

The GUIDE

Fall 2021

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Sports complexes get new field surfaces Pg.2

HONORING
A LEGEND:

**TED
ENSLEY**

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Shawnee County
**parks +
recreation**

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SHAWNEE COUNTY PARKS + RECREATION VISION:

To provide an innovative parks and recreation system that consistently exceeds community expectations.

SHAWNEE COUNTY PARKS + RECREATION MISSION:

Inspire active and healthy lifestyles through a diverse system of parks, facilities, programs and people.

REFUND POLICY AND PROCEDURE

It is the intention of Shawnee County Parks + Recreation to offer a refund and/or account credit for participants who qualify and meet the requirements. Participants who paid by cash, check or credit card will be issued a refund by check. All check refunds follow the County Treasurer's bill paying schedule. There are no cash refunds.

CANCELLATION

Programs  be combined or cancelled due to insufficient enrollment. A full refund or account credit will be issued for programs, sports leagues or shelter reservations canceled by SCP+R. Credit card refunds can only be processed if program was canceled by SCP+R.

SPORTS LEAGUES AND CLINICS, PROGRAMS, ROOM RENTALS

Refunds will be issued with a 20 percent cancellation fee if canceled by participant at least 21 days prior to the program start date. Cancellations less than 21 days prior to the start date will receive a 50 percent account credit. Account credit shall be utilized within 12 months.

SHELTER RENTALS, GREAT OVERLAND STATION AND OLD PRAIRIE TOWN/ WARD-MEADE

Refunds will be issued with a 20 percent cancellation fee for rentals canceled by the participant at least 60 days prior to the reservation. Cancellations less

than 60 days prior to the reservation date will receive a 50 percent account credit. No account credit will be issued if cancellation is less than seven days of reservation. Any shelter transfer shall follow the refund policy. Transfers to a lower price shelter shall not yield a refund. Account credit shall be utilized within 12 months.

CAMPGROUND

All campground fees are non-refundable including unused reservations.

SCHOLARSHIPS

"Our vision for programming is to reach out to people of all ages to encourage them to experience parks and recreation facilities through well-designed programs that create a lifetime of memories."

Shawnee County Parks + Recreation provides a wide variety of recreation opportunities for youth, yet not all families are able to afford the fees for participation in our programs. A youth scholarship program has been designed to assist those who meet the financial guidelines as set forth. Scholarship approval is good from Feb. 1, 2020 to Jan. 31, 2021. Forms are posted at parks.senco.us or call 785-251-6800.

REFUND REQUEST

A Refund Request Form must be completed by participant. Forms are available at parks.senco.us, SCP+R community centers, administrative offices or by calling 251-6800 and the refund request form can be mailed or emailed to participant.

Send completed forms to:

Shawnee County Parks + Recreation
3137 SE 29th Street Topeka, KS 66605
ATTN: Linda Kelly or via email linda.kelly@senco.us.



THANK YOU TO OUR PARKS FOR ALL FOUNDATION SPONSORS



A sponsorship from Topeka ER & Hospital to the Parks For All Foundation is improving and helping maintain the Shunga, Landon and Lake Shawnee trails. Markers have been placed every half-mile along the three trails to encourage fitness and enhance safety.



A sponsorship from Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc., to the Parks For All Foundation is enabling the doubling in size of Hill's Bark Park in Gage Park.

OCT. 17 DECLARED “THEODORE ‘TED’ ENSLEY DAY”



Photos (from left): Ted Ensley; cutting ribbon for Founder's Wall; Jerold Binkley, Dotty Hanger, Dick Hanger, Ted Ensley



Shawnee County commissioners have declared Oct. 17, 2021 “Theodore ‘Ted’ Ensley Day” in Shawnee County. Hired 60 years ago as the first superintendent of Shawnee County Park + Recreation, Ensley’s 52 years of public service have made him a legend. Ensley’s finger prints can be seen all around Lake Shawnee from his tenure with parks and recreation or as a Shawnee County commissioner. Lake Shawnee Golf Course, Ted Ensley Gardens, the tennis courts, the Rowing Association, Yacht Club, the softball complex, Bettis Family Sports Complex and the Lake Shawnee Trail all were constructed or had their beginnings under his watchful eye and administrative guidance.

In 1975, through Ensley’s foresight, the county purchased land for what now comprises Shawnee North Community Park and Shawnee County Community Park. In 1979, working with the Kansas Secretary of Wildlife and Parks, Ensley introduced at Lake Shawnee one of the first trout stocking programs in the Midwest. In 1984, the Shawnee County Parks + Recreation Department was awarded the “Outstanding Organization Award” by the National Association of County Parks and Recreation Organizations. The same year, Ensley himself received the Distinguished Fellow Award from the Kansas Recreation and Park Association. In 2003, he was inducted into the KRPA Hall of Fame.

Those who know Ted Ensley personally know him to be a true gentleman. Those who know him in name only stroll his namesake gardens occasionally or even daily. The last person to live in what is now known as the Garden House at Lake Shawnee, Ensley had a vision of establishing a rose garden.

The garden began as rectangular beds of roses but the inspiration took hold with staff and volunteers alike and, with many dedicated hours by many sets of hands, the gardens were transformed into what some visitors have called world class.

In 1992, Ensley retired as parks and recreation director and took on the role of Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism under Gov. Joan Finney. From 1996-2012, he served four terms on the Shawnee County Commission.

There are only two employees remaining with Shawnee County Parks + Recreation from when Ensley directed the department, but nearly everyone in the department knows Ensley none the less. He has remained an active member of Friends of Ted Ensley Gardens and a strong supporter of parks and recreation. He continues to help raise money for the gardens that bear his name. He is among a select group of supporters whose names are on a Founder’s Wall in the gardens.

2021 FALL/WINTER EVENTS



SEPT. 11

Outdoor Kansas for Kids Day

Shawnee North Nature Trail
Archery, casting (fishing) practice,
nature painting and much more.

Age: Family Friendly
Time: Sat., 9 a.m.-Noon
Fee: Free

SEPT. 22

Preschool Track and Field Meet

Central Park Community Center
251-6965

Age: 3-5 yrs.
(who have not attended kindergarten)
Date: Sept. 22
Time: Wed. 6-8 p.m.
Fee: \$15 for all events

SEPT. 17-OCT. 3

Ward-Meade Garden Glow

Ward-Meade Botanical Garden
The Ward-Meade Botanical Garden
will glow with illuminated annuals,
trees and lighted displays including
larger-than-life flowers.

Time: 7-10 p.m.
Fee: \$5, children under age 5 free

SEPT. 24

Parks For All Foundation Golf Tournament

Lake Shawnee Golf Course



OCT. 30

7th Annual Spookomotive

Gage Park Mini-Train

This delightful, not frightful train is
just the ticket for the family. You never
know who you will see along the way.
The Rec+Roll Van will be on site
providing Halloween music.

Age: Family Friendly
Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Date: Oct. 30
Fee: \$2

DEC. 3, 4 & 10

Holiday Happenings

Old Prairie Town

Experience the charm of the
beautifully decorated Old Prairie Town
at Ward-Meade Historic Site and
enjoy a Victorian candlelight dinner
from an elegant buffet while listening
to period music.

Please call 785-251-6993 for your
reservation.

Time: 6-9 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)
Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.)
Fee: \$35 per person (includes
Victorian dinner, dessert, tour and
entertainment)

DEC. 4

Holiday Craft Show

Crestview Community Center
Shop for homemade local goods
from for the perfect gift.

Time: Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Fee: Free Admission

DEC. 8

Candy Cane Hunt

Crestview Community Center

There is a rumor going around that
Santa is hiding candy canes around
Crestview Community Center.

Pre-registration is required.

Age: All ages
Time: Fri. 6-7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$5

DEC. 11

Children's Shopping Spree

Garfield Shelter House

The event is for ages 5+ to come
shop for gifts from different vendors
inside the gym at Garfield Community
Center. All items are \$10 or less.
Interested in being a vendor, call
251-6950 to register today.

Time: 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Fee: Free Admission

DEC. 18

Old Prairie Town Christmas

Old Prairie Town

Old Prairie Town will be filled with
activities around every corner. New
this year, one of Santa's reindeer will
be stopping by.

Age: Family Friendly
Time: Sat. 4-7 p.m.
Fee: \$5 @ the gate per person



PROGRAMS



PRESCHOOL

Toddler Open Gym/Space

Preschoolers will get a chance to develop large and fine motor skills while socializing with peers. Adults bringing participants can help provide a supportive environment for exploration of new activities. Equipment provided.

Age: 3-5 yrs.

Date: Ongoing

Fee: Free

Hillcrest Community Center 251-6956

Time: Wed. 10 a.m.-noon

Oakland Community Center 251-6953

Time: Thur. 9-10 a.m.

Garfield Community Center 251-6950

Time: Tues. 9-11 a.m.

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Time: Thur. 9-10:30 a.m.

Shawnee Nbrth Community Center 251-6900

Time: Mon. 10 a.m.-noon

Tumbling

Basic movement and coordination. Increases flexibility and motor skills. Children will develop new skills in a supportive, social environment.

Age: 3-5 yrs.

Fee: \$30

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Date: Sept. 11-Oct. 9, Oct. 21-Nov. 18

Time: Sat. 9:30-10 a.m.

Shawnee Nbrth Community Center 251-6900

Date: Sept. 13-Oct. 11, Oct. 18-Nov. 15

Time: Mon. 5:30-6 p.m.

Date: Sept. 9-Oct. 7, Oct. 21-Nov. 18

Time: Thur. 5:30-6 p.m.

Dance 1

Develop coordination, rhythm and basic ballet and tap moves that will support large motor skills in an active supportive environment.

Age: 3-5 yrs.

Fee: \$30

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Date: Sept. 11-Oct. 9, Oct. 23-Nov. 18

Time: Sat. 10:15-11 a.m.

Shawnee Nbrth Community Center 251-6900

Date: Sept. 13-Oct. 11, Oct. 18-Nov. 15

Time: Mon. 6:15-7 p.m.

Date: Sept. 9-Oct. 7, Oct. 21-Dec. 18

Time: Thur. 6:15-7 p.m.

Parachutes and Play Things

Preschoolers get a chance to experience exciting large motor activities. Colorful equipment including the parachute will add to the fun.

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Age: 3-5 yrs.

Date: Sept. 9

Time: 6-7 p.m.

Fee: \$5

Spooky Science

Learning will be fun not scary with a variety of STEM activities with a Halloween theme. Participants may get messy.

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Age: 3-5 yrs.

Date: Oct. 26

Time: 6-7 p.m.

Fee: \$5

Turkey Time Craft

Paint a laser cut wooden turkey for Thanksgiving. All supplies provided.

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Age: 3-5 yrs.

Date: Nov. 15

Time: 6-7 p.m.

Fee: \$15

REGISTRATION

Choose from one of the many classes, activities, sports or other programs offered through Shawnee County Parks + Recreation and we'll make it easy for you to register!

- To register online, go to parks.senco.us and click the Programs & Registration icon.
- Forms may also be mailed, walked in, or phoned in to any Shawnee County Parks + Recreation facility.



SPORTY SPROUTS SERIES

Sporty Sprouts Series

Recreational sports clinics provide a great way to introduce kids to a variety of activities that encourage an active healthy lifestyle. Clinic instructors will provide a safe, positive environment for kids to work on new skills. Good sportsmanship and team building are emphasized.

Age: 3-5 yrs.

Fee: \$15 per session

T-Ball

This class teaches baseball/softball fundamentals such as hitting, running, throwing and fielding. Sporty Sprouts is a place for kids to enjoy socializing and meeting new friends while learning T-ball skills. An adult is required to participate with the child during instruction time.

Hillcrest Community Center 251-6956

Date: Sept. 9-23

Time: Thur. 5:45-6:30 p.m.

Oakland Community Center 251-6953

Date: Oct. 5-19

Time: Tue. 6-6:45 p.m.

Soccer

Preschoolers will learn basic soccer skills such as dribbling, passing and scoring. This is a great way to introduce your child to soccer. This clinic is a place for kids to enjoy socializing and meeting new friends.

Garfield Community Center 251-6950

Date: Sept 1-15

Time: 6-6:45 p.m.

Basketball

Sporty Sprouts teaches basketball fundamentals such as dribbling, shooting and passing. This class is a place for kids to enjoy socializing and meeting new friends while learning basketball skills. An adult is required to participate with the child during instruction time.

Hillcrest Community Center 251-6956

Date: Oct. 14-28

Time: Thur. 5:45-6:30 p.m.

Oakland Community Center 251-6953

Date: Nov. 2-16

Time: Tues. 6-6:45 p.m.



FIELD Upgrade

Lake Shawnee sports fields are getting an upgrade that will help attract more tournaments and more economic activity to Shawnee County. The multipurpose field at Bettis Family Sports Complex has a brand new artificial turf surface. In July, Mammoth Construction replaced the 11-year-old original turf surface with new turf bearing white markings for a full-length soccer field and blue markings for recreational fields that run side-by-side across the main field. The multi-purpose field serves as the home field for Shawnee Heights High School men's and women's soccer. This past spring, the field also played host to visiting teams in regional play when their games on their home fields were rained out.

This fall, Mammoth Construction will add artificial turf infields and warning track areas to the fields at the Softball Complex on the west side of Lake Shawnee. Adding the turf not only brings the fields up to a higher standard but it will help attract additional softball tournaments. Baseball and softball tournaments presently bring \$7 million in economic activity to Shawnee County with visitors purchasing gasoline, food, hotel rooms and entertainment. Regional and national tournaments have attracted teams from as many as seven states.

Zumba Kids Jr.

A fun and energy-packed dance fitness class for kids only. Develop creativity, build confidence and spatial awareness. A great part of an active lifestyle.

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Age: 4-6 yrs.

Date: Sept. 11-Oct. 9, Oct. 23- Nov. 20

Time: Sat. 11:15 a.m.- noon

Fee: \$30

Abra-kid-doodle

Participants will get creative and learn something new with different paint techniques. Staff provides a positive supportive environment to encourage exploration. Participants should be prepared to get messy.

Garfield Community Center 251-6950

Age: 3-5 yrs.

Date: Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 17, Dec. 22

Time: Wed. 6-7 p.m.

Fee: \$5

YOUTH

Zumba Kids

An energy-packed way for kids to stay active while building leadership and team work skills. Build confidence, memory, creativity, balance and coordination in a safe, social environment.

Age: 7-11 yrs.

Fee: \$30

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Date: Sept. 8-Oct. 6, Oct. 20-Nov. 17

Time: Wed. 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Shawnee North Community Center 251-6900

Date: Sept. 9-Oct. 7, Oct. 21-Nov. 18

Time: Thur. 7:15-8 p.m.

Jazz Dance

Dance is a great way to express creativity and build self-esteem. Participants will increase balance, coordination and flexibility through work on jazz skills. No prior dance experience is required but Dance 2 is recommended.

Shawnee North Community Center 251-6900

Age: 8-11 yrs.

Date: Sept. 11-Oct. 16 (No class Oct. 2)

Time: Sat. 9-10 a.m.

Fee: \$30

Too Cool Tie Dye

Get groovy with tie dye! Learn how to create different patterns for unique tie dye looks. Bring an item of your choice to dye – t-shirt, bandana, shoes, hat, purse.

Crestview Community Center 251 6960

Age: 10-12 yrs.

Date: Sept. 18

Time: 3-5 p.m.

Fee: \$10

Sidewalk Chalk Freestyle

Meet your friends at Crestview Community Center to create beautiful side walk chalk designs. What will you create? A positive message, a detailed drawing, hop-scotch? The ideas are endless! All supplies included with fee.

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Age: 5+

Date: Sept. 11

Time: 1-2 p.m.

Fee: \$3

Rudolph's Christmas Workshop

This Christmas-themed workshop is for children of any age (with the help of an adult), to explore their creativity making two Christmas crafts. During this class participants will make a baggie of reindeer food along with a DIY painted ornament to take home with them. Pre-registration required.

Hillcrest Community Center 251-6966

Age: 3+

Date: Dec. 17

Time: Fri. 6-7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$10

Kindness Rocks

Spread kindness with creativity – paint on river rocks and display them around Shawnee County to spread a positive message to those in our community. Rocks will be painted at Crestview Community Center. Participants will be transported around Shawnee County to place rocks; a waiver will be provided for permission to be transported.

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Age: 12-14 yrs.

Date: Aug. 7

Time: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Fee: \$8

Witches Brew Halloween Slime

Kids love slime! You won't want to miss out on making Halloween themed slime. Participants will help mix slime, have time to socialize and get a take home cup of Halloween slime!

Hillcrest Community Center 251-6956

Age: 5+

Date: Oct. 22

Time: Fri. 6-7 p.m.

Fee: \$7

Advanced Tumbling

Participants will work on basic movement and coordination. This increases flexibility and motor skills in a safe, social environment.

Age: 5-9 yrs.

Fee: \$30

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Date: Sept. 11-Oct. 9, Oct. 23-Nov. 20

Time: Sat. 9-9:30 a.m.

Shawnee North Community Center 251-6900

Date: Sept. 13-Oct. 11, Oct. 18-Nov. 15

Time: Mon. 5-5:30 p.m.

Dance 2

Participants will build tap and ballet skills, and be introduced to jazz dance in a safe, social environment. No prior dance experience is required, though learning is at a faster pace.

Age: 5-9 yrs.

Fee: \$30

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Date: Sept. 8-Oct. 6, Oct. 20-Nov. 17

Time: Wed. 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Shawnee North Community Center 251-6900

Date: Sept. 13-Oct. 11, Oct. 18-Nov. 15

Time: Mon. 7:15-8 p.m.

Zombie Party

Kids can come dressed as a zombie ready for some slightly gross fun. Zombie games and snacks add to the creepy fun.

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Age: 8-12 yrs.

Date: Oct. 15

Time: 6-7 p.m.

Fee: \$7

Pickleball Clinic

This will be a great time for kids to come and learn the basics of pickleball in a three-week clinic. Pickleball is a fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping pong.

Oakland Community Center 251-6953

Age: 5-12

Date: Oct. 7-21

Time: Thur. 6-6:45 p.m.

Fee: \$15

Free Throw Contest

Come out to the newly renovated gym at Hillcrest Community Center and join in on our free throw contest! Each participant will pay \$2 per entry. Each entry gets participants 25 shots. The participant who makes the most free throw shots out of 25 shots in each division will receive a small prize. Divisions will be split up into 8U, 14U and 18U. 8U will shoot with 8-foot goals.

Hillcrest Community Center 251-6956

Age: 8U, 14U, 18U

Date: Nov. 2

Time: Tues. 5-7 p.m.

Fee: \$2

ActivStars Karate @ Garfield

ActivStars has created one of the most comprehensive martial arts programs for children and teens in an ever-changing world. We teach our students to stay safely aware and avoid bullying while developing mind and body. Every ActivStars karate and martial arts instructor has been trained on our safety awareness SAFEShield.

For more information <https://mw.activstars.com> or call (888) 619-2131

Instructor: Joseph Mowery
Fall/Winter

Aug. 28 to Jan. 15, no classes Sept. 4, Nov. 27, Dec. 11, Dec. 25, Jan. 1

Number of Weeks: 10

Registration Fee: \$10

Class Fee: \$9*

*\$12 for advanced, \$10 for extended.

Kids Palooza

Each month we will have different themed activities for kids. This is a great chance to try new games in a social, supportive environment.

Garfield Community Center 251-6950

Ages: 6-12 yrs.

Date: Sept. 2-Minute to Win-It games

Oct. 7-Floor is Lava

Nov. 4-Trivia Night

Dec. 2-Treasure hunt

Time: 6-7 p.m.

Fee: \$5

Youth Team Night

Each month we will have different themed activities for the youth. For those who miss summer camp, this is a great way to be active while building team skills in a social and friendly environment.

Oakland Community Center

Ages: 12-15 yrs.

Date: Sept. 16-Dodge-ball

Oct. 14-Kickball

Nov. 18-Capture the Flag

Dec. 16-Flag Football

Time: Thur. 6-8 p.m.

Fee: \$5

STEM-sational Kids

Participants can come and challenge themselves to create different stem-based activities. Learning feels like play in a positive supportive environment.

Garfield Community Center 251-6950

Date: Sept. 27-Paper flyers/ structure challenge

Oct. 25-Slime Creations

Nov. 29-Water experiments

Dec. 27-Fizzle and Bubble

Time: Mon. 6-7 p.m.

Fee: \$5

Family Game Challenge

Get the whole family together for challenging fun. Let the whole crew participate in silly games that will have you laughing. Games played with household items so you can take the ideas home to continue the fun.

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Age: Family Friendly

Date: Aug. 26

Time: Thur. 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$10 per family

Senior/Youth Go Fish Tournament

Fall is a great time for fishing and it doesn't matter what the weather is if you are inside. Seniors can bring a grandchild to help them win a friendly competition of Go Fish. Teams will be matched up by youth age as they go through a bracket style tournament. Fishy snacks will be provided. Pre-registration required to help set up brackets.

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Age: All ages

Date: Nov. 20

Time: Sat. 10 a.m. until there is a champion team

Fee: \$10/team



VOLUNTEER!

Are you looking for ways to get involved in the community? Consider volunteering for Shawnee County Parks + Recreation!

SCP+R has a variety of opportunities for volunteers ranging from working in our gardens and helping at events to coaching youth sports teams and guided trail walks.

We even have opportunities for you to adopt your very own park/trail or to create your own projects based on your passions/the needs that you see in the community.

For more information

contact Volunteer Services



785-251-6865
olivia.mayer@snco.us

Youth Open Rec

Play is part of a healthy active lifestyle. Youth can burn off some energy in the gym, play on game equipment in lobby or use the free computer labs. Center staff provides a positive supportive environment.

Date: Ongoing

Fee: Free

Age: 18 and under

Central Park Community Center 251-6965

Time: Mon.-Fri. 3-5 p.m.
Sat. noon-3 p.m.

Hillcrest Community Center 251-6956

Time: Mon.-Fri. 3-5 p.m., Sat. noon-3 p.m.

Garfield Community Center 251-6950

Time: Mon.-Fri. 3-5 p.m. Sat. noon-3 p.m.

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Time: Mon.-Fri. 3-5 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m.-noon

Oakland Community Center 251-6953

Time: Mon.-Fri. 3-5 p.m.

Topeka Community Cycle Project

Get help with your bike from volunteers of the TCCP. Volunteers will aid you in fixing flats, adjusting brakes, and answering questions about bikes. Adults can volunteer five hours to receive a bike and kids receive a bike for free. Helmets are always available free to the public.

Oakland Community Center 251-6953

Date: Thurs., Sat.

Time: Thurs. 5-7 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Fee: Free

Horseshoes with Topeka Horseshoe Association

Come out and enjoy a low impact physical activity in a supportive social environment. All skill levels are welcome and instruction will be available. Horseshoes are provided if you don't have your own. Participants should arrive on time to be assigned a match.

Gage Park Horseshoe Courts

Instructional/Practice League

Contact: Earl Romine 785-633-0890

Age: 5+

Date: Mon. April-Oct.

Time: 6 p.m.

Fee: Free open drop-in

Sanctioned Horseshoes

Open to sanctioned players of all skill levels.

Gage Park Horseshoe Courts

Contact: Larry 785-456-5001

Age: 5+

Date: Thur. April-Oct.

Time: 5:45 p.m.

Annual Sanction Fee: \$33 for adults \$7 for youth. Youth scholarships available from Topeka Horseshoe Association.



IT TAKES A VILLAGE @ RICE COMMUNITY CENTER

Steven Massey, founder and director of It Takes a Village will offer after school performing arts programs in partnership with SCP+R. Programs will include art, music, voice, theater and dance along with tutoring, counseling and nutritional services.

itav4arts.org

itav4arts@gmail.com

785-580-9707

Age: 10-20 yrs.

Time: Mon.-Fri. 4-9 p.m.

Sat. 9 a.m.-noon & 6 p.m.

Sun. 2-7 p.m. as needed

Community classes Dance, Art, Theater and Drama \$5

Community music \$10

ITAV Registration \$15 new registration fee

Dance, Art, Theater and Voice \$24 a month

Music \$36 a month

ITAV Company Dance Classes \$42 a month

Subject to change

Beginning Ballet

Date: Ongoing

Time: Mon. 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$23 per month

Ballet/Contemporary

Date: Ongoing

Time: Mon. 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$23 per month



Adopt-a- PARK/TRAIL

Shawnee County Parks + Recreation's Adopt-A-Park/Trail program is designed to encourage the community to take a hands-on approach to helping keep the county's parks and trails clean, safe and attractive for residents and visitors through debris pick-up and beautification activities. The program promotes civic pride, appreciation, awareness and enhances the quality of life in our community. If your group, neighborhood association or business is interested in adopting a park or trail, contact Olivia Mayer.

For more information

contact Olivia Mayer



785.251.6800

olivia.mayer@snco.us

Tenderfeet

Age: 6-7 yrs.
Date: Ongoing
Time: Wed. 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Fee: \$30 per month

Beginning Hip Hop

Date: Ongoing
Time: Wed. 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$23 per month

Hip Hop/ African

Date: Ongoing
Time: Thur. 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$23 per month

Beginning Jazz

Date: Ongoing
Time: Wed. 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Fee: \$23 per month

Young Blossoms

Age: 8-9 yrs.
Date: Ongoing
Time: Thur. 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Fee: \$30 per month

Sensual Moving Class

Age: 21+
Date: Ongoing
Time: Thur. 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$25 per month

Adult 2 Step/ Line Dance

Age: 20+
Date: Ongoing
Time: Tue. 6- 7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$20 per month

ADULT

DIY Planting Party

Come on out to Hillcrest Community Center for our DIY Planting Party! This class is a workshop in which participants will create their own potted plant to take home! Participants will learn from Carol Bragdon, K-State Research and Extension Office, how to plant and take care of their very own house plant! Supplies provided.
Hillcrest Community Center 251-6956

Age: 16+
Date: Sept. 11
Time: Sat. 2-3 p.m.
Fee: \$15



Airplane Club

Enjoy flying or watching indoor remote control planes. A great chance to socialize and learn. Planes not provided.

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Age: All ages
Date: Ongoing
Time: Thur. 10:30 a.m.-noon
Fee: Free

Beekeeper Class

Master beekeepers Steve and Becky Tipton offer exciting opportunities in beekeeping. Explore hive construction, installing the bees and hive management up until harvest time.

Shawnee North Community Center 251-6900

Age: 12+
Date: Sept. 15, Oct. 20
Time: Wed. 6:30-8 p.m.
Fee: Free

Free Throw Contest

Come out to the newly renovated gym at Hillcrest Community Center and join in on our free throw contest! Each participant will pay \$2 per entry. Each entry gets participants 25 shots. The participant who makes the most free throw shots out of 25 shots will receive a prize.

Hillcrest Community Center 251-6956

Age: 18+
Date: Nov. 4
Time: Thur. 5-7 p.m.
Fee: \$3

Sanctioned Horseshoes

Open to sanctioned players of all skill levels.
Gage Park Horseshoe Courts

Contact: Larry 785-456-5001

Age: 5+
Date: Thur. April-Oct.
Time: 5:45 p.m.
Annual Sanction Fee: \$33 for adults \$7 for youth.

Horseshoes with Topeka Horseshoe Association

Come out and enjoy a low-impact physical activity in a supportive social environment. All skill levels are welcome and instruction will be available. Horseshoes can be provided. Participants should arrive on time to be assigned a match.

Gage Park Horseshoe Courts

Instructional/Practice League

Contact: Earl Romine 785-633-0890

Age: 5+
Date: Mon. April-Oct.
Time: 6 p.m.
Fee: Free open drop-in

Oil and Acrylic Painting

Instructor Mary Lou Gudenkauf teaches the basics of oil or acrylics using the Old Masters technique in a friendly group setting. Both mediums can be taught. All levels will feel comfortable and receive individual attention from the instructor. A supply list can be obtained from the Center.

Shawnee North Community Center 251-6900

Date: Sept. 1-22, Sept. 29-Oct. 20, Oct. 27-Nov. 17, Dec. 1-15

Time: Wed. 9-11 a.m.

Date: Sept. 1-22, Sept. 29-Oct. 20, Oct. 27-Nov. 17, Dec. 1-15

Time: Wed. 1-3 p.m.

Date: Sept. 2-23, Sept. 30-Oct. 21, Oct. 28-Nov. 18, Dec. 2-16

Time: Thur. 1-3 p.m.

Age: 16+

Fee: \$40 per session

ASTRONOMY OUTREACH

Sessions facilitated by Brenda Culbertson. Brenda is a Solar System Ambassador who works in association with NASA/JPL through the Solar System Ambassador Program. She has done public outreach education for many years and has traveled across Kansas as well as into Mexico for astronomical events. Programs are free and open to the public.

Observing the Giants Jupiter and Saturn

Jupiter will appear close to a waxing, gibbous moon. Images projected on a screen.

Reynolds Lodge @ Lake Shawnee
251-6800

Date: Sept. 18
Time: Thurs. 7:30-9:30 p.m.

International Observe the Moon Night

We will again participate in a worldwide event to view our closest celestial neighbor, the moon. Image projection will be set up for this event, and activity handouts will be provided. The Rec+Roll Van will provide moon music.

Skyline Parkway 251-6800

Date: Oct. 16
Time: 7-11 p.m.

Winter Sky Tour

Constellations and asterisms in the winter night will be pointed out by knowledgeable astronomers.

Shawnee North Community Shelter
251-6900

Date: Nov. 27
Time: 5-7 p.m.

Choosing a Telescope and Safe Solar Observing

Different types of telescopes will be shown and discussed to help people determine what type, cost, purpose, and other considerations regarding equipment that they might want to purchase. After the discussion, the projection system will be set up to show images of sun as seen through safe solar observing means. Safe observing methods will be presented while solar features are shown on the screen. Real time images will be shown.

Shawnee North Community Center
251-6900

Date: Sat. Dec. 11
Time: 2-3 p.m. Choosing a Telescope
3-4 p.m. Safe Solar Observing

SENIOR

Senior Shuffle Board

A chance to stay active while interacting with friends in a positive social setting.

Central Park Community Center
251-6965

Date: Ongoing
Time: Thur. 10 a.m.-noon
Fee: \$2 per person

Walk and Talk

This is a great way to stay active, rain or shine while socializing with friends.

Fee: Free
Hillcrest Community Center 251-6956

Time: Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri 9-10 a.m.

Oakland Community Center 251-6953

Time: Mon.-Fri. 8-10 a.m.

Senior Indoor Bocce Ball

Explore this popular game indoors while socializing and keeping active.

Central Park Community Center
251-6965

Date: Starts Sept. 2.
Time: Wed. 10 a.m.-noon
Fee: \$2 per person

Beginners Bridge

This is an opportunity to learn a new skill in a positive supportive social atmosphere. Coffee and cards provided.

Shawnee North Community Center
251-6900

Date: Ongoing
Fee: \$1
Time: Mon. 1-3 p.m.

Bridge

Spend time with friends in a positive social setting. Groups of four are needed for participation. Coffee and cards provided.

Central Park Community Center
251-6965

Date: Ongoing
Time: Tue. 1-3 p.m.
Fee: \$1 per person

Senior/Youth Go Fish Tournament

Fall is a great time for fishing and it doesn't matter what the weather is if you are inside. Seniors can bring a grandchild to help them win a friendly competition of Go Fish. Teams will be matched up by youth age as they go through a bracket style tournament. Fishy snacks provided.

Crestview Community Center
251-6960

Age: All ages
Date: Nov. 20
Time: Sat. 10 a.m. until there is a champion team
Fee: \$10/team

Pitch

Enjoy spending time with your friends playing pitch. This program provides a chance for beginners to learn a new game along with experienced players in a positive environment. Coffee and cards provided.

Date: Ongoing
Fee: \$1 per person

Garfield Community Center 251-6950

Time: Tue 1-3 p.m.

Crestview Community Center
251-6960

Time: Thur. 1-3 p.m.

Shawnee North Community Center
251-6900

Time: Fri. 1-3 p.m.

FITNESS & WELLNESS

Wellness Centers

As part of a healthy, active lifestyle come workout in a supportive, social environment. Participants can work toward individual fitness goals. Open year-round during center hours.

Oakland Community Center 251-6953

Shawnee North Community Center
251-6900

Fee: \$50 per year or \$7 per month
Fitness Passes can be used for drop-in visits.

Hillcrest Community Center 251-6956

Central Park Community Center
251-6965

Fee: Free

Wallyball

Enjoy a fun way to stay active and work toward personal fitness goals. This game is along the lines of volleyball but it is played on a racquetball court.

Hillcrest Community Center 251-6956

Age: 18+

Date: Ongoing

Time: Mon.-Fri 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fee: \$3

Racquetball

Stay active with a fast-paced game for all skill levels. This is a great way to work toward personal fitness goals. Equipment is available at the counter.

Hillcrest Community Center 251-6956

Age: 18+

Date: Ongoing

Time: Mon.-Fri 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fee: \$3

Prime Time Volleyball

Bump, set, and spike! Showcase your skills on the court in this supportive, social environment while maintaining an active and healthy lifestyle.

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Age: 18+

Date: Ongoing

Time: Tue., Thur. 7-9 p.m.

Fee: \$2

Pickleball

This fun sport can be a great way to stay healthy and active while achieving personal fitness goals. All skill levels are welcome in a supportive and social environment. Equipment is provided.

Age: 18+

Date: Ongoing

Fee: \$2 per person

Hillcrest Community Center 251-6956

Time: Thur. 10 a.m.-noon

Oakland Community Center 251-6953

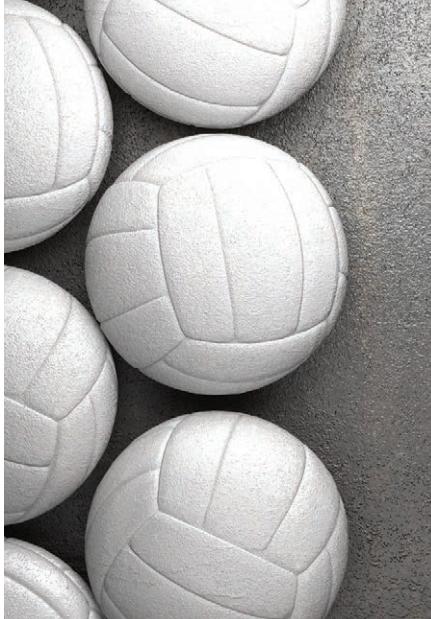
Time: Mon., Wed., Fri. 9-11 a.m.

Garfield Community Center 251-6950

Time: Mon., Wed., Fri. 10 a.m.-noon

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Time: Mon., Wed., Fri. 1-3 p.m.



Open Volleyball

Whether you're a beginner or seasoned player, come drop in at Crestview and have a blast working on your skills or just have fun with friends. A fun part of an active lifestyle.

Age: 18+

Date: Ongoing

Fee: \$2 per person

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Time: Mon., Wed., Fri.

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Oakland Community Center 251-6953

Time: Wed. 6-8 p.m.

Walk and Talk

This is a great way to stay active, rain or shine while socializing with friends.

Fee: Free

Garfield Community Center 251-6950

Time: Tues. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Hillcrest Community Center 251-6956

Time: Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri 9-10 a.m.

Oakland Community Center 251-6953

Time: Mon.-Fri. 8-10 a.m.

Intro to Bamboo Fusion

Mindful meditation and motion: Let your mind relax, expand and melt with the breath. Move as gentle flowing water. Nothing to learn, just watch and follow as tension slips away and you feel harmony in body and mind. All ability levels are welcome. This is a five-week course.

Hillcrest Community Center 251-6956

Date: Sept. 4-Oct. 2

Time: Sat. 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Fee: \$30



KOSSOVER Tennis Center

Hours of Operation

The Kossover Tennis Center offers low-cost, organized programs and supervised tennis play for the entire community. The Tennis Center is open April 1 to mid-October, seven days a week, except during inclement weather and holidays. Courts are available 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Facility lights are available for use in the spring/summer until 10 p.m. and in the fall until 8 p.m. Hours are subject to change due to reservation requests and court use.

Daily Court Fees

\$2 per person per day

Reservations are strongly recommended as leagues, clinics, tennis tournaments and high school activities authorized through Shawnee County Parks + Recreation have first priority on court usage. To make reservations or for more information, please contact Branden at Kossover Tennis Center at 785-580-6706 or Caroline at 785-273-0030.

Tennis Lesson Fees

Private lessons: \$35 per hour

Semi-Private lessons: \$20 per hour per person

Group lessons: \$10 per hour

Racquet Stringing

Racquet stringing service is available at Kossover Tennis Center. Fees range from \$23-\$35.

Camps and Clinics

Kossover Tennis Center also features tennis camps and youth summer tennis clinics.

For info on lessons, reservations, tournaments and the Topeka Tennis Association call 785.273.0030.

For more information

contact Branden Joost



785.273.0030

bjoost@genesishealthclubs.com



Parks For All FOUNDATION

The Parks For All Foundation helps change the way our community sees itself. With community support through charitable contributions of time and money, the Foundation helps Shawnee County Parks + Recreation provide family-friendly and safe outdoor spaces that can be shared by everyone in our welcoming community. Help us bring joy and vibrancy to the natural outdoor spaces we all love.

Projects supported by generous gifts include:

- Adaptive Recreation
- Bettis Family Sports Complex
- Dornwood Park
- Gage Park & Gardens
- Golf Courses
- Hanger Preserve
- Helen Hocker Theater
- Kossover Tennis Center
- Lake Shawnee Girls Softball
- Natural Areas & Trails
- Old Prairie Town
- Shawnee County Baseball Hall of Fame
- Shawnee Yacht Club
- Ted Ensley Gardens
- Topeka Horseshoe Association
- Youth Scholarships

The Parks For All Foundation offers a memorial bench program to honor your loves ones. For \$2,500 you can place a black steel arched back bench with an engraved bronze plaque in one of Shawnee County's beautiful parks. An application form is available online.

For more information



785.251.6878
visit parksforallfoundation.org
3137 SE 29th Street Topeka KS 66605



MARTIAL ARTS

Karate

This karate class is popular with students of all skill levels. It will provide you with improved mental/physical coordination, poise, flexibility and strength. Please wear loose fitting clothing.

Central Park Community Center
251-6965

Age: 6+
Date: Ongoing
Time: Mon., Wed. 6-7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$15/ month

Karate

Okinawan Shorin-Ryu is a hard style of karate that emphasizes natural body movement and stances. The program will improve mental and physical coordination, poise, flexibility and strength and is designed for persons of all ages and skill levels.

BEGINNERS

Crestview Community Center **251-6960**

Age: 6+
Date: Ongoing
Time: Tue., Thur. 6-7 p.m.
Fee: \$30

ADVANCED

Crestview Community Center **251-6960**

Age: 6+
Date: Ongoing
Time: Tue., Thur. 6-7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$42

Tae Kwon Do

Martial Arts is a great way to learn self-defense in a safe, fun and social environment.

Central Park Community Center
Contact: Mark Brown 785-506-5111
Age: 17 and under
Date: Ongoing
Time: Mon.-Thurs. 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Central Park Community Center

251-6965

Time: Sat. noon-3 p.m.

Hillcrest Community Center

251-6956

Time: Mon.-Fri 12 p.m.-3 p.m.
Sat. noon-3 p.m.

Oakland Community Center

251-6953

Time: Mon.-Fri. noon-2:30 p.m.

Garfield Community Center

251-6950

Time: Mon.-Fri. noon.-3 p.m.

Crestview Community Center

251-6960

Time: Tue., Thur. 1-3 p.m.



Fitness PASS

The flexible way to reach your fitness goals.

Make fitness a part of your mental and physical health. Enjoy a variety of classes to keep your workout exciting. Choosing times that work with a busy schedule can help keep regular exercise a part of your routine.

Find Classes @parks.snco.us

**Exercise your options,
recharge your card for**

5 visits \$20
10 visits \$40
20 visits \$80

With new cards there is no worry about losing your card. Full size card comes with smaller key ring card for easy access.

FITNESS PASS CLASSES

Age: 16+
Fee: Fitness Pass

Zumba® Toning

**Crestview Community Center
251-6960**

Date: Ongoing
Time: Wed. 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Zumba

**Oakland Community Center
251-6953**

Date: Ongoing
Time: Mon. & Thur. 6-7 p.m.

SPORTS

YOUTH SPORTS

Registration may be done by individual OR by team. Requests granted whenever possible. Volunteer coaches needed for all leagues.

Fall Soccer League

League shirt provided.
Leagues offered: 4U Instructional 3 vs. 3 – \$20/player | \$105/team
6U 5 vs. 5 – \$40/player | \$375/team
8U, 11U, 14U 7 vs. 7 – \$40/player | \$375/team
Registration deadline Aug. 4
Age: 3-14
Date: Sept. 4-Oct. 2
Fee: \$40/player | \$375/team

Flag Football

League shirt and mouthpiece provided.
Leagues offered: 8U, 11U
Registration deadline Aug. 4
Age: 5-11
Date: Sept. 5-Oct. 3
Fee: \$40/player | \$375/team

Fall Baseball League

League shirt provided, if needed.
Leagues offered:
6U T-Ball – \$50/player | \$475/team (6 games)
8U Machine Pitch – \$50/player | \$475/team (6 games)
10U / 12U Player Pitch - \$50/player | \$475/team (6 games)
Registration deadline Aug. 11
Age: 3-12
Date: Sept. 7-Oct. 7

Fall Softball League

League shirt provided, if needed.
Leagues offered:
6U T-Ball – \$30/player | \$300/team (6 games)
7U Coach Pitch – \$30/player | \$300/team (6 games)
8U Player/Coach Pitch – \$30/player | \$300/team (6 games)
10U / 12U Player Pitch – \$30/player | \$300/team (6 games)
Registration deadline Aug. 11
Age: 3-12
Date: Sept. 7-Oct. 7

Fall Indoor Volleyball League

League shirt provided.
Leagues offered: 6U, 8U, 11U, 14U
Registration deadline Sept. 1
Age: 4-14
Date: Oct. 3-31
Fee: \$40/player | \$350/team

Youth Tennis League – NEW 2022

League shirt provided.
Fees, dates and ages TBD.



Shawnee County TRAILS

Shawnee County Parks + Recreation's nearly 60 miles of trails offer a leisurely stroll with side ventures into beautiful gardens, or a hike, run or mountain bike ride up hilly terrain leading to panoramic views of the county. There are 30 miles of paved trails and nearly 28 miles of natural surface trails running through forested, prairie and open natural areas. Shawnee County Parks + Recreation is continually increasing the number and length of trails in our community while connecting as many trails as possible.

Shunga Trail – 8.5-mile paved concrete pedestrian/bicycle trail beginning at 29th and McClure and continuing east to SE 2nd. The trail will eventually stretch across Topeka.

Lake Shawnee Trail – 7-mile paved concrete pedestrian/bicycle trail encircling the lake.

Dornwood Nature Trail – 9.9 miles of natural surface, woodland hiking trail accessible from SE 25th and Highland.

Landon Trail – 4.75-mile paved and gravel trail along an abandoned railroad track running from SE 15th to SE 45th.

Azura Trails at Skyline Park – Four single-track loop trails comprising 4.47 miles of natural surface trails through wooded and prairie areas offering the most panoramic views of Shawnee County from the famed Burnett's Mound.

Warren Nature Area – 4 miles of natural surface trails beginning at SW 25th and Gage east of Felker Park. The trail includes a wetland to slow and clean runoff water from streets and neighborhoods. Many birds, mammals and aquatic species can be found here.

Welton Grove Park – 3 miles of natural surface trails.

Gage Park Fitness Loop Trail – 2-mile paved trail encircling Gage Park.

Betty Phillips Park – .44-mile paved trail.

Shawnee North Nature Trail – 2-mile natural surface trail on undeveloped parkland comprised of grasslands and wooded areas. Shawnee North Community Park also has a .8-mile paved fitness loop trail encircling the west side of the park.

Deer Creek Trail – 2-mile trail from SE Golden to SE 6th and SE 6th to SE 10th.

Grant-Bradbury – Located west of Forbes Field, 2 miles of natural surface trails run through 80-acres of virgin prairie that has never been plowed. The area includes hundreds of native prairie species, some of which are scarcely found elsewhere in the state.

Soldier Creek Trail – 1.8-mile paved concrete bicycle/pedestrian trail from NE Garfield Park to NW Lyman Road.

Orville Rice Nature Trail – 1-mile mowed grass single track trail following Shunga Creek from SW Gage to the Shunga Trail near McDonald Field.

Oakland-Billard/Santa Fe Park Trails – 1.6 miles of paved trail.

Freedom Valley – .75-mile concrete path.

Clarion Woods Trail – 1.54 miles of single-track trail through a red cedar forest.

Brookfield Park – .3-mile paved trail.

Willow Park – .5-mile paved walking paths.

ADULT SPORTS

All adult leagues vary in levels of competitiveness. The lower the number, the more competitive the league. Example: League 1 is our most competitive option in any sport, while League 3 would be more recreational. Players must register as a team (unless free agency option used) and submit roster prior to first game.

Adult Softball League – Session 3

Women's, Men's and CoRec slow-pitch league single-game season play a 4-game season. Men's and CoRec doubleheader leagues play an 8-game season.

Registration deadline is Aug. 18

Age: 16+

Date: Sept. 6-Oct. 1

Fee: \$130/team – single game
\$260/team – doubleheader

Adult Basketball League – Session 4

Adult basketball leagues will conclude in tournament format. All teams guaranteed at least 6 games total.

Registration deadline is Oct. 13

Ages: 16+

Date: Nov. 3-Dec. 15

(Wed., Thur., Sun. night options)

Fee: \$240/team

Adult Volleyball League – Session 4

Women's, Men's 50+ and CoRec volleyball leagues play a 6-week season with 12 matches.

Registration deadline is Oct. 13

Age: 16+

Date: Nov. 1-Dec. 17

Fee: \$150/team

Adult Basketball League – Session 1 (2022)

Adult basketball leagues will conclude in tournament format. All teams will be guaranteed at least eight games total.

Registration deadline is Dec. 29

Ages: 16+

Date: Jan. 19-March 10 (Wed., Thur., Sun. night options)

Fee: \$280/team

Adult Volleyball League – Session 1 (2022)

Women's, Men's 50+ and CoRec volleyball leagues play a 6-week season with 12 matches.

Registration deadline is Jan. 5

Age: 16+

Date: Jan. 24-March 11

Fee: \$150/team

Adult Softball League – Session 1 (2022)

Women's, Men's and CoRec slow-pitch league single-game season play a 4-game season. Men's and CoRec doubleheader leagues play an 8-game season.

Registration deadline is March 2

Age: 16+

Date: March 21-April 22

Fee: \$130/team – single game
\$260/team – doubleheader



SPECIAL EVENTS

Outdoor Kansas for Kids Day

Activities will take place along the Shawnee North Nature Trail. Participants can enjoy a variety of outdoor activities such as archery, casting practice, nature painting and much more. Allow an hour and a half to complete all activities.

Shawnee North Community Park

Age: Family Friendly

Date: Sept. 11

Time: Sat. 9 a.m.-noon

Fee: Free

Preschool Track and Field Meet

This event is for three to five-year-olds that have not attended kindergarten. Events included are hurdles, running broad jump, javelin throw, 30-yard dash and a mini-mile bubble run. Preregistration is required.

Central Park Community Center 251-6965

Age: 3-5 yrs.

Date: Sept. 22

Time: Wed. 6-8 p.m.

Fee: \$15 for all events

Fishing Derby

Get outdoors, enjoy nature and a fun morning of fishing. Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks and Tourism will be providing 20 poles and bait but participants can bring their own tackle if they wish. Prizes will be given out for first fish, most fish, largest and smallest catch of the day. No fishing license is required for this event and it is "catch and release".

Fishing Pond (Lake Shawnee)

Age: Family Friendly

Date: Sept. 25

Time: Sat., 10 a.m.-noon

Fee: \$5

Pre-registration is required

Art Show "Water"

The Shawnee North Oil and Acrylic class will display original paintings in an exhibit called "Water." The public is invited to enjoy works by local artists. For more information, call 251-6904.

Great Overland Station

Date: Oct. 9

Time: Sat. 2-4 p.m.

National Bullying Prevention Month

Bullying is an issue that affects many lives. Let's join together and dedicate this month to help end bullying. Community activities will be part of this meaningful evening.

Corral #2 @ Gage Park 251-6800

Date: Oct. 7

Age: All ages

Time: Thur. 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Fee: Free

7th Annual Spookomotive @ Gage Park Mini-Train

This delightful, not frightful train is just the ticket for the family. Enjoy a slightly spooky ride. You never know who you will see along the way. The Rec+Roll Van will be on site providing Halloween music.

Age: Family Friendly

Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Date: Oct. 30

Fee: \$2

Tails on the Trail

Participants enjoy a dog friendly 5K run/walk in the Shawnee North Community Park. Proceeds benefit Helping Hands Humane Society. More information and registration available on Helping Hands Humane Society www.hhhstopka.org/events/tails-on-the-trail/

Shawnee North Community Park

Date: Nov. 6

Gingerbread House Creations

Families can start a new tradition for the holidays. Jill Dunning provides a pre-made house and all the decorations. Registration deadline is Nov. 12 at noon. **Shawnee North Community Center 251-6900**

Age: 5+

Date: Nov. 20

Time: Sat. 9-11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$25 per gingerbread house

Wildlife Holiday

Spend family time together making Ecofriendly ornaments. Listen to the reading of *The Night Tree* and venture outside to decorate a tree for the park wildlife. Each group can make up a total of four ornaments, three to take home and one to hang in the park.

Shawnee North Community Center 251-6900

Age: All ages

Date: Dec. 2

Time: Thur. 6-7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$10 per group. Group size limited to eight.

Holiday Craft Show

Shop for homemade local goods from for the perfect gift. Items include, but are not limited to; jewelry, quilts, small crafts, candles, baked goods, and many more! Vendor inquiries please call Crestview Center.

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Date: Dec. 4

Time: Sat. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fee: Free Admission

Candy Cane Hunt

There is a rumor going around that Santa is hiding candy canes around Crestview Community Center. Grab your flashlight and join us as we hunt for candy canes. Before the hunt enjoy holiday themed activities. Pre-registration is required.

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Age: All ages

Date: Dec. 8

Time: Fri. 6-7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$5

Old Prairie Town Christmas

Start a new holiday tradition for your family. Old Prairie Town will be filled with activities around every corner. Visit the Lingo Livery Stable to make magic reindeer feed, help an elf on the railroad hand car, write a letter to Santa at the depot, take pictures at the selfie station, hear a story read by a local celebrity in the school house and seasonal music and dancing in the church. New this year one of Santa's reindeer will be stopping by. Families can enjoy shopping for nostalgic gifts or treats in the Mulvane General Store and Potwin Drug Store.

Age: Family Friendly

Date: Dec. 18

Time: Sat. 4-7 p.m.

Fee: \$5 @ the gate per person



West Lawn MEMORIAL GARDENS

Nestled in a peaceful setting on Auburn Road north of I-70, West Lawn Memorial Gardens offers a beautiful location for family members to rest in eternity. Special features include a Veterans Field of Honor and an Avenue of Flags.

West Lawn Memorial Gardens offers five gardens from which to choose and more than 12,000 burial plots. Choose between Christus, Veterans Field of Honor, Prayer I, Prayer II and Old Rugged Cross.

Our staff at Shawnee County Parks + Recreation know that discussing memorial options can often be difficult. We'll do our best to ensure your comfort when you decide to lay your loved ones to rest in Westlawn Memorial Gardens.

Gardens:

Garden of Christus
Veterans Field of Honor
Prayer I and II
Old Rugged Cross

Office hours: Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Cemetery hours: Dawn to Dusk
Website: parks.snco.us

For more information

contact Josh Michael



785-251-6808.

josh.michael@snco.us

Children's Shopping Spree

The event is for ages 5+ to come shop for gifts from different vendors inside the gym at Garfield Community Center. All items are \$10 or less. Interested in being a vendor? Call 251-6950.

Garfield Shelter House

Date: Dec. 11
Time: 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Fee: Free Admission

ADAPTIVE RECREATION

In effort to expand programs offered to the adaptive community Shawnee County Parks + Recreation will help day service providers set up a variety of exciting programs that promote an active and healthy lifestyle. Individuals can join planned group activities. Some of the programs available are racquetball, pickleball, volleyball, wallyball and open gym. Other program ideas can be discussed by calling 251-6886.

Dancehouse

Spend an evening with your friends. Listen to music from Solid Rock Sound Machine.

Big Gage Shelter House 251-6800

Age: 16+
Date: Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9
Time: Thur. 6-8 p.m.
Fee: \$5

Mid-Day Dance Party

Come spend some time with your friends in a local park, while listening to music from Shawnee County Parks + Recreation Rec+Roll Van.

Age: 18 and older
Date: Sept. 28 (Crestview Shelter)
Time: 1-2:30 p.m.
Fee: Free

Adaptive Family Fun Night

Spend a fun evening socializing with friends and family playing games and doing crafts. This is a great way to try new activities in a positive and supportive environment.

Shawnee North Community Center 251-6900

Age: All
Date: Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3
Time: Wed. 6-7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$5 per child

Bocce Ball

Bring your friends and come play this fun Italian-based game outdoors and indoors. Participants will get to play a fun game and socialize with friends.

Adaptive Recreation playground area @ Gage Park 251-6952

Date: Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24
Time: noon-1:30 p.m.
Fee: \$2

Crafty Crafts

Participants will use their creativity to make a project. Crafts will focus on the upcoming holiday.

Garfield Community Center 251-6950

Date: Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 22, Dec. 20
Time: noon-1:30 p.m.
Fee: \$2

Adaptive Open Gym

A good time to hang out with friends and get in some physical activity to stay fit.

Age: 18+
Date: Ongoing
Fee: \$2 per person or \$10 per group
Garfield Community Center 251-6950
Time: Wed. noon-2 p.m.

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Time: Tue. 10 a.m.-noon

Rec+Roll Van

We're taking fun to the parks, events and even your work. Meet you there! Mobile recreation programs make it even easier to bring fun and play to where people are and not just kids. We deliver healthy activities all over town. The Rec+Roll van is outfitted with balls, hula hoops, games, art and fitness supplies music and a PA system with microphones. Look for the Rec+Roll van in your neighborhood. A calendar of scheduled appearances is available at parks.snco.us.

SCP+R can also bring the van to your work for adult recess, staff team building for retreats, or fitness programs. This is a great way to add an exciting fitness component to your next work event. Play is for all ages.

Have the Rec+Roll van show up for birthday parties or family events.

Fee: \$75 an hour with a two-hour minimum. Staff and equipment included.

COMMUNITY CENTER ROOM AND GYM RENTALS

From meetings and fundraisers to personal events, SCP+R has several facilities and space for you to reserve and rent. Explore our many options to find your best location.

If you are planning a party or event, we would be happy to reserve it for you. The spaces are perfect for business meetings, staff training, receptions, anniversaries, birthday celebrations, bridal/baby showers and much more. When renting at our facility, you are allowed to bring in your own food and drink.

Gyms are available for sports practices, staff team building, tournaments. Special event rentals can be accommodated in our facilities but may require a special use permit.

The remodeled lobby at Hillcrest Community Center is available for private parties.

Central Park Community Center 251-6965

Room Fee: \$30/hr.
Gym Fee: \$50/hr., \$40/hr. half gym

Crestview Community Center 251-6960

Room Fee: \$30/hr.
Gym Fee: \$40/hr., \$20/hr. half gym

Garfield Community Center 251-6950

Room Fee: \$30/hr.
Gym Fee: \$40/hr., \$20/hr. half gym

Hillcrest Community Center 251-6956

Room Fee: \$30/hr.
Lobby Fee: \$40/hr.
Gym Fee: \$40/hr., \$20/hr. half gym

Oakland Community Center 251-6953

Room Fee: \$30/hr.
Gym Fee: \$40/hr., \$20/hr. half gym

Rice Community Center 251-6800

Gym Fee: \$30/hr.

Shawnee North Community Center 251-6900

Room Fee: \$30/hr.

GOLF Courses

Lake Shawnee

4141 SE East Edge Road 785.251.6840

www.lakeshawneegolf.com

The par-70 layout at Lake Shawnee Golf Course measures more than 6,300 yards from the back tees. Many of the course's holes combine breathtaking views and the challenges of playing alongside Lake Shawnee. The manageable length of the golf course and affordable anytime rates make Lake Shawnee Golf Course your best choice for golf in the region.

Cypress Ridge

2533 SW Urish Road 785.251.6870

www.cypressridgegc.com

Cypress Ridge Golf Course offers a challenge for golfers of all ages and skill levels. Located at the western edge of the Capital City, Cypress Ridge offers 6,200 rolling yards of excellent golf with affordable anytime rates. It is located 1 1/2 miles west of the Wanamaker corridor just south of 21st Street on Urish Road.

Forbes

700 SW Capehart Road 785.862.0114

www.forbesgc.com

Forbes is a nine-hole, par-36 layout in southeast Shawnee County. Measuring 3,253 yards, the course offers a relaxed atmosphere for golfers of all skill levels. Featuring three sets of tees on a links style layout, the course can be challenging for the experienced, yet easy enough for beginners.

Along with traditional golf, Forbes offers FootGolf, a unique blend of the popular sports of soccer and golf. The game is played with a soccer ball on the golf course but with separate greens featuring 21-inch diameter cups. The goal of FootGolf is to kick the ball in the hole with the fewest strokes possible. The course is set up as an 18-hole par-66 layout measuring 2,057 yards.



Golf Specials:

Cypress Ridge & Lake Shawnee

Twilight Golf

4:30-6 p.m.
Unlimited Golf with Cart & Sm. Range Basket
\$24 per person

Super Twilight Golf

6 p.m. to sunset
Unlimited Golf with Cart & Small Range Basket
\$17 per person

Forbes Golf Course

Twilight Golf

4:30-6 p.m.
Unlimited Golf with Cart
\$16 per person

Super Twilight Golf

6 p.m.-sunset
Unlimited Golf with Cart
\$10 per person

Tee times can be made 4-days in advance and are highly recommended.

Book tee times only at
www.ShawneeCountyGolf.com



Great OVERLAND STATION

Grounds: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Office: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Museum: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat)

10 a.m.-7 p.m. (Thur.)

Noon-4 p.m. (Sun.)

Built in 1927, the building now serves as a museum celebrating Topeka's rich history as well as a special event and meeting venue. Visitors to the museum can learn about area railroads including the Santa Fe/BNSF, Union Pacific, Rock Island, Missouri Pacific and Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad. They can learn about the history of the site from the Oregon Trail, Pappan's Ferry crossing, and the birthplace of U.S. Vice President Charles Curtis. The BNSF Plaza includes the Corridor of Flags and All Veterans Memorial honoring our nation's veterans and active military.

Great Overland Station brings Topeka's railroad heritage to life through photographs, special exhibits, and costumed docents. There are many activities for children to do and things to see. In the "Exploration Station" there is a Baggage Area where kids can weigh their "luggage", a coloring table with trains for tracing, and The Great Overland Station Telegraph Office, where you can try your hand at Morse Code. The "Big Red Caboose" is "child size" so kids can experience the hand brakes, the tables and chairs, and more.

For more information

about weddings and receptions



785.251.6945



Great Overland Station Birthday Party

Package:

Price: \$200

Enjoy a 2-hour rental, including your set-up and pack-up time, for your child's next birthday!

Package includes: Admission for up to 10 people (adults and children), free admission for the birthday child, exclusive use of Exploration Station Children's Area, use of private cake room, tables and chairs, patio access, 80" television, staff member to assist with loading and unloading, staff clean-up after party. *Each additional attendee beyond 10 must pay regular admission.

Great Overland Station Wedding and Rental Packages:

**Staff on-site during event*

Grand Hall & Gallery

Weekend Rates: Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Guests	8 Hrs.
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Grand Hall	200	\$1,400
Grand Hall & Gallery	300	\$2,000

Daytime Rates: Monday – Thursday

Guests	8 Hrs.	4 Hrs.
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Grand Hall	200	\$1,050	\$700
Grand Hall & Gallery	300	\$1,450	\$900

**More than 300 guests, please inquire
\$75 for each additional hour over 8 Hours*

Gallery

Rates: Sunday – Friday:

Guests	Rate
150	\$75 per hour minimum 2 hours

Conference Room

Rates: Monday – Thursday

Guests	Rate
12	\$12 per hour

Rental Fee Includes:

60" round tables, 6-foot and 8-foot banquet tables, cushioned chairs (additional folding chairs available), cocktail tables, high-top bar.

Facility RENTALS

For baby showers, weddings, birthdays, anniversaries and more, Shawnee County Parks + Recreation has a variety of facilities available to rent for all of your family events. For a listing of amenities, availability or to make a reservation, call **785-251-6800** or visit us online at parks.senco.us.

	Capacity	Season	Daily	Weekends and Co. Holidays	Fee
Gage Park					
Big Gage	250	Year-round During Summer Camp	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m. 6 - 10:30 p.m.	(Sat.-Sun.) 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.	\$220 \$200 \$440
Westlake	70	Year-round	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m.		\$85
Snyder's Cabin	70	Year-round	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m.		\$110
Carousel Room	42	Year-round	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m.		\$135
Children's Party House	30	Year-round	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m.		\$70
Steak Grill	40	April 1-Oct. 31	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m.		\$65
Corral #2	40	April 1-Oct. 31	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m.		\$65
Reinisch Rose Garden	150	April 1-Oct. 31	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m. (M-Th.)	(Fri.-Sun) 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.	\$175 \$350
Lake Shawnee					
Shelter #1	120	April 1-Oct. 31	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m.		\$70
Shelter #2	50	April 1-Oct. 31	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m.		\$85
Shelter #3	80	Year-round	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m.	(Sat.-Sun.) each session	\$110 \$150
Shelter #4	120	April 1-Oct. 31	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m.		\$70
Shelter #5	120	April 1-Oct. 31	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m.		\$70
Shelter #6	80	Year-round	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m.	(Sat.-Sun.) each session	\$110 \$150
Garden House	70	Year-round	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m.	(Sat.-Sun.) 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.	\$165 \$400
Garden Pagoda	45	April 1-Oct. 31	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m. (M-Th.)	(Fri.-Sun.) 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.	\$175 \$350
Garden Pergola	90	April 1-Oct. 31	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m. (M-Th.)	(Fri.-Sun.) 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.	\$220 \$440
Reynolds Lodge	200	Year-round	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m.	(Sat.-Sun.) 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.	\$165 \$450
Gazebo #1	75	April 1-Oct. 31	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m.	(Fri.-Sun.) 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.	\$220 \$440
Lake Shawnee Event Center	200	Year-round	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m.	(Sat.-Sun.) 8 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	\$300 \$600
Yacht Club	40	April 1-Oct. 31	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m.		\$85
Other Facilities					
Crestview Shelter	128	Year-round	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m.	(Sat.-Sun.) 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.	\$150 \$350
Lakewood Shelter	70	Year-round	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m.	(Sat.-Sun.) 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.	\$150 \$275
Garfield Shelter	160	Year-round	10 a.m.-3 p.m. or 5:30-10:30 p.m.	(Sat.-Sun.) 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.	\$150 \$350

No Reservations on 12/24, 12/25, 12/31, 1/1

All-day reservations on Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day (10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.)

*Prices in printed materials subject to change after publication. Visit parks.senco.us for most current information.

Old Prairie TOWN

At Ward-Meade Historic Site



FEATURING:

1854 replica Log Cabin with Blacksmith Shop, 1870s Prairie Mansion on the National Register of Historic Places and the 2.5-acre Ward-Meade Botanical Garden.

Town Square

1891 Victor Schoolhouse, Lingo Livery Stable with Landau Carriage and Baughman Ice Cream Wagon; Lingo Tack Shop; Pauline Depot and Caboose, turn-of-the-century barber shop.

Mulvane General Store

An old-fashioned mercantile that serves as our museum gift shop and visitors center. Kansas items, toys from yesteryear, souvenirs, and unique gifts are available. Call 785-251-6995.

Potwin Drug Store

Sit at the marble counter and order a soda fountain treat, and shop for vintage-era candy. The drug store building also includes the Durst Physician's Office and Fyler Dentist Office. Call 785-251-6997.

Hours

Grounds: 8 a.m.-dusk
Office: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Mulvane General Store:
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue.-Sat.
Noon-4 p.m. Sun.

Potwin Drug Store:
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tue.-Sat.
Noon-4 p.m. Sun.

Tours

Group tours for 15 or more by reservation only, call 785-251-6993

Tue.-Fri.: 10 a.m., Noon, & 2 p.m.
Sat.: Noon & 2 p.m.
Sun.: 2 p.m.

Tour Fees

Adults: \$5
Seniors (55+): \$4
Children (6-12): \$3
5 and under: Free

MEALS FOR GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The following food programs include two hours free room rental. Call 785.251.6993.

WARD CABIN HEARTH MEALS

Hearth Meals are served at fireside tables in the Ward Cabin. Diners are treated to special hearth-cooking demonstrations with a side dish of history, all provided by costumed volunteers. Oct. 15-March 15 with reservations for groups of 12-18.

Menu 1 \$20 per person

Hearth-cooked ham or smoked turkey, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, fruit, Dutch oven baked biscuits, hearth-baked molasses cookies, old-fashioned ice cream, cider and coffee. New additional meal choices are now available.

Menu 2 \$15 per person

Beef Stew or Chicken and Noodles, hearth-baked cornbread, fruit, molasses cookies, old-fashioned ice cream, tea and water.

Victorian Dinner \$27 per person

Enjoy this delightful Victorian meal served buffet-style in the elegant dining room of the 1870's mansion. Gleaming silver, fine china, crisp linens, and a gracious atmosphere make this an occasion to remember. Choice of entree includes baked ham with cherry sauce or brandicot chicken served with salad, vegetable, potatoes, freshly baked bread and old-fashioned ice cream.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT OLD PRAIRIE TOWN

Celebrate your child's birthday in an old-fashioned way catered to your child's interest. Parties include a volunteer in period costume as well as set-up and clean-up. Two-hour parties can be booked any day of the week throughout the year except holidays.

Old Fashioned Birthday Party (ages 6-12)

Price: \$10 per participant

This party is in our one-room country schoolhouse with old-fashioned turn-of-the-century fun. This party includes a "session" with the schoolmarm playing old-time games. Includes an old-fashioned cake with ice cream and lemonade, handcrafted favors, a prize and a tour. Minimum 10; maximum 15. Two hours.

CHILDREN'S VICTORIAN TEA PARTY (ages 6-12) Price: \$10 per participant

Your child and guests can dress up in costumes from a "surprise trunk" and will be treated to an elegant birthday tea. Includes finger food and cookies just like the in the Victorian era. Minimum 10; maximum 15. Two hours.

SCHOOLHOUSE SESSION

Bring your class or school group and spend an hour in our authentic one-room schoolhouse learning about our Kansas country school legacy, ciphering on slates, participating in a spelling bee and playing old-time games.

Old Prairie Town and Great Overland Station Group Tours (youth and adult)

Did you know groups larger than 15 can tour both of our historic sites for one price? Meal options are also available at an additional cost. Groups must schedule their tour at least two weeks prior to tour date. Minimum 15, Maximum 100. Call 785.251.6993 for more information.

MEALS FOR GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The following food programs include two hours free room rental.

WARD CABIN HEARTH MEALS

Out of concern for the health and safety of our visitors, volunteers, employees, and community, we sadly will not be holding Ward Cabin Hearth Meals until Jan. 1, 2021.

This unique meal is one of the more popular activities at Old Prairie Town, so make your reservations early! Meals are served at fireside tables in the Ward cabin, and diners are treated to special hearth-cooking demonstrations with a side dish of history, all provided by costumed volunteers. These family style meals are offered from Oct. 15 through March 15 with reservations for groups of 12-18.

Menu 1 \$20 per person

Hearth-cooked ham or smoked turkey, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, fruit, Dutch oven baked biscuits, hearth-baked molasses cookies, old-fashioned ice cream, cider and coffee. New additional meal choices are now available.

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Birthday Parties at Old Prairie Town

Celebrate your child's birthday in an old-fashioned way he or she will never forget. Choose from a variety of party packages that can be catered to your child's interest. Parties include a volunteer in period custom to lead the party as well as set-up and clean-up. Parties are two hours in length and can be booked any day of the week throughout the year except holidays.

Old Fashioned Birthday Party (Ages 6-12)

Price: \$10 per participant

This party is in our one-room country schoolhouse with old-fashioned turn-of-the century fun. This party includes a "session" with the schoolmarm playing old-time games. Guests will share an old-fashioned cake with ice cream and lemonade. We also furnish handcrafted favors, a prize and a tour. Minimum 10; maximum 15. Two hours.

Children's Victorian Tea Party (Ages 6-12)

Price: \$10 per participant

Your child and guests can dress up in costumes from a "surprise trunk" and will be treated to an elegant birthday tea. We provide finger food and cookies just like the in the Victorian era when tea was considered a social event. Minimum 10; maximum 15. Two hours.

WEDDINGS AND RECEPTIONS

Make your wedding a historic event! Rental includes decorating and clean-up, a one-hour rehearsal time the night before your wedding and wedding packages include bride's dressing facilities. The Preston Hale room serves as a back-up for inclement weather. Additional hours may be purchased for \$50 each. Call 785.251.6993 for more information. Rental amount total due at time of booking.

Anna's Place and Reception \$355

Anna's Place Asian garden consists of two pools, a stream, bridge, gazebo and waterfall. No seating provided for wedding ceremonies.

Courtyard Weddings and Receptions

1-hour Courtyard Wedding only - \$100
3-hour Courtyard Wedding only - \$355
5-hour Courtyard Wedding and Reception - \$580
Our spacious courtyard with gorgeous greenery and flowers is a beautiful location for outdoor weddings. Rental hours vary with each package.

Everest Church Weddings and Receptions

1-hour Everest Church Wedding only \$125
3-hour Everest Church Wedding only \$495
5-hour Everest Church and Reception \$770
With beautiful wood seating and stained glass windows, the Everest Church is a perfect spot for an indoor wedding. Rental hours vary with each package.

Everest Church Wedding and Potwin Drug Store Reception \$250

Everest Church Wedding and Potwin Drug Store Reception (no bride's dressing facilities provided). Max seating in the Potwin Drug Store is 24. Max seating for the Everest Church is 65.

Old Prairie Town Wedding and Great Overland Station Reception - \$2,500

Packaged up for convenience, our historic sites offer both outdoor and indoor spaces. Available for weddings and receptions, this 12-hour rental package includes bride's dressing facilities, decorating and setup time, your option of Old Prairie Town's Courtyard or Everest Church for ceremonies and the Great Overland Station for your reception.

Special EVENTS

Ward-Meade Garden Glow

The Ward-Meade Garden will feature illuminated annuals, trees and lighted displays including larger-than-life flowers.

Enjoy live music and building tours of Old Prairie Town on Friday and Saturday evenings. The garden is open Sunday through Thursday for a more tranquil experience.

Presented by the Friends of Ward-Meade

Date: Sept 17-Oct 3

Time: 7-10 p.m.

Fee: \$5

Children 5 and under free

Holiday Happenings

Join the festive crowd and experience the charm of the beautifully decorated Old Prairie Town at Ward-Meade Historic Site. Step into the historic Mansion and experience an enchanting evening you'll long remember.

Our candlelight dinner is the main course of a magical Victorian evening! An elegant buffet will be served from the dining room of the mansion. Live music will entertain you throughout the evening. Tour the mansion, and then enjoy hot cider and cookies by the fire in the cabin and hot fudge sundaes in the Potwin Drug Store. Look for future announcements of new events to be held on these special nights. They are sure to become a part of your holiday traditions. Reservations limited to 72 per evening, and they fill up fast. Reservations accepted beginning Aug. 1. Please call 785-251-6993.

Date: December 3, 4 & 10, 2021

Time: 6-9 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)
Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.)

Fee: \$35 per person (includes Victorian dinner, dessert, tour and entertainment)

Old Prairie Town's Family Christmas

Old Prairie Town will be filled with activities around every corner. New this year, one of Santa's reindeer will be stopping by.

Date: Dec. 18, 2021

Age: Family Friendly

Time: Sat. 4-7 p.m.

Fee: \$5 @ the gate per person



Regional **PARKS**

GAGE PARK

Attractions

- Mini-Train & Depot (Open mid-March through October – weather permitting)
- Carousel in the Park (Open mid-March through October)
- Reinisch Rose Garden & Doran Rock Garden
- Hazel Von Rohr Victorian Gardens
- Blaisdell Family Aquatic Center
- All War Memorial
- Hill's Bark Park
- Kansas Children's Discovery Center
- Animaland children's play area
- Topeka Zoo

Gage Park Mini-Train and Carousel

Hours: 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (last ride 4:45 p.m.)
Open Sat. and Sun. through October

Admission:

\$2 Mon.-Thur.
\$2 Fri.-Sun.

Other Recreational Opportunities

- Summer Day Camps
- Accessible Ball Field
- Softball Diamond
- Soccer Fields
- Sand Volleyball Courts
- Horseshoe Courts
- Amphitheater
- Shelter Houses

Rose Garden Weddings

Imagine the romantic beauty of your wedding in the Reinisch Rose Garden. Peak blooming times for the 4,500 rose bushes are late May into early June, and again in early to mid-September.

The Carousel Party Room north of the garden accommodates final wedding and dressing preparations. The adjoining air-conditioned room has a full kitchen, serving island, tables and chairs to seat 42 for a small reception or a gathering place before the wedding.

For more information on Gage Park facility rentals please call 785-251-6800 or visit parks.snco.us.

LAKE SHAWNEE

Attractions

- 410-acre recreational lake
- 7-mile Lake Shawnee Trail
- Lake Shawnee Adventure Cove
- Boat Ramps
- Campground
- Ted Ensley Gardens
- Fishing Pond
- Lake Shawnee Golf Course
- Shelter Houses
- Bettis Family Sports Complex
- Lake Shawnee Girls Softball Complex

Other Recreational Opportunities

- Summer Day Camps
- Disc Golf
- Tennis Courts
- Soccer Fields
- Heated Fishing Dock
- Sand Volleyball Courts
- Windsurf Beach
- Topeka Metro Bike Stations



The Kansas Children's DISCOVERY CENTER

Ted Ensley Gardens

The Ted Ensley Gardens are located on the west side of scenic Lake Shawnee, offering a great panoramic view of the lake. The 9.5-acre garden area features a wealth of design ideas and spectacular plantings.

The Garden's entrance is at the Trailhead facility located north of West Edge Road and 37th Street. The entrance begins with a 60-foot covered bridge and continues through to meditation and rock gardens, annual and perennial beds, rose and water gardens, a gazebo, pergola, pagoda, waterfalls and several ponds. An arboretum with 120 species of trees is just across the street.

The adjoining Dick and Dotty Hanger Family Preserve is under development.

CAMPGROUND

Campground Policies

- Laundry facilities are available at the shower building.
- Ice and firewood are sold at the concession area from April 15 to Oct. 15.
- Showers and restroom facilities are located at the entrance area and north end of the campground. Please keep these areas clean.
- Please have your children watch carefully for cars around the area. YOU are responsible for the conduct and whereabouts of your children at all times. Courteous behavior is encouraged.
- Animals must be under control of the owner and on a leash 10-feet or less.
- A dump station is available for use. Fee is \$8 for non-campers.

Registration Fees

- April 15-Oct. 15 RV, Campers, Tents - \$20 per night
- Oct. 16-April 14 RV, Campers, Tents - \$17 per night
- 62+ years of age and older receive a \$2 discount off the daily rate.
- Fees are non-refundable.
- Sites 117-119 and 132-141 are designated tent sites. A \$6 fee is assessed to those parties wishing to set up a tent behind a camping unit or a second tent in specified sites.

Individual Reservations

- Beginning April 15, reservations will be accepted for arrival dates of May 15 through Sept. 15 each year.
- Reservations must be for a minimum of two (2) nights.
- Refunds will not be issued for unused sites.

PUBLIC FISHING AREAS

- Lake Shawnee
- Lake Shawnee, Jr.
- Westlake, Gage Park
- Central Park Pond, 1534 SW Clay
- Clarion Woods Pond, SW 37th & Fairlawn
- Freedom Valley Pond, SE 14th & Locust
- Ward-Martin Creek in Auburndale Park, 2400 NW Perry
- Horseshoe Bend Pond, SE 43rd & Horseshoe Bend St.

All areas are available 6 a.m.-11 p.m. daily, unless otherwise posted. Stocked by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. KDWPT regulations apply. Lake Shawnee is stocked with trout in the fall and spring. Fishing docks are available at Westlake, Central Park Pond, Clarion Woods Pond and Lake Shawnee, which also features a heated fishing dock. For more information contact KDWPT at 785-273-6740 or www.kdwpt.state.ks.us.

4400 SW 10th Ave in Gage Park

785-783-8300

www.kansasdiscovery.org

The Kansas Children's Discovery Center is a hands-on children's museum where children can explore, create, discover and learn through play. Children with their caregivers can play in 15,000 square feet of indoor education exhibits, including science, careers, building and art, plus a special place for babies and toddlers, and a 4.5 acre certified Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom to inspire a lifelong love of learning for every child.

DISCOVER BEES

Step into the world of bees in Discover Bees! Visitors will explore a hollow tree bee habitat, operate a honey stand, pollinate flowers, run an entomology lab and get all the buzz about the critical role of pollinators in the Kansas environment and economy.

Date: July 9 to Sept. 5

Fee: Regular admission

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Half off admission for all grandparents.

Date: Sept. 12

Fee: Regular admission

Time: Noon.-5 p.m.

FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

Free admission nights sponsored by local businesses.

Date: Third Thursday of each month

Time: 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

PUZZLE PIECES

Free admission and special resources for families with children who have Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Date: Second Sunday of each month

Time: 10 a.m.-Noon

Fee: Free to families with a child who has an Autism Spectrum Disorder

HOURS

Mon.-Tue. Closed | Wed. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | Thur. 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | Sun. Noon-5 p.m.

SPECIAL HOURS

Closed New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day

ADMISSION

Kids & Adults: \$9

Seniors (65+): \$8

Infants (under 12 months): Free

Discovery Center Members: Free

Museums for All rate (with EBT or WIC card): \$3

Information subject to change. Visit www.kansasdiscovery.org for current information.

TOPEKA ZOO

and Conservation Center

Topeka Zoo

785-368-9180
635 SW Gage Blvd
Topeka, KS 66606
Brendan Wiley, Director
www.topekazoo.org

Zoo Hours:

9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily.
Grounds open until 5 p.m.
The Topeka Zoo is open
year-round except on
Christmas Day & New
Year's Day.

Admission Fees:

Adults: \$8.75
Seniors (65 and over): \$7.75
Children 3-12 yrs: \$7.25
Children 2 and under: FREE

Group rates are available
with advanced notice.
Contact the zoo at
785-368-9180 for more
information.



CAMPS

Are your kids wild about
animals? Sign them up for
Topeka Zoo Adventure Camps!

Date: Visit the Topeka Zoo
website for specific
dates and themes!

Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Ages: 6-12 (Can be age 5
if currently in
kindergarten)

Fees: \$40/student/day (plus
tax) for FOTZ
members
\$45/student/day (plus
tax) for non-members

Visit
topekazoo.org/education/camps
or call 785-368-9137.

HOME SCHOOL

For Home Schoolers and
other interested school-age
children with an adult. An
up-close-and-personal
encounter with science
concepts, vocabulary,
and interactions with zoo
animals. Visit the Topeka
Zoo website, topekazoo.org/education/camps/, for
specific dates and themes!

Home School Fees: \$6 each
for FOTZ members. \$8 each
for non-members. Fees
must be paid in advance
along with pre-registration.
Fees do not include zoo
admission. Pay admission
at the gate or with FOTZ
membership card.

ZOO 2 YOU AT THE TOPEKA AND SHAWNEE COUNTY LIBRARY

Join us for this FREE event
as the zoo takes live animals
to the library. Each month is
a different wildlife theme!

Date: Sept. 2, Oct. 7,
Nov. 4, Dec. 2

Time: 4-4:45 p.m.

To observe safety protocols,
the library will limit seating to
this event and/or it may air
on the TSCPL's Facebook
Live. Contact the Topeka
and Shawnee County Library
for additional information.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY CITIZEN SCIENCE CLASSES

For the seventh year in a
row, the Kansas Museum
of History and the Topeka
Zoo have teamed up for the
monarch butterfly migration!
These beautiful insects
migrate through Kansas
during the last two weeks
of September, and we will
be waiting for them! We
want you to join us for free
monarch tagging classes
that are open to the public.

These classes are held
at the Kansas Museum of
History and are fun for the
whole family! Each class will
be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The
first portion of the class is an
indoor program on monarch
butterflies, their migration,
conservation and how to
catch them. Then, guests
are invited to help us catch,
tag and release as many
monarchs as we can! The
zoo will provide supplies for
each family, although you're
welcome to bring a net of
your own if you have one.

Dates: Sept. 15, 18, 21, 23

Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
at the Kansas
Museum of History

Pre-registration is required.
Please contact education@topekazoo.org or 785-368-9137
for more information.

SHAWNEE COUNTY PARKS + RECREATION FACILITIES

Administration Office
3137 SE 29th St., Topeka KS 66605
785.251.6800

Administrative Annex
1800 SE 21st Street, Topeka, KS 66607
785.251.6800

Sports
801 NE Poplar Topeka, KS 66616
785.251.6970

Central Park Community Center
1534 SW Clay, Topeka, KS 66604
785.251.6965

Crestview Community Center
4801 SW Shunga Dr, Topeka, KS 66614
785.251.6960

Cypress Ridge Golf Course
2533 SW Urish Rd, Topeka, KS 66614
785.251.6870

Forbes Golf Course
700 SW Capehart Rd, Topeka, KS 66619
785.862.0114

Garfield Community Center
1600 NE Quincy St., Topeka, KS 66608
785.251.6950

Hillcrest Community Center
1800 SE 21st Street, Topeka, KS 66607
785.251.6956

Lake Shawnee Golf Course
4141 SE East Edge Rd, Topeka, KS 66609
785.251.6840

Lake Shawnee Recreation
3137 SE 29th St., Topeka KS 66605
785.251.6800

Oakland Community Center
801 NE Poplar Topeka, KS 66616
785.251.6953

Old Prairie Town
124 N. Filmore Topeka, KS 66606
785.251.6989

Parks Division
1800 SE 21st Street, Topeka, KS 66607
785.251.6800

Rice Community Center
432 SE Norwood, Topeka, KS 66607
785.251.6976

Shawnee North Community Center
300 NE 43rd St., Topeka, KS 66617
785.251.6900

West Lawn Memorial Gardens
820 SW Auburn Rd, Topeka, KS 66615
785.251.6800

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General Policy on Program Access and Communications
Shawnee County Parks + Recreation provides positive recreational experiences that contribute to the physical, mental, social and emotional development of people of all ages and abilities. To facilitate opportunities for people with and without disabilities to engage in leisure pursuits together, Parks + Recreation provides inclusion services. If you have a disability and would like to request a special accommodation for a program, please contact a staff member. To ensure the requested accommodation, please notify the staff at the facility where the requested program is located at least two weeks in advance of the start of the program. For more information on inclusion opportunities, parks and recreation services and accommodations, please call 785-251-2600.

Parks + Recreation does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to or treatment or employment of its services, programs or activities. Upon written request, accommodation will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in all parks and recreation services, programs and activities.

Upon request, this information can be made available in Braille, large print, audio tape and/or computer disk.

If you or your child requires a special accommodation in order to participate in the program, requests must be made in advance (two weeks is ideal) by filling out a Special Needs Statement and Request Form in order for the service or program to be assessed.

STEINS AND VINES

Your Topeka Zoo invites you to an evening out at our new fundraising event series, Steins and Vines. Grab a beer or a glass of wine, or a snack fresh from local food trucks and sip, stroll and sway the night away with live music and a wild atmosphere! Purchase tickets to one or more of these evenings and collect your exclusive event glassware featuring fun illustrations of your favorite Zoo animals! Make a difference by supporting your Topeka Zoo! Visit the Topeka Zoo website to purchase tickets or call 785-368-9180.

ZOO OBSERVATION AND EVENT DAYS

Join the Topeka Zoo and Conservation Center as they observe wildlife appreciation days and celebrate other events. Each date will have special activities planned! Contact 785-368-9180 with questions.

Visit the Topeka Zoo and Conservation Center website for information on current and future events and activities at the zoo, at www.topekazoo.org.

Closed Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



Meet you there!

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A photograph of a golf course with a green in the foreground and a blue flag on the right. The background shows trees and a clear sky.

Parks For All Foundation
**ANNUAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

FRIDAY
Sept. 24, 2021

Lake Shawnee Golf Course
4141 SE East Edge Road, Topeka, KS 66609

Registration: 8 a.m.
Shotgun start: 9 a.m.
Fee: \$300 per team/\$75 per individual
Lunch: Box lunch provided

Register online at lsgc-parksforall2021.golfgenius.com Contact:
Kimberly Wolff 785.251.6878 or Kimberly.wolff@sncos.us