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## 2023 SPRING/SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE



### Who Do You Call?

#### Administrative & Operations Office (319) 447-3580

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

#### Recreation Office (319) 447-3590

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

### Online Account Reminders...

Register for programs with just a few easy clicks. Set up your household account for you and your family at [www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation](http://www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation). For renters, we encourage you to use the online calendar for the facilities to view availability and reserve select facilities. Please note, some facilities still require you to call or visit us in person to complete the reservation process.

**FACILITY RENTAL POLICY** | Rent facilities for the current calendar year as well as the next year. For example, you can now rent rooms and pavilions for all of 2023 and all of 2024. Every January, we'll open the following year (on Jan. 1, 2024, the entire 2025 calendar opens). This is a significant change from the one-year policy that was previously in place.

**HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNTS** | Please make sure to set up your household account and add all family members to make the registration and reservation process quick and easy for future use. Please verify all contact information is correct (phone number, email, address, dates of birth, etc.). Please be sure to avoid duplicating your account.

**WAITLISTS** | Please only add your participant to a class waitlist once and make sure it's the participant's name rather than the parent/adult. We'll do our best to try and accommodate people on waitlists when reasonably possible. Waitlist status does not guarantee a spot in that program.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** | If you or your child would like to participate in a program of ours 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 2023 summer swimming lessons begins on March 6 at 7 a.m.

**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

Visit [www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation](http://www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation) to register through our RecDesk portal.



#### 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 located at Lowe Park or Thomas Park.

# Youth Sports

## TINY GOAL KICKERS SOCCER

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

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
4 Year Old (co-ed)	Tues	4/4-5/16	5:30 or 6:30 p.m.	Butterfield Park
5-6 Year Old (co-ed)	Thurs	4/6-5/18	5:30 or 6:30 p.m.	Butterfield Park
7-8 Year Old (boys/girls)	Sat	4/8-5/20	9 or 10 a.m.	Butterfield Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$42 per child, includes team shirt

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** March 10, 2023 (+\$10 beginning March 11)

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

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

## SPRING FLAG FOOTBALL

**Children Grades 1st-4th (2022-23)** | This new 5v5 league is run like a mini clinic 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. Each night will consist of a mix of practice/scrimmage or scrimmage only.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
1st/2nd Grade	Mon	4/3-5/15	5:30 or 6:30 p.m.	Taube Park
3rd/4th Grade	Mon	4/3-5/15	5:30 or 6:30 p.m.	Taube Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$42 per child, includes team shirt

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** March 10, 2023 (+\$10 beginning March 11)

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

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

## 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 staff and coaches. After that, each meeting will consist of a combination of practice drills and short games against other teams.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
3 Year Old	Thurs	6/8-7/13	5:30-6:05 p.m. or 6:20-7:05 p.m.	Butterfield Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$42 per child, includes team shirt

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** May 5, 2023 (+\$10 beginning May 6)

**NOTES:** Times are scheduled by staff and may rotate weekly to allow for even team distribution

Each meeting will last 35 minutes.

Teams will be co-ed.

## PEEWEE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

**Boys Ages 4-8 (By June 1, 2023)**

**Girls Entering Grades Pre-K-2nd (Fall 2023-24, must be four years old by start of program)**

This program is an instructional league which focuses on the development of baseball/softball skills, such as hitting, throwing, fielding and learning the rules and terminology. Players have the option of hitting off the tee or having a coach pitch to them. Teams will practice one-two times per week. The baseball 4/5-year-old division and softball Pre-K/Kindergarten division will be t-ball. The baseball 6-8-year-old division and softball 1st/2nd-grade division will be coach-pitch only, using the tee when necessary.

OPTIONS	GAME DAYS	DATES	GAME TIMES	LOCATION
BASEBALL-4/5 Year Old (T-Ball)	Mon/Wed	5/22-7/7	5:30 or 6:45 p.m.	Varies
BASEBALL-6-8 Year Old (Coach-Pitch)	Mon/Wed	5/22-7/7	5:30 or 6:45 p.m.	Varies
SOFTBALL-Pre-K/Kindergarten (T-ball)	Tues/Thur	5/22-7/7	5:30 or 6:45 p.m.	Varies
SOFTBALL-1st/2ndGrade (Coach-Pitch)	Tues/Thur	5/22-7/7	5:30 or 6:45 p.m.	Varies

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$42 per child, includes team shirt

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** April 21, 2023 (+\$10 beginning April 22)

**NOTES:** Season begins the week of May 22, times/days/locations will vary by team.

Boys will play/practice on Mondays and/or Wednesday, while girls will play/practice on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. Each team will have two or three practices prior to games beginning. There will be limited practices during the season once games begin.

Games will begin the week of June 5.

Coaches will contact players with their team assignment and practice/game schedules.

## PEEWEE FLAG FOOTBALL

**Children Grades K-1st (Fall 2023-24)** | This instructional league is run like a mini clinic that teaches the fundamentals of football, including 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.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
PeeWee Flag	Tues/Thur	8/22-9/14	5:30 or 6:30 p.m.	Lowe Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$42 per child, includes team shirt

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** July 21, 2023 (+\$10 beginning July 22)

**NOTES:** Times are scheduled by staff and will rotate weekly (5:30-6:15 p.m. or 6:30-7:15 p.m.) to allow for even team distribution.

Cleats and mouthguards are recommended for player safety.

## NFL YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL

**Children Grades 2nd-6th (Fall 2023-24)** | NFL Flag is here in Marion! This collaborative recreational league between Marion Parks and Recreation, Marion YMCA and Hiawatha Parks and Recreation will focus on learning fundamentals and developing the skills to play football at the next level. An emphasis is placed on good sportsmanship, teamwork and equal playing time. Coaches schedule their own practices beginning in late August with games beginning in early September. A six-game season will be played by each team. There will be a coaches' meeting prior to practices being scheduled.

OPTIONS	GAME DAY	DATES	LOCATION
2nd/3rd Grade	Sat	9/9-10/14	Lowe Park
4th-6thGrade	Sat	9/9-10/14	Lowe Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$60 per child, includes reversible team jersey

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** July 21, 2023 (+\$10 beginning July 22)

**NOTES:** Games will begin on Saturday, Sept. 9 and be played between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (schedule varies).

Practices begin the week of Aug. 21 and days/times will vary by team.

Coaches will contact players with their team assignment and practice/game schedules.

Cleats and mouthguards are highly recommended for player safety.

## REC UNITED SUMMER SOCCER

**Children Ages 5-10 (Age as of June 1, 2023)** | Marion, Hiawatha and Cedar Rapids recreation departments have teamed up to bring you this recreational summer soccer league for boys and girls. Focus will be placed on learning age-appropriate skills and fundamentals to better enhance the players understanding of the game of soccer. An emphasis will be placed on teamwork and good sportsmanship by all involved. If your kid is looking to continue soccer between the spring and fall seasons, this is the league for them! There will be a separate girls' and boys' division for each age group.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	GAME TIMES	LOCATION
5-6 Year Old Boys	Wed	6/14-7/26	Games at 6 or 7 p.m.	Tuma Soccer Complex
5-6 Year Old Girls	Wed	6/14-7/26	Games at 6 or 7 p.m.	Tuma Soccer Complex
7-8 Year Old Boys	Wed	6/14-7/26	Games at 6 or 7 p.m.	Tuma Soccer Complex
7-8 Year Old Girls	Wed	6/14-7/26	Games at 6 or 7 p.m.	Tuma Soccer Complex
9-10 Year Old Boys	Wed	6/14-7/26	Games at 6 or 7 p.m.	Tuma Soccer Complex
9-10 Year Old Girls	Wed	6/14-7/26	Games at 6 or 7 p.m.	Tuma Soccer Complex

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$45 per child, includes team shirt

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** May 5, 2023 (+\$10 beginning May 6)

**NOTES:** Minimum number of teams required to hold each division

Boys and girls will play in separate divisions.

Shin guards and cleats are recommended for this league.

## 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 of the program will be group practices and a refresher of basic soccer skills and fundamentals. After that a combination of games and practices will be in a 3v3 format. Keeping the teams small will engage the kids more 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	8/30-10/4	5 or 6 p.m.	Butterfield or Taube Park
5/6 Year Old (co-ed)	Wed	8/30-10/4	5 or 6 p.m.	Butterfield or Taube Park
7/8 Year Old (boys/girls)	Wed	8/30-10/4	5 or 6 p.m.	Butterfield or Taube Park

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

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** July 21, 2023 (+\$10 beginning July 22)

**NOTES:** Start times are scheduled by staff to allow for even team distribution, will rotate weekly.

Teams will be co-ed for 4 and 5-6 year olds.

Divisions for 7/8 year olds will be separate unless there are not enough participants.

# 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 for each camp.

PROGRAM	AGES	DAYS	DATES	SESSIONS	LOCATION	FEE	DEADLINE
Little Sports Camp	3-5	M/W	5/15-5/24	AM & PM Offerings	Butterfield Park	\$33	April 7, 2023
Little Kickers Kickball	3-4	Tues	6/6-6/27	AM & PM Offerings	Butterfield Park	\$28	May 5, 2023
Lil' Pigskins Football	5-8	Tues	6/6-6/27	AM & PM Offerings	Butterfield Park	\$33	May 5, 2023
Happy Feet Soccer	3-4	Wed	7/5-7/26	AM & PM Offerings	Butterfield Park	\$33	June 9, 2023
Lil' Chippers Golf	6-10	Mon	7/10-7/31	AM & PM Offerings	Lowe Park	\$33	June 19, 2023
Track & Agility Camp	6-10	T/Th	7/25-8/10	AM & PM Offerings	Lowe Park Track	\$37	June 30, 2023
Youth Pickleball	7-12	M/W	8/7-8/16	AM & PM Offerings	Marion YMCA	\$33	July 1, 2023
Lil' Tykes Basketball	4-5	Mon	9/11-10/2	PM Offerings	Thomas Park	\$33	Aug. 11, 2023
Lil' Tykes Basketball	6-8	Thur	9/14-10/5	PM Offerings	Thomas Park	\$33	Aug. 11, 2023

## 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 being played. *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
MON Group-1	Mon	4/3-4/24	5-5:30 p.m.	Butterfield Park
MON Group-2	Mon	4/3-4/24	5:45-6:15 p.m.	Butterfield Park
MON Group-3	Mon	4/3-4/24	6:30-7 p.m.	Butterfield Park
WED Group-1	Wed	4/5-4/26	5-5:30 p.m.	Butterfield Park
WED Group-2	Wed	4/5-4/26	5:45-6:15 p.m.	Butterfield Park
WED Group-3	Wed	4/5-4/26	6:30-7 p.m.	Butterfield Park

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

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** March 10, 2023 (+\$10 beginning March 11)

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

## YOUTH 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. Minimum class size is four, maximum class size is 10.

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	6/5-6/26	4-4:45 p.m.	Marion High School
Rookies (7-10)	Mon	6/5-6/26	5-5:55 p.m.	Marion High School
Racquetters (11-13)	Mon	6/5-6/26	6-6:55 p.m.	Marion High School
Tots (5-6)	Fri	6/9-6/30	9-9:45 a.m.	Marion High School
Rookies (7-10)	Fri	6/9-6/30	10-10:55 a.m.	Marion High School
Racquetters (11-13)	Fri	6/9-6/30	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	7/17-8/7	4-4:45 p.m.	Marion High School
Rookies (7-10)	Mon	7/17-8/7	5-5:55 p.m.	Marion High School
Racquetters (11-13)	Mon	7/17-8/7	6-6:55 p.m.	Marion High School
Tots (5-6)	Fri	7/21-8/11	9-9:45 a.m.	Marion High School
Rookies (7-10)	Fri	7/21-8/11	10-10:55 a.m.	Marion High School
Racquetters (11-13)	Fri	7/21-8/11	11-11:55 a.m.	Marion High School

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$60 per session

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Session 1: May 12, 2022 (+\$10 beginning May 13)  
Session 2: June 16, 2022 (+\$10 beginning June 17)

**NOTES:** Participants should bring their own racket and water.

## YOUTH MINI TRIATHLON FUN RUN

**Children Ages 7-14** | Swim, bike and run for fun! Challenge your kiddos in this 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 suit your child best. No previous triathlon experience is necessary. Kids should be able to swim a basic front stroke to participate. **Volunteers needed!**

OPTIONS	AGES	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Beginner	7-8	Sat	8/5	11 a.m.	Marion YMCA & Lowe Park
Intermediate	9-11	Sat	8/5	9:30 a.m.	Marion YMCA & Lowe Park
Advance	12-14	Sat	8/5	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:** June 30, 2023 (+\$10 beginning July 1)

**NOTES:** Check-in begins 30 minutes prior to your start time at the Marion YMCA.

Separate divisions by skill level (beginner, intermediate, advance) with recommended ages.

Participants bring their own bike and must wear a helmet.

Children can move up or down skill levels based on their abilities at parent's discretion.

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



**Ages 24 & Under with Special Needs** | The Kiwanis Miracle League at Prospect Meadows makes baseball possible for children and youth in the metro area and surrounding counties - regardless of their abilities. Players play on the Miracle Field, 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 volunteer, please visit [www.prospectmeadows.com/miracle-league](http://www.prospectmeadows.com/miracle-league).



## REGISTRATION DEADLINE REMINDERS

**Marion Boys Baseball**—Boys Ages 8-18 (As of April 1, 2023)  
Visit [www.marionbaseball.org](http://www.marionbaseball.org) to register.

**Marion Girls Softball**—Girls Grades 3rd-9th (Entering Fall 2023-24)  
Visit [www.mariongirlssoftball.org](http://www.mariongirlssoftball.org) to register.

A late fee will be applied after March 1.



## 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 openings after a program is full or after the deadline has passed. Once a program is full, participants may choose to be placed on a waiting list.

# Youth Programs

## 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 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-1	Sat	4/1	8:30-10 a.m.	Lowe Park
Breakfast w/ Bunny-2	Sat	4/1	10:30 a.m.-Noon	Lowe Park

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

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** March 24, 2023 (+\$10 beginning March 25)

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

## KIWANIS EASTER EGG HUNT

**Children Ages 2-8** | Join the Marion Metro Kiwanis and Marion Parks and Recreation Department for their annual egg hunt on Saturday, April 1, at 10 a.m. at the Lowe Park Baseball Complex (4901 Alburnett Road). This is a free event and there's no need to pre-register. There will be three age divisions: Under 5, 5-6 year old and 7-8 year old.

## SUMMER ART CAMP

**Children Grades 2nd-8th (Fall 2023-24)** | Join local art instructor Michael Brandt for some interactive art camps this summer at the Lowe Park Arts & Environment Center. There will be a total of five different camps offered. Each camp will focus on a topic or art form. *Limited number of spots available each session.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Cartooning 1	Mon-Thurs	6/12-6/15	8-10 a.m.	Lowe Park
Painting 1	Mon-Thurs	6/12-6/15	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Lowe Park
Cartooning 2	Mon-Thurs	6/19-6/22	8-10 a.m.	Lowe Park
Painting 2	Mon-Thurs	6/19-6/22	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Lowe Park
Ancient Egyptian Art	Mon-Thurs	6/26-6/29	8-10 a.m.	Lowe Park
Cartooning & Painting	Mon-Thurs	6/26-6/29	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Lowe Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$85 per child (cash or check only made payable to Michael Brandt)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** May 12, 2023

**NOTES:** Registration forms and complete camp descriptions available at [www.cityofmarion.org](http://www.cityofmarion.org).

## SUMMER DAY CAMPS

**Children Ages K-8th (Fall 2023-24)** | The Marion Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with Iowa State Extension and Linn County 4-H to offer quality summer day camps right here in Marion. These day-long camps are educational, interactive and sure to keep your child's attention. To view complete camp descriptions, please visit the registration link listed below.

*For questions about camps, contact Iowa State University Extension & Outreach, Linn County at (319) 377-9839 or by email at [linn4h@iastate.edu](mailto:linn4h@iastate.edu).*

OPTIONS	GRADES	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Dr. Seuss' Spectacular STEM Camp	K-2nd	Tues	6/13	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Thomas Park
Babysitting Basics Workshop	5th-9th	Mon	6/19	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Thomas Park
Chef Challenge Camp	K-2nd	Tues	7/11	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Lowe Park
Culinary Creations Camp	3rd-5th	Tues	7/25	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Lowe Park
Zombie Survival Camp	K-2nd	Wed	7/26	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Lowe Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$30 per child

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

**NOTES:** Register at [www.extension.iastate.edu/linn/summer-programs](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/linn/summer-programs).

Each child should bring a sack lunch for each camp day.

Camps are held in the Thomas Park Safe Room or at Lowe Park Arts & Environment Center.

## LIL' SPROUTS

**Children Ages 3-5** | Back by popular demand! Together with your own Lil' Sprout, enjoy exploring a different nature or garden-based class each week at Lowe Park! Classes will consist of storytime 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	7/18-8/8	10-10:30 a.m.	Lowe Park
Lil' Sprouts-2	Tues	7/18-8/8	11-11:30 a.m.	Lowe Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$30 per child

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** June 19, 2023 (+\$10 beginning June 20)

**NOTES:** Please dress appropriately for the weather as some classes may involve some time outside.

## SNAPOLOGY

**Children Ages K-5** | Snapology is committed to developing the next generation of scientists, mathematicians, engineers, inventors and leaders through engaging STEM-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
Combat Robots	7-10	Fri	3/10	9 a.m.-noon	Lowe Park	\$42
Oceans of Possibilities	4-12	Fri	3/31	9 a.m.-noon	Lowe Park	\$36
Mini-Figure Mania	6-14	Wed	4/5-4/26	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Lowe Park	\$50
Scientists	7-12	Wed	4/5-5/24	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Lowe Park	\$120
RoboPets	5-7	Mon	4/10-5/22	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Lowe Park	\$110
Pokemania	5-14	Mon	4/10-5/22	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Lowe Park	\$90
RoboPets Robotics	5-7	Mon	3/13	9 a.m.-noon	Thomas Park	\$45
Planes, Trains & Automobiles	5-10	Mon	3/13	1-4 p.m.	Thomas Park	\$40
RoboPets Robotics	5-7	Tues	3/14	9 a.m.-noon	Thomas Park	\$45
Planes, Trains & Automobiles	5-10	Tues	3/14	1-4 p.m.	Thomas Park	\$40
RoboPets Robotics	5-7	Wed	3/15	9 a.m.-noon	Thomas Park	\$45
Planes, Trains & Automobiles	5-10	Wed	3/15	1-4 p.m.	Thomas Park	\$40
RoboPets Robotics	5-7	Thurs	3/16	9 a.m.-noon	Thomas Park	\$45
Planes, Trains & Automobiles	5-10	Thurs	3/16	1-4 p.m.	Thomas Park	\$40

### FULL WEEK OPTION

RoboPets Robotics	5-7	Mon-Fr	3/13-3/17	9 a.m.-noon	Thomas Park	\$160
Planes, Trains & Automobiles	5-10	Mon-Fr	3/13-3/17	1-4 p.m.	Thomas Park	\$180
Snapology for Seniors	Adults	Wed	5/3-5/24	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Lowe Park	\$60

**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).



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Marion Swimming Pool • (319) 377-1654 (Memorial Day-Aug. 20)

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)

# Adult Programs

## POUND IN THE PARK

**Open To All Ages** | "POUND" is one of the hottest and most effective exercise classes out there, and it's being offered for FREE! Instead of listening to music, you become the music in this exhilarating 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	6/7-8/9	6-7 p.m.	Klopfenstein Amphitheater (Lowe Park)

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

**NOTES:** Free-will offering is appreciated for our instructor(s).

In the event of inclement weather, program will be canceled.

## 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 outdoors each Saturday, beginning June 10 and through the end of August, at the beautiful Klopfenstein Amphitheater at Lowe Park. All abilities and ages are welcome. Our instructors will give adjustment options based on your experience.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Sunrise Yoga	Sat	6/10-8/26	7:30 a.m.	Klopfenstein Amphitheater (Lowe Park)

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

**NOTES:** In the event of inclement weather, program will be canceled. Cancellations and information posted on the official Facebook page (Sunrise Yoga-Lowe Park)

Participants should bring their own yoga mat or towel and water.

A signed waiver, which covers the entire summer, is required. Forms available on site.

## DROP-IN ADULT PICKLEBALL

**Adults Ages 18+** | A paddle sport for all ages and athletic abilities, pickleball is like oversized ping-pong played on a badminton-sized court with a tennis net. With simple rules, it's the perfect game for all ages to learn and play. Guests will need to complete a participation waiver upon initial visit.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Adult Pickleball	Mon-Thur	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 during the times listed.

Participants should bring their own paddle and balls; nets will be provided.

## LEARN TO PLAY PICKLEBALL

**Adults Ages 18+** | With simple and easy-to-follow rules, pickleball 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 yourself.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Learn To Play-1	Sat	6/17	8-10 a.m.	Hanna Park
Learn To Play-2	Sat	7/8	8-10 a.m.	Hanna Park

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

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

**NOTES:** Participants can bring their own paddle, but paddles and balls will be available to those who don't have one.

## ROUND ROBIN 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	Thur	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)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** None, drop-in as you can, no deadline or registration required

**NOTES:** All levels of play are welcome, but please note, no instruction is provided.

This is not a tennis lesson, but rather open play format.

Participants should bring their own racket and balls.

## INTRO TO KAYAKING

**Adults Ages 12+** | 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 the class for you! Led by American Canoe Association (ACA) certified instructors Chuck Ungs and Lynne Majetic, participants will learn exactly what they need to start their kayaking adventures. The class will cover appropriate gear, safety basics, kayak strokes and more and is sponsored by the Linn County Conservation Department. *Class size is extremely limited, so register early!*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Intro To Kayak	Sun	6/17	9-11 a.m.	Willowood Park (swimming pool)

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

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** May 26, 2023 (+\$10 beginning May 21)

**NOTES:** Kayaks will be provided, but participants can bring their own (please indicate during registration). Height and 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 soccer mini-pitch. Assemble your best squad (minimum of four, maximum of 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. Games will consist of two-timed halves. Three separate divisions to choose from. *Minimum of four teams required to hold division tournament.*

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, 2023

**NOTES:** Tournaments begin at 9 a.m. and schedule will be sent to team captains. Games will be 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 a waiver prior to participating.

Save the Date!

Summer  
Events  
at Lowe

GREAT AMERICAN KITES MAY 20

MOONLIT MOVIES AT LOWE PARK  
JUNE 9, JULY 7, AUG. 4

MUSIC UNDER THE MOON CONCERTS  
JUNE 10, JUNE 24, JULY 15, AUG. 12

FIREWORKS & FIREFLIES JULY 3

PICNIC ON THE PRAIRIE JUNE 17, AUG. 19



# 2023 Pool Season

**May 30 – Aug. 20**

## Anticipated Pool Hours:

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

<b>OPEN SWIM</b>	Weekdays	Mon-Fri	1-5:30 p.m.
<b>FAMILY SWIM</b>	Weekdays	Mon-Fri	5:30-7 p.m.
<b>OPEN SWIM</b>	Weekends	Sat-Sun	1-5 p.m.
<b>LAP SWIM</b>	Daily	Mon-Sun	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## Regular Pool Admission:

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

## Season Pool Passes:

Individual Pass	\$115/each
Family Membership	\$200/family

## Pool Memberships

Get ready for a summer of fun with a membership to the Marion Pool. Pool membership includes two adults and children that all reside at the same address. This can include guardianship or foster care placement with the applicant (proof required). A babysitter/nanny may be added to a family pass for an additional \$75. A babysitter is defined as a responsible person that 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). Those who purchase memberships online will be contacted via email regarding picking up their key tags once processed. For those who purchased memberships in 2022, the same key tag will work once you purchase a 2023 membership.

## 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 two adults and four children under the age of 18. This includes grandparents and grandchildren. Anyone under the age of 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 Pool are available for birthday parties, neighborhood gatherings, church groups and more. All pool rentals can be completed online by visiting [www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation](http://www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation).

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

## Splash Pads

Splash pads are open Memorial Day through Labor Day. (The official closing date depends on the weather.)

<b>Thomas Park</b>	<b>Gill Park</b>
343 Marion Boulevard	3450 Hawthorne Street
Open daily: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.	Open daily: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

<b>Willowood Park</b>
1835 35th Street
Open during regular pool hours

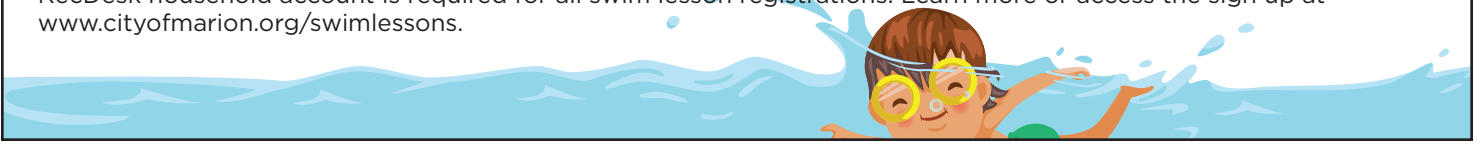
# VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!

Many of our recreational leagues use volunteer coaches. Without the generous spirit and time commitment of volunteers, these programs would not be possible. Volunteer coaches teach age-appropriate skills and fundamentals, promote good sportsmanship and fairness and keep a safe playing environment. They are expected to be positive role models for players, parents and spectators. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer coach, please complete your registration online for the desired program at [www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation](http://www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation). The volunteer coach link is listed with the program. Background checks are performed on all volunteer coaches. Contact the Parks and Recreation office with questions at (319) 447-3590.



# NOW ONLINE! Swim Lesson Registration Begins March 6 at 7 a.m.

This is the first day swim lesson registration is open to the public. You don't have to register on this day, but due to the limited number of spots available in each class and session, classes do tend to fill up quickly. Each session is \$45 per child and classes run for two-consecutive weeks, Monday-Friday, for 45 minutes each day, unless noted. An online RecDesk household account is required for all swim lesson registrations. Learn more or access the sign up at [www.cityofmarion.org/swimlessons](http://www.cityofmarion.org/swimlessons).



## Aquatics 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 might 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 5-16			SESSION 2 June 19-30			SESSION 3 July 10-21			SESSION 4 July 24-Aug. 4					
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			
	Level 1*	AA101		Level 2	A202		Level 2	A302		Level 2	B402			
5:10 p.m.	Level 1	A101		Level 3	A203		Level 3	A303		Level 3	B403			
	Level 2	A102		Level 4	A204		Level 4	A304		Level 4	B404			
	Level 3	A103		Level 5	A205		Level 5	A305		Level 5	B405			
	Level 4	A104		Level 6	A206		Level 6	A306		Level 6	B406			
	Level 5	A105		9:15 a.m.	Level 1		B201	9:15 a.m.		Level 1	B301	10:10 a.m.	Level 1	C401
Level 6	A106	Level 2	B202		Level 2	B302	Level 2		C402					
6:05 p.m.	Level 1	B101		Level 3	B203		Level 3	B303		Level 3	C403			
	Level 2	B102		Level 4	B204		Level 4	B304		Level 4	C404			
	Level 3	B103		Level 5	B205		Level 5	B305		Level 5	C405			
	Level 4	B104		Level 6	B206		Level 6	B306		Level 6	C406			
	Level 5	B105		10:10 a.m.	Level 1		C201	10:10 a.m.		Level 1	C301	11:05 a.m.	Level 1	D401
	Level 6	B106			Level 2		C202			Level 2	C302		Level 2	D402
7:00 p.m.	Level 6	B106		Level 3	C203		Level 3	C303	11:45 a.m.	Intro I*	INTRO 401			
	Level 1	C101		Level 4	C204		Level 4	C304						
	Level 2	C102		Level 5	C205		Level 5	C305						
	Level 3	C103		Level 6	C206		Level 6	C306						
				11:05 a.m.	Intro I*		INTRO 201	11:05 a.m.		Splash!*	SPLASH			
					Intro II*		INTRO 202			Level 1*	D301			
				11:45 a.m.	Level 1*		D201	11:45 a.m.		Intro I*	INTRO 301			
			Level 2*	D202		<b>*only 30 minutes</b>								

# Family/Special Events

## MIGRATORY BIRD DAY CELEBRATION

**Open To All Ages** | Join the Marion Parks and Recreation Department, Friends of the Marion Parks and Iowa BIG to celebrate all things birds! Activities include educational displays, speakers, bird hikes, children's activities and more! Look for more information in the spring of 2023.

OPTIONS	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Migratory Bird Day	Sat	May 13	Noon-3p.m.	Thomas Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** Free to participate

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

## 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	Open	6/5-8/7	Any	Marion Parks
Peddling Through The Parks	Sat	6/10	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Thomas Park
Taube Park Spotlight	Sat	8/5	1-4 p.m.	Taube Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** Free to participate

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

## RIDE TO WRIGLEY

**Open To All Ages (18 and under must be accompanied by an adult)** | Join Marion and Hiawatha for a chartered trip to one of baseball's greatest and most historic venues... Wrigley Field. Leave the transportation and parking to us and travel in comfort in a chartered motor coach to watch one of baseball's best rivalries, the Chicago Cubs and the St. Louis Cardinals, from the historic bleachers. Food and drink are permitted on the bus. Your fee covers the bus ride and ticket into the game. You will be responsible for food, drink, souvenirs, etc. Hurry! *Limited number of spots available and they will go fast.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIME	LOCATION
Ride to Wrigley	Fri	7/21	5:30 a.m.	Wrigley Field

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$155 [www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation](http://www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Open until all tickets are sold.

**NOTES:** Pick-Up/Drop Off Location: Target on Blairs Ferry Road

# Senior Programs

## SENIOR PROGRAMS AT LOWE

The Lowe Park Arts and Environment Center is home to FREE daily senior activities. 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 (319) 447-3590. The senior site at Lowe Park is always welcoming new guests, so stop out and join in the fun.

OPTIONS	DAYS	TIMES	LOCATION
Tai Chi	Mon	9:30 a.m.	Lowe Park
Yahoo!	Mon (1st/3rd)	9:30 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:** Encore Café meets Wednesdays and Thursdays at Lowe and Fridays at the Marion Public Library. Please call (319) 398-2585 at least 24 hours in advance to sign up for a meal.

If Linn-Mar Schools are cancelled due to inclement weather, all senior activities scheduled at Lowe Park are cancelled that day as well. If a two-hour delay is issued, activities will continue as scheduled.



## BINGO NIGHTS AT LOWE PARK

**Open To All Ages** | Join us at the Lowe Park Arts & 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 food and drinks to enjoy while they play.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
B-I-N-G-O Nights	Fri	3/10, 4/14, 8/11 9/8, 10/20, 11/17, 12/8	6-8:30 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.

## PARKS POKER CHALLENGE

**Open To All Ages** | You got to know when to hold 'em, know where to find them! A new take on the traditional scavenger hunt will have you scouring our City in pursuit of the best poker hand! Fifty-two large playing cards have been hidden around Marion's parks and trails. Each card has City of Marion insignia 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...

OPTIONS	DATES	LOCATION
Parks Poker	6/12-8/11	Marion Parks

**REGISTRATION FEE:** Free to participate

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Submissions must be received by Aug. 11.

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

## PELLA TULIP FESTIVAL BUS TRIP

**Adults Age 55+** | Join us for a trip to the 87th Annual Tulip Time Festival! Take a tour of magnificent tulip gardens and hear about historical locations on your way to the festival. See the childhood home of Wyatt Earp, the Molengracht Market (100+ booths – crafts, food and beverage stand), the historical village and Vermeer Windmill, watch the Klokkenspel or just take in the sites as you wander around this beautiful Dutch treasure. Enjoy an authentic Dutch luncheon and show before making your way to the grandstand, where you will see dancing, singing, a costume-style show and the presentation of the Tulip Queen and court. Enjoy the famous street scrubbing followed by a spectacular parade. This is a trip you won't want to miss.

OPTION	DAY	DATE	TIMES	LOCATION
Pella Bus Trip	Thu	5/4	6:30 a.m.	Lowe Park

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$81

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** April 1, 2023

**NOTES:** 6:30 a.m. Depart from Lowe Park  
6:15 p.m. Return to Lowe Park