
Urban Photo Safari	\$40.00				
Volley Tots	\$40.00				
Wrestling Camp	\$40.00				
Special Events					
Buffalo Rock	FREE				
Movie Day	\$5.00				
Park Picnic	\$5.00 (Food)				
Magic Show	FREE				
Tie Dye	FREE				
The Alley Bowling	\$5.00				

IN OTTAWA CITY LIMITS? YES NO

If no, add \$5.00 per activity up to \$20.00 per family.

Subtotal: _____

Total Fees: _____

Total: _____

Signature: _____

Ottawa Recreation Photo Release

“Opt Out” Form

The Ottawa Recreation “Opt Out” form is to be completed for each individual child at the time of registration.

As parent/guardian you have the right to opt your child out from images/ photographs and videos associated with Ottawa, Illinois City Recreation Program. If you wish to opt out, you must fill out the information below, along with checking the box, signing and dating at the time of registration. This release shall remain in effect for the remainder of your child’s time with Ottawa, Illinois City Recreation Program 2025.

Childs Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian (print): _____

City Recreation Program(s) child is attending:

If you are electing to OPT OUT, please check the box below:

PLEASE DO NOT PUBLISH OR IN ANY WAY USE MY CHILD’S IMAGE/PHOTO AND/OR VIDEO FOR ANY PURPOSE.

**** IF YOU ARE OPTING OUT, THIS FORM NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED AT TIME OF REGISTRATION****

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

2025 OTTAWA RECREATION PLAYGROUND ACTIVITIES AND GUIDELINES

Overview of Ottawa Recreation:

Ottawa Recreation strives for community engagement. Over the summer months there will be two park supervisors on duty from 9:00am-12:00pm or 1:00pm-4:00pm Monday-Friday (except for special event days and holidays). These supervisors will have equipment, games, special activities and contest. Ottawa Recreation is **NOT** a childcare service. There is no fee to use the recreation equipment and there is no registration needed for the parks. Children using Ottawa Recreation equipment are expected to respect the supervisors, other children, the equipment, and the park. Any violence, threats, bullying, destructive behavior, racist remarks, swearing, or other unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated and may result in loss of access to Ottawa Recreation equipment and a police report being filed.

Listed below are the parks that we will have supervisors at during the summer:

Morning Parks (9:00am-12:00pm): Kiwanis, Lincoln School, Turnberry and Lincoln-Douglas

Afternoon Parks (1:00pm-4:00pm): Rigden, Peck, East Side and Lincoln-Douglas

Grand Ridge is a morning and afternoon park.

Here is a breakdown of a typical week for Ottawa Recreation:

Monday's we will be going to the pool from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. We will have NCAT come by to pick up participants from the parks at different times. Please ask the park supervisors for pick up times along with the pool safety form that needs to be filled out before your kid(s) can go to the pool.

Tuesday's/Thursday's are the arts and craft days. To participate in the crafts you can register for it on our website or to call the recreation office and register for it over the phone.

Wednesday's are the special event days. Please see the complete list in the brochure or on our website. If you are going to attend please preregister for the event or let your park supervisor know that you are coming.

Friday's at the park we will play games and come around with pop.

There might be a chance where in the afternoon we are all gathering at a different park for a group activity or game. The supervisors will know ahead of time so please check in with them. It will also be posted on the Ottawa Rec website. (ottawarecreation.org)

RIORDAN POOL INFORMATION

Pool will open May 24th, 2025

General Pool Information:

Riordan Swimming Pool is located at 500 East Norris Drive.

Phone Number is: (815) 324-4324

Hours of Operation:

Monday to Sunday 12PM to 5PM

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Adult Swim 11AM to 12PM

In case of inclement weather our policy is to:

1. Clear everyone from the water at the first sound of thunder or first sight of lightning.
2. Pool activities will remain suspended until 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or until lightning is further than 10 miles away.

Admission Fees (NO REFUNDS)

1. Daily: \$4.00 per person: 2 and under FREE
2. 10 Swim Pass Package: \$30.00
3. Individual Season Pass (Resident): \$150.00
4. Family Pass: \$250.00
 - Family Pass (2 adults and up to 4 children living within the same household.) \$25.00 for each additional family member.
5. Senior Citizen Admission (62+)
 - Daily: \$3.00 per person
 - 10 Swim Pass Package: \$25.00
 - Individual Season Pass (resident): \$120.00

You can buy pool passes at City Hall with (cash/check/card) or at Riordan Pool with cash only.

Interested in renting out the pool for a birthday party or a gathering?

The Riordan Pool is available to rent during certain times everyday over the summer.

Saturday and Sunday 9:00am-11:00am and 5:30pm-8:30pm

Monday through Friday from 6:30pm-8:30pm

Or if you would like to have the party later and swim under the lights please let us know in the application that you submit. The pool rental is \$185.00 per hour which needs to be paid a week before the reservation date. If there is bad weather or if we need to cancel for any reason, we will first try to re-schedule the event or the city will offer a refund.

RIORDAN POOL

2025 Summer Pool Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11:00am-12:00pm		Parent/Child Swim Lessons	Parent/Child Swim Lessons Adult Swim	Parent/Child Swim Lessons Adult Swim	Parent/Child Swim Lessons Adult Swim		
12:00pm-1:00pm	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim
1:00pm-2:00pm							
2:00pm-3:00pm							
3:00pm-4:00pm							
4:00pm-5:00pm							
5:00pm-6:00pm		Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons		
6:00pm-7:00pm							

SWIM LESSONS

Parent & Child Swim Lessons

The goal of Parent & Child swim lessons is to provide a positive aquatic experience for parents and children up to 3 years old. Children will be introduced to basic swim and safety skills through group activities, games, and songs. The parents learn about basic aquatic safety and how to work with their children to gain water comfortability and knowledge. Water safety is fundamental, and the earlier your child learns to swim, the safer they will be for life. Introduce your youngster to the water in a playful, supervised environment that teaches important safety skills.

Parents are required to be in the water with their child.

Limit 15 per session (minimum of 5)

Instructors: YMCA Staff

Location: Ottawa Riordan Pool

AGE	DAY	DATE	TIME	SESSION	FEE
0-3	M-TH	6/16-6/19	11:15AM-11:45AM	1	\$40.00
0-3	M-TH	6/23-6/26	11:15AM-11:45AM	2	\$40.00
0-3	M-TH	7/7-7/10	11:15AM-11:45AM	3	\$40.00
0-3	M-TH	7/14-7/17	11:15AM-11:45AM	4	\$40.00

Riordan Preschool Swim Lessons

This is a swim program designed for preschoolers, ages 3-5, to learn basic swimming skills and safety in and around the water. Kids will learn basic swimming skills through songs and games to help them feel comfortable in the water. Swim skills include blowing bubbles, floating, kicking and scooping. The last day will be parent swim day.

Limit 20 per session (minimum of 5)

Instructors: YMCA Staff

Location: Ottawa Riordan Pool

AGE	DAY	DATE	TIME	SESSION	FEE
3-5	M-TH	6/16-6/19	5:30PM-6:00PM	1	\$40.00
3-5	M-TH	6/23-6/26	5:30PM-6:00PM	2	\$40.00
3-5	M-TH	7/7-7/10	5:30PM-6:00PM	3	\$40.00
3-5	M-TH	7/14-7/17	5:30PM-6:00PM	4	\$40.00

Riordan Progressive Swim Lessons

This is a progressive swim lesson program for children ages 6-12. Children will be placed in instructional groups based on ability. They will progress from basic swimming skills such as floating, kicking, and scooping, to more advanced strokes such as freestyle and backstroke.

Limit 20 per session (minimum of 5)

Instructors: YMCA Staff

Location: Ottawa Riordan Pool

AGE	DAY	DATE	TIME	SESSION	FEE
6-12	M-TH	6/16-6/19	6:10PM-6:40PM	1	\$40.00
6-12	M-TH	6/23-6/26	6:10PM-6:40PM	2	\$40.00
6-12	M-TH	7/7-7/10	6:10PM-6:40PM	3	\$40.00
6-12	M-TH	7/14-7/17	6:10PM-6:40PM	4	\$40.00

BASKETBALL CAMPS

Boys Basketball Camp

Come become a part of the tradition of Pirate Basketball. The camp will include emphasis on fundamentals and techniques of shooting, ball handling, passing, and defense, as well as contests and games. Meet members of the Ottawa basketball coaching staff and varsity team.

Instructor: Supervised by Ottawa High School Varsity Boys Coach Mark Cooper

Location: First session meets in Kingman Gym Lobby, Ottawa High School.

Grade	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
11th & 12th	T-F	5/27-5/30	8:00AM-9:30AM	1	\$40.00
10th	T-F	5/27-5/30	9:30AM-11:00AM	2	\$40.00
9th	M-TH	6/2-6/5	8:00AM-9:30AM	3	\$40.00
7th-8th	M-TH	6/9-6/12	8:00am-9:30am	4	\$40.00
5th-6th	M-TH	6/9-6/12	9:30am-11:00am	5	\$40.00
3rd-4th	M-TH	6/9-6/12	11:00am-12:00pm	6	\$40.00

Shoot the Rock Basketball Camp

This boys basketball camp is designed to teach the fundamentals of basketball to students that are going into 5th-8th grade. Players will complete skill stations which include dribbling, shooting, passing, and defense. There will also be plenty of games and competitions throughout the camp.

Instructor: Craig Shymanski

Location: Shepherd Middle School

Grade	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
5th&6th	M-TH	6/23-6/26	9am-10:30am	1	\$40.00
7th&8th	M-TH	6/23-6/26	10:30am-12pm	2	\$40.00

Girls Basketball Skills Camp

This camp introduces girls to the fundamentals of the game of basketball! OHS Varsity Head Coach Brent Moore and his staff will raise your game to the next level through a combination of drills and competitive games. Become a part of the Lady Pirates winning tradition.

Instructor: OHS Varsity Girls Coach Brent Moore

Location: Kingman Gym Lobby, OHS

Grade	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
Entering 3rd, 4th, & 5th	M-TH	6/9-6/12	11am-12:30pm	1	\$40.00
Entering 6th, 7th & 8th	M-TH	6/9-6/12	1:00pm-2:30pm	2	\$40.00

Girls Basketball Camp: Hoop It Up!

This camp is for any and all incoming 5th & 6th or 7th & 8th grade girls who are interested in learning the fundamental skills of the game of basketball. The camp will include numerous drills to improve the participants' skill level. There will be daily contest and full court action.

Instructor: Craig Shymanski

Location: Shepherd Middle School

Grade	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
5th&6th	M-TH	6/16-6/19	9am-10:30am	1	\$40.00
7th&8th	M-TH	6/16-6/19	10:30am-12pm	2	\$40.00

WRESTLING AND DIMA INSTITUTE

Wrestling Camp

Wrestling is one of the oldest sports and a martial art. Almost every dominate MMA fighter has a wrestling background. This camp is designed to teach the basic moves that lead to success in the sport. In this camp, we will work at a slower pace and will teach the basic moves that lead to success in the sport. In this camp, we will work specifically on stance, movement, starting positions, takedowns, escapes, reversals and turns. Attacking will be taught at all levels.

Instructor: Pete Marx, OHS Head Wrestling Coach

Location: OHS Cafeteria

Grade	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
Boys 1st-8th	M-TH	6/9-6/12	9:00am-10:00am	1	\$40.00
Girls 1st-8th	M-TH	6/9-6/12	10:00am-11:00am	2	\$40.00

“Little Ninjas” Martial Arts Training

This is an awesomely fun camp for younger martial arts enthusiasts! We improve body control through lots of highly energetic games and drills. Students will learn basic kicks, blocks, and punches on the first three days. On Thursday, we invite family and friends to watch the students demonstrate their new skills and break a board.

Maximum number of participants: 20

Instructors: Professional Black Belt Masters

Location: Duque Institute Facility 4022 Tyler Drive.

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Age	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
5-7	M-TH	6/9-6/12	1:00PM-2:00PM	1	\$40.00
5-7	M-TH	6/16-6/19	1:00PM-2:00PM	2	\$40.00
5-7	M-TH	6/23-6/26	1:00PM-2:00PM	3	\$40.00

* Please wear comfortable athletic clothing and bring a water bottle. Students will be barefoot.*

Taekwondo Martial Arts Training

Taekwondo Martial Arts is a highly energetic camp for 8-10 year olds. Instructors teach basic Taekwondo skills—kicks, blocks, and punches— as well as lots of games and fun. This camp is great for building self confidence by trying and enjoying new challenges and gaining new skills. On Thursday, we invite family and friends to watch the students demonstrate their new skills and break a board.

Maximum number of participants: 20

Instructors: Professional Black Belt Masters

Location: Duque Institute Facility 4022 Tyler Drive.

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Age	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
8-10	M-TH	7/7-7/10	12:00PM-1:00PM	1	\$40.00
8-10	M-TH	7/14-7/17	12:00PM-1:00PM	2	\$40.00

* Please wear comfortable athletic clothing and bring a water bottle. Students will be barefoot.*

TENNIS CAMPS AND TOURNAMENT

Munchkins Tennis Lessons

An introductory tennis program offered for players who are entering kinder to second grades. Instructors use games and contest to teach basic racket skills, rules, and play skill games. A great introduction to the sport.

Instructors: Recreation Tennis Crew

Location: OHS Tennis Courts

Grade	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
K-2	M/W/F	6/16-7/18	8:30-9:00am	1	\$40.00

Tennis Lessons / Open Play

This is a progressive program of skill development for players of all levels. Lessons include basic strokes, scoring, and competitive games and tournaments. Players are encouraged to enter the Ottawa Recreation Tennis Tournament held end of July. Adults may stop at OHS Courts during lessons to arrange evening lessons.

Ask about our racket loaner program

Program fee covers tournament entry

Instructors: Recreation Tennis Crew

Location: OHS Tennis Courts

Grade	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
3rd-5th	M-F	6/16-7/18	9:00-10:00am	1	\$100.00
6th-8th	M-F	6/16-7/18	9:00-10:30am	2	\$100.00
9th-12th	M-F	6/16-7/18	10:30-Noon	3	\$100.00
9th-12th Open Play	M-F	6/16-7/18	1:00-2:30pm	4	\$10.00

If you have more than one child enrolling the first one is \$100.00 and each additional is \$75.00.

Ottawa Recreation

2025 Tennis Tournament

Location: OHS Tennis Courts

Ottawa Recreation will host a tournament at the end of the summer season.

Age divisions for Singles-Doubles

10 yrs old and under

11-13 years old

14-17 years old

Family Competitive

Family Non-Competitive

You can register for the tournament at the tennis courts, or at the recreation office by 4pm on Wednesday July 16th.

Trophies awarded

Tournament dates: July 21st- July 25th

Times: TBD

NO COST to enter if in Ottawa City Limits

\$20.00 FEE to enter if you are outside of city limits.

Additional T-shirts can be purchased for \$10.00 per shirt.

CHEER AND VOLLEYBALL

Cheer Camp

Cheerleaders are an invaluable part of every community—leading by example, showing school spirit, and paving the way to success. Show us your spirit... join us for a week of fun learning sideline cheers, jumps, and tumbling. This camp series is a great opportunity to prepare for future fall and winter cheer teams!

Instructor: Janelle Nordtvedt OHS Cheerleading Head Coach

Location: Ottawa High School Kingman & Love Gyms

Grade	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
Entering 1st-8th	M-TH	7/14-7/17	1:00pm-2:00pm	1	\$40.00

Pom Camp

Love to dance? So do cheerleaders! Come learn band chants and upbeat, high-energy dance routines that'll get the crowd on their feet!

Instructor: Janelle Nordtvedt OHS Cheerleading Head Coach

Location: Ottawa High School Kingman & Love Gyms

Grade	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
Entering 1st-8th	M-TH	7/14-7/17	2:00PM-3:00PM	1	\$40.00

Combine both camps: \$65.00

Adult Dance Lessons

No advance registration needed. Free dance classes offered every Tuesday at 602 Catherine Street across from Kiwanis Park. Classes will be gauged to the level of the participants. Bring your bug spray! Call Jane at (815) 434-7258 for more information.

Instructors: Jane and Rod Schomas

Location: 602 Catherine Street, Ottawa

Session	Day	Date	Time	Fee
Beginning Couples Swing	Tuesdays	6/3-8/5	7pm	Free
Intermediate/Advance Couples Swing	Tuesdays	6/3-8/5	8pm	Free

Ottawa High School Volleyball Clinic

Learn the basic and advanced skills for recreational and competitive volleyball with the OHS Staff and players. This camp will cover passing, serving, setting, hitting, blocking, and basic offense, along with a focus on individual and team skills for game play.

Instructor: Kristina Kore OHS Volleyball Coach and staff

Location: Ottawa High School (Kingman and Love Gyms)

Grade	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
5th-6th	M-TH	6/30-7/3	8:30AM-10:30AM	1	\$40.00
7th-8th	M-TH	6/30-7/3	8:30AM-10:30AM	2	\$40.00

Volley Tots

This camp is for kids entering kinder through fourth grade who are interested in experiencing all the fun the sport of volleyball has to offer. Through engaging activities and games, participants will be learning volleyball skills, hand-eye coordination, court movement, footwork and agility and the basic rules of the game. Everything about this camp is sized just right for the players—the court, the net, and the volleyballs. The coaching staff will include local high school and junior high school coaches and players from the local high school varsity volleyball teams.

Limit 35 campers.

Instructor: Marquette Volleyball Coaches and Players

Location: Bader Gym

Grade	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
K-4th	M-TH	7/14-7/16	1:00PM-2:00PM	1	\$40.00

ART, CRAFTS, AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Urban Photo Safari

Let Annette take you on an exciting Urban Photo Safari! You and your fellow campers will head out into the urban wild armed with your cameras and an assignment. But first, you will learn how to use your camera and what some of those settings mean. After our equipment review it'll be off to the wilds of Ottawa streetscapes and alleyways to see what we can discover while viewing the seemingly normal world around us from a different point of view.

Campers will be encouraged to look beyond everyday items to discover interesting textures and light patterns. What happens when we look at something from a new perspective? Day two and three will start with a review of what we have learned so far before heading out on a new adventure. After three days of photographing it will be time to edit our assignment down to our best images and select those that will be printed. This is a chance for everyone to show off their best photographs and for the campers to discuss them and discuss what we have learned throughout the week. The photos will then be displayed at an art show later in the summer.

Each session limited to 12 campers and a minimum of 6 participants per camp. Early registration is strongly suggested. Students must bring their own digital cameras with clean memory cards, charged, and extra batteries. A basic low-cost camera will work just fine.

Instructor: Annette Barr

Location: Annette Barr Photography Studio, 215 W. Main St. Ottawa

Please bring your own water bottle to stay hydrated

Grade	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
4th—6th	M/W/F	6/16,6/18 6/20	10:00-Noon	1	\$45.00
5th—8th	M/W/F	6/23,6/25 6/27	10:00-Noon	2	\$45.00
7th—12th	M/W/F	7/7,7/9,7/11	10:00-Noon	3	\$45.00

Art Show for the campers will be Thursday July 24th from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the studio 215 W. Main St.

Tiny Tots and Summer Park Crafts

The Tiny Tots program includes simple crafts, coloring and many surprises. Projects take approximately 1/2 an hour to construct. Tiny tot parents are especially encouraged to stay with their child to assist in the construction of the project. **13 craft days total!**

These craft projects are moderately difficult and involve the use of markers, glue and scissors. Projects take approximately 1/2 hour to construct. **13 craft days total!**

Location: Morning and Afternoon Parks

Age	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
3-6	T/TH	6/17-7/29	9:45am & 1:45pm	1	\$25.00
7-12	T/TH	6/17-7/29	10:45am & 2:45pm	2	\$25.00

Art Camp

All sessions teach skills of creating various works of art in an assortment of mediums, including watercolor, sketching, and many others. Skills are age appropriate. Due to limited enrollment early registration is strongly recommended. **Enrollment is limited to 15 per session.**

Instructor: Lynn Sovero

Location: Ottawa Recreation Office (Basement of City Hall)

Age	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
5-7	M-F	6/9-6/13	9:00-10:00am	1	\$40.00
8-10	M-F	6/9-6/13	1:00-2:00pm	2	\$40.00
11-13	M-F	6/9-6/13	2:30-3:30pm	3	\$40.00
5-7	M-F	7/14-7/18	9:00-10:00am	4	\$40.00
8-10	M-F	7/14-7/18	1:00-2:00pm	5	\$40.00
11-13	M-F	7/14-7/18	2:30-3:30pm	6	\$40.00

SOCCER AND RUNNING

Chicago Fire Soccer Camp

Learn the basic and advanced skills for recreational and competitive soccer with the Chicago Fire Futbol Club! All camps are led by professional, certified youth coaches. Players will interact with their coach through a small group structure each day as they guide each participant through soccer skills and challenges. Sessions are structured around daily themes that take a closer look at the technical soccer skills and holistic soccer concepts.

- Every participant will receive a camp jersey, a postcard, and a ticket to a Chicago Fire FC home match.
- Coaching staff will be certified, professional youth coaches from Chicago Fire FC.
- Participants will be divided into groups based on age and ability (max coach to player ratio is 1:16)
- All participants are required to bring their own ball, water bottle, and snack.
- Full day participants are required to bring their own lunch.

Location: Peck Park

Age	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
2-5	M-F	7/28-8/1	8am-9am	Little Sparks	\$69.00
6-12	M-F	7/28-8/1	9am-12pm	1/2 Day AM	\$132.00
6-12	M-F	7/28-8/1	1pm-4pm	1/2 Day PM	\$132.00
6-12	M-F	7/28-8/1	9am-4pm	Full Day	\$228.00

Register online at :

<https://cfc.sprocketsports.com/programs/10232>

Or scan the QR code below



Professional Level Instructional Soccer Camp

Gordon Raketic, the director of our upper level camp, played professional soccer for 18 years in Europe with teams in Slovenia, Austria, Spain and France. His distinguished career including several runs in the European Champions League, advancing as far as the semifinal round on three separate occasions. After moving to the US, he has trained and coached youth soccer mainly in Wisconsin and Illinois, achieving success at the State and National levels. A large part of that process is instilling the love for the game, a fact to which countless players under his tutelage will give testimony. The camps include both boys and girls, and they will be divided into age appropriate groups each day. Players should wear proper shoes, shin guards and athletic attire. Campers are encouraged to bring their own water and a soccer ball. Price includes a T-Shirt

Location: Whitney Field Soccer Field (North of IDOT building off of Champlain St.)

Grade	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
Entering 2nd-12th	M-F	6/9-6/13	9:00am-10:30am	1	\$75.00
Entering 2nd-12th	M-F	7/7-7/11	9:00am-10:30am	2	\$75.00

City Rec Running Camp

Learn the basic skills for recreational and competitive running with OES Cross Country Coaching staff and OHS Varsity Runners. Camp will engage in games, drills, and timed runs and will cover a variety of topics, including nutrition, running mechanics, team building, and injury prevention. Running camp is a great way for kids to be active, have fun and learn a sport which will help them establish goals, gain confidence, and help them excel in other sports.

Instructor: Nicole Heaver

Location: Walsh Park

Grade	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
5th-8th	M/T	July 7,8,10,11	8:00AM-9:30AM	1	\$40.00
	TH/F	14,15,17,18			

SAFETY TOWN, SPORTIES FOR SHORTIES, AND BOWLING

What is Safety Town?

Safety Town is a safety education program designed to introduce ALL types of safety conditions to 4 and 5 year old children. During a 20 hour course (two hours per day for two weeks) children learn safety behavior through THEIR OWN involvement. They do this by role-playing to simulated and actual life situations (under the guidance of teachers.) Safety songs, art projects, stories, movies, resource people, and field trips combined with the actual practice, make this program a fun learning experience.

Where is Safety Town Held?

Safety Town will be held at McKinley School for the 2025 summer.

Who may attend?

Four and five year-old children may attend (children must be four by May 1st.)

Acceptance is on a first come first serve basis. Limit to 30 kids per session.

When will Safety Town be held?

Safety Town will be offered in two session:

June 23rd–July 3rd from 9:00am–11:00am

July 7th–July 18th from 9:00am–11:00am

Have questions?

Contact Bejan at bvroumi@gmail.com or cityrec@cityofottawa.org

Age	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
4-5	M-F	6/23-7/3	9:00AM-11:00AM	1	\$40.00
4-5	M-F	7/7-7/18	9:00AM-11:00AM	2	\$40.00

Sporties for Shorties

This all sports program is designed to introduce many different sports and help build fundamentals. The program provides an opportunity for each child to develop motor skills and nurture his/her growth socially and emotionally through teamwork and sportsmanship. Limit 20 per session.

Instructor: Ottawa Rec Staff

Location: Eastside Park

Age	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
3-5	M-F	6/9-6/13	9:00-9:45am	1	\$30.00
3-5	M-F	6/9-6/13	10:00-10:45am	2	\$30.00
3-5	M-F	7/7-7/11	9:00-9:45am	3	\$30.00
3-5	M-F	7/7-7/11	10:00-10:45am	4	\$30.00

Bowling at The Alley

Come join us for a fun time bowling! You'll bowl a strike of fun every time before you have to split. There's no time to spare-space is limited to the first 30 bowlers per session. If you love to bowl, sign up for both sessions. City rec staff will be there to supervise and help cheer you on!

Location: The Alley: 1758 Ottawa Ave

Age	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
6-14	F	6/13-7/25	1:15PM-2:15PM	1	\$40.00
6-14	F	6-13-7/25	2:15PM-3:15PM	2	\$40.00

DISC GOLF AND PINE HILLS GOLF

Pine Hills Golf Lessons

Pine Hills Golf Club and the US Kids Certified Coaches use game based teaching to teach youth of all ages the game of golf while having fun! The itinerary for the clinics is kept fresh and changes year to year. Pine Hills has loaner clubs and they strongly encourage sharing. This camp is for beginners and advanced golfers! Kids do not need their own clubs to sign up.

Instructors: Jeremiah Pike and Dean Foster

Location: Pine Hills Golf Course

You MUST register for this camp through Pine Hills. To register, scan the QR code and reserve your spot, and bring cash payment on day 1.

Age	Day	Date	Time	Fee
5-7	M-W	6/16-6/18	8:00AM-9:00AM	\$30.00
8-10	M-W	6/16-6/18	9:30AM-10:30AM	\$30.00
11 and Up	M-W	6/16-6/18	11:00AM-12:00PM	\$30.00
5-7	M-W	7/28-7/30	8:00AM-9:00AM	\$30.00
8-10	M-W	7/28-7/30	9:30AM-10:30AM	\$30.00
11 and Up	M-W	7/28-7/30	11:00AM-12:00PM	\$30.00

Register through Pine Hills Golf Club with the OR Code

2025 Jr. Golf Clinic Registration Form



Disc Golf

Want to experience one of the fastest growing sports in the world? Come and join us down at Thornton park to learn all about Disc Golf. This camp will focus on the fundamental knowledge and basics surrounding Disc Golf. Providing everyone with a primary understanding of the game and to guide and develop the necessary skill sets required to play the sport. Everything from how to throw, what to throw, and where to throw, all integrated into fun mini-games and practice drills.

Throwing Discs provided or you can bring your own.

Location: Thornton Park

Instructor: Christopher Stone

Age	Day	Date	Time	Session	Fee
8-12	M-F	6/23-6/27	9:00AM-10:00AM	1	\$40.00
13-16	M-F	6/23-6/27	10:00AM-11:30am	2	\$40.00
13-16	M-F	6/23-6/27	5:30PM-7:00PM	3	\$40.00

1. Register online for most programs and all of the special events! Registration link can be found on our website:

www.ottawarecreation.org

2. Bus pick up times from the parks will be online at: ottawarecreation.org

3. Need help with registration or have any questions please give us a call at **(815) 434-7292** or email us at cityrec@cityofottawa.org

2025 OTTAWA RECREATION SPECIAL EVENT DAYS

REGISTER ONLINE OR IN PERSON DAY OF EVENT

JUNE
18TH

Buffalo Rock Picnic

Join us for a fun hike, kickball game, and a picnic for National Picnic Day at **Buffalo Rock!** We will be there from **11:00am—2:00pm**. Please register online and ask your park supervisor for park pick up times. **This is a FREE event!!**

Ottawa Recreation Movie Day

Come join us to watch “How to Train Your Dragon” at Roxy Cinemas! Movie starts at 10:30am! One free small popcorn per person. **\$3.00 per person admission fee.** Pre register online or pay day of. Please ask park supervisor for bus pick up times.

JUNE
25TH

JULY
2ND

Walsh Park Picnic

Come play some games, have some lunch, and win some small prizes at our pre 4th of July park picnic from **11:00am—2:00pm**. We will be serving hot dogs with chips, drink and a cookie for **\$5.00 per person.** Pre register online or pay day of. Please ask park supervisor for bus pick up times.

Magic Show

We are happy to host Rob Thompson the Magician for a fun magic show at Central School at **10:15am!** Doors will open at **10:00am**. Pre register online or ask park supervisor for bus pick up times. **This is a FREE event!!**

JULY
9TH

JULY
16TH

Tie Dye in Your Park!

Join your supervisor at the parks for a fun day of creating one of a kind pieces of art with Tie Dye! Grab a t-shirt or something to Tie Dye and meet us at our usual parks from **11:00am—2:00pm!** Staff will have the dye along with some yummy treats to beat the heat! (Staff will have other limited options to tie dye as well)

Bowling at The Alley

Time for some bowling! Come join Ottawa Recreation for a good time bowling at the Alley from **1:00PM—3:30PM**. Please bring your own socks! Snack and drinks will be available for purchase at your own cost. **\$5.00 per person**

JULY
23RD

JULY
30TH

Ottawa Recreation Carnival

Come one, come all! We are hosting our annual carnival at Rigden Park, from **11:00AM—2:00PM!** Come for games, treats, and a chance to spin the giant wheel for extra prizes. **25¢ per ticket or all access wristbands for \$5.00**