

Winter-Spring 2024 PRESCHOOL LIVING AND LEARNING



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

Register at bloomington.in.gov/parks or stop by City Hall, 401 N. Morton St.



City of Bloomington, IN -Parks and Recreation



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Inclusive Approach to Recreation: All Bloomington Parks and Recreation programs are inclusive to people with and without disabilities. Please contact our Inclusive Recreation Coordinator Amy Shrake, CTRS, for details: 812-349-3747 or shrakea@bloomington.in.gov.



Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–7 p.m. 930 W. Seventh St.



City of Bloomington, IN -Banneker Community Center

812-349-3735



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bloomington.in.gov/banneker

SPORTS AND FITNESS

Turf Time for Toddlers

The indoor turf field at the Twin Lakes Recreation Center provides you and your young child with ample space to run, play, and practice ball throwing, catching and kicking skills. This free-time play is parent or caretaker supervised physical play. TLRC staff does not supervise this area during the program and children cannot be dropped off without supervision. For more information, contact the TLRC at 812-349-3720.

Tu. Th • 9:30–10:30 a.m.

\$5, FREE for TLRC members • For ages 1–6 yrs. w/parent. Twin Lakes Recreation Center. 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

LIVING AND LEARNING

Preschool programs do not take place when the Banneker Community Center is closed.

Preschool Craft Time

Ignite your young artist's imagination! Dive into a world of colors and shapes through various art projects that your child can proudly take home at the end of the day. Best of all, participation is completely free, and there's no need for registration. Let your creativity run wild!

Tu 1/2-5/14 • 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
FREE • For ages 5 yrs. & under w/parent.
Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

Little Explorers

Dive into a messy adventure as we embark on sensory exploration through a range of hands-on activities! Participation is entirely free, and there's no need for prior registration. Just come and join the fun! W 1/3-5/15 • 10-11 a.m.

FREE • For ages 5 yrs. & under w/parent. Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

Preschool Music Time

Join us on Thursday mornings at Banneker and sway to the captivating rhythms! Explore the world of music through songs, movement, and the delight of playing instruments. This musical experience is free, and there's no need to register in advance.

Th 1/4-5/16 • 10-11 a.m. FREE • For ages 5 yrs. & under w/parent. Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

Physical Fridays

Physical Fridays are back in the Banneker gym! Bring your little ones to get out the wiggles with plenty of space and toys to enjoy.

F 1/5-5/17 • 9-11:30 a.m.

FREE • For ages 5 yrs. & younger w/parent. Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

Preschool Story Hour

Storybooks come alive on Monday mornings with music, movement and making new friends! Participation is free and registration is not required.

M 1/8-5/13 • 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. FREE • For ages 5 yrs. & under w/parent. Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.

Toy Time

The Banneker Community Center's third floor is open for free, drop-in play time. Banneker provides toys for preschool-age children, and updated seating for the grownups!

M-F 1/8-5/17 • 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

FREE • For ages 5 yrs. & under w/parent. Banneker Community Center, 930 W. Seventh St.



Basketball Future Stars

Future Stars is an introduction to basketball for preschool children. The focus is on learning how to dribble, pass, shoot, play defense, team play, and, of course, lots of fun! Parent participation is welcome and encouraged. Future Stars is cancelled when MCCSC classes are cancelled.

W 1/31-3/6 • 4:45-5:30 p.m. Register by 1/26 • 150303-A

\$55 • For ages 3–5 yrs. w/parent. Twin Lakes Recreation Center, 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

EXCEL TAE KWON DO

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 years of experience. Assistant instructors include black belts Neumiro Dasilva, Alexus 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 3/5-4/25 • Register by 3/3 • 150213-C

Advanced—Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45 p.m.

and Thursdays, 5:30–6:30 p.m. 1/9–2/22 • Register by 1/7 • 150213-B

3/5-4/25 • Register by 1// • 150213-B

\$75 • For ages 5 yrs. and up.
Classes do not meet March 11–17.
Twin Lakes Recreation Center. 1700 W. Bloomfield Rd.

2023-2024 season FRANK SOUTHERN ICE ARENA

2100 S. Henderson St. bloomington.in.gov/ice

Public Skating

Public Skating: Oct. 13 through Feb. 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)



Session II Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 4–Feb. 24. Register by Jan. 2.

Registration fee \$80/in-city, \$90/non-city



Youth scholarships available from the Bloomington Parks Foundation!

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perience our midwestern winter wonderland! A Freezefest event

Saturday, Jan. 20 • 3-5 p.m. \$5/person • For all ages.

Switchyard Park, 1601 S. Rogers St., Pavilion

Geared toward young children and families! Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of winter-themed crafts, games, and activities. If there is no natural snow, we will create our own!



ARCTICES

SATURDAY, FEB. 24 • 3-5 P.M. \$3/PERSON

SWITCHYARD PARK, 1601 S. ROGERS ST.

Brave February's frigid temperatures like true arctic explorers, and puzzle out the clues throughout Switchyard Park during three epic scavenger hunts! Successfully complete the scavenger hunts to win prizes!



Sunday, March 3
10 a.m.—2 p.m. • FREE
Switchyard Park, Pavilion
1601 S. Rogers St.

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March 12, 13, and 14 2–4 p.m. • \$1/day • For all ages. Switchyard Park, picnic shelter

You don't need to travel far to enjoy Spring Break! We'll have different games and activities planned for school-age children. Attend all three days and win a prize!

Celestial Spectacle: Solar Eclipse

April 5–April 8 Switchyard Park

Solar viewing glasses are for sale.



Saturday, March 30 • 1–3 p.m. • \$7/dog Switchyard Park, 1601 S. Rogers St., dog park

Plastic eggs filled with dog treats and prizes are scattered throughout the dog park for your canine friends to find. After the hunt, visit exhibitor booths for valuable information and special treats, and register to win a dog-themed door prize basket.

Canine costumes are welcome!

Well-behaved dogs, attached to their owners with leashes no longer than six feet, are welcome. All dog park rules apply. Visit bloomington.in.gov/dogpark for a list of dog park rules.



Saturday,
April 27 ● 1–4 p.m.
Switchyard Park, Pavilion
1601 S. Rogers St.

Visit the annual Children's Expo to find Bloomington's best resources, services and programs just for children and families! The Expo features dozens of exhibitor booths, free wellness screenings, active fun for elementary school-age children, and more!



Sunday, April 28 1–4 p.m. • FREE For all ages Downtown Bloomington— Fourth Street

This lively and engaging event unites individuals from diverse parts of the globe by showcasing distinct cultures, traditions, and talents. Prepare for a memorable occasion brimming with music, dance, art, culinary delights, and so much more!