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2021-22 FALL / WINTER ACTIVITY GUIDE



All participants and renters must have a RecDesk account to process and complete registrations. For security purposes, we cannot accept any payments/registrations over the phone.



Online

cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation



In Person

Stop by the Parks and Recreation office at Lowe Park (4500 N. 10th Street) or Thomas Park (343 Marion Boulevard) to register for any of our programs. Registrations in person are only accepted during regular office hours, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.



Drop Box

Complete a registration form and submit it with payment in the secure drop box.



Via Mail

Fill out a registration form and mail it with payment prior to the registration deadline to Marion Parks and Recreation, 4500 N. 10th Street, Marion, IA 52302

Who Do You Call?

Administrative & Operations Office 319-447-3580

- › Cemetery or burial information
- › Trail questions or issues
- › Tree permits
- › Adopt-A-Spot program
- › Facility rentals (pavilions, Safe Room)
- › Weed and snow complaints
- › Park equipment and information
- › Right-of-way tree issues
- › Memorial tree program

Recreation Office 319-447-3590

- › Recreation programs, leagues, special events
- › Senior programs at Lowe Park
- › Swim lessons and pool information
- › Facility rentals (A&E, amphitheater, diamonds, pool)
- › Farmers Market at Taube Park
- › Community garden plots

Online Account Reminders

View and register for programs with just a few easy clicks. Set-up your household account for you and/or your family at cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation and begin registering! For renters, we encourage you to use the online calendar for the facilities to view availability and reserve select facilities. Please note, some facilities will still require you to visit us in person to complete the reservation process.

HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNTS | Please make sure to set-up your household account and add all family members to your account to simplify the registration and reservation process in the future. Please verify all contact information is correct (phone number, email, address, date of birth, etc.)

HOUSEHOLD CREDITS | If you ever need to cancel a registration you will have the option to receive a refund or have the amount applied as a credit to your household account for future use. You must contact the Parks and Recreation office for all cancellation and refund requests.

VOLUNTEER COACH REGISTRATION | Coaches can now register online for the program they wish to coach. Simply search for the "volunteer coach" option with the desired program and complete the registration process.

NEW! RENTAL POLICY | You are now able to rent facilities for the current calendar year and the following year. For example, you can now rent rooms and pavilions for all of 2021 and 2022. The following full calendar year is opened each January. This is a significant change from the one-year policy that was previously in place.

WAITLISTS | Please only add the participant to the class waitlist once and make sure it is the participant's name and not the parent/adult. We will do our best to accommodate people on waitlists within reason, however being on a waitlist does not guarantee a spot in that program.

TEXT ALERTS | To receive program-related text alerts you must opt-in on your RecDesk profile by providing a valid mobile number as well as your cell phone carrier.

COVID-19 Update...

Some of our typical programs and events may continue to look and feel a bit different. Programs in this guide may be subject to modifications, interruptions or even cancellations. This includes implementing specific program-based protocols based on public health officials' recommendations, modifying programs to emphasize healthy participation practices, eliminating high-risk programs, providing alternate remote and socially distanced programming, modifying our rental procedures and keeping our parks and trails maintained and open for use. For the latest news and updates regarding COVID-19 impacts on our services, please visit www.cityofmarion.org/COVID-19response.

WAYS TO REGISTER

Youth Sports

YOUTH 5V5 BASKETBALL

(multiple sessions!)

Children Grades 1st-6th (Fall 2021-22) | A new joint program with Marion YMCA, this recreational basketball league, led by volunteer coaches emphasizes teamwork, good sportsmanship, fair play, and equal participation. Teams will practice for 3 weeks prior to games beginning on Friday evenings and/or Saturdays. Teams are divided by gender and grade (3 divisions). **Volunteer coaches needed!**

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	LOCATION
1st/2nd (Session 1)	Fri/Sat	10/11-12/11	Marion YMCA
3rd/4th (Session 1)	Fri/Sat	10/11-12/11	Marion YMCA
5th/6th (Session 1)	Fri/Sat	10/11-12/11	Marion YMCA
1st/2nd (Session 2)	Fri/Sat	1/10-3/12	Marion YMCA
3rd/4th (Session 2)	Fri/Sat	1/10-3/12	Marion YMCA
5th/6th (Session 2)	Fri/Sat	1/10-3/12	Marion YMCA

REGISTRATION FEE: \$40 per child, includes team shirt

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Session 1: Sept. 19, 2021 (+\$10 beginning Sept. 20)
Session 2: Dec. 19, 2021 (+\$10 beginning Dec. 20)

NOTES: Session 1 practices begin the week of Oct. 11
Session 1 games are played on Friday nights or Saturdays beginning Oct. 29.
Session 2 practices begin the week of Jan. 10
Session 2 games are played on Friday nights or Saturdays beginning Jan. 28.

KINDERGARTEN BASKETBALL

(multiple sessions!)

Children Grades AK-K (Fall 2021-22) | A new joint program with the Marion YMCA, this co-ed basketball program works on the basic fundamentals and skills of basketball including dribbling, passing and shooting in a friendly, fun and supportive environment. A combination of practices and games against other teams is used for this program. Program does not meet the week of Thanksgiving during Session 1. **Volunteer coaches needed!**

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
AK/K (Session 1)	Tues/Thur	11/2-12/16	5:30-6:15 p.m.	Marion YMCA
AK/K (Session 2)	Tues/Thur	2/1-3/10	5:30-6:15 p.m.	Marion YMCA

REGISTRATION FEE: \$40 per child, per session (includes team shirt)

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Session 1: Oct. 15, 2021 (+\$10 beginning Oct. 16)
Session 2: Jan. 14, 2022 (+\$10 beginning Jan. 15)

NOTES: Program meets Tuesdays AND Thursdays.
A combination of team practices and games against other teams are used.

NEW! MARCH MADNESS GAMEDAY

Children Ages 8-12 | Enjoy what some say is truly the most wonderful time of the year... March Madness Basketball baby! Drop your kids off for a morning filled with basketball skills and drills competitions with Parks and Recreation staff. Kids will run through a variety of drills to work on basic basketball fundamentals before competing in friendly basketball competitions and activities against other kids. *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
March Madness	Wed	3/16	9 a.m.-noon	Marion YMCA

REGISTRATION FEE: \$20 per child (includes snack)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Feb. 25, 2022 (+\$10 beginning Feb. 26)

NOTES: Participants should wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes.
All abilities are welcome (friendly competitions).

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!

Many of our recreational leagues utilize volunteer coaches. Without the generous spirit and time commitment of volunteers, these programs would not be possible. Volunteers teach and stress age-appropriate skills and fundamentals, promote good sportsmanship and fairness. They are expected to be a positive role model for players, parents and spectators. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer coach, please indicate such on your child's registration form or submit your own online registration. Background checks are performed on all volunteer coaches. Contact the Parks and Recreation office with questions at 319-447-3590.

SPRING FLAG FOOTBALL

Children Grades 1st-4th (Fall 2021-22) | This new 5v5 league is run like a mini clinic/league that teaches the fundamentals of football including such things as: throwing, catching, running, blocking, hand-offs, plays/formations, etc. Teams are kept small to encourage participation and touches for each child. Each night will consist of a mix of practice time followed by scrimmages or simply just scrimmages.

Volunteer coaches needed!

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
1st/2nd Grade	Mon	4/4-5/16	5:30 or 6:30 p.m.	Taube Park
3rd/4th Grade	Mon	4/4-5/16	5:30 or 6:30 p.m.	Taube Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$33 per child, includes team shirt

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 4, 2022 (+\$10 beginning March 5)

NOTES: Cleats and mouthguards are highly recommended for player safety.

TINY GOAL KICKERS SOCCER

Children Ages 4-8 | An instructional league designed to develop and introduce basic soccer skills, rules and other concepts. Players are randomly assigned to teams in this non-competitive and recreational league. The first two meetings are group practices and the remaining dates will be played as games in a 3v3 or 4v4 format on a small, scaled down soccer field to increase player participation and interaction. **Volunteer coaches needed!**

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
4 Year Old (co-ed)	Tues	4/5-5/17	5:30 or 6:30 p.m.	Butterfield Park
5-6 Year Old (co-ed)	Thurs	4/7-5/19	5:30 or 6:30 p.m.	Butterfield Park
7-8 Year Old (boys/girls)	Sat	4/9-5/21	9 or 10 a.m.	Butterfield Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$33 per child, includes team shirt

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 4, 2022 (+\$10 beginning March 5)

NOTES: Cleats and shin-guards are recommended for player safety.

Times are scheduled by staff and will rotate weekly to allow for even team distribution.

MLB PITCH, HIT, & RUN COMPETITION

Children Ages 7-14 | Major League Baseball's Pitch Hit & Run (PHR) is a FREE, one-day event for boys and girls ages 7-14. PHR is the official skills competition of Major League Baseball. Participants compete in either the Baseball Division or Softball Division and have the opportunity to advance through four levels of competition including Locals, Sectionals, Team Championships and the National Finals at the MLB All-Star Game.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Baseball 7-14	Sat	4/30	10 a.m.-noon	Lowe Park
Softball 7-14	Sat	4/30	10 a.m.-noon	Lowe Park

REGISTRATION FEE: FREE, but must register online by the deadline

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2022

NOTES: Register online at: <https://www.mlb.com/pitch-hit-and-run/>
Separate divisions for baseball and softball (7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14).
Participants should bring their own bat.



Youth Sports



CAMP

LITTLE STARS BASKETBALL (multiple sessions!)

Children Ages 4-5 | This parent-child program meets for six classes to work on very basic ball handling, shooting and passing skills. Parents participate with child or children for this program as recreation staff instructs and demonstrates the drills. This is a skill-based camp, no games are played. *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Little Stars (Session 1)	Sat	11/6-12/11	9 a.m.-noon	Marion YMCA
Little Stars (Session 2)	Sat	2/5-3/12	9 a.m.-noon	Marion YMCA

REGISTRATION FEE: \$33 per child, per session (includes camp shirt)

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Session 1: Oct. 15, 2021 (+\$10 beginning Oct. 16)
Session 2: Jan. 14, 2022 (+\$10 beginning Jan. 15)

NOTES: Program held on Saturday mornings and times will be announced once participation numbers are finalized.

PUTT-PUTT INDOOR GOLF

Children Ages 3-8 | An introduction to putting using the S.N.A.G. (Starting New At Golf) system. Children will learn proper stance and grip as well as proper stroke and pace. Kids will practice putting through a variety of obstacles and play rounds of "mini golf" to practice their skills. *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
3-5 Year Old	Mon	11/1-11/22	5-5:30 p.m.	Marion YMCA
3-5 Year Old	Mon	11/1-11/22	5:45-6:15 p.m.	Marion YMCA
6-8 Year Old	Mon	11/1-11/22	6:30-7 p.m.	Marion YMCA
6-8 Year Old	Mon	11/1-11/22	7:15-8 p.m.	Marion YMCA

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25 per child

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Oct. 8, 2021 (+\$10 beginning Oct. 9)

NOTES: All clubs and equipment provided.

INDOOR BLASTBALL CAMP (multiple sessions!)

Children Ages 3-4 | Blastball helps prepare players for organized baseball/softball in a fun, non-competitive environment. Children will be introduced to the fundamentals of throwing, hitting and fielding while fostering the values of teamwork and good sportsmanship. The first meeting is a skills-based camp learning the fundamentals, followed by games against other teams the remaining meetings. **Volunteer coaches needed!**

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
3 Year Old Blastball (Session 1)	Sat	11/6-12/11	9 a.m.-noon	Marion YMCA
4 Year Old Blastball (Session 1)	Sat	11/6-12/11	9 a.m.-noon	Marion YMCA
3 Year Old Blastball (Session 2)	Sat	2/5-3/12	9 a.m.-noon	Marion YMCA
4 Year Old Blastball (Session 2)	Sat	2/5-3/12	9 a.m.-noon	Marion YMCA

REGISTRATION FEE: \$33 per child, per session (includes camp shirt)

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Session 1: Oct. 15, 2021 (+\$10 beginning Oct. 16)
Session 2: Jan. 14, 2022 (+\$10 beginning Jan. 15)

NOTES: Program held on Saturday mornings and times will be announced once participation numbers are finalized.

AGILITY CAMP

Children Ages 3-8 | Keep your kids moving and busy during the winter months with this indoor agility camp. Kids will work participate in various drills to develop and improve fine motor skills. Kids will be introduced to ladders, hurdles, hoops and a variety of drills that work on balance and coordination. *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
3-4 Year Old	Mon	1/10-1/31	5-5:30 p.m.	Marion YMCA
3-4 Year Old	Mon	1/10-1/31	5:45-6:15 p.m.	Marion YMCA
5-8 Year Old	Mon	1/10-1/31	6:30-7 p.m.	Marion YMCA
5-8 Year Old	Mon	1/10-1/31	7:15-7:45 p.m.	Marion YMCA

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25 per child

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Dec. 10, 2021 (+\$10 beginning Dec. 10)

NOTES: Participants should wear close-toed shoes and bring water.

LIL' PIGSKINS FOOTBALL

Children Age 5-8 | Children are introduced to the basics of football without the contact, learning the skills necessary to play football. Staff combine fun and fundamentals through skill-building drills, activities and games while emphasizing the importance of good sportsmanship and teamwork. *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
PM1-Lil' Pigskins	Wed	2/2-2/23	6:30-7 p.m.	Marion YMCA
PM2-Lil' Pigskins	Wed	2/2-2/23	7:15-7:45 p.m.	Marion YMCA

REGISTRATION FEE: \$33 per child, includes team shirt

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Jan. 14, 2022 (+\$10 beginning Jan. 15)

NOTES: This is an instructional skills-based camp to introduce and reinforce basic football skills and fundamentals through fun games and drills.

LITTLE KICKERS KICKBALL

Children Ages 3-4 | An instructional approach to the childhood classic game kickball. Kids will learn the basic skills, rules and strategies to play an "organized" game of kickball. Come socialize and join other kids your age and have a ball learning how to play kickball. *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS/AGES	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
PM1-Little Kickers	Wed	2/2-2/23	5-5:30 p.m.	Marion YMCA
PM2-Little Kickers	Wed	2/2-2/23	5:45-6:15 p.m.	Marion YMCA

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25 per child, includes team shirt

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Jan. 14, 2022 (+\$10 beginning Jan. 15)

NOTES: Participants should wear close-toed shoes and bring water.

NEW! LITTLE SPIKERS VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Children Ages 5-8 | An introduction to volleyball skills bumping, setting, spiking, digging, volleying and more. Children will practice skills through a variety of fun skill-building games and drills. Kids start by learning with lite or low-flight balls including beach balls and other softshell or lightweight balls. *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
PM1-Little Spikers	Mon/Wed	3/22-3/31	5-5:30 p.m.	Marion YMCA
PM2-Little Spikers	Mon/Wed	3/22-3/31	5:45-6:15 p.m.	Marion YMCA
PM3-Little Spikers	Mon/Wed	3/22-3/31	6:30-7 p.m.	Marion YMCA
PM4-Little Spikers	Mon/Wed	3/22-3/31	7:15-7:45 p.m.	Marion YMCA

REGISTRATION FEE: \$33 per child (includes camp shirt)

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Feb. 18, 2022 (+\$10 beginning Feb. 19)

NOTES: Kids will learn with low-flight balls (including beach balls) to reinforce confidence and technique.

KICK STAR SOCCER CAMP

Children Age 3 | This 4-week program introduces players to the basics of organized soccer in a fun, non-competitive environment. A variety of soccer skills are introduced using drills, games, and activities including kicking, dribbling, passing, tapping, throw-ins, running and agility. This is a skill-based camp with no games being played. *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
PM Group-1	Wed	4/6-4/27	5-5:30 p.m.	Butterfield Park
PM Group-2	Wed	4/6-4/27	5:45-6:15 p.m.	Butterfield Park
PM Group-3	Wed	4/6-4/27	6:30-7 p.m.	Butterfield Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$33 per child (includes camp shirt)

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 4, 2022 (+\$10 beginning March 5)

NOTES: This is an instructional and introductory program focusing on basic skills and fundamentals with no games being played.



REGISTER EARLY!

Nothing hurts a program more than missed deadlines. Please register early to ensure we have adequate numbers to hold our programs and time for us to communicate with participants. Registering before the deadline also helps ensure that we have enough time to order any necessary equipment or supplies for the program. We cannot guarantee there will be any openings after the deadline has passed. Once a program is full, participants may choose to be placed on a waiting list.



Youth Activities

PAINTED PUMPKINS

Children Ages 3+ | No carving here! Help us decorate the Lowe Park Arts and Environment Center for Halloween. Painters will receive one pumpkin with their registration to decorate to their liking. Paint and limited craft supplies will be provided. Pumpkins will be voted on by a combination of staff, public and Facebook "Likes".

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
AM Class	Thur	10/7	9-10 a.m.	Lowe Park
PM Class	Thur	10/7	6-7 p.m.	Lowe Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$10 per child

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sept. 24, 2021 (+\$10 beginning Sept. 26)

NOTES: Pumpkins and paint/craft supplies are provided. Pumpkins can be picked up after voting ends on Oct. 27.

HALLOWEEN BOO! CAMP

Children Grades K-5th | Ghosts, goblins, goodies and games! This is a night for the kids as we celebrate all things Halloween. Drop your kids off and let our recreation staff lead them through a night of spooky games, crafts, snacks and more. *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Boo Camp	Fri	10/22	5-9 p.m.	Lowe Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25 per child, includes kid friendly dinner

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sept. 24, 2021 (+\$10 beginning Sept. 25)

NOTES: Please bring a towel or blanket for movie time (if time allows).

CANDY CANE HUNT

Children Grades 3+ | For everyone that still believes! Santa's elves have left candy canes scattered around the Lowe Park Arts and Environment Center. Come help us find them all! First, we'll decorate some seasonal crafts and then the hunt is on to find every last candy cane. After the hunt, we'll enjoy milk, juice and treats. *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Candy Cane Hunt	Sat	12/4	9-10:30 a.m.	Lowe Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$15 per child

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Nov. 12, 2021 (+\$10 beginning Nov. 13)

NOTES: Dress appropriately to hunt outside if weather permits.



SANTA'S LITTLE WORKSHOP

Children Ages K-5th | See what the elf culture is all about by bringing your kids to Santa's Little Workshop for an afternoon filled with games, crafts, snacks, music, movies and more. Drop your kids off and finish up some Christmas errands or present wrapping. *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Santa's Workshop	Sat	12/4	1-5 p.m.	Lowe Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25 per child

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Nov. 12, 2021 (+\$10 beginning Nov. 13)

NOTES: Please bring a towel or blanket for movie time (if time allows). Snacks will be provided, but no lunch is served.

NEW! MERRY GRINCHMAS BRUNCH

Children Grades K-5th | Children and parents can enjoy a silly morning with the one they call "mean," the Grinch! Your kids will enjoy crafts, grinch games, treats, and of course a photo-op with the Grinch himself. Help us make our grinch fall in love with Christmas all over again! *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Grinch Brunch	Sat	12/11	9-11 a.m.	Lowe Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$15 per child

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Nov. 12, 2021 (+\$10 beginning Nov. 13)

NOTES: Breakfast snacks and drinks are included with your fee. Dress appropriately for the weather to possibly be outside a short period of time.

SPRING BREAK DAY CAMPS

Children Ages K-5th | Looking for something to keep the kids busy during Spring Break? Look no further than these new kid friendly ½ day activity camps. Each camp kids will enjoy a combination of crafts, games, activities, and maybe even a movie and treats to wind down. We will try and go outside if the weather permits, so please dress your child accordingly. *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Camp 1	Mon	3/14	12-5 p.m.	Lowe Park
Camp 2	Tue	3/15	12-5 p.m.	Lowe Park
Camp 3	Wed	3/16	12-5 p.m.	Lowe Park
Camp 4	Thur	3/17	12-5 p.m.	Lowe Park
Camp 5	Fri	3/18	12-5 p.m.	Lowe Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25 per child, per camp

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Feb. 18, 2022 (+\$10 beginning Feb. 19)

NOTES: Please bring a towel or blanket for movie time (if time allows). Snacks will be provided, but no lunch is served. Dress appropriately for the weather to be outside for part of the camp.

BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY

Children Ages 3-8 | Get up close with everyone's favorite furry friend, THE EASTER BUNNY! This event will have your kids jumping (like the bunny) for joy. Children will enjoy donuts and juice along with games, crafts and an egg hunt alongside the Easter Bunny. *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Breakfast w/ Bunny	Sat	4/2	9-10:30 a.m.	Lowe Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$15 per child

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Feb. 25, 2022 (+\$10 beginning Feb. 26)

NOTES: Dress appropriately for the weather as we may be outside for part of the program.

EGGSTRAORDINARY EGG HUNT

Children Ages 3+ | This event is always a hit with the kids and parents! Join other fellow egg hunters for a night your child won't soon forget. Children will first create their own Easter craft(s), then they're off in search of the mysterious glowing eggs. Who knows, there may even be an Easter Bunny sighting. The egg hunt will be outside, weather permitting, so please dress accordingly. *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Egg Hunt	Fri	4/3	7:30-9 p.m.	Lowe Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$15 per child

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Mar. 4, 2022 (+\$10 beginning Mar. 5)

NOTES: Dress appropriately for the weather as we will be outside for the egg hunt portion.

Adult Programs

NEW! DROP-IN ADULT PICKLEBALL

Adults Ages 18+ | A paddle sport for all ages and athletic ability, Pickleball is like over-sized ping-pong played on a badminton sized court with a tennis net. With simple and easy to follow rules, it is the perfect game for all ages to learn and play. Give it a shot on Tuesday and Thursdays at the Marion YMCA with a simple drop-in fee. Participants should bring your own paddle and balls; nets will be provided.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Adult Pickleball	Tues/Thur	Begins 9/7	9 a.m.-noon	Marion YMCA

PARTICIPATION FEE: \$3 daily drop-in fee (pay at front desk at YMCA)

NOTES: No YMCA membership required. Drop-in fee only provides access to the pickleball courts in the gym during the times listed. Guests will be required to fill out waiver upon initial visit.

ADULT TEAM TRIVIA NIGHTS

Adults Ages 18+ | Bring your thinking caps and useless trivial knowledge to compete against other teams of adults in fun and challenging rounds of trivia. Each night will have its own theme/category or might just be a general trivia encompassing all trivial knowledge. The questions and rounds are organized and presented by Andrew's Bar Exam. Participants are welcome to bring food and drinks to share with their team. Prizes awarded to the winning teams. A maximum of 8 players allowed on each team. Minimum 5 teams; Maximum 12 teams.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
General Trivia	Sat	10/23	6 p.m.	Lowe Park
Movie Trivia	Sat	12/11	6 p.m.	Lowe Park
Music Trivia	Sat	2/26 (2022)	6 p.m.	Lowe Park
Sports Trivia	Sat	4/23 (2022)	6 p.m.	Lowe Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$100 per team (max 8 people per team)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Two weeks prior to event date

NOTES: Prizes awarded to the winning teams. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

POUND IN THE PARK

Open To All Ages | Designed for all fitness levels, POUND® provides the perfect atmosphere for letting loose, getting energized, toning up and rockin' out! The workout is easily modifiable, and the alternative vibe and welcoming philosophy appeals to men and women of all ages and abilities. Channel your inner rockstar with this full body cardio-jam session inspired by the infectious, energizing, and sweat-dripping fun of playing the drums. Instead of listening to music, you become the music in this exhilarating full-body workout that combines cardio, conditioning, and strength training with yoga and pilates-inspired movements. Using Ripstix®, lightly weighted drumsticks engineered specifically for exercising, POUND transforms drumming into an incredibly effective way of working out.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Pound In The Park (Indoor)	Wed	Jan-Apr	6-7 p.m.	Lowe Park (Oaks Room)

REGISTRATION FEE: Free to participate

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: No registration required

NOTES: Program meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from Jan.-April. (1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9, 3/23, 4/13, 4/27).

NEW! ADULT WIFFLEBALL LEAGUE

Adults Ages 18+ | Your reason to act like a kid again is finally here...adult wiffleball! No need to run the bases or worry about chasing ground balls. If you can throw and catch a ball and swing a bat, this tournament is for you. There will be designated hitting areas marked out for the batters and a strike-zone (K-Zone) for the pitchers. A 6-week league is followed by an elimination tournament. Minimum of 6 teams required.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Wiffleball League	Sun	3/6-4/24	TBD	Marion YMCA

REGISTRATION FEE: \$75 per team (maximum of 5 players per team)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Feb. 25, 2022 (+\$10 beginning Feb. 26)

NOTES: All bats and wiffleballs are provided (no outside bats allowed)

NEW! MUD VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Adults Ages 18+ | Don't wear your Sunday-best to this one! Get down and dirty with this new adult mud volleyball tournament. Teams will first compete in pool play to determine seeding for a single elimination tournament. Limited number of team spots available, so sign-up early. Minimum of 6 teams required.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Mud Volleyball	Sat	9/25	10 a.m.	Willow Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$75 per team (maximum of 6 players per team)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sept. 10, 2021 (+\$10 beginning Sept. 11)

NOTES: Games start at 10 a.m. (length of tournament depends on number of teams).

KICK OR TREAT KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

Adults Ages 18+ | Assemble your best team of friends, family, or coworkers for this new, sure to be entertaining, recreational kickball tournament for adults. Adults are encouraged to wear costumes during the tournament to get in the Halloween spirit and spook the other teams. Teams will first compete in pool play to determine seeding for a single elimination tournament. Limited number of team spots available, so sign-up early. Minimum of 6 teams required to hold tournament. Maximum of 12 players per team.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Kickball Tournament	Sun	10/17	9 a.m.	Lowe Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$125 per team (maximum of 12 players per team)

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sept. 24, 2021 (+\$10 beginning Sept. 25)

NOTES: Games start at 9 a.m. (length of tournament depends on number of teams).

Teams should dress in costumes (group or individual). Prize awarded to winning team, best team costume, and best individual costume.

Senior Programs

Senior programs at Lowe Park have resumed. Please watch for updates on changes to programs or the addition of new programming opportunities.

SENIOR PROGRAMS AT LOWE

The Lowe Park Arts and Environment Center is home to FREE senior activities daily during the week. The programs and activities are geared towards adults ages 55 and up. For more information on these programs or other sites, please contact the Parks and Recreation office at Lowe Park at 319-447-3590. If Linn-Mar Schools cancel due to inclement weather, all senior activities scheduled at Lowe are canceled that day as well.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Cards -500	Wed	All Year	9 a.m.	Lowe Park
Line Dancing	Wed	All Year	1 p.m.	Lowe Park
Nickel B-I-N-G-O	Thur	All Year	9:30 a.m.	Lowe Park
Cards-Pinochle	Fri	All Year	9 a.m.	Lowe Park

NOTES: Senior site at Lowe Park is always welcoming new guests, so stop out and join any activity.



Family/Special Events

MARION ARTS COUNCIL COFFEEHOUSE NIGHTS

Open To All Ages | Between October and April, the Marion Arts Council hosts several Coffeehouse Nights at the Arts and Environment Center at Lowe Park. These musical performances feature talented local acoustic artists in a relaxed coffeehouse-type atmosphere. Admission is free and coffee, cocoa and pastries are available for purchase. Performers will be announced closer to each date.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Coffeehouse Nights	Fri	2021: 10/1, 11/5, 12/3 2022: 2/4, 3/4, 4/1	7-8:30 p.m.	Lowe Park

REGISTRATION FEE: Free to attend, but limited room capacity

NOTES: Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

SNOWMAN SELFIES

Open To All Ages | It's lowa, it's going to snow! Get out and enjoy the great outdoors when the white stuff starts to fly this winter. Simply build yourself a snowman anytime there is snow on the ground. Snap a selfie with your snowman, give it a cool name and send it to tireland@cityofmarion.org. Please include your contact information and name for your cool snowman. Pictures will be posted to Marion Parks and Recreation's Facebook page.

OPTIONS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Snowman Selfies	1/1-2/28	Any	Anywhere!

REGISTRATION FEE: Free to participate

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Submissions must be received by 2/28.

NOTES: Submissions will be eligible for a prize from a random drawing at the conclusion of the event.



B-I-N-G-O NIGHTS AT LOWE PARK

Open To All Ages | Join us at the Lowe Park Arts and Environment Center for nights of fun, socializing, and a chance to win some cash! Games of BINGO will be played for \$.25 per card, per game. Cash prizes are paid to the winner of each game. There will also be a few bonus games with increased payouts before the night concludes with a winner-take-all game of blackout. Participants are welcome to bring food and drinks to enjoy while they play. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Seats and cards are limited and are on a first-come, first-served basis.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
B-I-N-G-O Nights	Fri	2021: 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Lowe Park
		2022: 1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13		

REGISTRATION FEE: \$.025 per card, per game

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: No registration required

NOTES: Doors will open at 6 p.m. Seats and cards are limited and are first-come, first-served. Outside food and drink is permitted.

NEW! THREE WEEKS OF CHRISTMAS

Open To All Ages | 2021 hasn't been quite so traditional, so let's create some new traditions and celebrate the holidays with some fun holiday events from the Marion Parks and Recreation Department. Each event will run separately over the three-week period leading up to Christmas. Get in the holiday spirit by participating in any of the events for a chance at some jolly prizes from the department. Great free, family-friendly activities to enjoy during the holiday season! Random drawings for prizes will take place at the conclusion of the event and winners will be notified. Look for more information and rules on each event as the dates get closer.

OPTIONS	DATES	OPTIONS	DATES
Light the Night	12/6-12/24	Festival of Wreaths	12/6-12/24
Light the Night BINGO	12/6-12/24	Not So Pretty 2021	12/6-12/24
Great Candy Cane Hunt	12/6-12/24	Best In Snow	12/6-12/24

REGISTRATION FEE: Free to participate

NOTES: Must submit by 12/27 for events with submissions

LIGHT THE NIGHT HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR

It's the season... for Christmas lights! We are in search of holiday light displays in Marion and need your help. Simply submit your own home or a property you feel deserves recognition to the Marion Parks and Recreation Department and we will compile a comprehensive list for everyone to drive around and enjoy. A great family-friendly activity to enjoy during the holiday season!

LIGHT THE NIGHT B-I-N-G-O

See them twinkle! Join the fun and participate in Light The Night Holiday Lights B-I-N-G-O! A great family-friendly activity to enjoy during the holiday season! Each bingo will equate to an entry into a drawing for prizes (max five bingos/entries per person on a single card).

GREAT CANDY CANE HUNT

Candy canes have been a long-standing traditional symbol for Christmastime. Get active and have a little fun searching for oversized candy canes hidden throughout Marion Parks. Each candy cane contains an official "Great Candy Cane Hunt" tag along with a small prize from the department. Participants can keep the candy cane and enjoy the prize on behalf of the department. Be sure to post your finds on the Marion Parks and Recreation Department's "Three Weeks of Christmas" Facebook event page or email tireland@cityofmarion.org. Hunt continues until all candy canes have been found.

FESTIVAL OF WREATHS

One of the most underappreciated Christmas décor items, the wreath! We want to see your beautiful and customized creations. All sizes, themes and décor welcome, so be creative and make yours stand out. Snap a photo of your wreath and submit it on the Marion Parks and Recreation Department's "Three Weeks of Christmas" Facebook event page or email your photos to tireland@cityofmarion.org to post on your behalf.

NOT SO PRETTY 2021 UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

If 2021 was a sweater it would most likely be an ugly one! The Christmas season isn't complete without throwing on an ugly Christmas sweater at least once. Snap a quick photo or selfie of yourself, child or pet donning their best/worst ugly Christmas sweater and submit it on the Marion Parks and Recreation Department's "Three Weeks of Christmas" Facebook event page or email your photos to tireland@cityofmarion.org to post on your behalf. Categories include adult, children and pets.

BEST IN "SNOW"

What fun is the holiday season without Christmas cookies and gingerbread houses? We want to see all those wonderful, delectable treats you've worked so hard to create. Submit photos of your creations on the Marion Parks and Recreation Department's "Three Weeks of Christmas" Facebook event page or email your photos to tireland@cityofmarion.org to post on your behalf. Categories include cookies and gingerbread houses.



MARION PARKS & RECREATION

rental & miscellaneous information

City of Marion IOWA

PLEASE NOTE: Rentals have resumed, but certain COVID-19 protocols may still be enforced for renters. Restrictions or protocols will be communicated at the time of your reservation. For the most up-to-date COVID-19 information please visit www.cityofmarion.org.

Low Park Arts & Environment Center

Located within the confines of beautiful Low Park, 4500 N 10th Street, the Arts and Environment Center is a multi-use facility that is managed by the Parks and Recreation Department. The rental spaces are popular for graduation parties, weddings, birthday parties, anniversaries, baby/wedding showers, family gatherings, business meetings, concerts, workshops, retreats, and much more. The rooms allow for flexible set-up, so you can have your occasion just the way you want it.

- > Reservations can be made online by visiting <http://marionrec.reddesk.com> (certain restrictions apply)
- > Full payment is due at the time the reservation is made.
- > Events with alcohol require an alcohol permit to be completed and approved for an additional non-refundable \$25.
- > Weekend rates for all rooms start at 4 p.m. on Friday.
- > Graduation parties are limited to one rental period. (9 a.m.-3 p.m. or 4-10 p.m.)
- > No alcohol permitted at graduation parties.
- > The Arts and Environment Center is a non-smoking facility .
- > In the event of a cancellation at the request of the renter, a 50% refund of the rental fee shall be refunded.

Whole Facility (indoors) 350 people / 220 seated (separate rooms)
9 a.m.-3 p.m. OR 4-10 p.m. \$750

Additional Hour (Before 9 a.m. OR After 10 p.m.) \$150

All Day (8 a.m.-11 p.m.) \$1,500

Hickory (includes full kitchen) 9-60" round tables / 60 people

Red Oak (includes kitchenette) 6-60" round tables / 48-64 people

White Oak 6-60" round tables / 48-64 people

Weekdays \$100/3 hours

Weekends (9 a.m.-3 p.m. OR 4-10 p.m.) \$200

Weekends – All Day (9 a.m.-10 p.m.) \$350

The Oaks (Red + White Oak) 15-60" round tables / 90-120 people

Weekdays \$150/3 hours

Weekends (9 a.m.-3 p.m. OR 4-10 p.m.) \$300

Weekends – All Day (9 a.m.-10 p.m.) \$500

Sunburst 10-36" square tables / 40 people

Weekdays (Monday-Thursday ONLY, after 4 p.m.) \$20/hour, 3 hour minimum

Hickory & Sunburst 9-60" round tables, 10-36" square tables / 100 people

These spaces are adjacent, but do NOT convert to one large single space. Tables and kitchen use included as listed above with each room.

Weekdays \$150/3 hours

Weekends (9 a.m.-3 p.m. OR 4-10 p.m.) \$300

Weekends–All Day (9 a.m.-10 p.m.) \$500

Additional Fees & Rentals In addition to room rental fees

Outdoor Space (renter furnishes own supplies) \$100

Microphone (Oaks Room Only) \$27.50

Projector \$50

Alcohol Permit (additional rules apply) \$25

Additional Hour (8-9 a.m. or 10-11 p.m.) \$150

Klopfenstein Amphitheater

This beautiful canopy structure is located on the north side of the Low Park Arts and Environment Center (4500 N 10th Street). This venue can be rented for weddings, concerts, theatrical performances and other public or private events. No refunds due to weather.

*6-hour rental times must be 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or 4-10 p.m.

*All day rentals run from 8 a.m.-11 p.m.

Non-Admission Events

Amphitheater w/ NO building access (*6-hour) \$500

Amphitheater w/ building access (*6-hour) \$750

Amphitheater w/ rental of entire A&E facility (*6-hour) \$1,250

Amphitheater w/ rental of entire A&E facility (*All Day) \$2,000

Events with Admission Fees/Tickets

Amphitheater w/ NO building access (*6-hour) \$1,000

Amphitheater w/ building access (*6-hour) \$1,500

Amphitheater w/ rental of entire A&E facility (*6-hour) \$2,000

Amphitheater w/ rental of entire A&E facility (*All Day) \$3,000

*Weekends & Holidays (All Day ONLY) (9 a.m.–10 p.m.) \$300

*Weekdays (9 a.m.–3 p.m. OR 4–10 p.m.) \$150

*Weekday rentals during daytime hours (9 a.m.–3 p.m.) are only available Dec. 1–March 31

*Renters are issued a key for weekend rentals

Thomas Park Safe Room

This multi-functional and non-smoking facility has seating for up to 115 guests and includes the use of a refrigerator, microwave, sink and has its own set of restrooms. Reservations must be made in person during regular office hours, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

Pavilions

Park pavilions are available for reservations from May 1–Oct. 31. All pavilions feature: electricity, picnic tables, grills and water available in bathrooms (except Taube Park). Trash must be placed in the containers provided on site. There are other small pavilions, shelters, and gazebos in our park system that do not require a reservation (first come, first serve). The pavilions listed below can be reserved by completing the reservation process in person or by calling 319-447-3590 (online reservations coming soon). Pavilion renters must abide by all park rules. *All pavilion rentals are non-refundable.*

Taube Pavilion, Taube Park / 25 people

9 a.m.-3 p.m. OR 4-10 p.m. \$40
 All Day (9 a.m.-10 p.m.) \$60

Depot Pavilion, City Square Park / 70 people

9 a.m.-3 p.m. OR 4-10 p.m. \$75
 All Day (9 a.m.-10 p.m.) \$120

Begley #1 Pavilion, Thomas Park / 70 people

Begley #2 Pavilion, Thomas Park / 70 people

English Pavilion, City Square Park / 150 people

9 a.m.-3 p.m. OR 4-10 p.m. \$90
 All Day (9 a.m.-10 p.m.) \$135

Low Pavilion, Lowe Park / 80 people

9 a.m.-3 p.m. OR 4-10 p.m. \$100
 All Day (9 a.m.-10 p.m.) \$150

Friends of the Park & Cemetery

Looking for ways to get involved with Marion Parks and Recreation? The Friends of the Marion Parks and Friends of Oak Shade Cemetery are always looking for new people to join their group and for volunteers for various Parks and Recreation Department projects.

Friends of Oak Shade Cemetery |

Oak Shade Cemetery is a great place for walking and meditating. The Friends of Oak Shade Cemetery group is meeting on a regular basis. Future projects for the group include assisting the parks staff with seasonal clean up, maintaining the perennial flower beds, headstone repairs, researching genealogy, and cemetery history. Follow us on Facebook at “Friends of Oak Shade Cemetery”. Volunteer opportunities are available.

Friends of the Marion Parks | Organized in 2002, Friends of the Marion Parks, a non-profit organization, has supported the department through purchasing equipment, providing volunteers to assist with events or programs, and coordinating park staff recognition. New and renewal memberships are welcomed anytime throughout the year. Volunteer opportunities are available.

Individual Memberships \$10
 Family Memberships..... \$15
 Lifelong Memberships \$175



PARK NAME & ADDRESS

Park Name & Address	Acreage	Amphitheater	Ball Diamond(s)	Basketball Hoops/Courts	Batting Cage	Bike Maintenance Station	Bike Racks	Charcoal Grill	Community Garden	Concession Stand	Demonstration Orchard	Demonstration Garden	Disc Golf Course	Electricity Available	Exercise Equipment	Farmers Market	Fishing Pond	Horseshoe Pits	Ice Skating Rink (winter)	Indoor Rental Space	Open Green Space	Pavilion/Shelter/Gazebo	Picnic Tables/Benches	Playground	Restrooms (permanent or portable)	Roller Balls Courts	Sand Diggers or Spring Riders	Sandbox	Skate Park	Sledding Hill	Splash Pad	Staff Offices	Storm Shelter	Swimming Pool	Tennis/Pickleball Courts	Trails & Trail Heads (connections)	Water Fountain		
Ascension Park, 875 S 22nd Street	4																																						
Boyson Park, 975 Boyson Road	70																																						
Butterfield Park, 29th Avenue & 35th Street	6.3																																						
City Square Park, 1001 7th Avenue	1.5																																						
Donnelly Park, 290 W 8th Avenue	19																																						
Elza Park, 1645 5th Avenue	0.3																																						
Faulkes Heritage Woods, 40th Street & Tama	110																																						
Glenbrook Cove, 40th Street Drive	4																																						
Hanna Park, 775 Fairview Drive	15																																						
J.W. Gill Park, 3450 Hawthorne Street	6.5																																						
Legion Park, 343 Marion Boulevard	50																																						
Linger Park, 390 Alburnett Road	12																																						
Low Park, 4500 N Tenth Street	180																																						
Marion Tennis Courts, 675 S 15th Street	---																																						
Peg Pierce Complex, 3205 3rd Avenue	3.5																																						
Starry Park, 1480 Grand Avenue	15																																						
Taube Park, 2200 31st Street	5																																						
Thomas Park, 343 Marion Boulevard	50																																						
Waldo's Rock Park, 6303 Partners Avenue	7.4																																						
Willow Park, 990 2nd Street	8																																						
Willowood Park, 1855 35th Street	10																																						

TRAIL NAME	DISTANCE	TRAIL DESCRIPTION
Boyson Trail	2.4 Miles	Crushed limestone trail that follows along the Indian Creek
Gill Park Trail	0.25 Mile	Circular walking path around the perimeter of the park
Hanna Park Fitness Trail	---	Paved trail segment along Boyson Trail featuring accessible exercise equipment
Krumbholtz Trail	0.75	Crushed limestone trail from Thomas Park to Highway 100
Lindale Trail	1 Mile	Crushed limestone trail from Lindale Drive west to C Avenue
Low Park Trail	1.25 Mile	Paved trail from 10th Street to the ball diamonds by Oak Ridge Middle School
Low Park Sculpture Trail	---	Paved trail segment from 10th Street through art sculptures including the Klopfenstein Amphitheater
Waldo's Rock Park Trail	0.25 Mile	Paved circular path around the fishing pond