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## 2022 SPRING/SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE



**GET REGISTERED!**

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

### Online

[cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation](http://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. Register in person during 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 at Lowe Park or Thomas Park.

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

### Recreation Office (319) 447-3590

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

## Online Account Reminders...

**FACILITY RENTAL POLICY** | You are now able to rent facilities for the current calendar year and the following year. For example, you can rent rooms and pavilions for all of 2022 and 2023. The next calendar year is opened each January. This is a significant change from the one-year policy that was previously in place.

**HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNTS** | To simplify the registration and reservation process, please ensure your household account includes all family members. Please verify all contact information is correct (phone, email, address, birthdays, etc.).

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

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** | If you or your child would like to participate in a program but cannot afford the fee, please contact the Recreation Division at (319) 447-3590 to discuss your options. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

**SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION** | The wait is over! We are now able to accept swim lesson registrations online. Registration for 2022 summer swimming lessons begin on March 1.

## COVID-19 Update...

Programs in this guide may be subject to modifications, interruptions or even cancellations. This includes implementing specific program-based protocols based on public health recommendations, modifying programs to emphasize healthy participation practices, eliminating high-risk programs, providing alternate socially distanced programming and modifying our rental procedures.

## In The Spotlight...

**NOW OPEN!** The mini-pitch at Hanna Park was completed in the fall of 2021. Soccer enthusiasts and people of all ages and abilities can enjoy this unique amenity as weather permits. Staff plan to develop organized tournaments and leagues, so keep an eye out for those opportunities.

**COMING SOON!** Prairie Hill Park will be the newest addition to the park system in Marion. Located off of 29th Avenue just west of Highway 13, plans for this quaint park include a playground, ball diamond, basketball court and small pavilion.

**WELCOME!** Allie Waterman joined the department as the first recreation program coordinator in December 2021. Allie earned her degree from the University of Northern Iowa and was the recreation intern this past summer. If you see Allie at programs and events, be sure to stop and say hello!

# Youth Sports



## REGISTRATION DEADLINE REMINDERS

**Marion Boys Baseball**—Boys Ages 8-18 (*As of April 1, 2022*)  
Visit [www.marionbaseball.org](http://www.marionbaseball.org) to register.

**Marion Girls Softball**—Girls Grades 2nd-8th (*Entering Fall 2022-23*)  
Visit [www.mariongirlssoftball.org](http://www.mariongirlssoftball.org) to register.

## TINY GOAL KICKERS SOCCER

**Children Ages 4-8** | An instructional league designed to develop and introduce basic soccer skills, rules and other concepts. The first two meetings are treated as group practices and the remaining five dates will be games played 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

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** March 11, 2022 (+\$10 beginning March 12)

## SPRING FLAG FOOTBALL

**Children Grades 1st-4th (Fall 2022-23)** | This new 5v5 league is run like a mini clinic/league that teaches the fundamentals of football including throwing, catching, running, blocking, hand-offs, plays/formations, etc. Teams are kept small to encourage participation for each child. **Volunteer coaches needed!**

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
1st/2nd Grade	Mon	4/11-5/16	5:30 or 6:30 p.m.	Taube Park
3rd/4th Grade	Mon	4/11-5/16	5:30 or 6:30 p.m.	Taube Park

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

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** March 11, 2022 (+\$10 beginning March 12)

## LIL' SLUGGERS BLASTBALL

**Children Age 3** | Blastball is a fun and easy introduction for kids to learn the basic skills involved with t-ball. Players work on throwing, hitting, fielding, base-running, teamwork and sportsmanship. The first night of the program is a group practice led by recreation staff. After that, each meeting will consist of a combination of practice drills and short games against other teams. **Volunteer coaches needed!**

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
3 Year Old-AM	Thur	6/9-7/14	9-9:45 a.m.	Lowe Park
3 Year Old-PM	Thur	6/9-7/14	5:30-6:15 p.m. or 6:30-7:15 p.m.	Lowe Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$37 per child, includes team shirt

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** April 15, 2022 (+\$10 beginning April 16)

## PEEWEE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

**Boys Age 4-8 (By June 1, 2022)**

**Girls Grades Pre-K-2nd (Fall 2022-23, must be 4 years old by start of program)**

This program is an instructional league that focuses on the development of baseball/softball skills, such as hitting, throwing, fielding and learning the rules and terminology associated with baseball/softball. Players have the option of hitting off the tee or having a coach pitch to them. Teams will practice 1-2 times a week. **Volunteer coaches needed!**

OPTIONS	GAME DAYS	DATES	GAME TIMES	LOCATION
BASEBALL-4/5 Year Old (T-Ball)	Mon/Wed	5/23-7/14	5:30 or 6:45 p.m.	Varies
BASEBALL-6-8 Year Old (Coach-Pitch)	Mon/Wed	5/23-7/14	5:30 or 6:45 p.m.	Varies
SOFTBALL-Pre-K/Kindergarten (T-ball)	Tues/Thur	5/23-7/14	5:30 or 6:45 p.m.	Varies
SOFTBALL-1st/2ndGrade (Coach-Pitch)	Tues/Thur	5/23-7/14	5:30 or 6:45 p.m.	Varies

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$37 per child, includes team shirt

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** April 15, 2022 (+\$10 beginning April 16)

**NOTES:** Practices begin the week of May 23 and times/days/locations will vary by team. Baseball/Softball games begin the week of June 6. There will be occasional weeknight games held at Prospect Meadows. Coaches will contact players with their team assignment and practice/game schedules.

## PEEWEE FLAG FOOTBALL

**Children Grades K-1st (Fall 2022-23)** | This instructional league is run like a mini clinic that teaches the fundamentals of football, like throwing, catching, running, blocking, hand-offs, learning basic plays/formations, positions, etc. Players have group instructional practices led by recreation staff the first two nights and a combination of games and practices the remaining six nights of the program. **Volunteer coaches needed!**

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
PeeWee Flag	Tues/Thur	8/23-9/15	5:30 or 6:30 p.m.	Lowe Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$37 per child, includes team shirt

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** July 22, 2022 (+\$10 beginning July 23)

## YOUTH NFL FLAG FOOTBALL

**Children Grades 2nd-6th (Fall 2022-23)** | NFL Flag is here in Marion! This collaborative recreational league between Marion Parks and Recreation and the Marion YMCA will focus on learning fundamentals and developing skills to continue playing football at the next level. An emphasis is placed on good sportsmanship, teamwork and equal playing time. A 6-game season will be played by each team. **Volunteer coaches needed!**

OPTIONS	GAMES	DATES	GAME TIMES	LOCATION
NFL Flag 2nd/3rd Grade	Sat	9/10-10/15	9 a.m.-2 p.m.	Lowe Park
NFL Flag 4th-6thGrade	Sat	9/10-10/15	9 a.m.-2 p.m.	Lowe Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$55 per child, includes reversible team jersey

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** July 22, 2022 (+\$10 beginning July 23)

**NOTES:** Practices begin the week of Aug. 22 and days/times will vary by team. Coaches will contact players with their team assignment and practice/game schedules.

## NEW! REC UNITED SUMMER SOCCER

**Children Ages 5-10 (Age as of June 15, 2022)** | A first of its kind in the metro area! Area parks and recreation departments have teamed up to bring you this new recreational summer soccer league. Kids will meet for 7 weeks (once per week) to continue building their soccer skill set. Focus will be placed on learning age-appropriate skills and fundamentals to enhance the players' ability and understanding of the game of soccer. **Volunteer coaches needed!**

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	GAME TIMES	LOCATION
5-6 Boys/Girls	Wed	6/15-7/27	6 or 7 p.m.	Tuma Soccer Complex
7-8 Boys/Girls	Wed	6/15-7/27	6 or 7 p.m.	Tuma Soccer Complex
9-10 Boys/Girls	Wed	6/15-7/27	6 or 7 p.m.	Tuma Soccer Complex

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

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** May 6, 2022 (+\$10 beginning May 7)

## FALL 3V3 SOCCER LEAGUE

**Children Grades 4-8** | Didn't get enough soccer this spring? Give this 3v3 soccer league a try! The first night will be group practices and a refresher of basic soccer skills and fundamentals. After that, a combination of games and practices will be held in a 3v3 format. Keeping the teams small will engage the kids by allowing more opportunities to handle the ball. Referees will help coach and facilitate the games. *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
4 Year Old (co-ed)	Wed	9/7-10/12	5 or 6 p.m.	Butterfield or Taube Park
5/6 Year Old (co-ed)	Wed	9/7-10/12	5 or 6 p.m.	Butterfield or Taube Park
7/8 Year Old (boys/girls)	Wed	9/7-10/12	5 or 6 p.m.	Butterfield or Taube Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$37 per child, includes team shirt

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** July 22, 2022 (+\$10 beginning July 23)

# 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.



# Youth Sports Camps



**Children Ages 3-12** | These sports camps will introduce children to the basic skills and fundamentals of the selected sport in a fun, non-competitive and non-intimidating environment. Kids will learn skills through a variety of age-appropriate interactive games, activities and drills. Find complete descriptions and available sessions for each camp when you register online at [www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation](http://www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation). Limited number of spots available each camp.

PROGRAM	AGES	DAYS	DATES	SESSIONS	LOCATION	FEE	DEADLINE
Little Sports Camp	3-5	Wed	5/11-6/1	AM & PM Offerings	Butterfield Park	\$33	April 8, 2022
Little Kickers Kickball	3-4	Tues	6/7-6/28	AM & PM Offerings	Butterfield Park	\$28	May 6, 2022
Lil' Pigskins Football	5-8	Tues	6/7-6/28	AM & PM Offerings	Butterfield Park	\$33	May 6, 2022
Happy Feet Soccer	3-4	Wed	7/6-7/27	AM & PM Offerings	Butterfield Park	\$33	June 10, 2022
Lil' Chippers Golf	6-10	Mon	7/11-8/1	AM & PM Offerings	Lowe Park	\$33	June 10, 2022
Track & Agility	6-10	T/Th	7/26-8/11	AM & PM Offerings	Lowe Park Track	\$37	July 1, 2022
Youth Pickleball	7-12	M/W	8/8-8/17	AM & PM Offerings	Marion YMCA	\$33	July 1, 2022
Lil' Tykes Basketball	4-8	Mon	9/12-10/3	PM Offerings	Thomas Park	\$33	Aug. 12, 2022
Lil' Tykes Basketball	4-8	Thur	9/15-10/6	PM Offerings	Thomas Park	\$33	Aug. 12, 2022

## KICK STAR SOCCER CAMP

**Children Age 3** | This four-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 played. *Limited number of spots available.*

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

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$33 per child (includes camp shirt)  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** March 11, 2022 (+\$10 beginning March 12)

## YOUTH SUMMER TENNIS

**Children Ages 5-13** | The Marion Parks and Recreation Department will once again offer youth summer tennis classes. Kids will learn age-appropriate skills, fundamentals and terminology based on their class age group. Each session meets for four classes.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
<b>SESSION I</b> (Session I make-ups will be held the morning of Saturday, July 2)				
Tots (5-6)	Mon	6/6-6/27	5-5:45 p.m.	Marion High School
Rookies (7-10)	Mon	6/6-6/27	6-6:55 p.m.	Marion High School
Racquetters (11-13)	Mon	6/6-6/27	7-7:55 p.m.	Marion High School
Tots (5-6)	Fri	6/10-7/1	9-9:45 a.m.	Marion High School
Rookies (7-10)	Fri	6/10-7/1	10-10:55 a.m.	Marion High School
Racquetters (11-13)	Fri	6/10-7/1	11-11:55 a.m.	Marion High School
<b>SESSION II</b> (Session I make-ups will be held the morning of Saturday, Aug. 13)				
Tots (5-6)	Mon	7/18-8/8	5-5:45 p.m.	Marion High School
Rookies (7-10)	Mon	7/18-8/8	6-6:55 p.m.	Marion High School
Racquetters (11-13)	Mon	7/18-8/8	7-7:55 p.m.	Marion High School
Tots (5-6)	Fri	7/22-8/12	9-9:45 a.m.	Marion High School
Rookies (7-10)	Fri	7/22-8/12	10-10:55 a.m.	Marion High School
Racquetters (11-13)	Fri	7/22-8/12	11-11:55 a.m.	Marion High School

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$60 per session  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Session 1: May 13, 2022 (+\$10 beginning May 14)  
 Session 2: June 17, 2022 (+\$10 beginning June 18)  
**NOTES:** Participants should bring their own racket and water.

## YOUTH LACROSSE CAMP

**Children Ages 7-14** | Lacrosse is one of the fastest-growing sports in America and just making its way into the Midwest. This camp is led by coaches from Kingfisher Lacrosse, the first organized youth lacrosse club to appear in eastern Iowa. Players will be introduced to the basic skills and terminology of lacrosse in a non-contact environment. Learn the skills of shooting, passing, catching, cradling, stick handling, running, agility, rules and basic game format in this three-week (six meeting) camp. *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Lacrosse Camp	Wed/Sat	6/8-6/25	Wed, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sat, 9-10 a.m.	Taub Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$28 per child  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** May 6, 2022 (+\$10 beginning May 7)  
**NOTES:** Participants should wear close-toed shoes and bring water. Children interested in pursuing lacrosse beyond this camp can find more information about organized youth lacrosse at [www.kingfisherlacrosse.com](http://www.kingfisherlacrosse.com)

## NEW! YOUTH MINI TRIATHLON

**Children Ages 7-14** | Swim, bike and run for fun! Challenge your kiddos in this inaugural mini-triathlon fun-run right here in Marion. Kids will first swim at the Marion YMCA, then bike to and through Lowe Park before running laps around the Lowe Park Track. Three different skill levels to choose from (ages are recommendations) to best suit your child. No previous triathlon experience is necessary. Kids should be able to swim a basic front stroke to participate. **Volunteer needed!**

OPTIONS	AGES	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Beginner	7-8	Sat	8/13	11 a.m.	Marion YMCA & Lowe Park
Intermediate	9-11	Sat	8/13	9:30 a.m.	Marion YMCA & Lowe Park
Advance	12-14	Sat	8/13	8 a.m.	Marion YMCA & Lowe Park

SKILL LEVEL	SWIM	BIKE	RUN
Beginner (7-8)	25 yards	1.25 miles	0.5 miles
Intermediate (9-11)	50 yards	2.5 miles	1 mile
Advance (12-14)	100 yards	3.75 miles	1.5 miles

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$33 per child, includes event shirt  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** July 8, 2022 (+\$10 beginning July 9)  
**NOTES:** Participants bring their own bike and must wear a helmet. Children can move up or down skill levels based on their abilities at their parents' discretion.



## CHECK IT OUT! KIWANIS MIRACLE LEAGUE AT PROSPECT MEADOWS

**Ages 24 & Under with a Disability** | The Kiwanis Miracle League is a baseball league for kids with special needs. Players play on the Miracle Field at Prospect Meadows, a safe and inclusive field for all abilities. Each player gets an official major league jersey and hat for their team. A separate spring and fall season are offered. For more information or to register a player or as a volunteer, please visit [www.prospectmeadows.com/miracle-league](http://www.prospectmeadows.com/miracle-league).



# REGISTER EARLY!

Nothing hurts a program more than missed deadlines. Register early to ensure adequate numbers are met to hold programs. 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 Programs

### 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'll be 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	Sat	4/9	7:30-9 p.m.	Lowe Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$15 per child  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** March 11, 2022 (+\$10 beginning March 12)

### 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	10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Lowe Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$15 per child  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** March 11, 2022 (+\$10 beginning March 12)

### 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. 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
Spring Break Camp	Mon-Fri	3/14-3/18	noon-5 p.m.	Lowe Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$25 per child, per day of camp  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** March 11, 2022 (+\$10 beginning March 12)

### SUMMER ART CAMP

**Children Grades 2nd-8th (Fall 2021-22)** | Join local art instructor, Michael Brandt, for some interactive art camps this summer. There will be a total of six camps offered. *Limited number of spots available each session.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Painting I	Mon-Thur	6/6-6/9	8-10 a.m.	Lowe Park
Cartooning I	Mon-Thur	6/6-6/9	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Lowe Park
Painting II	Mon-Thur	6/13-6/16	8-10 a.m.	Lowe Park
Cartooning II	Mon-Thur	6/13-6/16	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Lowe Park
Egyptian Art	Mon-Thur	6/20-6/23	8-10 a.m.	Lowe Park
Sign Art	Mon-Thur	6/20-6/23	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Lowe Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$80 per child (cash or check only made payable to Michael Brandt)  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** May 27, 2022  
**NOTES:** Registration forms and complete camp descriptions available at [www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation](http://www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation).

### NEW! LIL' SPROUTS

**Children Ages 3-5** | Together with your own lil' sprout, enjoy exploring a different nature or garden-based class each week at Lowe Park! Classes will consist of story time with a coordinating nature/garden craft or activity to follow, led by our department horticulturist. This is a parent/guardian-child class. *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Lil' Sprouts-1	Tues	7/12-8/2	10-10:30 a.m.	Lowe Park
Lil' Sprouts-2	Tues	7/12-8/2	11-11:30 a.m.	Lowe Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$28 per child  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** June 10, 2022 (+\$10 beginning June 11)

### 4-H SUMMER DAY CAMPS

**Children Grades K-8th (Fall 2021-22)** | The Marion Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with Iowa State Extension and Linn County 4-H to offer quality summer day camps in Marion. These day-long camps are educational, interactive and sure to keep your child's attention.

OPTIONS	GRADE	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Art Investigators	K-2nd	Tues	6/7	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Lowe Park
Science of Flight	K-2nd	Wed	6/29	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Thomas Park
Taste of Iowa	K-2nd	Thur	7/7	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Lowe Park
Mystery Solved	3rd-5th	Mon	7/11	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Thomas Park
Robot Revolution	3rd-5th	Thur	7/21	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Lowe Park
Creepy Crawly Bug Adventure Jr.	K-2nd	Tues	8/2	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Lowe Park
Creepy Crawly Bug Adventure	3rd-5th	Tues	8/2	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Lowe Park
Kitchen Concoctions	3rd-5th	Mon	8/8	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Lowe Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$25 per child  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Two weeks prior to camp date  
**NOTES:** To register and view complete camp descriptions, visit [www.extension.iastate.edu/linn/summer-programs](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/linn/summer-programs).

### NEW! SNAPOLGY

**Children Ages 5-12** | Snapology is committed to developing the next generation of scientists, mathematicians, engineers, inventors and leaders through engaging STEAM-based activity and play. These camps offer participants an environment where they create and interact with the materials and technology, enabling them to explore solutions and dynamic thinking through hands-on playful learning.

OPTIONS	AGES	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION	FEE/BUNDLE
Mining & Building	5-8	Tues	3/15	9 a.m.-noon	Lowe Park	\$35
Combat Robots	8-12	Tues	3/15	1-4 p.m.	Lowe Park	\$45
Madrigal (Encanto)	6-8	Fri	3/18	9 a.m.-noon	Lowe Park	\$45
Roblox	5-8	Fri	3/18	1-4 p.m.	Lowe Park	\$35
STEAM Survivor	6-10	Tues	4/5-4/26	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Lowe Park	\$50
Mining & Building	5-8	Tues	5/3-5/31	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Lowe Park	\$55
Amusement Parks	7-10	Mon	6/6-6/27	9 a.m.-noon	Lowe Park	\$40 / \$120
Combat Robots	7-10	Mon	6/6-6/27	1-4 p.m.	Lowe Park	\$45 / \$140
Gamebots	6-10	Fri	7/8-7/29	9 a.m.-noon	Lowe Park	\$45 / \$140
Superheroes	5-8	Fri	7/8-7/29	1-4 p.m.	Lowe Park	\$35 / \$120

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Two weeks prior to start date  
**NOTES:** To register or view class/camp descriptions, please visit [www.snapology.com/location/hiawatha](http://www.snapology.com/location/hiawatha). Bundle pricing reflects registration for four weeks of the program on the designated weekday listed.

### NEW! FOR THE LOVE OF MUSIC

**Children Ages 1.5-3 & Grades K-2nd** | Join local music instructor, Bonnie Bluml, for some interactive music classes. Each class will focus on a variety of music forms with engaging activities, games and more to reinforce the child's music education. *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS	AGES	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Toe Tapping Tots*	1.5-3	Tues	6/7-7/19**	9-9:30 a.m.	Thomas Park
Kiddy Keys I	3-5	Mon-Fri	6/13-6/17	9:45-10:45 a.m.	Thomas Park
Piano Play I	K-2nd	Mon-Fri	6/13-6/17	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Thomas Park
Kiddy Keys II	3-5	Mon-Fri	7/18-7/22	9:45-10:45 a.m.	Thomas Park
Piano Play II	K-2nd	Mon-Fri	7/18-7/22	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Thomas Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$80 per child  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** May 13, 2022 (+\$10 beginning May 14)  
**NOTES:** \*Toe-Tapping Tots is a parent-child class  
 \*\*No class for Toe Tapping Tots on 6/28, class resumes on 7/5.  
 Find complete class/camp descriptions at [www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation](http://www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation).

# Adult Programs

## POUND IN THE PARK

**Open To All Ages** | "POUND" is one of the hottest and most effective exercise classes out there. Best of all, it is being offered for FREE! What do you have to lose? 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	Wed	6/1-8/17	6-7 p.m.	Klopfenstein Amphitheater (Lowe Park)

**REGISTRATION FEE:** Free to participate (no registration required)

## SUNRISE YOGA

**Open To All Ages** | A summertime staple in Marion! Join the Marion Parks and Recreation Department, Be Well Marion and local fitness clubs/gyms for FREE outdoor yoga during the summer. Sunrise Yoga will be held each Saturday morning in June, July and August outdoors at the beautiful Klopfenstein Amphitheater at Lowe Park. Classes are led by certified instructors from area yoga studios or gyms.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Sunrise Yoga	Sat	6/4-8/27	7:30 a.m.	Klopfenstein Amphitheater (Lowe Park)

**REGISTRATION FEE:** Free to participate (no registration required)

**NOTES:** Participants should bring their own yoga mat or towel and water. Cancellations and information posted on the official Facebook page (search for Sunrise Yoga-Lowe Park)

## DROP-IN ADULT PICKLEBALL

**Adults Ages 18+** | A paddle sport for all ages and athletic abilities, 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. Guests should bring their own paddle and balls.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Adult Pickleball	Mon-Thu	Ongoing	9 a.m.-noon	Marion YMCA

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

**NOTES:** Drop-in fee only provides access to the pickleball courts in the gym.

## ADULT 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. Participants are welcome to bring food and drinks to share with their team. Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
General Trivia	Sat	4/23	6-9 p.m.	Lowe Park

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

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Two weeks prior to event date

**NOTES:** Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

## ROUND ROBIN DROP-IN TENNIS

**Adults Ages 18+** | Interested in playing tennis with others in a laid-back environment? One of the most enjoyable forms of recreational tennis is the round robin. Join us for mixed (co-ed) open play. Each participant plays with multiple players throughout the session. For questions about the format of this program, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Round Robin	Thu	March-October	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Marion High School
Round Robin	Sat	March-October	9-11 a.m.	Marion High School

**REGISTRATION FEE:** Free to participate (no registration required)

**NOTES:** All levels of play are welcome, but please note, no instruction is provided. Participants should bring their own racket and balls.

## LEARN TO PLAY 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. Led by USAPA Ambassador and lowa singles/doubles champion, Lyle Theisen, come learn all the rules, techniques and strategies to start playing pickleball.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Learn To Play-1	Sat	6/11	8-10 a.m.	Marion High School Tennis Courts
Learn To Play-2	Sat	7/9	8-10 a.m.	Marion High School Tennis Courts

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$15 per person

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Two weeks prior to program date

**NOTES:** Participants can bring their own equipment. A limited number of paddles and balls will be available.

## NEW! INTRO TO KAYAKING

**Adults Ages 18+** | Have you always wanted to learn to kayak, but don't know where to start? Or maybe you just want to brush up on your skills? If so, this is just the class for you! Led by American Canoe Association (ACA) certified instructors, Chuck Unga and Lynne Majetic, participants will learn exactly what they need to start their kayaking adventures. Class will cover appropriate gear, safety basics, kayak strokes and more. This class is sponsored by Linn County Conservation. Class size is extremely limited, so register early!

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Intro To Kayak	Sun	6/12	9-11 a.m.	Willowood Park (swimming pool)

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$15 per person

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** May 27, 2022 (+\$10 beginning May 28)

**NOTES:** Kayaks will be provided, but participants can bring their own (please indicate during registration). Height & weight needed to properly-size vessels for participants.

## NEW! 4V4 MINI-PITCH SOCCER TOURNAMENT

**Adults Ages 18+** | Take your team from the grass pitch to the concrete one on Marion's new soccer mini-pitch. Assemble your best squad (min four, max six players) and battle it out on the concrete pitch. Teams will be guaranteed a minimum of three games. Points will be kept for wins, losses and draws with goal differential used as a tiebreaker to determine the champion.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Men's Division	Sat/Sun	6/25-6/26	9 a.m.	Hanna Park Mini Pitch
Women's Division	Sat/Sun	6/25-6/26	9 a.m.	Hanna Park Mini Pitch
Co-Ed Division	Sat/Sun	6/25-6/26	9 a.m.	Hanna Park Mini Pitch

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$75 per team (max 6 people per team)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** May 20, 2022

**NOTES:** Tournaments begin at 9 a.m. and schedule will be sent to team captains. Games will be a self-officiated, but a tournament supervisor will be present to facilitate and record scores. Team captains will register the entire team, but all players must complete waiver prior to participating.

## NEW! ADULT WIFFLEBALL TOURNAMENT

**Adults Ages 18+** | Your reason to act like a kid again is finally here...adult wiffleball! 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. Each team will be guaranteed a minimum of three games. *A minimum number of three players and a maximum of five players allowed on each team. Minimum of six teams required to hold tournament.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Wiffleball Tournament	Sat/Sun	7/24-7/25	9 a.m.	TBD

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$75 per team (max 6 people per team)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** May 20, 2022

**NOTES:** Tournaments begin at 9 a.m. and schedule will be sent to team captains. Games will be a self-officiated, but a tournament supervisor will be present to facilitate and record scores. Team captains will register the entire team, but all players must complete waiver prior to participating.



Low Park Recreation Office • (319) 447-3590  
 Thomas Park Administrative Office • (319) 447-3580  
 Marion Swimming Pool • (319) 377-1654 (Memorial Day-Labor Day)  
 Website • [www.cityofmarion.org](http://www.cityofmarion.org)  
 Facebook • [www.facebook.com/MarionIAParksRec](http://www.facebook.com/MarionIAParksRec)  
 Program registration/rentals • [www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation](http://www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation)

# Family/Special Events

## PARKS POKER CHALLENGE

**Open To All Ages** | You got to know when to hold 'em and know where to find 'em! A new take on the traditional scavenger hunt will have you scouring our City in pursuit of the best poker hand! 52 large playing cards have been hidden around Marion's parks and trails. Each card has the City of Marion "bug" on it to identify it as an official playing card. Assemble your best five-card hand (with photo proof) and submit it for a chance at some cool prizes from the department. Be prepared to look high, low, over, under, behind, on-top, common places, odd places...well, you get the point!

OPTIONS	DATES	LOCATION
Parks Poker	6/13-8/12	Marion Parks

**REGISTRATION FEE:** Free to participate

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Submissions must be received by Aug. 12.

**NOTES:** Watch for official rules closer to the start of the date.

## FUN WITH FRIENDS (OF THE MARION PARKS)

**Open To All Ages** | The Friends of the Marion Parks advocate for the use of Marion Parks and work to support the Marion Parks and Recreation Department. They will host three fun and family-friendly events to highlight and help you discover some of the hidden gems the Marion parks system has to offer.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Photo Scavenger Hunt	Any	6/6-8/7	Any	Marion Parks
Peddling Through The Parks	Sat	6/11	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Thomas Park
GILL-ibration	Sat	8/6	1-4 p.m.	Gill Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** Free to participate

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Submissions must be received by Aug. 7 for scavenger hunt.

**NOTES:** For more information, please visit [www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation](http://www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation)

## NEW! MOVIES ON THE MOVE

**Open To All Ages** | Join the Marion Parks and Recreation Department as the popular "Moonlit Movie" series hits the road this summer! These smaller but equally as entertaining events break down geographic barriers by bringing the cinematic adventures right to your neighborhoods. Bring your chairs/blankets and sprawl out in the park to take in some classic flicks. Watch for more details for each night as the dates get closer. These events are free and open to the public.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	LOCATION
Movie #1	Tues	5/17	Butterfield Park
Movie #2	Tues	6/21	Thomas Park
Movie #3	Tues	7/19	Peg Peirce Complex
Movie #4	Tues	8/16	Taube Park
Movie #5	Tues	9/20	Hanna Park

**NOTES:** Watch for more information on start times and other details for each night.



## 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 \$0.25 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 outside food and drinks to enjoy while they play.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
B-I-N-G-O Nights	Fri	3/11, 4/8, 5/13, 8/12 9/9, 10/14, 11/18, 12/9	6-9 p.m.	Lowe Park

**PARTICIPATION FEE:** \$0.25 per card, per game

**NOTES:** Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Seats and cards are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Once room reaches capacity, we unfortunately must turn people away.

Save the Date!

Summer Events at Lowe

GREAT AMERICAN KITES  
MAY 21

MOONLIT MOVIES AT LOWE PARK  
MAY 27, JULY 8, AUG. 5

MUSIC UNDER THE MOON CONCERTS  
JUNE 11, JULY 16, AUG. 13

FIREWORKS & FIREFLIES  
JULY 3

PICNIC ON THE PRAIRIE  
JUNE 18, AUG. 20

# Senior Programs



## SENIOR PROGRAMS AT LOWE

**Adults Ages 55+** | 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, please contact the Parks and Recreation office at Lowe Park at (319) 447-3590. The senior site at Lowe Park is always welcoming new guests, so stop out and join in the fun. Please watch for updates or new program offerings.

OPTIONS	DAYS	TIMES	LOCATION
Tai Chi/Geri Fit	Mon	9:30 a.m.	Lowe Park
Yahoo!	Mon (1st/3rd)	9 a.m.	Lowe Park
Cards-500	Wed	9 a.m.	Lowe Park
Line Dancing	Wed	1 p.m.	Lowe Park
Nickel B-I-N-G-O	Thur	9:30 a.m.	Lowe Park
Cards-Pinochle	Fri	9 a.m.	Lowe Park
Encore Cafe	Wed/Thur	11:30 a.m.	Lowe Park

**NOTES:** If Linn-Mar Schools are cancelled due to inclement weather, all senior activities scheduled at Lowe Park will be cancelled that day as well.

# 2022 Pool Season



## May 30 – Sept. 5

(Limited hours from Aug. 19–Labor Day)

### Anticipated Pool Hours:

Official pool hours will be posted at [www.cityofmarion.org](http://www.cityofmarion.org) closer to pool opening.

#### OPEN SWIM

Weekdays Monday-Friday 1-5:30 p.m.

#### FAMILY SWIM

Weekdays Monday-Friday 5:30-7 p.m.

#### OPEN SWIM

Weekends Saturday-Sunday 1-5 p.m.

#### LAP SWIM

Daily Monday-Sunday 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### Regular Pool Admission:

Ages 3 & Under \$2.75/person  
 Ages 4 and up \$3.75/person  
 Lap Swim (all ages) \$3.75/person

### Season Pool Passes:

Individual Pass \$100/each  
 Family Pass \$190/family  
 Family Pass + Sitter \$265

### Pool Memberships

Get ready for a summer of fun with a membership to the Marion Pool. Pool membership includes two adults and immediate children that all reside at the same address. This can include children of divorced parents who have joint custody, step-children or foster children. A babysitter/nanny may be added to your family pass for an additional \$75. A babysitter is defined as a responsible person who will bring your children to the pool and supervise them at all times in your absence.

Pool memberships can be purchased online at [www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation](http://www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation). Pool membership tags will be mailed out to new members prior to the pool opening (May 30). Beginning May 30, all pool membership tags can be picked up directly at the Marion Pool during regular hours of operation. Membership renewals from 2021 will use the same tag(s) that were issued previously. Please allow 2-3 business days to produce the cards. Paid memberships can still enter during this time with proof of receipt of purchase.

### Family Swim

Every weeknight (Monday-Friday) from 5:30-7 p.m., enjoy a family swim for the entire family for only \$12. Admission includes up to 2 adults and 4 children under the age of 18. This includes grandparents and grandchildren. Anyone under age 15 during this time must be accompanied by an adult. Guests can pay the lower admission if their family does not reach the \$12 value deal.

### Pool Rentals

Rentals of the Marion Municipal Pool are available for birthday parties, neighborhood gatherings, church groups, etc. All pool rentals can be completed online by visiting [www.cityofmarion.org/aquatics](http://www.cityofmarion.org/aquatics).

Mon/Wed/Fri 7:15-8:45 p.m. \$225  
 Saturday-Sunday 5:15-6:45 p.m. \$225  
 Saturday-Sunday 7-8:30 p.m. \$225 (only available if earlier timeslot is occupied)

### Splash Pads

Splash pads are open Memorial Day through Labor Day (official closing date is weather dependent).

<b>Thomas Park</b> 343 Marion Boulevard Open daily: 11 a.m.-8 p.m.	<b>Gill Park</b> 3450 Hawthorne Street Open daily: 11 a.m.-8 p.m.	<b>Willowood Park</b> 1835 35th Street Open during regular pool hours
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# Aquatics

## NOW ONLINE! Swim Lesson Registration Begins March 1, 2022

This is the first day swim lesson registration is open to the public. Spots fill up quickly, so be sure to register early! Each session is \$40 per child and classes run for two-consecutive weeks, Monday-Friday, for 45 minutes each day. An online household account is required for all swim lesson registrations. Learn more or sign up at [www.cityofmarion.org/swimlessons](http://www.cityofmarion.org/swimlessons).



## Swim Lesson Levels

**Children Ages 4+** | The following guidelines will help determine which level best fits your child's swimming ability. All children are assessed at their first lesson and may be moved to a different level as necessary. If your child is between levels, please register for the lower one. Students learn many different skills at each level and may need more than one session at each level to pass. These lessons are available for children ages 4 and up.

**Level 1:** Students learn to fully submerge face and body, breathe rhythmically, experience buoyancy, float on front and back and swim on front and back using arm and leg actions.

**Level 2:** Students learn to float on front and back with glide, swim a combined stroke front and back, demonstrate rhythmic breathing, tread water and swim on side.

**Level 3:** Participants must be able to stand unassisted in 3 1/2 feet of water. Students learn front crawl with rotary breathing, back crawl, butterfly arm and leg motions, a kneeling or standing dive, survival float and retrieve a submerged object.

**Level 4:** Students work on strokes including front and back crawl, swim on side with scissor kick, elementary back, breaststroke and butterfly. They also learn diving, underwater swimming, surface dives and open turns on front and back.

**Level 5:** Students refine the front and back crawl, elementary back, breaststroke, butterfly and sidestroke. They also learn standing and shallow dives, pike and tuck surface dives and front and backstroke flip turns.

**Level 6:** Students refine strokes to swim with ease, efficiency, power and smoothness over greater distances. This level offers these personal emphasis options: personal water safety, fitness swimming, fundamentals of diving and lifeguard readiness.

**Splash!** Parent-child (18 months-2 years). Work together with your child in the water through various games and activities designed to prepare the child for structured lessons. *Limited number of spots available.*

**Intro To Swim I** For children age 3. Students learn to fully submerge face and body, breathe rhythmically, experience buoyancy, float on front and back and swim on front and back using arm and leg motions. *Limited number of spots available.*

**Intro To Swim II** For children ages 10-14. Do you have an older child who has never learned how to swim? This class allows kids the option to learn the basics of swimming with kids their own age. *Limited number of spots available.*

SESSION 1 – June 6-17			SESSION 2 – June 20-July 1			SESSION 3 – July 13-24			SESSION 4 – July 27-August 7		
TIME	LEVEL	CLASS #	TIME	LEVEL	CLASS #	TIME	LEVEL	CLASS #	TIME	LEVEL	CLASS #
4:30 p.m.	Intro I	INTRO 101	8:20 a.m.	Level 1	A201	8:20 a.m.	Level 1	A301	9:15 a.m.	Level 1	B401
5:10 p.m.	Level 1	A101		Level 2	A202		Level 2	A302		Level 2	B402
	Level 2	A102		Level 3	A203		Level 3	A303		Level 3	B403
	Level 3	A103		Level 4	A204		Level 4	A304		Level 4	B404
	Level 4	A104		Level 5	A205		Level 5	A305		Level 5	B405
	Level 5	A105		Level 6	A206		Level 6	A306		Level 6	B406
	Level 6	A106	9:15 a.m.	Level 1	B201	9:15 a.m.	Level 1	B301	10:10 a.m.	Level 1	C401
6:05 p.m.	Level 1	B101		Level 2	B202		Level 2	B302		Level 2	C402
	Level 2	B102		Level 3	B203		Level 3	B303		Level 3	C403
	Level 3	B103		Level 4	B204		Level 4	B304		Level 4	C404
	Level 4	B104		Level 5	B205		Level 5	B305		Level 5	C405
	Level 5	B105		Level 6	B206		Level 6	B306		Level 6	C406
	Level 6	B106	10:10 a.m.	Level 1	C201	10:10 a.m.	Level 1	C301	11:05 a.m.	Intro I	INTRO 401
				Level 2	C202		Level 2	C302			
				Level 3	C203		Level 3	C303			
				Level 4	C204		Level 4	C304			
				Level 5	C205		Level 5	C305			
				Level 6	C206		Level 6	C306			
			11:05 a.m.	Intro I	INTRO 201	11:05 a.m.	Splash!	SPLASH			
				Intro II	INTRO 202		Intro I	INTRO 301			