

Family Fun Guide



Fall & Winter 2016 - 2017



**Charleston Parks &
Recreation Department
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MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE CHARLESTON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

"It shall be the mission of the Charleston Parks and Recreation Board to provide opportunities for wholesome recreational activities that relate to the needs and desires of all citizens, to conserve our natural resources, and to be the guardian of quality environment for our citizens and encourage the creation, restoration, and preservation of aesthetic values in our community.

Consistent with this purpose and objective, every opportunity shall be afforded through taxation, fees and charges, and other revenue sources, within financial limits, plan procure, develop and maintain park and recreational resources and to provide leadership for the wise and satisfactory use of leisure time.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board shall endeavor to provide such services at the least possible cost and without duplicating the efforts of other agencies in Charleston."

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

*The Charleston Parks & Recreation Department is grateful to the Charleston School District #1 for their cooperation and support. In addition to their generous allocation of facilities, the School District has assisted in public relations by allowing distribution of the Parks & Recreation Department's brochures and flyers.

*Thank you to the City of Charleston, Charleston Township, Township Park District, and Eastern Illinois University for another successful year of interagency cooperation. Through these efforts, we can continue to provide the Charleston community with quality leisure programs and facilities.

Gymnastics

Baby & Me Tumbling

Ages 18 - 35 months (with an adult)

Parents, join your toddler in a fun and exciting class where they will learn body awareness. Toddlers (with the help of a parent) will explore movement, balance, coordination, and basic tumbling skills.

Saturdays / 6 weeks

2:00 - 2:45 PM

\$38/child

Session 1: Oct 1 - Nov 5

Session 2: Jan 21 - Feb 25

City Hall Basement - 520 Jackson Ave



Min. 4, Max 8

Tumbling Tikes

Age 3 & 4

Children will be taught basic movement and tumbling through activities that will increase balance and coordination. Games will help teach tumbling skills.

Wednesdays / 6 weeks

6:00 - 6:45 PM

\$38/child

Session 1: Aug 17 - Sept 21

Session 2: Oct 26 - Dec 7

(No class Nov 23)

Session 3: Jan 18 - Feb 22

City Hall Basement - 520 Jackson Ave

Min 4, Max 8



Parent Policy . . .

To help encourage new friendships and to insure good oral communication between the instructor and your child, we ask that parents not remain in the class with their child unless so stated in the class description. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Thank You!

ART/School



Messy Hands

Ages 2 - 4 (with an adult)

Is your child always making a mess at home? Let them make a mess with us and we'll do all the cleaning! Through messy art and activities, tots will develop fine motor skills and gain tactile experience. Dress for a mess!

Tuesdays / 4 weeks

Session 1: Sept 6 - Sept 27

9:30 - 10:15 AM

Session 2: Oct 4 - Oct 25

5:30 - 6:15 PM

\$30/child

Rec. Board Room, 2nd Floor City Hall, 520 Jackson Ave

Min 4, Max 6



Read & Eat

Ages 3 - 5 years

Make reading even more fun for your child! Each week will focus on a different children's tale. After we read a story aloud, we'll prepare a small snack related to the week's book!

Mondays / 4 weeks

9:00 - 9:45 AM

\$24/child

Session 1: Sept 12 - Oct 3

Session 2: Jan 9 - Jan 30

Rec. Board Room, 2nd Floor City Hall, 520 Jackson Ave

Min 4, Max 8

Me Two Playschool

Ages 2 - 4 years



This playgroup is a great introduction to the Recreation Department and our early childhood programs. The class will focus on socialization and independence through songs, simple crafts, and group activities. If your little one has never been in a structured setting without a parent or is still hesitant about being on their own, this program is for them.

Mondays / 4 weeks

Session 1: Sept 12 - Oct 3

9:00 - 9:45 AM

\$30/child

Session 2: Jan 9 - Jan 30

5:00 - 5:45 PM

Rec. Board Room, 2nd Floor City Hall, 520 Jackson Ave

Min 4, Max 8

Preschool



Animals

Animal Kingdom

Ages 4 - 6 years

Through stories, crafts, and games, children will learn about the animal kingdom! Each week we'll learn about new animals and have tons of fun!



Mondays / 4 weeks
Sept 19 - Oct 10

6:00 - 6:45 PM

\$26/child

Rec. Board Room, 520 Jackson Ave, 2nd Floor

Min 4, Max 8

Beneath the Blue

Ages 3 - 6 years

Dive in and explore the deep blue sea! Through stories and hands-on activities, we'll learn about the many exciting creatures found in the ocean.



Thursdays/ 4 weeks
Sept 1 - Sept 22

6:00 - 6:45 PM

\$26/child

Rec. Board Room, 520 Jackson Ave, 2nd Floor

Min 4, Max 8



SOCCER

Pre-Academy Soccer

Ages 3 - 6 years

Join coaches and players from the EIU men and women's soccer teams as they guide your child through the basics of body movement and ball control in a fun and inclusive environment! Participants are divided into teams and work on basic skill development followed by small-sided games.

Parents are strongly encouraged to get involved each session!

Mondays / 4 weeks
Fall: Sept 12 - Oct 3
Spring: Mar 27 - Apr 24

5:30 - 6:30 PM

\$40/child

\$10 Late Fee
after 8/29 & 3/13

Sister City Park, 2515 18th St

Min 20, Max 75



PARTY TIME

Dance Jam

Ages 3 - 6



Join us for a fun way to develop hand-eye coordination and freedom of movement. Tots will learn creative rhythmic movement, dance steps, and routines. A performance will be held during the last class.

Saturdays / 6 weeks

10:00 - 10:45 PM

\$38/child

Session 1: Oct 1 - Nov 5

Session 2: Jan 21 - Feb 25

City Hall Basement, 520 Jackson Ave

Min 4, Max 8

Superhero Party

Ages 3 - 6 years

Celebrate your favorite superhero with games, activities, and crafts! We'll make masks, practice our superpowers, have a snack and more! Wear your superhero costume if you have one!



Friday, Oct 7

4:00 - 5:30 PM

\$15/child

City Hall Basement, 520 Jackson Ave

Min 5, Max 20

Princess Party

Ages 3 - 6 years

Does your little princess want a little pampering? We'll paint nails, do our makeup, have a snack, and make crafts! Wear your prettiest princess dress and please bring flip-flops.



Friday, Oct 14

4:00 - 5:30 PM

\$15/child

City Hall Basement, 520 Jackson Ave

Min 5, Max 20

Glamour Girl

Ages 4 - 6 years

Have a night full of pampering and fun. We'll relax with facials, manicures, and mini-makeovers. Wear your hippest outfit and bring your friends!



Friday, Mar 3

3:30 - 4:15 PM

\$15/child

City Hall Basement, 520 Jackson Ave

Min 4, Max 14

TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF & OTHERS

Glamour Girl

Ages 7 - 14 years



Have a night full of pampering and fun. We'll relax with facials, manicures, and mini-makeovers. Wear your hippest outfit and bring your friends!

Friday, Mar 3

Ages 7-10 years

4:30 - 5:30 PM

\$15/person

Ages 11-14 years

5:45 - 6:45 PM

City Hall Basement, 520 Jackson Ave

Min 4, Max 14



No-Bake Cooking

Ages 7 - 12 years

Give your buds (or just your taste buds) a special treat! Each week we'll make a different dessert without the use of an oven and take a portion of it home with the recipe! Dairy and peanut products will be used.

Thursdays / 4 weeks

Oct 6 - Oct 27

6:00 - 7:00 PM

\$48/child

City Hall Basement, 520 Jackson Ave

Min 5, Max 10

Red Cross Babysitter's Training

Ages 11 - 14 years

Youth will learn about correct actions in emergency situations, discipline techniques, games, and snacks. Please bring a lunch and a snack.

Saturday, Mar 4

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

\$70/person

City Hall Basement, 520 Jackson Ave

Min 6, Max 12



JUST FOR FUN



Mad Science - New curriculum!

Ages 7 - 12 years

Become a Mad Scientist as you learn about the exciting world of science and do fun experiments! Each week focuses on a different branch of science.

Wednesdays / 4 weeks
Oct 12 - Nov 2

6:00 - 7:00 PM

\$45/child

City Hall , Rec. Board Room
520 Jackson Ave, 2nd Floor

Min 4, Max 10



Broadway for Beginners

Ages 8 - 12 years

Calling all future actors and actresses! Does your child love to pretend to be their favorite superhero or princess? With this fun and interactive class we will bring popular children's stories and characters to life playing theater games, arts and crafts and short skits and scenes.

Thursdays / 6 weeks
Apr 6 - May 11

6:15 - 7:15 PM

\$38/child

City Hall Basement, 520 Jackson Ave

Min 4, Max 8

American Girl Party

Ages 4 - 10 years

Grab your favorite American Girl and join us for an afternoon of fun! We'll share stories, create a craft, have a snack, and even watch an American Girl Movie about Samantha!

Saturdays Noon - 2:30 PM
Session 1: Nov 12
Session 2: Feb 4

City Hall Basement, 520 Jackson Ave



\$15/child

Min 5, Max 20

Youth Activities



Child CARE Options

Afterschool Club

Ages K - 6th Grades

Check out this great club for students in kindergarten through 6th grade! Our qualified staff will offer a variety of activities including: snacks, movies, free time, crafts, and homework time! All paper work must be on file at Parks and Rec Dept prior to child attending ASC.

Monday - Friday, August - May

Meets from dismissal - 5:30 PM

Carl Sandburg & Jefferson

Min 10 / Max 40 per location

(Mark Twain & Ashmore students will be bused to Carl Sandburg)

Full Time \$200/month*

Part-Time \$13/day*

Drop-In \$16/day**

*Payments due 1st of each month

**\$80 Deposit



Day Camp

Ages entering 1st - 6th Grades

Looking for something FUN and exciting to do this summer? Join our popular Day Camp! Each week has a different theme, field trips, activities, and games! Campers will enjoy two afternoons a week at the Rotary Community Aquatic Center. All you need is sun screen, tennis shoes, lunch and snacks, and we will take care of the rest!

Monday - Friday, May - August

Day Camp 7:30 - 3:30 PM

Post Camp 3:30 - 5:30 PM

\$100/Week

\$25/Week

Scheduled Part-time 1-4 days
\$30/day - Includes Post Camp

Morton Park, West Pavilion on Division

Min 10, Max 50



Youth Activities

MARTIAL ARTS

TaeKwon-Do

All Ages - 5 and up

This class is for beginning or advanced adults and children. You will learn basic techniques in blocking, kicking & self defense and progress to sparring, board breaking & advanced kicks.



Wednesdays & Fridays / 14 weeks

\$110/person or \$300/family of 3+

Sept 9 - Dec 16
(No class Oct 21, Nov 23 & 25)
Jan 11 - Apr 21
(No class Mar 15, 17, 24)

6:00 - 7:30 PM

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Carl Sandburg, 1924 Reynolds Dr
Cafeteria & Gym

Min 10, Max 50

WRESTLING

Wrestling Clinic

Youth - Ages 1st - 8th Grades

Join Wrestling Club coach Eric Davis for this 2-day clinic to see if wrestling is for you! This is also a good way to get back into shape for the Club season! (No T-shirt)



Tuesday & Thursday / 2 days

Min 20, Max 50

Nov 1 & 3

5:30 - 7:00 PM

CHS Wrestling Rm, 1615 Lincoln Ave

Wrestling Club

Youth - Ages 1st - 8th Grade



This is a competitive program that sends kids to meets all over Illinois! This is for beginners as well as veterans. Boys and girls are welcome! Fee does not include Competitors Cards. See coaches for Competitor Card information.

Tuesdays & Thursdays / 16 weeks

\$50 (Includes T-shirt if signed up by Dec 1)

Starts Nov 8 - Feb 23

5:30 - 7:00 PM

CHS Wrestling Rm, 1615 Lincoln Ave

Min 25, Max 50



Little Shots

Ages 1st - 4th grades



Join CHS Coach, Blain Mahall, his coaching staff and the Trojan basketball team for this popular program. This instructional basketball program for girls and boys will stress skill development, coordination, and sportsmanship. Individualized instruction and team play will be included. Includes a T-shirt.

Saturdays / 3 weeks
Nov 5 - Nov 19

9:00 - 10:30 AM

\$35/child

CHS West Gym, 1615 Lincoln Ave

Min 20, Max 50

BASKETBALL



3 Point Shoot-out

Ages 4th grade and older

You'll have one minute to make as many shots as you can behind the three-point line. Trophies will be awarded in male and female age divisions. Registration on site. Fee includes open gym.

Sunday, Feb 12 Noon \$3/person

CHS West Gym, 1615 Lincoln Ave

Youth Open Gym

Ages 1st - 12th grade

Bring your own basketball and shoot some hoops with your friends. Come for a game of "HORSE" and often "Pick-up" games will break out!

Sundays / 24 sessions

Starting Oct 23 - Apr 2
(Closed Dec 25, Jan 1, & Mar 12)

Noon - 2:00 PM

\$3/person/session

CHS West Gym, 1615 Lincoln Ave



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Punt, Pass & Kick

Ages 6 - 15 years



Young football fans will have the opportunity to exhibit their football skills with scores based on distance and accuracy. The NFL sponsors this national event and local winners advance to a sectional competition. Winners go to the state finals held at a Chicago Bears game! Age classification is as of Dec 31 of the current year.

IMPORTANT NOTES: Boys and girls compete separately. No cleats allowed; tennis shoes only! Bring a copy of child's birth certificate.

Sunday, Sept 18

Register at 1:00 PM

JFL Fields, 320 N E St.



Youth Gymnastics

Ages 5 - 12 years

Learn basic gymnastic skills and develop better coordination, flexibility, and balance on floor, vault, and beam. This class will cover entry level gymnastic skills.

Mondays & Wednesdays / 4 weeks

Session 1: Sept 26 - Oct 26

Session 2: Feb 6 - Mar 1

7:00 - 8:00 PM

\$50/child

City Hall Basement, 520 Jackson Ave

Min 4, Max 10



Fusion Dance Classes

Ages 7 years and up

Learn basic movements and develop better coordination, flexibility, and balance while experiencing dance in various forms.

Wednesdays / 8 weeks

Session 1: Sept 21 - Nov 9

Session 2: Jan 18 - Mar 8

\$60/child

Ages 11 - 14

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Ages 7 - 10

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Ages 15 & up

7:30 - 8:30 PM

Dancelife Center, 501 7th St



Min 4, Max 10



Selfless Volleyball Academy

Youth - Ages 4th - 12th Grade



This is a competitive girls' traveling team. Girls in 4th–12th grades are invited to tryout for teams. Informational flyers will be distributed and/or displayed at schools.

Season Dates	4th–8th Grades	Tryouts in November
		Season runs through Apr
	9th–12th Grades	Tryouts in November
		Dec 1st through Apr

For more information, contact Justin Tomaska, Club Director at jtomaska@att.net or 708-278-1287

Flag Football

Youth - 1st - 4th Grade



**Registration
Deadline
Fri, Aug 28**

Flag football is a limited contact sport that stresses basic offensive and defensive skills, and teamwork in game situations. This is open to all 1st - 4th grade boys and girls. All practices will be scheduled by volunteer coaches.

Note: Pre Registration is required to participate!!

Weeknights & Saturday Mornings / 7 weeks	\$50/child (Inc. shirt)
Games Start: Sept 17 - Oct 29	\$10 late fee after 8/28

Games at Lanman Field - 10 Vine Ave.	Min 40, Max 80
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Volunteer coaches needed for Flag Football, Baseball & Softball
Contact the Rec Dept or complete and return the form on pg. 34

2017 Boys' Baseball & Girls' Softball

Youth - Ages 4 - 15

Registration starts February
Online at www.charlestonillinois.org or at the Rec Office,

All players in leagues above Girls' Minor and Boys' Rookie must attend skills assessment.

Leagues available for Summer 2017:

Girls': **T-Ball **Minor **Pony **Junior
Boys': **T-Ball **Rookie ** Minor **Major **Junior

www.charlestonbaseball.org

**\$10 Late Fee
after deadlines**



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1st - 4th Grade Basketball

Youth - 1st - 4th Grade



It's a recreational league -- with teams, officials and volunteer coaches. No official score or standings are kept. Leagues will be separated by gender if numbers allow. Coaches will contact you with practice information!

Games: Saturdays / 6 weeks

Jan 21 - Feb 25 Between 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
CHS West Gym for all grades

\$50/child (Inc. Shirt)

\$10 late fee after 12/30

Practices: Start week of Jan 9 (arranged by coach)
CHS West Gym and/or Carl Sandburg

**Registration
Deadline
Fri, Dec 30**

Volunteer coaches needed for basketball and soccer!
Call 345-6897 if interested.

Academy Soccer

Youth - 1st - 6th Grade



**Registration
Deadline
Fri, Aug 19**

Since 1977 the Charleston Soccer League has offered league play for boys and girls of all ages! Come be a part of this fun program offered to any child in 1st – 6th grades. Teams are parent-coached; games on Sundays after 1 PM.

Games: Sundays / 6 weeks

Sept 11 - Oct 30 Scheduled times
Carl Sandburg, Middle School & Sister City

\$50/child

\$10 late fee after 8/19

Practice: 2 weeknights scheduled by coach; start week of Aug 28.



Eastern Illinois FC

These are competitive traveling teams.

Spring Season Tryouts

High School Boys - Late October or early November
Exact date and location will be posted on our website

All other ages (boys or girls) are to form teams.
If interested in coaching or organizing, contact
doc@eifcsoccer.com.

For more information about EIFC Club,
visit our website at www.eifcsoccer.com

SENIOR OUTINGS

Flesor's Candy Kitchen, Tuscola

Ages 50 & up



We will hit the town of Tuscola and have a nice lunch. A variety of lunch options and don't forget to save room for dessert as they are an Illinois landmark candy store. Transportation provided in the cost, lunch is on your own.

Tuesday, Aug 30

10:30 - 1:30 PM

\$12/person

Library Parking Lot, 712 6th St

Min 8, Max 10

Outlet Shopping in Tuscola

Ages 50 & up



Spring is right around the corner. It's time to hit the town of Tuscola and shop the outlet mall while the stores will have their spring sales. Gather your friends and enjoy a fun filled day of shopping, lunch, and laughs. Fee includes transportation only.

Thursday, Sept 15

11:00 - 3:00 PM

\$12/person

Library Parking Lot, 712 6th St

Min 8, Max 10

Scenic Pontoon Tour

Ages 50 & up

Deadlines
Are 2 weeks
before

Travel with us to Mill Creek Park for a relaxing afternoon. We'll hop on the pontoon for a tour of the lake and watch the eagles! Lunch will follow in the Lion's Shelter. Transportation, tour fee, and lunch are all included.

Wednesday, Oct 5

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

\$15/person

Library Parking Lot, 712 6th St

Min 8, Max 10

Olive Garden, Champaign

Ages 50 & up

LUNCH
BUNCH

Have you been craving Italian food? Now is the time to satisfy your cravings! We will hit the town of Champaign and have a nice Italian lunch from Olive Garden. Gather your friends and enjoy a nice afternoon out. Transportation provided in the cost, lunch is on your own.

Wednesday, Nov 2

10:30 - 1:30 PM

\$12/person

Library Parking Lot, 712 6th St

Min 8, Max 10

Special Interest



Outdoor Education

Hunter Education

Ages 10 years & up



As of March 1, 2014, any person over the age of 16 will not be issued a hunting license unless they take this course. Children under the age of 16 may still hunt under the supervision of a licensed adult. In order to hunt solo, persons under 16 must take and pass this course to obtain a hunting license and also have a valid FOID card. Course topics include first aid, field safety, hunter responsibility, wildlife conservation & identification, basic archery & muzzle loading, wildlife management, firearms & ammunition, and state regulations. **NOTE: Participants must attend all three days to pass the class. No personal guns allowed!**

Session 1:

Thursday & Friday, Sept 15 & 16	6:00 - 9:00 PM
Saturday, Sept 17	8:00 - 4:00 PM

Session 2:

Thursday & Friday, Feb 16 - 17	6:00 - 9:00 PM
Saturday, Feb 18	8:00 - 4:00 PM

Charleston Gun Club, 5244 NCR 1400 E, Charleston

Min 10, Max 40



Trapper Education

Ages 8 years & up



This course consists of a minimum 8 hours of instruction required to be issued a trapper license for persons under the age of 18. Topics covered include basic equipment, trapping techniques, trap and pelt preparation, wildlife and furbearing management, reporting requirements, trapper ethics, game identification, state regulations and handling methods, and life histories of Illinois Furbearers. **Note: Bring your own lunch.**

Saturday, Mar 4	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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Charleston Gun Club, 5244 NCR 1400 E, Charleston

Min 8, Max 30



Boating Safety

Ages 12 years & up



IDNR Instructor and Coast Guard Auxiliary assistants will cover boating rules, boating courtesy, and water safety. The state of IL requires that people age 12-17 have a "Boating Safety Certificate" in order to operate a motor-driven boat. Adults are encouraged to attend! You must complete all classes to pass.

Tuesday & Thursday, Mar 28 & 30	6:00 - 8:30 PM
Saturday, Apr 1	8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

City Hall Basement, 520 Jackson Ave

Min 8, Max 30



Robotics Club

Ages 9 - 14 years

The Charleston Rec Dept, EIU, & CUSD are teaming up to offer a unique LEGO® opportunity. Join other LEGO® fanatics in creating super robots. Use this class to enhance your programming and building skills to compete in the spring with 4H teams from around Illinois! This is not a casual group, you must commit to attend weekly and help your team complete their challenge.

Mondays / 14 Weeks
Jan 23 - Apr 24

3:30 - 5:00 PM

\$55/child



Jefferson School, Mrs Cline's room

Min 6, Max 10



Awards & Apparel



STOP IN & SEE US AT 807 18TH STREET
217-345-7525 • 217-345-1200

Concerts (& Plays) In The Park

All Ages Welcome



FREE concerts and plays will be at Kiwanis Park, Daum Amphitheater. Donations are accepted.



Tues, Jul	19	Summer Strings	7 PM
Thurs, Jul	28	Shakespeare in the Park	6 PM
Fri, Jul	29	Shakespeare in the Park	6 PM
Sat, Jul	30	Shakespeare in the Park	6 PM
Tues, TBD		Tequila Mockingbyrds	7 PM
Tues, Aug	16	David Gerald, Blues	7 PM
Tues, Sept	13	Orizaba Band	7 PM

Other concerts may be added. If you are interested in performing as one of our featured artists/groups, contact Diane at 348-0430!

Concerts sponsored by:



Special Interest



CHARLESTON CHALLENGE

40 Mile Relay

Saturday, November 5, 2016



Superman (Individual) \$65.00
Dynamic Duo (2 Person) \$115.00
Teams (3-4 Person) \$165.00

Divisions include Superman, Dynamic Duo & Teams



All races start at Carl Sandburg Elementary School
1924 Reynolds Dr, Charleston

Register online at www.Active.com
For more information, visit our web site at
www.charlestonchallengeduathlon.com
or call the Rec Dept at 217-345-6897

CHARLESTON CHALLENGE

Mid-WINTER Classic

Saturday, February 4, 2017
All ages welcome

Looking for a 5K, 10K or 15K race to run in the winter? You're in luck!
We have just the race for you! Hit the pavement and have fun, too!
Food will be served at the awards ceremony. Indoor restrooms and
stretching area are provided.

Staggered Start; 15K 10:00 AM; 10K 10:15 AM; 5K 10:30 AM

\$20.00 on or before Jan 27; Add \$10 shirt or \$5 cap/gloves
\$30.00 after Jan 27 shirt/cap/gloves not guaranteed



LAKE CHARLESTON TRAILS

Special Interest



Visit Lake Charleston for:

- Hiking
- Biking
- Walking
- Running
- Bird Watching
- Fishing
- Canoeing

The trails connect Lakeview Park, Woodyard Park and Lake Charleston for a relaxing walk, run or ride! Bring the whole family or take a quiet walk with your best friend!



LAKE VIEW TRAILS

Visit the Lake View Trails Charleston Illinois Facebook Page to get up-to-date info on the current trail maps and volunteer opportunities to help make these trails great for everyone! Information about.....

**How to Keep Trails in Good Shape,
Trail Cleanup Days, Volunteer Work Days
& much more!**

TRAIL LOCATION AND LENGTHS

Red Trail	Around Lake Charleston	3.6 Miles
Green Trail	Woodyard Park	1.1 Miles
Orange Trail	Woodyard park	1.4 Miles
Blue Trail	Lakeview Park	1.5 Miles

Check www.charlestonillinois.org for updated maps



FALL LEAGUES

Men's Church League Basketball

Adults - Ages 16 or older



Get together with a few guys from your congregation for organized hoops! It's a self-officiated league that promises competition and fellowship!

Mondays & Thursdays
Oct 13 - Mid-Dec

7:00 - 9:00 PM (times vary)

\$130/team

Jefferson Gym - 106 9th St

Team Min 8, Max 16

Co-Rec Competitive Softball League

Adults - Ages 16 and older

Join us for some fall fun on the ball diamonds. Leagues include a 10-game regular season schedule and a single elimination tournament.

Games on Sundays
Sept - Nov

Schedules available at captains meeting

\$550/team

Baker Field - 207 Walnut Ave

Team Min 6, Max 12



WINTER LEAGUES

Church League Co-Rec Volleyball

Adult - Ages 15 and up

Get your church members together for fun, exercise, and fellowship! It's a great chance to have an organized activity with the men and women in your congregation. Unlimited Roster; No player fees!

Mondays & Thursdays / 16 weeks
Jan - Apr

7:00 - 10:00 PM

\$130/team

Jefferson Gym - 106 9th St



Team Min 8, Max 12



Teen/Adult Open Gym

Adults - Ages 15 and older



Bring your own basketball, and shoot some hoops with your pals. Great "drop-in" games are sure to pop up. Dates are subject to change; no open-gym during Christmas Break or Spring Break.

Tuesday Evenings
Oct - Apr

8:00 - 10:00 PM

\$3/person

Jefferson Gym - 106 9th St

Watch newspaper or Facebook for exact dates

3 Point Shoot-out

Anyone - Ages 4th Grade and older



You'll have one minute to make as many shots as you can behind the three-point line. Trophies will be awarded in male and female age divisions. *Registration on site. Fee includes open gym.

Sunday, Feb 12

Noon - 1:00 PM

\$3/person

CHS West Gym - 1615 Lincoln Ave



*The Charleston Parks & Recreation Department is grateful to the Charleston School District #1 for their cooperation and support. In addition to their generous allocation of facilities, the School District has assisted in public relations by allowing distribution of the Parks & Recreation Department's brochures and flyers.

*Thank you to the City of Charleston, Charleston Township, Township Park District, and Eastern Illinois University for another successful year of interagency cooperation. Through these efforts, we can continue to provide the Charleston community with quality leisure programs and facilities.

*Thank you to all the local business and organizations that help support our programs as well.

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Charleston, IL 61920
345-8665

Visit our Paint Center -
for all of your painting needs.



Adult Athletics



OCTOBER



Great Pumpkin Patch

Ages - K - 6th grade

Need a place for your child when there is no school? We'll head over to Arthur and explore the Great Pumpkin Patch! There's lots to see and do, including farm animals, the pumpkin tree, corn mazes, and Noah's Ark! Bring a sack lunch to enjoy outdoors. Fee includes transportation, admission, one maze, and a small pumpkin.

Friday, Oct 21

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

\$25/child

Pick up/drop off Charleston Public Library
Parking Lot, 5th & Van Buren Ave

Min 6, Max 12

DECEMBER



Summer Snowman Contest

Do you want to build a snowman? How about a summer snowman? Build a snowman ready for summer for your chance to win a Rotary Pool Punch Card! Snowman can be built anywhere in Coles County.

Submit picture to recsup@co.coles.il.us by Mar 20th



Prizes Include

- 1st Place - 1 Pool Punch Card
- 2nd Place - \$15 off a pool pass
- 3rd Place - \$5 off any program



CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART OF CHARLESTON

SATURDAY, DEC 3RD *4:45 PM TO 6:30 PM

PARADE STARTS AT 4:45 PM

JOIN US FOR CARRIAGE RIDES, REFRESHMENTS, MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT,
COSTUME CHARACTERS, ROASTED CHESTNUTS, DANCELIFE PERFORMANCE,
AND MUCH MORE!

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT SANTA!



Winter Crafts

Ages 4 - 12 years

We'll get in the holiday spirit with some fabulous winter crafts! Projects will make great decorations or homemade gifts for the family!



Monday / 1 class

Dec 5	Ages 4 - 6	5:30 - 6:15 PM	\$10/child
Dec 5	Ages 7 - 9	6:30 - 7:30 PM	\$12/child
Dec 12	Ages 10 - 12	6:00 - 7:30 PM	\$15/child

City Hall Basement, 520 Jackson Ave

Min 4, Max 10

Spirit of the Holidays Decorating Contest



Do you enjoy decorating for the holidays? Enter this contest for a chance to win a prize for the best decorated house in your neighborhood.



Judging will be Wed, Dec 7 from 6:00-9:00 PM
Registration Deadline Fri, Dec 2 by 5:00 PM
Online registration available



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Business Cards, Flyers,
Booklets, Carbonless
and Much More!

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507 Jackson Avenue
Charleston, IL 61920
Phone/Fax: (217) 345-6878
Email: paapprinting@consolidated

Hot Line to Santa

Ages 2 - 10 years



Jolly St. Nick makes phone calls! Drop off or mail your letter to Santa, c/o Charleston Parks and Rec., and he will call your child! Letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec 2nd. Please include child's name, address, phone number, birth date, school grade, pet's name, and a couple of toys requested. List each child separately. A special form letter is available at the Rec. Dept. Local calls only please. Online registration now available.

**Calls made between 6 - 7:30 PM on
Thursday, Dec 8**



Holiday Activities



FEBRUARY

Daddy/Daughter Dance

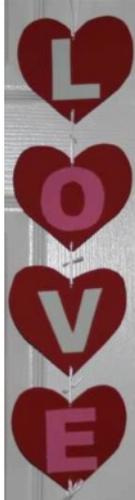
Ages 4 years and up with an adult

Walk up Fee
\$30/\$10

Dads and daughters ~ get ready for fun at the annual dance. We'll provide a DJ, photo op, snacks and punch. Sign up early! Registration deadline-Thursdays, Feb 9th at 5 PM

Saturday, Feb 11 7:00 - 8:30 PM
CHS Cafeteria, 27 Smith Dr.
(North Circle Drive entrance)

\$22/couple; \$9/add'l child
Min 20, Max 150 couples



Valentine's Day Crafts

Ages 4 - 15 years

We'll get in the Valentine's Day spirit with some fabulous Valentine's Day crafts! Make items for decorations or homemade gifts for the family.



Thursday / 1 class

Feb 9	Ages 4 - 6	5:30 - 6:15 PM	\$10/child
Feb 9	Ages 7 - 9	6:30 - 7:30 PM	\$12/child
Feb 2	Ages 10 - 12	5:30 - 6:30 PM	\$15/each
Feb 2	Ages 13 - 15	6:45 - 7:30 PM	\$15/each

City Hall Basement, 520 Jackson Ave

Min 4, Max 10

April

Kids' Easter Egg Scramble

Ages 1 - 10 years

Adult Night Light Egg Hunt

Ages 18 and up

Hop over to Morton Park and join in for an Eggstra Special Egg Hunt. Please register on-site 10 minutes prior to your start time.

Are you tired of seeing the kids have all the fun? Well, here is your chance to hunt for Easter Eggs, too! Bring your own flashlight and basket for the opportunity to hunt for Easter eggs filled with candy and gift certificates.

Saturday, Apr 8

1-2 yr. Olds	9:10 AM
3-4 yr. Olds	9:20 AM
5-6 yr. Olds	9:30 AM
7-8 yr. Olds	9:40 AM
9-10 yr. Olds	9:50 AM



Friday, Apr 7

\$6/person
Register by 8:00 PM
Start time 8:05 PM



Morton Park East Pavilion, 2nd St

Morton Park West Pavilion, Division St



Puppy Kindergarten

Owner Ages: 16 years and up; Dogs 12 weeks - 6 mo.

This is a course covering house training, care, safety, basic puppy obedience and socialization to people and puppies.

Please do NOT bring dog to first class.



Mondays / 6 weeks

Session 1: Sept 12 - Oct 17

Session 2: Jan 9 - Feb 13

\$55/dog

Small Dogs: 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Large Dogs: 7:15 - 8:15 PM



Advanced Puppy

Owner Ages: 16 years and up; Dogs 6 mo. & up

This class continues to build on skills instilled in Puppy Kindergarten.

Please bring dog to first class.

Wednesdays / 6 weeks

Session 1: Sept 14 - Oct 19

Session 2: Mar TBD

Prereq: Puppy Kindergarten

6:00 - 7:00 PM

\$65/dog

September classes will be held at the Dog Training Facility, 17th St.
March class location TBD. For information call Ellen at 345-3576.

Dog Obedience

Owner Ages: 16 years and up; Dogs 6 mo. & up

This class will cover basic positive reinforcement methods and motivational training. **Please do NOT bring dog to first class.**

Tuesdays / 6 weeks

Session 1: Sept 13 - Oct 18

Session 2: Jan 10 - Feb 14

\$65/dog

Small Dogs 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Large Dogs 7:15 - 8:15 PM



Canine Good Citizen/Therapy

Owner Ages: 16 years and up; Dogs 6 mo. & up

Help your dog learn to ignore distractions and behave well in public. This class will also prepare your dog for the AKC Canine Good Citizen award and possibly for therapy dog work, such as visiting nursing homes, schools and hospitals.

Please bring dog to first class.

Wednesdays / 6 weeks Prereq: Dog Obedience

Session 1: Sept 14 - Oct 19

Session 2: Mar TBD

\$65/dog

7:15 - 8:15 PM

Based on dogs age and/or size, you may be asked to switch times.

Please bring a copy of all vaccinations to the first class.

Kennel Cough immunization is required.

Please wear jeans and tennis shoes.



Affiliate Info

Affiliate organizations help provide quality leisure opportunities for the community. These groups or programs are affiliated with the Charleston Parks & Rec Dept. These groups have their own board of volunteers working with and by the guidance of the Parks & Rec Dept. We appreciate their assistance and dedication to recreation.

Charleston Area Dog Activity Club

Ellen Johnson, Contact Person charlestonareadogclub.com
Kaylie Pruett, Recreation Supervisor 217-345-6897
 Recsup@co.coles.il.us

Charleston Baseball Association (CBA)

Mike Bell, President charlestonbaseball.org
Dirk Bennett, Athletic Supervisor 217-345-6897
 Athleticsup@co.coles.il.us

Charleston Soccer League/Eastern Illinois FC

Teresa Larouere, President eifcsoccer.com
Dirk Bennett, Athletic Supervisor 217-345-6897
 Athleticsup@co.coles.il.us

Charleston Girls' Softball Association (CGSA)

Shane Beever, President
Dirk Bennett, Athletic Supervisor 217-345-6897
 Athleticsup@co.coles.il.us

Charleston Swim Club

Dwight Pentzien, President charlestonswimclub.weebly.com
Brian Jones, Director of Recreation 217-345-6897
 Recdirector@co.coles.il.us

Selfess Volleyball Academy

Justin Tomaska, Contact person jtomaska@att.net
Dirk Bennett, Athletic Supervisor 217-345-6897
 Athleticsup@co.coles.il.us



Charleston Wind Runners Club

John McInerney, Contact person
Brian Jones, Director of Recreation 217-345-6897
Recdirector@co.coles.il.us

Charleston Wrestling Club

Eric Davis, Head Coach
Dirk Bennett, Athletic Supervisor 217-345-6897
Athleticsup@co.coles.il.us

Christmas in the Heart of Charleston

Diane Ratliff, Contact person 217-345-6897
Tourism@co.coles.il.us

Community Band

Ginger Stanfield, Director
Diane Ratliff, Contact person 217-345-6897
Tourism@co.coles.il.us

Junior Football League (JFL)

Jeff Vanatta, President charlestonjfl.com
Dirk Bennett, Athletic Supervisor 217-345-6897
Athleticsup@co.coles.il.us

Red, White & Blue Days

Betty Coffrin, Committee Chair charlestonredwhiteandblue.org
Diane Ratliff, Contact person Charlestonrwb@gmail.com
Tourism@co.coles.il.us 217-345-6897

We are always looking for more volunteers to be on our boards. If you or someone you know would be willing to join one of our affiliate boards, or if you have questions, please contact the Charleston Parks & Recreation Department at 345-6897 or the person listed under each affiliate.

We are always looking for volunteers for coaching or to work these events.



EXPLORE NATURE



Lake Charleston

South Route 130, 1 mile south of Charleston
Fishing pier, pavilion, gazebo

Fox Ridge State Park www.dnr.state.il.us

South Route 130, 8 miles south of Charleston
Hiking trails, pavilions, playgrounds, fishing (217) 345-6416

Lincoln Prairie Grass Trail (walking/biking)

5th Street and Railroad Ave
2 miles of paved surface, 10 miles of aggregate surface

Bent Tree Golf Course www.bentreegolfcourse.com

South Lincoln Hwy Rd, 4 miles south of Charleston
(217) 348-1611

Charleston Driving Range

South 4th Street, 4 miles south of Charleston

Look for LINCOLN

Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site www.lincolnlogcabin.org

South 4th Street/400 South Lincoln Highway Road, Lerna
(217) 345-1845

Thomas Lincoln Cemetery www.lincolnlogcabin.org

South 4th Street/400 South Lincoln Highway Road, Lerna
(217) 345-1845

Moore Home State Historic Site

South 4th Street/400 South Lincoln Highway Road, Lerna
(217) 345-1845

Lincoln Douglas Debate Museum www.charlestontourism.org

Coles County Fairgrounds, 416 West Madison Ave
(217) 348-0430

Charleston Riot Historic Marker

Corner of 7th and Jackson Ave, Courthouse Square

Rally After the Debate Historic Marker

Corner of 6th and Jackson Ave, Courthouse Square



Visit DOWNTOWN

Historic Downtown Square www.charlestoneillinois.org

7th Street and Jackson Ave. (217) 348-0430

Charleston's Downtown Square has been the site of the Coles County Seat since 1835. Today, the late 19th Century Romanesque courthouse sits at the center of the square. Historic buildings display stunning architectural details and serve as home to current professional offices, unique shops and restaurants.

Antiques/Vintage Shops Around the Square

Ambero Antiques, Persimmon Lane, New Lincoln Book Store & Vinyl Tap, Calliope Court, Z's Music, Indio Cigar Factory, Bob's Bookstore (visit Charleston Tourism Office for other antique/thrift shops in town).

Restaurants Around the Square

What's Cookin', Roc's Blackfront, Southside Cafe, Jackson Ave Coffee, China Cafe

Murals Around the Square

www.charlestoneillinois.org
Brochures available at 520 Jackson Ave (6th & Jackson)

Historic Homes of Charleston

www.coleshistory.net
Pick up a guide at 520 Jackson Ave (6th & Jackson)

Days Inn

www.daysinn.com
810 Lincoln Ave (217) 345-7689

McGrady Inn

www.mcgradyinn.com
803 6th St (217) 348-8259

Guests are surrounded by the results of a three-year restoration matching the original craftsmanship from 1919 (5 bedrooms and 2-story loft).



Lodging



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in formal seating

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Tourism Info



The following ordinances are enforced by the Charleston Police Department

*Dogs without leashes are not allowed on park property. The owner of every animal shall be responsible for removal and sanitary disposal of any excreta deposited by his/her animal(s) on park property.

*No alcoholic beverages allowed on City property.

*No hitting of golf balls on City property.

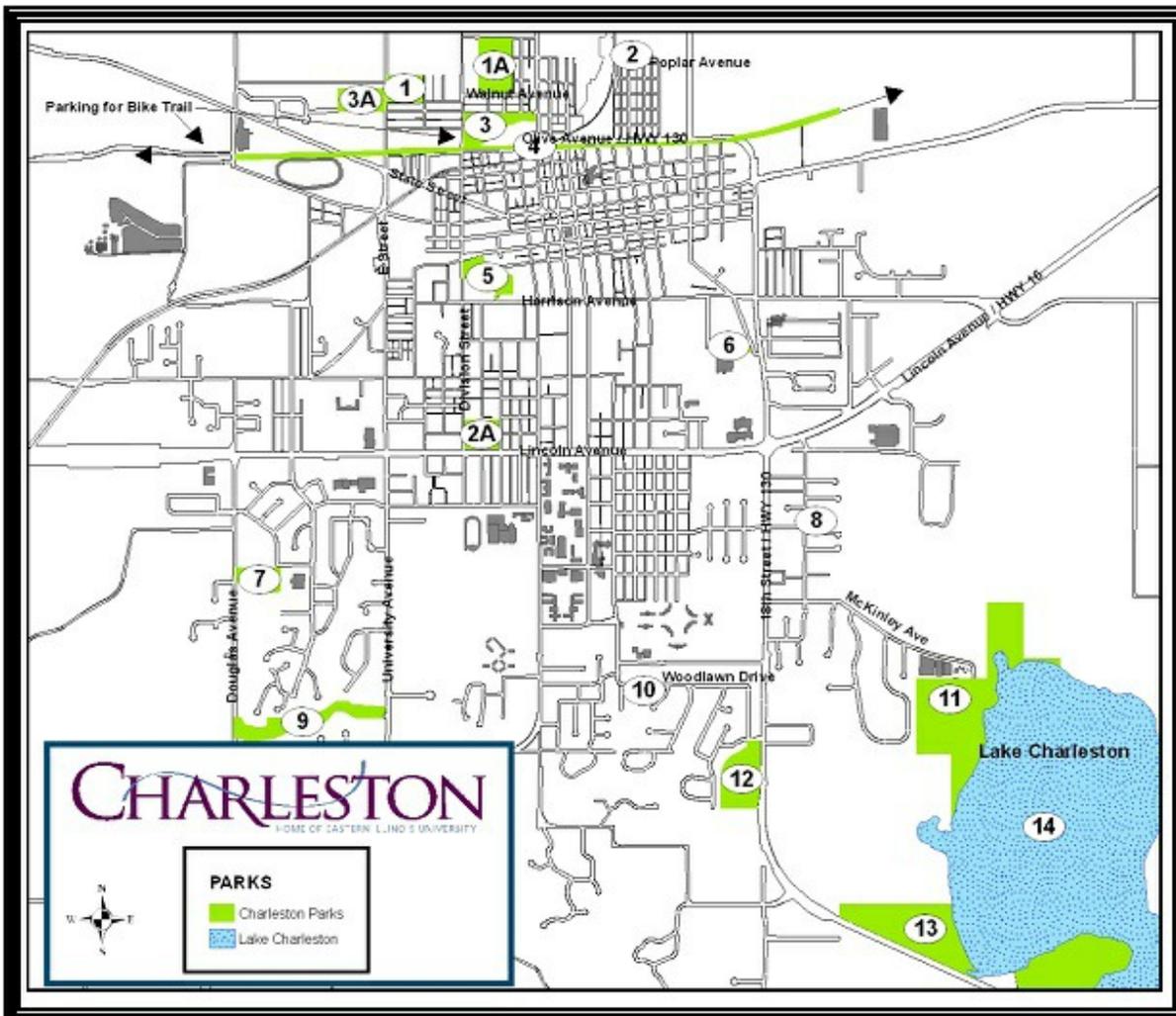
*No motorized vehicle on park property allowed unless authorized by City personnel.

*Dumping of debris, grass clippings, etc. on park property is prohibited.

*Park closing hours are 10:00 p.m.

*All organized league games or league practices must be registered at our office.

CITY OF CHARLESTON PARKS & FACILITIES		Basketball	Softball/Baseball	Soccer	Restrooms	Playground	Picnic Areas	Fishing/Boating	Shelter/Pavilion	Hiking/Bike Trail	Football Field	Acres	Other Amenities
1.	Ne-CO Fields 301 N. 'E' St.		X		X	X						5	
2.	Woods Park N. 11th St. & Poplar					X	X		X			1	
3.	North Park Vine & Division St.	X	X		X	X	X		X			10	Batting Cages Skatepark
4.	Lincoln Prairie Grass Trail East of Charleston to Mattoon									X		12 miles	2 miles paved 10 miles gravel
5.	Kiwanis Park Division & Jackson		X		X	X	X		X			8	Amphitheater
6.	Rotary Community Aquatic Center/ Dog Training Facility Route 130 & 17th St.				X							4	Swimming Pool Agility Training
7.	Lafferty Park S. Douglas Dr.									X		7	Interactive Sundial
8.	VFW Park 20th St. behind the VFW	X			X	X	X		X			1	
9.	Reasor Park Lover's Lane & University									X		16	Wildflower Prairie Areas
10.	Heritage Woods Park S. 9th & Woodlawn					X	X		X			0.5	
11.	Lakeview Park East McKinley Ave.						X	X		X		60	Mountain Bike Trails
12.	Sister City Park South Route 130	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			16	Inline Hockey Sand Volleyball
13.	Woodyard Conservation Area 6050 State Hwy 130				X		X		X	X		206	
14.	Lake Charleston South Route 130				X	X	X	X		X		440	ADA Fishing Pier Bird Watching 3.5m walking loop
CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP PARKS & FACILITIES ~ Call (217) 345-4812 to reserve													
1A.	Morton Park Lincoln Ave & Division St.		X		X	X	X		X			10	Volleyball Horseshoes
2A.	Baker Field Division & Walnut St.		X		X							13	
3A.	Junior Football League Fields 320 North E St.				X						X	10	



To Reserve a City Park Pavilion...

Reservations for Kiwanis & Sister City Park Pavilions must be made in person at the Charleston Parks & Recreation Department. Reservations are available from April 1st through October 31st.

For Morton Park , call the Township Shed at 345-4812.

BE A Good Neighbor

Please respect the rights and property of neighbors living by the parks. A few reminders...

1. Use the sidewalks and pathways when walking to parks. Cutting through private yards is not appropriate.
2. Trees, bushes, and/or fences should not be used as bathrooms. Please use the facilities onsite or we suggest that family members use their own bathrooms before visiting the park.
3. Trash should be discarded into trash cans in the park. When not put into the cans, it often blows into neighboring yards.
4. Please report any vandalism by calling 345-6897.

By following these guidelines, your visit can be more enjoyable for everyone.



AQUATIC CENTER

It's never too early to start thinking about next summer's birthday parties, church picnics, parties, corporate functions, and family reunions. Rentals are on a first-come, first-served basis so reserve your date today for 2017!

Available Times: Two hour rentals available any evening from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Pricing: \$325 for a 2 hour rental.

Location: Route 130 & 17th Street
(Behind Culligan, across from Monical's)

ROTARY COMMUNITY AQUATIC CENTER OFFERS...

contained zero-depth play area with splash toys, 121 foot water slide, diving boards, concession area (big enough for corporate functions, wedding receptions, etc.), Birthday Party Room, new decking, state-of-the-art filtration system, and certified lifeguards. Lap swimming available daily during open swim.

BIRTHDAY PARTY ROOM RENTALS

Do you want to throw a party, but don't want the hassle of cleanup? Let us do the work! The Rotary Community Aquatic Center has a specially designated room available to reserve for eating and opening gifts!

Available Times: During all open swim times

Pricing: \$75 for a 1½ hour use of room, includes admission for 10 children and 2 adults



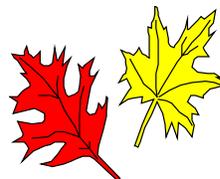
STOP BY TO RESERVE YOUR PARTY TODAY!

ADOPT-A-CORNER

Join area groups or individuals and spruce up select Charleston corners! You will be responsible for planting, watering and weeding your corner throughout the summer and fall. A sign will be erected in each adopted corner. If you would like more information on adopting a corner, give us a call at 345-6897.

*Funded by Charleston Area Charitable Foundation
~ Organized by Charleston Tourism ~*

The Charleston Parks & Recreation Foundation



What it is:

An organization dedicated to the preservation of open space, conservation, nature, outdoor recreation, and cultural & educational programs in Charleston. This organization is for use by people of the community.

How you fit in:

As a 501-c-3 organization, your contributions are **tax deductible**. It's an opportunity to serve Charleston and surrounding communities in a very unique way - by assisting agencies like the Life Span Center, Recreation Department, and Park District. A variety of memberships are available.

How to find out more:

Contact Brian Jones at 345-6897. He'll be happy to forward information on how you can become a member of this exciting community organization.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Refund Policy: A \$2.00 fee will be charged to those participants requesting refunds within the 3 days prior to the program's starting date. If the Parks & Recreation Department initiates a refund (due to a full or canceled class, class change that prohibits a registrant's attendance, etc.), there will be no fee charged. The supervisor in charge issues refunds 2-3 weeks after authorization.

Trip Refunds: There will be no refunds for trips or special events, except in the event of cancellation by the Parks & Recreation Department.

NSF Checks: A \$25.00 fee will be charged for insufficient funds checks.

Limit: If the minimum number is not reached 1 week prior to start date, the class may be canceled. When the maximum is reached, registration may be closed.

ADA STATEMENT: The Charleston Parks & Recreation Department is aware of and will do its best to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) where possible. If you have any questions regarding the act, please contact the Director of Recreation at 345-6897.

Facility Info



WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?

The Charleston Parks & Recreation Department depends heavily on volunteers for many of our programs to function. Anyone over the age of 16 can be a volunteer. Parents, guardians, siblings, students or any community member as long as you have not been convicted of a felony.

WHAT CAN I DO?

The Charleston Parks and Recreation Department uses volunteers for most of our sports coaches (JFL & Flag Football, Baseball, Softball, Basketball, Soccer, etc.), special events (Daddy/Daughter Dance, Egg Hunts, Link-onto-Lincoln, Kids Fishing Derby, Red, White & Blue Days, Road Races, Christmas in the Heart of Charleston, etc.), children's classes (Afterschool Club, Day Camp, Service Spring Break, etc.), Community Band, Adopt-a-Corner, Adopt-a-Park.

WHAT IS EXPECTED?

While working as a volunteer, you will be treated like an employee.

Therefore, all volunteers are expected to:

- ◆ Report to his/her assigned location on time. If this is not possible, volunteers must notify either the site supervisor/program director as early as possible.
- ◆ Report directly to the site supervisor/program director upon arrival for daily assignment.
- ◆ Follow program and building guidelines.
- ◆ Interact with the participants at all times.
- ◆ Assist with set up, implementation, and clean up of activities.
- ◆ Notify site supervisor/program director of any concerns with programming or participant behavior.
- ◆ Respect participants, employees, parents, and property/sites at all times.

How does THAT help?

One of the better-known benefits of volunteering is the impact on the community.

- ◆ Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place.
- ◆ Helping out with even the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people, animals, and organizations in need.
- ◆ Volunteering can benefit you and your family as much as the cause you choose to help.
- ◆ Dedicating your time as a volunteer helps you make new friends, expand your network, and boost your social skills, especially if you are new to an area.
- ◆ It strengthens your ties to the community and broadens your support network, exposing you to people with common interests, neighborhood resources, and fun and fulfilling activities.
- ◆ Children watch everything you do. By giving back to the community, you show them firsthand how volunteering makes a difference and how good it feels to help other people and enact change.



If YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOLUNTEER, PLEASE fill OUT THE FORM BELOW AND ASK TO speak WITH THE SUPERVISOR IN CHARGE.

DISCLOSURE AND AUTHORIZATION

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING AUTHORIZATION

This release shall be limited to non-fingerprint based screens for Volunteers related to the under-
signed.

NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INFORMATION

City of Charleston (“The Company”) may obtain information about you from a consumer reporting agency for purposes of volunteering. These reports may contain information regarding your criminal history, motor vehicle records (“driving records”), or other background checks. You have the right, upon written request made within a reasonable time after receipt of this notice, to request disclosure of the nature and scope of any consumer report. Please be advised that the nature and scope of the most common form of consumer report obtained with regard to applicants and volunteers is a fingerprint test by the State Police and/or FBI conducted by Bushue Human Resources, Inc., 104 N. Second St., Suite B, Effingham, IL 62401 (217) 342-3042, or toll free at (877) 342-3042, or another outside organization. The scope of this notice and authorization is all-encompassing, however, allowing **City of Charleston** to obtain from any outside organization all manner of consumer reports and investigative consumer reports now and throughout the course of your service to the company to the extend permitted by law.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION

I acknowledge receipt of the DISCLOSURE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION and A SUMMARY OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT and certify that I have read and understand both of those documents. I hereby authorize the obtaining of “consumer reports” and/or “investigative consumer reports” by The Company at any time after receipt of this authorization and throughout my service, if applicable. To this end, I hereby authorize, without reservations, any law enforcement agency, administrator, state or federal agency, institution, school or university (public or private), information service bureau, employer, or insurance company to furnish any and all background information requested by Bushue Human Resources, Inc., 104 N. Second St., Suite B, Effingham, IL 62401 (217)342-3042, or toll free at (877) 342-3042, another outside organization action on behalf of **City of Charleston**, and/or The Company itself. I agree that a facsimile (“fax”), electronic or photographic copy of this Authorization shall be as valid as the original.

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____

Other/Alias _____

Social Security # _____ Date of Birth _____

Present Address _____ Phone No. _____

City/State Zip _____

Signature _____ Date _____



Online

Just go online and create an account at
www.charlestonillinois.org
Click on Parks and Recreation

Click on 

Registration and activity details are offered online.
Our website is available 24 hours a day which allows you to
register at your convenience. Search and sign up for classes
from the comfort of your home!

****Online registration may end earlier than in our office.****

Walk-in

****Stop by our office Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.**

Mail-in

****Standard registration forms are available on facing page
or at www.charlestonillinois.org
Go to Parks and Recreation, then Registration Form/Waiver.
Mail your completed registration to
520 Jackson Ave.
Charleston, IL 61920**

After-hours

****Pick up a form on the wall outside our office, (or use the one
on the facing page) complete it, then slip the form and
your check in the slot in our back door or the Water
Department drop box at City Hall.**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINES ARE DIFFERENT FOR EACH PROGRAM.
REGISTER EARLY TO SECURE A SPOT!**

Registration



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