

SUMMER '26 CAMP

SAVE WITH EARLY BIRD RATES!
Register by May 15!

Des Plaines Park District



SUMMER FUN STARTS HERE!

How to Register

Resident registration opens February 2.
Non-resident registration opens February 9.
Save with Early Bird Rates through May 15.

In-person begins at 8:30a. Online registration begins at 12:01a.
Leisure Center, 2222 Birch Street, Des Plaines
Prairie Lakes, 515 E. Thacker Street, Des Plaines
Payment Plans are available! See last page of camp guide for details.

Important Information About Ages

- Must be minimum listed age of specific camp.
- 6 year olds can have completed 1st grade.
- 12 year olds can have completed 7th grade.
- No age exceptions will be made.

Important Camp Information

Please bring a wallet size photo of your camper on the first day of camp, this will be attached to your participant form. Neighborhood camps are 7:00a–6:00p*, drop off by 9:00a/pick up begins at 3:00p. *Does not include Sports Xplosion, Dance & Arts, Golf & Sailing Camps.

In order for us to have an adequate number of trained staff available, for the safety of your camper, registration will be taken until the Thursday prior to the first day of camp. Week of registrations will not be accepted.

ADA Assistance

We partner with Maine Niles Special Recreation Association (M-NASR) for our inclusion support services. In order to accommodate any participant needs, we ask that requests be submitted by Friday, May 8th. Check DPParks.org for details.

Supervisor Contacts

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TOP 5 REASONS TO SEND KIDS TO CAMP!

1. Establish healthy lifestyle patterns
2. Develop self-confidence
3. Spend the day with positive role models
4. Make new friends
5. Have fun!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Payment Options

- Register In-Person or Online at DPParks.org
- Online registration requires that payment be made in full

Summer Day Camp Payment Plans

- Register by May 15 in order to enroll in a payment plan
- Must provide a valid credit card or debit card in order to set up payment plan
- The total is divided into four equal payments that are transferred electronically from a credit or debit card
- Payment plans are only accepted at the Leisure Center

Summer Day Camp EFT Plan: Can be made in 4 payments! Register by May 15 to take advantage of this option. First payment due at time of registration, Early Bird Rates do not apply to Creative Corners Camps.
Registration fee for EFT must be done in person. Check DPParks.org for details.

ePACT - Paperless Emergency Forms:

- You'll receive an email invite to share information with the Des Plaines Park District
- Click "Complete Request" to create a free account or log in if you already have an account
- Enter the required information, like medical conditions and behavior support, and share it with us so that program staff have access to it

Need further assistance? Visit DPParks.org for more EPACT information

What to Bring to Camp

Please make sure all items brought to camp are appropriate for the camp setting and are labeled with your camper's first/last name.

- Daily Items: Extra clothes, gym shoes, sunscreen & water bottle
- Food Items: Lunch, morning & afternoon snacks
- Swim/Water Days: Swimsuit, towel, optional swim shirt/hat





CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE! DPPARKS.ORG

Visit DPParks.org for more information!

- Camp Handbook
- Refund Policies
- Scholarship Information



CREATIVE CORNERS PRESCHOOL

LEARN. PLAY & GROW!

EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPS

Little Leafers Summer Camp

Ages 3–5, Must be 3 years old by May 1, 2026

This camp offers a unique learning environment where children will spend a significant amount of time outdoors in our learning lab and in our greenhouse exploring and connecting with nature. Activities emphasize hands-on experiences, inquiry-based learning, and a deep appreciation for the natural world.

Day/Time: M & F, 9:00a–12:00p
Fee R/NR: $168/$208
*Session 1 Fee: R$140/NR$176

Leisure Center, Room 108

Session	Date	Code
1	May 29–Jun 12*	#164055-1
2	Jun 15–Jul 3	#164055-2
3	Jul 6–24	#164055-3
4	Jul 27–Aug 14	#164055-4

Preschool Summer Camp

Ages 3–5, Must be 3 years old by May 1, 2026

Come and discover the Creative Corners Preschool's Summer Camp. This program offers campers more time to build socialization and developmental skills while exploring weekly concepts and themes! Daily activities will include circle time, dramatic play, arts, stories, and fine and gross motor skills. Instruction is designed to meet the levels of all campers, whether this is your first preschool experience or an extension of current school year programming.

Day/Time: Tu, W, Th, 9:00a–12:00p
Fee R/NR: $250/$312

Leisure Center, Room 108

Session	Date	Code
1	May 26–Jun 11	#164053-1
2	Jun 16–Jul 2	#164053-2
3	Jul 7–23	#164053-3
4	Jul 28–Aug 13	#164053-4

Spanish Immersion Summer Camp

Ages 3–5, Must be 3 years old by May 1, 2026

Spanish Immersion brings together the Spanish language along with the Creative Corners rich curriculum and routines, to provide your preschooler with an advanced educational experience. This full-immersion program will engage, entertain, and educate your camper entirely in Español! The opportunities to learn a second language and grow as an individual are essential for this impressionable age group's future development.

Day/Time: Tu, W, Th, 9:00a–12:00p
Fee R/NR: $356/$444

Leisure Center, Room 109

Session	Date	Code
1	May 26–Jun 11	#164505-1
2	Jun 16–Jul 2	#164505-2
3	Jul 7–23	#164505-3
4	Jul 28–Aug 13	#164505-4

Summer Camp Lunch Bunch

Ages 3–5, Must be 3 years old by May 1, 2026

Our program offers the best for both Preschool & Spanish Immersion Summer Campers looking to extend the preschool day. This additional time provides campers more opportunity for peer socialization during the lunch room and free play settings. Please pack a lunch and drink!

Day/Time: M, Tu, W, Th, F, 12:00–2:00p
Leisure Center, Room 109

Session	Date	Day	R/NR	Code
1	May 29–Jun 12	M/F	$76/$96	#164054-1
	May 26–Jun 11	Tu/W/Th	$136/$168	#164054-2
2	Jun 15–Jun 29	M/F	$76/$96	#164054-3
	Jun 16–Jul 2	Tu/W/Th	$136/$168	#164054-4
3	Jul 6–Jul 24	M/F	$92/$112	#164054-5
	Jul 7–Jul 23	Tu/W/Th	$136/$168	#164054-6
4	Jul 27–Aug 14	M/F	$92/$112	#164054-7
	Jul 28–Aug 13	Tu/W/Th	$136/$168	#164054-8



SPORTS CAMPS

Let the games begin! Fun and fundamentals are what this youth sports camp is all about. All campers, regardless of their skill level, will be challenged as we spend our day playing mat ball, floor hockey, basketball, soccer, flag football, racquetball, softball, dodgeball, and track & field games. We promote good sportsmanship, teamwork, leadership development and respect. Each week we take a field trip to Prairie Lakes Aquatic Center or Mountain View Adventure Center mini-golf. Counselors are current and former Maine West athletes. Fee includes all equipment, weekly field trip, a Sports camp t-shirt and instruction. Campers must bring a sack lunch, snack, water bottle & sunscreen everyday.
Camp Director, Jerry Stonequist
Monday–Friday, 9:00a–3:00p • Ages 6–14 • Min/Max: 10/70

Sports Xplosion Camp

Sports Xplosion 1, Ages 6–10
Sports Xplosion 2, Ages 11–14

Early Bird Rates: R: $152/NR: $192
After 5/17: R: $180/NR: $228

Time/Day: M–F, 9:00–3:00a

Prairie Lakes

Session	Date	Xplosion 1 Code	Xplosion 2 Code
1	Jun 8–12	#141301-1	#141302-1
2	Jun 15–19	#141301-2	#141302-2
3	Jun 22–26	#141301-3	#141302-3
4	Jun 29–Jul 3	#141301-4	#141302-4
5	Jul 6–10	#141301-5	#141302-5
6	Jul 13–17	#141301-6	#141302-6
7	Jul 20–24	#141301-7	#141302-7
8	Jul 27–Jul 31	#141301-8	#141302-8
9	Aug 3–7	#141301-9	#141302-9
10	Aug 10–14	#141301-10	#141302-10

Warrior Basketball Camp

Ages 8-14

Start the season early with this 5-day camp. Players will develop skills and fundamentals from experienced coaches while having fun with games and skills challenges. This camp is open to all youth basketball players looking to improve their games and have fun!

Min/Max: 50

Willows Academy, Gym

Boys

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Code
Jul 6–Jul 10	M-F	9:00a–12:00p	$99	#148129-1

Girls

Date	Day	Time	R/NR Fee	Code
Jul 6–Jul 10	M-F	12:00–3:00p	$99	#148129-2

Camp Before Care

AM Session Fee R/NR: $44/$60

Time/Day: M–F, 7:00–9:00a

Prairie Lakes

Session	Date	Code
1	Jun 8–12	#141303-1
2	Jun 15–19	#141303-2
3	Jun 22–26	#141303-3
4	Jun 29–Jul 3	#141303-4
5	Jul 6–10	#141303-5
6	Jul 13–17	#141303-6
7	Jul 20–24	#141303-7
8	Jul 27–Jul 31	#141303-8
9	Aug 3–7	#141303-9
10	Aug 10–14	#141303-10

Camp After Care

PM Session Fee R/NR: $64/$80

Time/Day: M–F, 3:00–6:00p

Prairie Lakes

Session	Date	Code
1	Jun 8–12	#141304-1
1	Jun 15–19	#141304-2
3	Jun 22–27	#141304-3
4	Jun 29–Jul 3	#141304-4
5	Jul 6–10	#141304-5
6	Jul 13–17	#141304-6
7	Jul 20–24	#141304-7
8	Jul 27–Jul 31	#141304-8
9	Aug 3–7	#141304-9
10	Aug 10–14	#141304-10

DANCE & ART CAMPS

Ages 3–14

Unleash your creative spirit and spend half your day dancing and half your day creating simple props, painting scenery, tie-dying a t-shirt, and making arts and crafts projects. Daily technique classes in jazz, ballet, lyrical, hip-hop, and modern are taught. Dancers learn the choreography for three to five short pieces they perform on the last Friday of camp in the Prairie Lakes Theater. Friends and family are always welcome to attend. Musical themes are announced on the first day of each session. Dance attire should include a leotard, leggings, shorts, and a tank top or t-shirt. Ballet and/or jazz shoes are recommended but not required. Please bring a water bottle, a morning snack, and a healthy snack for lunch. The fee includes a camp photograph, pizza party, camp T-shirt, art supplies, art & dance instruction, and loads of fun and friends! Dance groups will be divided based on age and ability. No previous dance experience is required.

Teeny Tiny Dancer Camp

Ages 3–5

Early Bird Fee R/NR: $240/$300
After 5/15 Fee R/NR: $288/$360

Day/Time: M–F, 9:30a–12:30p

Prairie Lakes, Mountain View Room

Session	Date	Code
1	Jun 15–26	#160304-1
2	Jun 29–Jul 10	#160304-2
3	Jul 13–24	#160304-3
4	Jul 27–Aug 7	#160304-4

Camp Dance-a-Lot

Ages 6–9

Early Bird Fee R/NR: $360/$452
After 5/15 Fee R/NR: $396/$496

Day/Time: M–F, 9:00a–3:00p

Prairie Lakes, Theater

Session	Date	Code
1	Jun 15–26	#160300-1
2	Jun 29–Jul 10	#160300-2
3	Jul 13–24	#160300-3
4	Jul 27–Aug 7	#160300-4

CREATE, MOVE & DANCE!



Camp ReMix

Ages 10–14

Early Bird Fee R/NR: $360/$452
After 5/15 Fee R/NR: $396/$496

Day/Time: M–F, 9:00a–3:00p

Prairie Lakes, Theater

Session	Date	Code
1	Jun 15–26	#160302-1
2	Jun 29–Jul 10	#160302-2
3	Jul 13–24	#160302-3
4	Jul 27–Aug 7	#160302-4

Camp Before Care

You must register for each week separately, as needed.

Fee R/NR: $44/$60

Day/Time: M–F, 7:00-9:00a

Prairie Lakes

Session	Date	Code
1	Jun 15–19	#141303-2
2	Jun 22–26	#141303-3
3	Jun 29–Jul 3	#141303-4
4	Jul 6–11	#141303-5
5	Jul 13–17	#141303-6
6	Jul 20–24	#141303-7
7	Jul 27–Jul 31	#141303-8
8	Aug 3–7	#141303-9

Camp After Care

You must register for each week separately, as needed.

Fee R/NR: $64/$80

Day/Time: M–F, 3:00–6:00p

Prairie Lakes

Session	Date	Code
1	Jun 15–19	#141304-2
2	Jun 22–27	#141304-3
3	Jun 29–Jul 3	#141304-4
4	Jul 6–10	#141304-5
5	Jul 13–17	#141304-6
6	Jul 20–24	#141304-7
7	Jul 27–Jul 31	#141304-8
8	Aug 3–7	#141304-9



GOLF & SAILING CAMPS

Youth Golf Camp

Ages 8–13

In this popular 1-week camp, young golfers learn fundamentals of the game, with lots of instruction on and off the course. In-depth sessions cover everything from proper stance and grip, putting and chipping, and course etiquette.

Instructor: DPPD Staff

Fee R/NR: $205/$256

Day: M–F

Golf Center

Date	Time	Code
Jun 8-12	9:00a–12:00p	#115915-1
Jun 15-19	1:00–4:00p	#115915-2
Jun 22-26	9:00a–12:00p	#115915-3
Jul 6-10	1:00–4:00p	#115915-4
Jul 20-24	9:00a–12:00p	#115915-5
Aug 3-7	1:00–4:00p	#115915-6

Youth Sailing Camp

Ages 8–15

If you want to become a confident and competent sailor, climb aboard. With the breeze in your hair and the helm in your hands, learn the skills and techniques necessary to become an accomplished sailor, including wind direction, knot tying, and boating safety. Campers practice their skills on the water. Wear your swimsuit and closed-toed shoes. (A towel and change of clothes are recommended but not required). All participants must be able to float comfortably with a Personal Flotation Device.

Instructor: Bill Hanson

Day/Time: M–F, 8:30–11:30a

Lake Park Marina

Basic Sailing

Session	Date	R/NR	Code
1	Jun 1–5	$180/$216	#115920-1
2	Jun 8–12	$180/$216	#115920-2
3	Jul 6–10	$180/$216	#115920-3

Intermediate/Advanced

Session	Date	R/NR	Code
1	Jul 20–24	$180/$216	#115921-1
2	Aug 3–7	$180/$216	#115921-2



TAKE A SWING!

NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMER CAMPS

Arndt Park Camp

Ages 7–12, Must be 7 by September 1, 2026

M: Themed Rotations & Program Areas
Tu/Th: Swimming at Arndt Park Pool
W: Water Day
F: Dress Up Day & Party

Day/Time: M–F, 7:00a–6:00p
Early Bird Fee R/NR: $212/$264
After 5/16 Fee R/NR: $252/$316

Arndt Park Camp Swim Lessons
Register your child for camp lessons at Arndt Park Pool. Swimmers will be placed in a group based on their swim skills. Throughout the course they will learn appropriate skills and strokes, while gaining endurance and confidence in the water.

Day/Time: Tu & Th, 9:40–10:30a
Fee R/NR: $11/$13 per week

Arndt Park Fieldhouse

Session	Date	Code	Add-on Swim Lessons
1	Jun 8–12	#165501-1	#167047-1
2	Jun 15–19	#165501-2	#167047-2
3	Jun 22–26	#165501-3	#167047-3
4	Jun 29–Jul 3	#165501-4	#167047-4
5	Jul 6–10	#165501-5	#167047-5
6	Jul 13–17	#165501-6	#167047-6
7	Jul 20–24	#165501-7	#167047-7
8	Jul 27–Jul 31	#165501-8	#167047-8
9	Aug 3–7	#165501-9	
10	Aug 10–14	#165501-10	

West Park Camp

Ages 7–12, Must be 7 by September 1, 2026

M: Themed Rotations & Program Areas
Tu/Th: Swimming at Chippewa Pool (Bus Trip)
W: Water Day
F: Dress Up Day & Party

Day/Time: M–F, 7:00a–6:00p
Early Bird Fee R/NR: $212/$264
After 5/16 Fee R/NR: $252/$316

West Park Fieldhouse

Session	Date	Code
1	Jun 8–12	#165502-1
2	Jun 15–19	#165502-2
3	Jun 22–26	#165502-3
4	Jun 29–Jul 3	#165502-4
5	Jul 6–10	#165502-5
6	Jul 13–17	#165502-6
7	Jul 20–24	#165502-7
8	Jul 27–Jul 31	#165502-8

Camp Discovery at Prairie Lakes

Ages 5–6, Must be 5 by September 1, 2026

M: Themed Rotations & Program Areas
Tu/Th: Splash Pad at Aquatic Center at Prairie Lakes (Walking Trip)
W: Water Day
F: Dress Up Day & Party

Day/Time: M–F, 7:00a–6:00p
Early Bird Fee R/NR: $276/$344
After 5/16 Fee R/NR: $332/$412

Prairie Lakes Community Center

Session	Date	Code
1	Jun 8–12	#165091-1
2	Jun 15–19	#165091-2
3	Jun 22–26	#165091-3
4	Jun 29–Jul 3	#165091-4
5	Jul 6–10	#165091-5
6	Jul 13–17	#165091-6
7	Jul 20–24	#165091-7
8	Jul 27–Jul 31	#165091-8
9	Aug 3–7	#165091-9
10	Aug 10–14	#165091-10

Camp Opeka

Ages 8–12, Must be 8 by September 1, 2026

M: Boat House Activities/General Programming
Tu: Swimming at Arndt Park Pool
W: Field Trip
Th: Swimming at Chippewa Pool
F: Boat House Activities/General Programming

Day/Time: M–F, 7:00a–6:00p
Early Bird Fee R/NR: $272/$340
After 5/16 Fee R/NR: $324/$408

Lakeview Center Basement

Session	Date	Code
1	Jun 8–12	#165204-1
2	Jun 15–19	#165204-2
3	Jun 22–26	#165204-3
4	Jun 29–Jul 3	#165204-4
5	Jul 6–10	#165204-5
6	Jul 13–17	#165204-6
7	Jul 20–24	#165204-7
8	Jul 27–Jul 31	#165204-8

TRY SOMETHING NEW!