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2025 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)
- › Adopt-A-Spot & Adopt-A-Flowerbed programs
- › Weed and snow complaints
- › Trail questions or issues
- › Tree permits
- › Memorial Tree program
- › Right-of-way tree issues
- › Community gardens

Recreation Office (319) 447-3590

- › Recreation programs, leagues, special events
- › Swim lessons and pool information
- › Facility rentals (Lowe Arts & Environment Center, amphitheater, ball diamonds, pool)
- › Senior programs at Lowe Park
- › Farmers market at Willowood Park

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. For renters, we encourage you to use the online calendar for the facilities to view availability and reserve select facilities. Please note that 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 2025 and all of 2026. Every January, we'll open the following calendar year (on Jan. 1, 2025, 2026 dates opened).

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. Please contact our office to reset your password if you forget.

WAITLISTS | 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 | We are now able to accept swim lesson registrations online. Registration for 2025 summer swimming lessons begins on March 11 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 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.

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. There will be two weeks of team practices and five weeks of games. Games are 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	4/1-5/13	5:30 and/or 6:30 p.m.	Butterfield Park
5-6 Year Old (co-ed)	Thurs	4/3-5/15	5:30 and/or 6:30 p.m.	Butterfield Park
7-8 Year Old (boys/girls)	Sat	4/5-5/17	9 and/or 10 a.m.	Taube Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$42 per child, including team shirt.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 3, 2025 (+\$10 beginning March 4)

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

Times are scheduled by staff and may change weekly to allow for even team distribution.

SPRING FLAG FOOTBALL

Children Grades 1st-4th (2025-26) | This 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/Wed	4/7-4/30	5:30 or 6:30 p.m.	Taube Park
3rd/4th Grade	Mon/Wed	4/7-4/30	5:30 or 6:30 p.m.	Taube Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$42 per child, including team shirt.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 10, 2025 (+\$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 and 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 team practice. There will be a second practice in the middle of the season. All other meetings will consist of short games played against other teams **Volunteer coaches needed!**

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
3 Year Old	Thurs	5/22-6/26	5:30-6:05 p.m. or 6:20-6:55 p.m.	Butterfield Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$42 per child, including team shirt.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 24, 2025 (+\$10 beginning April 25)

NOTES: Times are scheduled by staff and may change weekly to allow for even team distribution. Each meeting will last 35 minutes.

Teams will be co-ed and randomly assigned.

PEEWEE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Boys Ages 4-8 (By June 1, 2025)

Girls Entering Grades Pre-K-2nd (Fall 2025-26, must be four years old by start of the 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. Players have the option of hitting off the tee or having a coach pitch to them. Teams will practice one to 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	DAYS	DATES	GAME TIMES	LOCATION
BASEBALL-4/5 Year Old (T-Ball)	Mon/Wed	5/19-7/9	5:30 or 6:45 p.m.	Varies
BASEBALL-6-8 Year Old (Coach-Pitch)	Mon/Wed	5/19-7/9	5:30 or 6:45 p.m.	Varies
SOFTBALL-Pre-K/Kindergarten (T-ball)	Tues/Thurs	5/20-7/10	5:30 or 6:45 p.m.	Varies
SOFTBALL-1st/2ndGrade (Coach-Pitch)	Tues/Thurs	5/20-7/10	5:30 or 6:45 p.m.	Varies

REGISTRATION FEE: \$42 per child, including team shirt.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 20, 2025 (+\$10 beginning April 21)

NOTES: Season begins the week of May 19, times/days/locations will vary by team.

Boys will play/practice on Mondays and/or Wednesdays, while girls will play/practice on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. Each team will have two or three practices before the games begin. There will be limited practices during the season once games begin. Games will begin the week of June 3.

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

PEEWEE FLAG FOOTBALL

Children Grades K-1st (Fall 2025-26) | This instructional league is run like a mini clinic that teaches the fundamentals of football. This includes throwing, catching, running, blocking, hand-offs, learning basic plays/formations, positions, etc. Players have group instructional practices led by staff and coaches on the first two nights and a combination of games and practices on the remaining six nights of the program.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
PeeWee Flag	Tues/Thurs	8/19-9/11	5:30 or 6:30 p.m.	Lowe Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$42 per child, including team shirt.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 21, 2025 (+\$10 beginning July 22)

NOTES: Cleats and mouthguards are recommended for player safety.

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.

NFL YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL

Children Grades 2nd-6th (Fall 2025-26) | NFL Flag Football 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.

OPTIONS	GAME DAY	DATES	LOCATION
2nd/3rd Grade	Sat	9/13-10/18	Echo Hill Fields
4th-6thGrade	Sat	9/13-10/18	Echo Hill Fields

REGISTRATION FEE: \$60 per child, including reversible team jersey.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 27, 2025 (+\$10 beginning July 28)

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

Games will begin on Saturday, Sept. 13, and be played between 8 a.m.-noon (schedule varies).

There will be a coaches' meeting before practices begin.

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

REC UNITED SUMMER SOCCER

Children Ages 5-10 (by of June 1, 2025) | Marion, Hiawatha and Cedar Rapids Parks and 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	TIMES	LOCATION
5-6 Year Old Boys	Wed	6/11-8/6	Games at 6 or 7 p.m.	Tuma Soccer Complex
5-6 Year Old Girls	Wed	6/11-8/6	Games at 6 or 7 p.m.	Tuma Soccer Complex
7-8 Year Old Boys	Wed	6/11-8/6	Games at 6 or 7 p.m.	Tuma Soccer Complex
7-8 Year Old Girls	Wed	6/11-8/6	Games at 6 or 7 p.m.	Tuma Soccer Complex
9-10 Year Old Boys	Wed	6/11-8/6	Games at 6 or 7 p.m.	Tuma Soccer Complex
9-10 Year Old Girls	Wed	6/11-8/6	Games at 6 or 7 p.m.	Tuma Soccer Complex

REGISTRATION FEE: \$45 per child, including team shirt.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 28, 2025 (+\$10 beginning April 29)

NOTES: Minimum number of teams required to hold each division

Shin guards and cleats are recommended for this league.

FALL 3V3 SOCCER LEAGUE

Children Ages 4-8 | Didn't get enough soccer this spring? Give this 3v3 soccer league a try! The first night of the program will be team practices as a refresher of basic soccer skills and fundamentals. Games will be played in a 3v3 format. Keeping the teams small engages the kids more by increasing opportunities to handle the ball. Volunteer coaches needed! Referees will help facilitate the games. *Limited number of spots available.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
4 Year Old (co-ed)	Thurs	8/28-10/2	5 and/or 6 p.m.	Butterfield Park
5/6 Year Old (co-ed)	Thurs	8/28-10/2	5 and/or 6 p.m.	Butterfield Park
7/8 Year Old (boys/girls)	Tues	8/26-9/30	5 and/or 6 p.m.	Taube Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$37 per child, including team shirt.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 22, 2025 (+\$10 beginning July 26)

NOTES: Games & practices scheduled by staff to allow for even team distribution, may 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 of either boys or girls.

New day! Due to field availability, the 7/8 division has been moved to Tuesday nights.



Youth Sports Camps & Clinics

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. Limited number of spots available for each camp.

PROGRAM	AGES	DAYS	DATES	SESSIONS	LOCATION	FEE	DEADLINE
Kick Star Soccer Camp	3-4	Mon	4/7-4/28	PM Offerings	Butterfield Park	\$33	March 10, 2025
Little Sports Camp	3-5	M/W	5/12-5/21	PM Offerings	Butterfield/Thomas	\$33	April 21, 2025
Lil Pigskins Football	5-8	Mon	6/2-6/23	AM & PM Offerings	Butterfield Park	\$33	May 13, 2025
Little Kickers Kickball	3-4	Tues	6/3-6/24	AM & PM Offerings	Butterfield Park	\$28	May 13, 2025
Lil Chippers Golf	6-10	Mon	6/30-7/28	AM & PM Offerings	Lowe Park Bowl	\$35	June 10, 2025
Happy Feet Soccer	3-4	Tues	7/1-7/22	AM & PM Offerings	Butterfield Park	\$33	June 9, 2025
Track & Agility Camp	6-10	T/Th	7/29-8/14	AM & PM Offerings	Lowe Park Track	\$37	July 8, 2025
Youth Pickleball	7-12	M/W	8/4-8/13	AM & PM Offerings	Hanna Park	\$33	July 14, 2025
Lil Tykes Basketball	4-5	Mon	9/8-9/29	PM Offerings	Thomas Park	\$34	Aug. 18, 2025
Lil Tykes Basketball	6-8	Wed	9/10-10/1	PM Offerings	Thomas Park	\$34	Aug. 18, 2025

LACROSSE CLINIC

Children Ages 7-12 | Experience the excitement of lacrosse with Bedrock Lacrosse's introductory clinic for boys and girls ages 7-12! Designed for fun and fast-paced learning, this non-contact clinic series helps participants build confidence, discover new skills and develop a love for the game. With a focus on enjoyment and gameplay, we're bringing the energy and excitement of lacrosse to kids in the Marion area. Come join us and see what makes lacrosse the fastest-growing sport in the Midwest!

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
7-9 year olds	Tues/Thurs	6/3-6/19	12:30 p.m.	Lowe Track at Oak Ridge
10-12 year olds	Tues/Thurs	6/3-6/19	1:30 p.m.	Lowe Track at Oak Ridge

REGISTRATION FEE: \$40 per child, including team shirt.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 30, 2025 (+\$10 beginning May 1)

NOTES: This is an instructional and introductory program focusing on basic skills with no games being played. Proper running shoes are required. This program is 45 minutes long, twice a week.

YOUTH TENNIS

Children Ages 5-13 | The Marion Parks and Recreation Department partners with Smithfield Tennis to offer youth summer tennis classes. Kids will learn age-appropriate skills, fundamentals and terminology based on their age group. Each session meets for four classes. Minimum class size four, maximum class size 12.

OPTIONS/AGES	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
SESSION I				
Tots (5-6)	Mon	6/2-6/23	4-4:45 p.m.	Marion High School
Rookies (7-10)	Mon	6/2-6/23	5-5:55 p.m.	Marion High School
Racquetters (11-13)	Mon	6/2-6/23	6-6:55 p.m.	Marion High School
Tots (5-6)	Fri	6/6-6/27	9-9:45 a.m.	Marion High School
Rookies (7-10)	Fri	6/6-6/27	10-10:55 a.m.	Marion High School
Rookies (7-10)	Fri	6/6-6/27	11-11:55 a.m.	Marion High School
SESSION II				
Tots (5-6)	Mon	7/14-8/4	4-4:45 p.m.	Marion High School
Rookies (7-10)	Mon	7/14-8/4	5-5:55 p.m.	Marion High School
Racquetters (11-13)	Mon	7/14-8/4	6-6:55 p.m.	Marion High School
Tots (5-6)	Fri	7/18-8/8	9-9:45 a.m.	Marion High School
Rookies (7-10)	Fri	7/18-8/8	10-10:55 a.m.	Marion High School
Rookies (7-10)	Fri	7/18-8/8	11-11:55 a.m.	Marion High School

REGISTRATION FEE: \$65 per session

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Session 1: May 6, 2025 (+\$10 beginning May 7)

Session 2: June 17, 2025 (+\$10 beginning June 18)

NOTES: Participants should bring their own racket and water.

MARION SPRINT TRIATHLON

Ages 7+ | Swim, bike and run for fun! Challenge yourself or your whole family in this sprint triathlon right here in Marion. You will start with the swim at the Linn-Mar Aquatic Center, then bike to and through Marion before running laps around the Linn-Mar track. No previous triathlon experience is necessary. Kids should be able to swim a basic front stroke to participate. **Volunteers needed!**

OPTIONS	AGES	DAYS	DATES	LOCATION
Division A	7-8	Sat	8/9	Linn-Mar Aquatic Center
Division B	9-11	Sat	8/9	Linn-Mar Aquatic Center
Division C	12-14	Sat	8/9	Linn-Mar Aquatic Center
Division D	15-17	Sat	8/9	Linn-Mar Aquatic Center
Division E	18+	Sat	8/9	Linn-Mar Aquatic Center

SKILL LEVEL	SWIM	BIKE	RUN
Division A	25 yards	1.25 miles	0.5 miles
Division B	50 yards	2.5 miles	1 mile
Division C	100 yards	3.75 miles	1.5 miles
Division D	200 yards	5 miles	2 miles
Division E	550 yards	25k (15.5 miles)	5k (3.11 miles)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$40 per athlete, including event shirt.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 30, 2025 (+\$10 beginning July 1)

NOTES: Check-in begins 30 minutes prior to your start time at the Linn-Mar Aquatic Center. 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 their parent's discretion.

CHECK IT OUT! KIWANIS MIRACLE LEAGUE AT PROSPECT MEADOWS



Ages 24 & Under with Special Needs | 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. Separate spring and fall seasons are offered. For more information or to register a player or as a volunteer, please visit www.prospectmeadows.com/miracle-league.

MARION BOYS' BASEBALL AND PEG PIERCE SOFTBALL

Marion Boys Baseball—Boys Ages 8-18 (As of April 1, 2025)

Visit www.marionbaseball.org to register.

Marion Girls Softball—Girls Grades 2nd-8th (Entering Fall 2025-26)

Visit www.mariongirlsoftball.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 any openings after the deadline has passed. Once a program is full, participants may choose to be placed on a waiting list. Wait list status does not guarantee a spot in the program.

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	4/12	8:30-10 a.m.	Lowe Park
Breakfast w/ Bunny-2	Sat	4/12	10:30 a.m.-Noon	Lowe Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$20 per child

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 10, 2025 (+\$10 beginning March 11)

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

EGGSTRAORDINARY EGG HUNT

Children Ages 3-10 | **Saturday, April 12** | **7:30-9 p.m. at Lowe Park**
This event is always a hit with the kids and their 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. *Limited number of spots available.*

REGISTRATION FEE: \$20 per child

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 10, 2025 (+\$10 beginning March 11)

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

SUMMER ART CAMP

Children Grades 2nd-8th (Fall 2025-26) | Join local art instructor Michael Brandt for some interactive art camps this summer at the Lowe Park Arts & Environment Center. Each camp will focus on a topic or art form. *Limited number of spots available each session.*

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Cartooning I	Mon-Thurs	6/9-6/12	8-10 a.m.	Lowe Park
Painting I	Mon-Thurs	6/9-6/12	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Lowe Park
Cartooning 2	Mon-Thurs	6/16-6/19	8-10 a.m.	Lowe Park
Painting 2	Mon-Thurs	6/16-6/19	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Lowe Park
Ancient Egyptian Art	Mon-Thurs	6/23-6/26	8-10 a.m.	Lowe Park
Cartooning & Painting	Mon-Thurs	6/23-6/26	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Lowe Park
Cartooning 3	Mon-Thurs	6/30-7/3	8-10 a.m.	Lowe Park
Painting 3	Mon-Thurs	6/30-7/3	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Lowe Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$90 per child (cash or check only made payable to Michael Brandt)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 24, 2025

NOTES: Registration forms and complete camp descriptions are available at www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation.

SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Children Ages K-8th (Fall 2025-26) | 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 listings and descriptions, please visit the registration link listed below.

For questions about camps, contact Erika Serbousek, Linn County Youth Outreach Educator, at (319) 377-9839 or by email at enserb@iastate.edu.

OPTIONS	GRADES	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
K-2nd	Storybook Art	Wed	6/11	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Thomas Park
K-2nd	Healthy Heros	Tues	7/1	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Lowe Park
3rd-5th	Wellness Warriors	Tues	7/15	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Lowe Park
K-2nd	Healthy Heros	Tues	7/21	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Thomas Park
3rd-5th	The Science of Iowa	Thurs	7/24	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Thomas Park
K-2nd	Outdoor Explorers	Mon	8/11	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Thomas Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30 per child

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Two weeks prior to camp date

NOTES: Register at 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 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	7/15-8/5	10-10:30 a.m.	Lowe Park
Lil' Sprouts-2	Tues	7/15-8/5	11-11:30 a.m.	Lowe Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30 per child

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 20, 2025 (+\$10 beginning June 21)

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

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. Volunteers teach and stress age-appropriate skills and fundamentals and promote good sportsmanship and fairness. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer coach, please complete the online registration process on RecDesk for the appropriate program. Background checks are performed on all volunteer coaches. Contact the Parks and Recreation office with questions at (319) 447-3590.



Adult Programs

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 7, and running through the end of August, at the beautiful Klopfenstein Amphitheater at Lowe Park. All abilities and ages are welcome. Instructors will give adjustment options based on your experience.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Sunrise Yoga	Sat	6/7-8/30	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 their initial visit.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Adult Pickleball	Mon-Fri	Ongoing	8-11 a.m.	Marion YMCA

PARTICIPATION FEE: \$5 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.

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 a 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	Thurs	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

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 Unga 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	Sat	6/21	9 a.m.-noon	Marion Pool at Willowood Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$15 per person

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 13, 2025

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.

ADULT CO-ED SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL

Adult Ages 18+ | Join us for our third year of adult slow-pitch softball. Enjoy playing on the turf fields at Prospect Meadows Sports Complex. All skill levels are welcome to play, grab a friend (or a few!) and sign up for this league. Two separate divisions to choose from.

Division A – Highly Competitive Skill Level

Division B – Intermediate Skill Level

Minimum of four teams per division for the league.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Division A	Thurs	7/31-10/2	6-9 p.m.	Prospect Meadows
Division B	Thurs	7/31-10/2	6-9 p.m.	Prospect Meadows

REGISTRATION FEE: \$150 per team (minimum 10 people per team)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 1, 2025 (+\$10 beginning July 2)

NOTES: 11"/12" Co-Ed Softball with teams of five men and five women. Teams will play eight regular games, plus two post-season games, time permitting. Each team will pay \$14 to the umpires each game (not included in registration fee).



Senior Programs

SENIOR PROGRAMS AT LOWE

Adults Ages 55+ | 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	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Tai Chi	Mon	All Year	9:30 a.m.	Lowe Park
Yahoo!	Mon (1st/3rd)	All Year	9 a.m.	Lowe Park
Open Mic	Tues (2nd/4th)	All Year	10 a.m.	Lowe Park
Cards-500	Wed	All Year	9 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 24 hours in advance to sign up for a meal.

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

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Line Dancing	Wed	All Year	1 p.m.	Lowe Park
Nickel B-I-N-G-O	Thurs	All Year	9:30 a.m.	Lowe Park
Cards-Pinochle	Fri	All Year	9 a.m.	Lowe Park
Encore Cafe	Wed/Thurs	All Year	11:30 a.m.	Lowe Park



2025 Pool Season

May 26 – Sept. 1

Watch for details at www.cityofmarion.org for more information on pool hours.

Anticipated Pool Hours:

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

Regular Daily Pool Admission:

Ages 3 & Under	\$3.50/person
Ages 4 and up	\$4.50/person
Lap Swim (all ages)	\$4.50/person

Seasonal Pool Membership:

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 who 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 your family pass for an additional \$75. A babysitter is defined as a responsible person who will take 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. Those who purchase memberships online will be contacted via email regarding picking up their key tags once processed. For those who purchased memberships in the past, the same key tag will work once you purchase a 2025 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 fee 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.

Mon/Wed/Fri	7:15-8:45 p.m.	\$250
Sat-Sun	5:15-6:45 p.m.	\$250
Sat/Sun	7-8:30 p.m.	\$250 (only available if earlier timeslot is occupied)

Splash Pads

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

Thomas Park	Gill Park
343 Marion Boulevard	255 Irish Drive
Open daily: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.	Open daily: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.



Lowe 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
 Facebook • www.facebook.com/MarionIAParksRec
 Program registration/rentals • www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation

SWIM TEAM

Youth 6-17 years of age | Marion Sharks summer swim team is a great program to introduce young swimmers to the sport without the initial club commitments. Practices are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:45-8 a.m. and will begin after school lets out and run until mid-July. Recreational meets are scheduled for Tuesdays, dates/times TBD. Additional information will be provided by the coach as it gets closer. Swimmers should be able to swim 25 meters unassisted. Training assistance is available.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$90
 (\$15 of this goes to the Swim League organization)
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 30, 2025



NOW ONLINE! Swim Lesson Registration Begins March 11, 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 35 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.



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. This class is 30 minutes in length.*

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 age. *Limited number of spots available.*

SESSION 1 June 2-13			SESSION 2 June 16-27			SESSION 3 July 7-18			SESSION 4 July 21-Aug. 1		
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	9:10 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	9:10 a.m.	Level 1	B201	9:10 a.m.	Level 1	B301	10 a.m.	Level 1	C401
6 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 a.m.	Level 1	C201	10 a.m.	Level 1	C301	10:50 a.m.	Intro I*	INTRO 401
6:50 p.m.	Level 1	C101		Level 2	C202		Level 2	C302	Class times are 35 minutes * Intro I is 30 minutes		
	Level 2	C102		Level 3	C203		Level 3	C303			
	Level 3	C103		Level 4	C204		Level 4	C304			
	Level 4	C104		Level 5	C205		Level 5	C305			
	Level 5	C105		Level 6	C206		Level 6	C306			
	Level 6	C106	10:50 a.m.	Intro I*	INTRO 201	10:50 a.m.	Splash!	SPLASH			
				Level 1	D201		Intro I*	INTRO 301			
				Intro II	INTRO 202		Level 1	D301			

Family/Special Events

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 host family-friendly events to highlight some of the hidden gems the Marion parks system has to offer.

OPTIONS	DAYS	DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
Photo Scavenger Hunt	Open	6/1-8/4	Any	Marion Parks
Hanna Park Spotlight	Sat	8/2	1-4 p.m.	Hanna Park

REGISTRATION FEE: Free to participate

NOTES: For more information, please visit www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation

PELLA TULIP FESTIVAL BUS TRIP

Adults age 55+ | Join us for a trip to the 90th Annual Tulip Time Festival! Take a tour of magnificent tulip gardens and hear about historical locations as we pass by in our own bus. 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 Tulip Festival	Thurs	5/1	6:30 a.m.	Lowe Park

REGISTRATION FEE: \$88

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 7, 2025

NOTES: 6:30 a.m. Depart from Lowe Park

7:00 p.m. Return to at Lowe Park

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 aboard a chartered motor coach to watch one of baseball's best rivalries, the Chicago Cubs, and the Chicago White Sox, from the historic bleachers. Food and drink are permitted on the bus. Your fee covers the bus ride and ticket to 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	5/16	5:30 a.m.	Wrigley Field

REGISTRATION FEE: \$165

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Open until all tickets are sold.

NOTES: Pick-up/Drop-off location: Target on Blairs Ferry Road.

Register at [RIDETOWRIGLEY2025.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ridetowrigley2025)



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	3/14, 4/11 8/8, 9/12, 10/17, 11/14, 12/12	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 and know where to find them! This 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 a 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.

OPTIONS	DATES	LOCATION
Parks Poker	6/9-8/10	Marion Parks

REGISTRATION FEE: Free to participate

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Submissions must be received by Aug. 10.

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

MIGRATORY BIRD DAY CELEBRATION

Open To All Ages | Join the Marion Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Marion Parks to celebrate all things birds! Activities include educational displays, speakers, bird hikes, children's activities and more!

OPTIONS	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Migratory Bird Day	Sat	5/10	Noon-3 p.m.	Thomas Park

REGISTRATION FEE: Free to participate

NOTES: For more information, please visit www.cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation

Save the Date!

Summer Events at Lowe

GREAT AMERICAN KITES MAY 17

**MUSIC UNDER THE MOON CONCERTS
JUNE 14, JULY 12, AUG. 9**

**MOONLIT MOVIE NIGHTS
JUNE 20, JULY 18, AUG. 15**

**PICNIC ON THE PRAIRIE
JUNE 21, AUG. 16**

FIREWORKS & FIREFLIES JULY 3