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For more information, contact the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department at 812-349-3700 or visit us at bloomington.in.gov/parks.



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outh scholarships available from the Bloomington Parks Foundation! For more information about how to apply for a scholarship for any Parks and Recreation program, contact the Bloomington Parks and Recreation office at 812-349-3700. Apply online at bloomington.in.gov/parks/scholarships.

Applications must be received two weeks prior to the registration deadline.





Jumpstart your January and New Year's goals by joining the Winter Wander challenge. Download our free OuterSpatial app and join the "Indiana Community" to access monthly challenges!

For all ages and abilities. For more information, email Shelby Drake at shelby.drake@bloomington.in.gov.

This class focuses on coordination, discipline and self-confidence in a fun and safe environment. Excel TKD is taught by Master Emeline O'Connor, a 4th degree black belt with more than 20 vears of experience. Assistant instructors include black belts Nevmiro Dasilva, Gustavus McLeod and Alice Day. The ultimate goal at Excel TKD is to mold future black belts into the best martial artists they can be.

Beginner—Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

1/9-2/22 • Register by 1/7 • 150213-A

Advanced—Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45 p.m. and Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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\$75 • For ages 5 yrs. and up.

Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.





Nature and the Outdoors

Price is per person. Children under age 12 yrs. must be accompanied by a registered adult. Activities may be both inside and outside, so please dress for the weather.

Buds & Barks Winter Tree ID Hike

We'll take a close look at the bark, examine the branches, and consider the buds of winter trees, and seek out the secrets for identification! This program takes place entirely outdoors, so dress for the weather. Wear comfortable shoes and bring drinking water. Instructor: Ray Major

Sa 1/20 • 2-4 p.m. • Register by 1/18 • 140004-A FREE • For all ages.

Bryan Park (Meet in Woodlawn Shelter)

Sa 2/17 • 2-4 p.m. • Register by 2/15 • 140004-B FREE • For all ages.

Olcott Park (Meet at the Howard Young Pavilion)

Maple Syrup Made Easy

It's February, and sap for making maple syrup is beginning to flow. During this hands-on workshop, discuss tree identification, equipment, collection, and sugaring techniques. Take-home instructions are supplied, along with a taste of the final product. This program is held outdoors, so please dress for the weather. Instructor: Jake Wood

Sa 2/24 • noon-1:30 p.m. • Register by 2/16 • 140001-A \$8/in-city, \$10/noncity • For all ages. **RCA Community Park**

Owls on the Prowl

When the sun retreats, owls awaken to go in search of prey. Throughout history and across many cultures, owls are regarded with fascination and awe. Some say that owls are wise, others that they spark legends of ghosts. Whatever the tale, a cold winters' night is a fine time to uncover the mysteries of these amazing nocturnal hunters. We'll learn about a few of the species that coexist in our area and go on a night hike in hopes of hearing or seeing one in action. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring a flashlight! Instructor: Zach Ryan Sa 2/24 • 7:30-9 p.m. • Register by 2/20 • 140013-A \$5/in-city, \$6/noncity • For all ages. **Griffy Lake Nature Preserve (Meet at boathouse)**

Rekindle the Ancient Fire

Learn the ancient art of fire building and ignite your sense of adventure and self-reliance. Our experienced instructors will teach the skills needed to create and maintain a roaring campfire, whether for warmth, cooking, or storytelling under the stars. Gain hands-on experience and kindle your passion for the great outdoors while mastering the timeless skill of creating and maintaining a warm and inviting campfire.

Instructor: Emily Gardner Sa 3/2 • 3-5 p.m. • Register by 2/27 • 140018-A \$8/in-city, \$10/noncity • For all ages.
Lower Cascades Park (Meet at Sycamore Shelter)



Ready to begin your adventure?

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SATURDAY, FEB. 24 3-5 P.M. • \$3/PERSON SWITCHYARD PARK, 1601 S. ROGERS ST.

Calling adventurers of all ages! Brave February's frigid temperatures like true arctic explorers, and puzzle out the clues throughout Switchyard Park during three epic scavenger hunts! Seek out "treasures" related to the winter season; find arctic animals; and solve riddles about items that can be found throughout Switchyard Park. Participate in one or all three of the scavenger hunts; the \$3 participation fee includes all the hunts. Successfully complete the scavenger hunts to win prizes!



Summer fun ... when school's out!



Kid City Break Days offer a wide range of activities both indoors and out that foster personal growth, social interaction, and exploration of new interests. Field trips and guest

presenters provide opportunities for campers to engage with the Bloomington community. Campers engage in outdoor play and other camp activities on-site at the Allison-Jukebox Community Center (near the Bloomington Police Department and The Waldron, Hill and Buskirk Park.)

BREAK DAY	CODE	in-city FEE	non- city FEE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DUE BY 5 p.m.
Mon., March 11	345101-I	\$45	\$50	3/4
Tue., March 12	345101-J	\$45	\$50	3/4
Wed., March 13	345101-K	\$45	\$50	3/4
Thur., March 14	345101-L	\$45	\$50	3/4
Fri., March 15	345101-M	\$45	\$50	3/4

Allison-Jukebox Community Center, 351 S. Washington St. 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Break Days are for students in grades K-6.

Lunch is not provided.

Cancellations incur a \$5 administrative fee, and must be requested prior to the registration deadline.

Scholarships are available to assist with Break Days registration fees. Scholarship applications are available online, or at the Parks and Recreation main office. The deadline to apply for Break Days scholarships is one week prior to the registration deadline. Proof of income and Monroe County residency is required.

For more information about applying for a scholarship, call 349-3702. Break Days are inclusive, serving camp-ready children with and without disabilities. Reasonable accommodation requests must be made at least two weeks prior to the registration deadline.

For more information about Break Days, contact Amy Shrake at 812-349-3747 or shrakea@bloomington.in.gov.



April 5-8



FRANK SOUTHERN ICE ARENA 2100-S. Henderson-St. bloomington.in.gov/ice

Sports Facility Manager: Dee Tuttle Sports Specialist: Chris Hamric

Public Skating

The ice arena is open daily for general admission public skating only during scheduled times.

Public Skating: October 13 through February 25

Monday through Friday: Noon-2:30 p.m.

Friday: 7-9 p.m. **Saturday:** 1:30-3 p.m.

7–9 p.m. (Lunar Skating) 9:15–11 p.m. (Night Owl)

Sunday: 3-5 p.m. General Admission: \$6 Skate Rental: \$3

New Skate Sharpening: \$10

Skate Sharpening: \$6 and \$7 (immediate service) **Economy Pass:** \$54 (10 sessions, excludes skate rental)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 349-3740.

Bloomington Blades High School Hockey

A competitive hockey team of local and area players ages 14–18 yrs.

Bloomington Blades Travel Hockey

Designed for the more serious hockey player between the ages of 7–12 yrs. The program is open to all Blades and House Hockey players. For more information, visit bloomingtonblades.org.

Party Room Rentals

Rent the rinkside party room for your next birthday or holiday party. For more information or to reserve the party room online visit https://bton.in/ErEG8.



Family Rec Night

Families of all kinds, ages, and sizes are warmly invited to spend some quality time together during a fun and casual evening at Banneker! Participation is free! For all ages.

F 1/19 • 6–8 p.m. • Family Game Night F 2/16 • 6–8 p.m. • Family Movie Night

Food as Medicine

Presented in partnership with Purdue Extension, Food as Medicine provides fresh, local meal kits and nutrition education with the goal of improving the physical health and health literacy of families within the community. Families will receive weekly meal kits, nutrition education and cooking demonstrations. The first and last class of the session will be held in person at the Banneker Community Center. Throughout the program, families will be able to access the education and demonstrations online at their convenience. Funding for Food as Medicine is provided by Jack Hopkins Social Services Grant.

Register for Food as Medicine by emailing aeakin@purdue.edu or calling 812-349-2575. For more information, contact Health and Wellness Coordinator, Shelby Drake at shelby.drake@bloomington.in.gov. Th 1/25 and 2/29 • 6–7 p.m. • Register by 1/19.

FREE • For all ages.

Classes on 1/25 and 2/29 are held in person.
All other classes are virtual.

Celestial Spectacle: Solar Eclipse

For more information, scan the QR code.

https://bton.in/Eclip



Parks and Recreation hosts four days of eclipse-themed events in celebration of the April 8 solar eclipse!