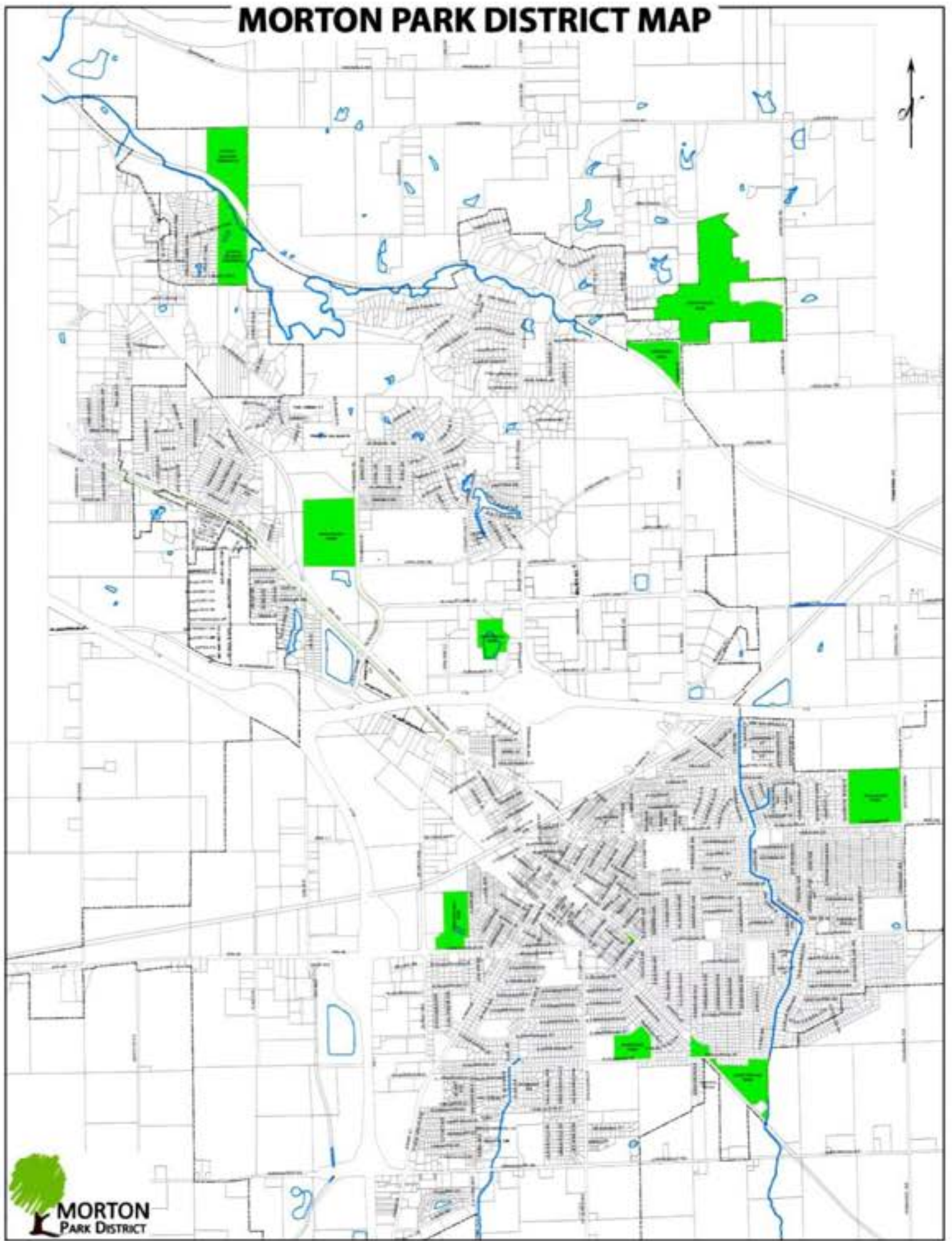


# Summer 2024 Program Guide

# MORTON PARK DISTRICT MAP



# Morton Park District

## Administration Office

349 W. Birchwood  
Morton, IL 61550  
Phone: 309-263-7429  
Email: [info@mortonparkdistrict.com](mailto:info@mortonparkdistrict.com)  
Web: [www.mortonparkdistrict.com](http://www.mortonparkdistrict.com)  
Facebook: Morton Park District

## Office Hours

Monday through Friday  
8:30am-Noon and 1:00-5:00pm

## Board Meetings

1st Tuesday of each month 5:30pm  
at Freedom Hall  
Public Welcome

## Office Closed

New Year's Day	July 4th
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Labor Day
President's Day	Thanksgiving
Good Friday	Christmas
Memorial Day	

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## From the Director

*We are looking forward to a great 2024 as we continue to develop and improve your parks, facilities, and recreation programs throughout the District. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our MPD Residents for coming out and enjoying the parks, facilities, and programs that our staff work so hard to provide. The variety of ways our open spaces improve the quality of life for our residents is undeniable, and the benefits of recreation are endless. We truly love seeing you and your families throughout the Park System, and we appreciate your continued support as we continue to offer Clean, Safe, Family-friendly parks, facilities, and programs to our Morton Community.*



Joel Dickerson, Executive Director  
Morton Park District



# Parks

## **Bike Trail**

- 811 W. Jackson St.
- 3-Miles of Paved Trails

## **Birchwood Park**

- 349 W. Birchwood St.
- 18-Acres
- Freedom Hall
- Administrative Office
- 4-Field Softball Complex
- 6-Court Pickleball Complex
- Playground

## **Idlewood Park**

- 451 E. Idlewood St.
- 10-Acres
- Morton Pool
- Phil & Barbara Kuhl Arts Pavilion
- Community Playground
- 2 Park Shelters w/ grills
- Small Playground
- Restrooms
- Concessions

## **Lakewood Park**

- 101 W. Ashland St.
- 13.5- Acres
- 1/2 mile walking trail
- Fishing Lake

## **McClallen Park**

- 401 N. Tennessee Ave.
- 40-Acres
- Outdoor Soccer Complex
- Playground
- Concessions
- Restrooms

## **Monarch Park**

- 614 E. Jefferson St.
- 1-Acre
- Educational Pollinator Park

## **Northwood Disc Golf Park**

- 22216 N. Main St.
- 119-Acres
- NW Park Disc Golf Courses
- Park Shelter
- Restrooms
- Sledding Hill

## **Oakwood Park**

- 222101 N. Main St.
- 17-Acres
- Park Shelters
- 3-Acre, Oakwood Dog Park
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Bonfire Areas

## **Southwood Park**

- 500 S. Nebraska Ave.
- 23-Acres
- 4-Field Football Complex
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Concessions
- 2-Court Tennis Complex

## **Ulrich Wildlife Preserve**

- 100 Turtle Creek Trail
- 72.5-Acres
- 32.5-Acres Hiking/Biking Trails

## **Westwood Park**

- 2031 Veterans Rd.
- 48-Acres
- 8-Field Baseball Complex
- Megiddo Disc Golf Course
- Brenkman Memorial Batting Facility
- Restrooms
- Concessions
- MPD Maintenance Facility

## **Dogwood Park**

- 420 E. Washington
- \*Coming soon\*

# Facilities

## **MPD Administrative Office**

349 W. Birchwood St.  
309-263-7429

Info@mortonparkdistrict.com

Hours:

Mon. – Fri.

8:30am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-5:00pm

## **Phil & Barbara Kuhl Arts Pavilion**

1201 Parkside Ave.

Concerts In The Park / Movies In The Park

309-263-7429

info@mortonparkdistrict.com

## **Brenkman Memorial Batting Facility**

2005 Veterans Rd.

Facility Information

mortonyouthbaseball.org

## **MPD Maintenance Facility**

2003 Veterans Rd.

bwhochstettler@mortonparkdistrict.com

## **Freedom Hall**

349 W. Birchwood St.

Facility Rental Information

309-263-7429

info@mortonparkdistrict.com

## **Morton Pool**

451 E. Idlewood St.

309-369-2463

info@mortonparkdistrict.com

## **The Barn at Bull Run Park**

1020 E. Jackson St.

*Facility Rental Information*

309-263-7429 ext. 6

barnrentals@mortonparkdistrict.com

## **Recreation Center**

324 S. Detroit Ave.

Facility Rental Information

hholden@mortonparkdistrict.com

*Senior Programming Information*

seniorprograms@mortonparkdistrict.com

(309) 868-5742

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Online and Walk-in

Monday, April 22

[www.mortonparkdistrict.com](http://www.mortonparkdistrict.com)

## General Information

- Both online and walk-in registration will be available from April, 22 through the remainder of the summer.
- All registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis and will continue as long as openings exist.
- When programs are filled, waiting lists will be started, and an attempt will be made to create additional classes when possible.
- Telephone registration will NOT be accepted.
- A \$25 service charge will be assessed for any checks returned by the bank.
- To insure the safety of children, we ask you to drop-off and pick up your child (ren) promptly when classes are over.
- The Park District reserves the right to cancel, postpone, or modify programs and activities.
- The Morton Park District does NOT provide individual accident and health insurance to program participants.

**PROGRAM FEES:** The program fees quoted in the brochure apply to Morton Park District residents only. NON-RESIDENTS MUST PAY DOUBLE THE RESIDENT FEE unless otherwise stated.

**FAMILY REGISTRATION RATES:** In programs in which 3 or more family members (of the same household) are registered in the same class at the same time, the first 2 children pay full price and the 3rd and each additional family member receives a 50% discount, unless otherwise stated.

**REFUND POLICY:** Unless stated otherwise, a 50% refund shall be granted if the refund request is received at least three business days before the program begins. NO credits/refunds will be given after the program begins. Full refunds will only be available in the case of program cancellations, medical emergencies, or family relocation. Please allow up to two weeks for the processing of refunds.

# ONLINE REGISTRATION

## Information for Our Online Users

The Park District is excited to be able to offer online program registration for all of our summer activities! You can register your family by going to our website: [mortonparkdistrict.com](http://mortonparkdistrict.com). Just follow the directions below, set up your profile, and get pre-approved. You will need to set up your profile and be pre-approved before you can register for **any** program.

We will start taking online registration for ALL SUMMER PROGRAMS on Monday, April 22. The system will not let you register before this date.

MasterCard, Visa, Discover and debit cards are accepted **online only**.

Payment in the office is **cash or check only**. If you have any questions or need help with the registration process, please call the park district office at (309) 263-7429, email [info@mortonparkdistrict.com](mailto:info@mortonparkdistrict.com), or come in and we can help set up your account.

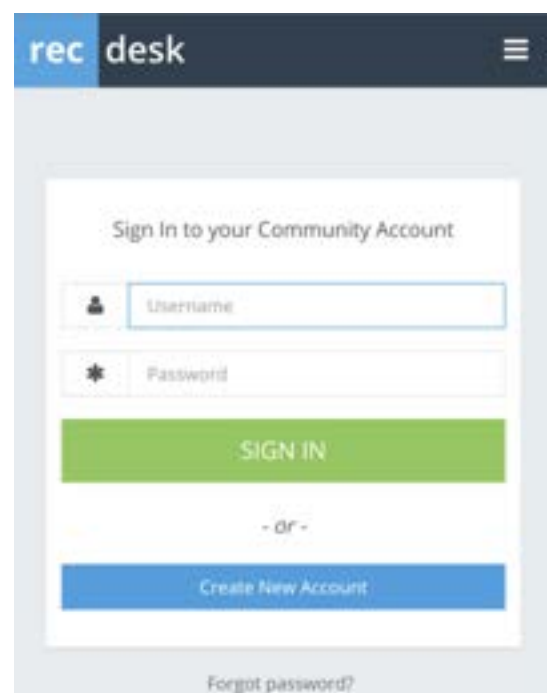
## Program Registration Instructions

### Set up your individual and family profile on the RecDesk Community portal

1. Click on the log-in button on the right-hand side to begin the process of entering your information for your profile. Click on the green sign in button if you already have an account or click the blue "Create New Account" button. You can also click on the "HELP" tab for further instructions.

2. Fill out all fields and click Submit to complete the profile setup process.

3. Be sure to do this for ALL FAMILY MEMBERS who will be registering for or paying for (Parents/Guardians) programs. New family members can be added by going to your profile page and clicking the Add Household Member link.

The image shows a screenshot of the RecDesk Community portal login page. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the text "rec desk" in white and a hamburger menu icon on the right. Below the header is a white login form. The form has the title "Sign In to your Community Account". It contains two input fields: "Username" with a person icon and "Password" with a star icon. Below these fields is a large green button labeled "SIGN IN". Underneath the green button is a small grey separator with "- or -" in the center. Below the separator is a blue button labeled "Create New Account". At the bottom of the form, there is a link that says "Forgot password?".

# FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

The Morton Park District will be offering two Family Pool Party nights at the Morton Pool. Bring your crew for a fun, family night at the Morton Pool. Then join us after for a free movie across the park at the Arts Pavilion!



## **DATES:**

Friday, June 14 from 6:30-8pm

Friday, July 26 from 6:30-8pm

## **COST:**

\$10 per family (must live in same household)

\*Entry limited to first 500 people through the gate\*

The Morton Park District will be offering two **FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK**. Bring a blanket, lawn chairs, and your favorite snacks and enjoy an evening at the movies with your family and friends.

**Friday, June 14**

**8:30pm @ Idlewood**



**Friday, July 26**

**8:30pm @ Idlewood**





# HEART OF ILLINOIS SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION



## HISRA

Heart of Illinois Special Recreation Association (HISRA) provides inclusion services to people of all ages with a disability to participate in Morton Park District programs. Are you a person with a disability or have a child with a disability? Have you seen programs in the Morton Park District summer program guide that you or your child would be interested in, but wondered if participation was possible? Well, stop wondering! Call HISRA at [309-691-1929](tel:309-691-1929) to schedule an assessment. Upon reviewing your family's needs, HISRA's professional staff will work to integrate participants, adapt activities, and even provide additional support if necessary, so that you or your child can succeed in an inclusive setting. Minimum requirements apply. HISRA provides all inclusion services at no cost to residents of the Morton Park District.

As a cooperative network of 4 area park districts, HISRA has proudly provided quality recreation programs and inclusion services for more than 30 years. All programs and activities are supervised by trained staff who have received a thorough orientation including specifics on disabilities, leadership, safety, program adaptation, first aid and much, much more. Give us a call – HISRA can get you involved! [www.hisra.org](http://www.hisra.org)

# Swimming Pool

## **PUBLIC SWIMMING**

The Morton Park District operates the municipal swimming pool located at Idlewood Park, 451 E. Idlewood. The Morton Pool opens on Saturday, May 25 through Sunday, August 11. Any child in diapers is required to wear a swim diaper in the pool. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by a person 16 years or older.



***Only Coast Guard approved life jackets are allowed in the pool.  
No coolers or food may be brought in during public swim hours.***

The pool ***will not*** open if the temperature does not reach 70° at the time of opening.  
The pool ***will not*** open during inclement weather.  
The pool ***will close*** due to electrical storms or low attendance.

**Public Pool Hours:** 1-6pm Daily

### **Cost of Entry:**

\$12.00 per person

65 and older are free

Children 1 and under are free

### **The pool will be closing at 4pm on the following days:**

June 4, 18, 25 and July 2, 3, 4, 9, 12

## **COUPON BOOKS**

**Cost: \$30 per book**

**Coupons do not expire**

The Morton Park District offers daily admission discount coupon books for park district residents only. The coupon books have 10 admission coupons and may be used during any public swim time throughout the summer. Coupon books are **ONLY** available at the park office located on 349 W. Birchwood Monday-Friday from 8:30-Noon and 1-5pm. \*Cash or check only\* NO CREDIT CARDS

## **SEASON PASSES**

The Morton Park District will offer a Season Pass to the Morton Pool for the following fees:

**\$60 per resident individual**

**\$120 non-resident individual**

**\*Cash or check ONLY\* NO CREDIT CARDS**

Children 1 and under are free of charge. Military discounts available with proper ID. Passes are only available at the Morton Park District office during office hours. (Mon-Fri 8:30am-Noon and 1:00-5:00pm) beginning **Wednesday, May 1**. A \$5.00 fee will be assessed for lost passes. Any misuse of a pass will result in the revocation of the pass and forfeiture of the pass fee. Pass is not transferable.

# Swimming Pool

## GROUP RENTALS

The Morton Pool is available for private group rentals. Pool rental reservations will be available beginning Wednesday, May 1. Pool rental reservations can ONLY be made in person at the park district office. Payment in full must be made at the time of reservation.

***\*Cash or check ONLY, separate \$50 deposit required\****

### **Group Rental Time**

6:30-8pm

### **Days of the week available for group rentals**

Sun, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat (No Wednesday rentals)

**<100 people**

\$450

**100-199 people**

\$550

**200-500 people**

\$650

## TODDLER TIME

The zero-depth wading pool with aquatic playground will be open for a Toddler Time swim Monday- Saturday from 10:15am-12:30pm. The program is open to children 0-5 years of age accompanied by an adult 16 years or older.

**FEE FOR THE PROGRAM IS \$2 PER PARTICIPANT INCLUDING ADULTS.**

**Previous pool coupons may be used for entry into tot time.**

**Season passes are NOT accepted for entry into tot time.**

June 3 - August 10 (No tot time on Saturday, July 13)

\$2 per participant (all ages, including adults)

\*Cash or Check only\*

Monday – Saturday: 10:15am-12:30pm

## PARENT & TOT SWIM CLASS

**Kids ages 1-3**



4-week class for children 1-3 years of age and a parent and/or adult where the instructor will introduce you and your child to the water without fear. Play activities are used to make the program fun while teaching basic water skills to your child. Parents are required to be in the water with your child. Children do not have to be potty-trained but are required to wear a swim diaper. This is not a learn-to-swim program, nor is it designed to make children this age water safe. Limited enrollment. Instructor: Lydia Roseboom

**#100** Ages 1-3 Wednesdays June 5, 12, 19, 26 6:15-7:00pm \$40 resident

# Swimming Lessons

**Kids ages 4 & up**



The Morton Park District offers a learn-to-swim program open to participants 4 years of age and older and at least 3 ½ feet tall. No experience is necessary, but students should be receptive to instruction and water. Each student will be tested on the first day of each session for placement in our modified station method that allows them to advance at their own rate of progress. Participants will receive a progress card upon completion of required skills. On days of inclement weather, the instructors will teach a water safety class. For weather related updates, call 309-263-7429 or check Facebook.

## **Morning Lessons:**

We offer four, 2-week sessions (Monday –Thursday) for 30 minutes.

Session 1: (June 3-13, Monday-Thursday)

#101	10:15-10:45am	\$50 Resident/\$100 Non-Resident
#102	10:50-11:20am	\$50 Resident/\$100 Non-Resident
#103	11:25-11:55am	\$50 Resident/\$100 Non-Resident
#104	12:00-12:30pm	\$50 Resident/\$100 Non-Resident

Session 2: (June 17-27, Monday-Thursday)

#105	10:15-10:45am	\$50 Resident/\$100 Non-Resident
#106	10:50-11:20am	\$50 Resident/\$100 Non-Resident
#107	11:25-11:55am	\$50 Resident/\$100 Non-Resident
#108	12:00-12:30pm	\$50 Resident/\$100 Non-Resident

Session 3: (July 8-18, Monday-Thursday)

#109	10:15-10:45am	\$50 Resident/\$100 Non-Resident
#110	10:50-11:20am	\$50 Resident/\$100 Non-Resident
#111	11:25-11:55am	\$50 Resident/\$100 Non-Resident
#112	12:00-12:30pm	\$50 Resident/\$100 Non-Resident

Session 4: (July 22- Aug 1, Monday-Thursday)

#113	10:15-10:45am	\$50 Resident/\$100 Non-Resident
#114	10:50-11:20am	\$50 Resident/\$100 Non-Resident
#115	11:25-11:55am	\$50 Resident/\$100 Non-Resident
#116	12:00-12:30pm	\$50 Resident/\$100 Non-Resident

# MORTON OTTERS SWIM TEAM 2024

**Wednesday, May 29 - Monday, July 22**

The Morton Otters Swim Team is open to novice and experienced competitive swimmers and is an excellent opportunity to introduce swimmers to competitive swimming. All swimmers must be familiar with Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke. Butterfly will be taught throughout the season.



The 6–8-year-old participants must be able to swim one continuous length of the pool with Freestyle and side breathing. Participants 9 and older should be able to swim two continuous lengths of the pool with freestyle and breaststroke or backstroke. Swim meets are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Morton Pool and other area pools.

<b>#117</b>	<b>Ages 6-8 years</b>	<b>Mon-Friday</b>	<b>\$130 Resident</b>
<b>#118</b>	<b>Ages 9-10 years</b>	<b>Mon-Friday</b>	<b>\$130 Resident</b>
<b>#119</b>	<b>Ages 11-12 years</b>	<b>Mon-Friday</b>	<b>\$130 Resident</b>
<b>#120</b>	<b>Ages 13-18 years</b>	<b>Mon-Friday</b>	<b>\$130 Resident</b>

There are three practice time slots: 7-8:15am, 8:15-9:15am, 9:15-10:00am. **Practices will begin Wednesday, May 29.** Following registration, Swim Team Coaches will assign practice times based on total registration numbers as well as participant age and experience level. Parents will be notified via email regarding their child's practice time slot no later than Friday, May 24.

**All new Otters swimmers are REQUIRED to attend in-water, evaluations on Tuesday, May 28 at 8am at the Morton Pool.**

***\*Please be sure your email address is up to date in your Rec Desk account when you register\****

Stroke clinics will be held on Fridays for 11 & up from 7-8am and 10 & under from 8-9am

**Questions can be emailed to [mortonotters@mortonparkdistrict.com](mailto:mortonotters@mortonparkdistrict.com) and more info at [www.mortonswim.com](http://www.mortonswim.com).**

**Mark your calendars!**

- Thursday, May 9: Swimsuit try on 5-7pm @ Freedom Hall
- Thursday, May 16: Swimsuit try on 5-6pm @ Freedom Hall
- Thursday, May 16: Parent Informational Meeting 6-7pm @ Freedom Hall
- Wednesday, May 22: Swim Team Parent Computer Training at the pool 6-8pm
- Monday, July 22: End of season pool party 6:30-8pm

## **Tazewell County Swim Meet**

Friday, July 12 for 11 & up (5-9pm) & Saturday, July 13 for 10 & under (8am-noon)

The pool will close at **4pm** on the following date for **HOME** swim meets:

June 4: Time Trials      June 25 vs. Mt. Hawley      July 9 vs. Lake Camelot  
June 18 vs. Tremont      July 2 vs. Mason City & Peoria YMCA      July 12: Taz Co. Meet

## **AFTERNOON ADVENTURES**

**Kids ages 7-10**

A youth playground program which offers participants a variety of activities (games, sports, science, and art). The participants will be going to the pool each day for the last hour of camp. Please wear tennis shoes to the program. In inclement weather, the class may be held in the Grundy Gymnasium. A t-shirt is included in the fee. Program Supervisors: Joni Nightingale, Nicole Baer & Sarah Fore



### **Afternoon Adventures meets at Idlewood Park Picnic Pavilion**

*\*This is a drop off program\**

<b>#130</b>	June 3-26	Mon & Wed	Ages 7-10	1-4pm	\$100 resident
<b>#131</b>	June 4-27	Tues & Thurs	Ages 7-10	1-4pm	\$100 resident
<b>#132</b>	June 4-13	Tues-Wed-Thurs	Ages 7-10	11am-2pm	\$80 resident
<b>#134</b>	June 18-27	Tues-Wed-Thurs	Ages 7-10	11am-2pm	\$80 resident
<b>#136</b>	July 9-18	Tues-Wed-Thurs	Ages 7-10	1-4pm	\$80 resident

## **TEDDY BEARS**

**Kids ages 4-6**

A youth playground program that will include games, sports, science, and art activities. This four-week program is recreational in nature and is not a preschool program. Please wear tennis shoes to the program. In inclement weather, class may be held in the Grundy Gymnasium. A t-shirt is included in the fee. Program Supervisor: Nicole Baer



### **Teddy Bears meets at Idlewood Park Picnic Pavilion**

*\*This is a drop off program\**

<b>#140</b>	June 3-26	Ages 4-6	Mon & Wed	9:15-10:30am	\$65 resident
<b>#141</b>	June 4-27	Ages 4-6	Tues & Thurs	9:15-10:30am	\$65 resident

## T-ball/Soccer Programs

Kids ages 3-7



This program is a low-key, non-competitive instructional activity that teaches sportsmanship along with fundamental baseball & soccer skills. The 4-week program meets 2 days a week. Tuesdays will focus on baseball skills using a soft baseball and batting tee. Thursdays will focus on soccer skills. A t-shirt is included in the fee. Players should bring a glove for baseball. Shin guards are recommended for soccer. Coaches are provided for all teams.

### **This program meets at McClallen Park.**

This 4-week program will meet 2 days a week.

**3-year-old T-ball/Soccer:** for boys and girls who are 3 years old by June 4.

#201	June 4-27	Tues & Thurs	8:45-9:15am	McClallen Park	\$55 resident
#202	June 4-27	Tues & Thurs	9:25-9:55am	McClallen Park	\$55 resident

**4 & 5 year-old T-ball/Soccer:** for boys and girls who are 4 years old by June 4.

#203	June 4-27	Tue & Thurs	10:05-10:50am	McClallen Park	\$55 resident
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**5-6-7 year-old T-ball/Soccer:** for boys and girls who are 5 years old by June 4.

Coaches will pitch to all participants. Batting tee will also be used.

#204	June 4-27	Tue & Thurs	11-11:45am	McClallen Park	\$55 resident
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## SANDLOT KICKBALL

Kids entering grades 1-8



If your child loves playing kickball at recess or in PE, then this is the program for you! This 4-week program will meet twice a week **at McClallen Park** and is recreational in nature. Players will be divided into different groups each day. No previous experience is necessary. Tennis shoes are required. A t-shirt is included in the fee.

Program Supervisor: Barik Olden

#210	June 3-26	Mon & Wed	9:10-10am	Entering grades 1-2-3	\$50 resident
#211	June 3-26	Mon & Wed	10:10-11am	Entering grade 4-5	\$50 resident
#212	June 3-26	Mon & Wed	11:10am-Noon	Entering grades 6-7-8	\$50 resident

# Youth Tumbling

Kids ages 3-9

One, 5-week tumbling session will be offered. Instructor Kassie Granter and her staff will teach fundamental beginning tumbling to participants. No experience necessary. Space is limited.



**Thursdays: June 20 - July 25**  
**(No class July 4)**

<b>#701</b>	4:00-4:30pm	3 year old tumbling	\$54 resident
<b>#702</b>	4:35-5:05pm	4 year old tumbling	\$54 resident
<b>#703</b>	5:10-5:40pm	3 year old tumbling	\$54 resident
<b>#704</b>	5:45-6:15pm	4 year old tumbling	\$54 resident
<b>#705</b>	6:20-6:50pm	5-6 year old tumbling	\$54 resident
<b>#706</b>	6:55-7:25pm	5-6 year old tumbling	\$54 resident
<b>#707</b>	7:30-8:15pm	7-9 year old tumbling	\$65 resident

**TUMBLING CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE RECREATION CENTER, 324 DETROIT AVE.**

# TIE-DYE T-SHIRT CLASS

Kids entering grades 4-8

Come join us for tie-dye t-shirt fun! Participants will be instructed on how to create their own unique, tie-dye t-shirts using both a bullseye and spiral pattern. All supplies, including two t-shirts, will be provided. Participants will be able to take their t-shirts home with them that day. All t-shirts will be slightly damp and placed in bags, complete with wash-out instructions. Program Supervisor: Suzanne Drucker

**\*\*Please wear old clothes and plan to get messy\*\***



<b>#510</b>	Fri., June 7	Grades 4-5	9-10am	Freedom Hall	\$25 resident
<b>#511</b>	Fri., June 7	Grades 6-7-8	10:30-11:30am	Freedom Hall	\$25 resident



# Morton Community Kids Fishing Day

In affiliation with Hooked On Fishing Park



The Morton Park District is excited to partner with Hooked On Fishing Park for the Morton Community Kids Fishing Day. Come enjoy a day of fishing at **Lakewood Park!** No experience or gear is needed as our friends at Hooked On Fishing will provide the necessary equipment. Two sessions will be offered that include safety instructions, a brief presentation on the importance of conservation, and of course fishing! Enrollment is limited. Advance registration is required for this event. 100% of the registration fees will go to Hooked On Fishing. No refunds.



<b>#801</b>	Saturday, June 1	Ages 8-15	9am-10:45am	\$10
<b>#802</b>	Saturday, June 1	Ages 8-15	11am-12:45pm	\$10

## YOUTH PICKLEBALL

**Kids entering grades 4-8**

If your child enjoys pickleball in gym class, then this class will be a great fit! During this four-week program, participants will be taught the basics of pickleball in a fun, laid-back environment. Paddles and balls will be provided. Participants are required to wear tennis shoes and bring a bottle of water.



Program Supervisor: Asa Olden

### June Session

<b>#501</b>	June 5-26	Grades 4-5	Wednesdays	5:10-6:00pm	Birchwood	\$25 Resident
<b>#502</b>	June 5-26	Grades 5-6	Wednesdays	6:10-7:00pm	Birchwood	\$25 Resident
<b>#503</b>	June 5-26	Grades 6-7-8	Wednesdays	7:10-8:00pm	Birchwood	\$25 Resident

### July Session

<b>#505</b>	July 10-31	Grades 4-5	Wednesdays	5:10-6:00pm	Birchwood	\$25 Resident
<b>#506</b>	July 10-31	Grades 5-6	Wednesdays	6:10-7:00pm	Birchwood	\$25 Resident
<b>#507</b>	July 10-31	Grades 6-7-8	Wednesdays	7:10-8:00pm	Birchwood	\$25 Resident

# Nature Nuts

Kids ages 8-11



Come explore the wonders of wildlife! Northwood Nature Nuts invites you to have adventures in the outdoors with hands on learning at Northwood Park. There will be hikes, crafts, games and more. This one week program meets from Monday-Thursday with a make up day on Friday, if needed. The much anticipated creek walk will take place at Ulrich Wildlife Preserve. Tennis shoes are required and campers should bring a bottle of water to drink. Program Supervisor: Allison Nix

**\*Northwood Park (Monday/Tuesday/Thursday)\***

**\*Ulrich Wildlife Preserve (Wednesday)\***

<b>#401</b>	June 17-20	Ages 8-11	Monday-Thursday	9-11am	\$55 resident
<b>#402</b>	June 24-27	Ages 8-11	Monday-Thursday	9-11am	\$55 resident
<b>#403</b>	July 15-18	Ages 8-11	Monday-Thursday	9-11am	\$55 resident

# Creek Stomp

Kids ages 8-11

This one-day class will include a study of creek life, a hike to the water and then exploration in the creek at Ulrich Wildlife Preserve. Please wear tennis shoes or water shoes with covered toes. (No crocs or boots.) We will take a hike in the creek so anticipate wet and muddy shoes-and maybe clothing too. When picking up your child, you might want to bring a towel for the car ride home as well as a change of shoes and a bag to collect wet items. It will be a stomping good time! Program Supervisor: Allison Nix



<b>#404</b>	Wed, June 12	Ages 8-11	Ulrich Wildlife Preserve	1-2:30pm	\$20 resident
<b>#405</b>	Wed, July 10	Ages 8-11	Ulrich Wildlife Preserve	9-10:30am	\$20 resident

# Nature Buddies

Kids ages 3-5 with adult buddy

Allison Nix will guide participants through a number of hands-on and interactive activities meant to introduce and foster a love of nature and the outdoors. This class is for children ages 3-5 and their adult buddy who is 16 or older. Tennis shoes are required and participants should bring a bottle of water to drink.



<b>#406</b>	Wed, June 12	Ages 3-5	Northwood Park	9-9:45am	\$12 Resident
<b>#407</b>	Wed, June 12	Ages 3-5	Northwood Park	10-10:45am	\$12 Resident
<b>#408</b>	Wed, July 17	Ages 3-5	Northwood Park	5-5:45pm	\$12 Resident
<b>#409</b>	Wed, July 17	Ages 3-5	Northwood Park	6-6:45pm	\$12 Resident

# YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS

Kids ages 5-12

Join MHS Alumni Potter tennis player Barik Olden, a three-time IHSA state qualifier in doubles, for tennis camps this summer!



Kids will be taught tennis basics including proper grip and swing for forehand, backhand, and volley. Sessions will mainly focus on instruction but will include fun games to keep kids engaged. Players should provide their own racket.

#805	June 4, 6, 11, 13	Tues & Thurs	Age 4	5-5:45pm	MHS Courts	\$50 Resident
#806	June 4, 6, 11, 13	Tues & Thurs	Ages 5-6	6-6:50pm	MHS Courts	\$50 Resident
#807	June 4, 6, 11, 13	Tues & Thurs	Ages 7-9	7-7:50pm	MHS Courts	\$50 Resident
#808	June 4, 6, 11, 13	Tues & Thurs	Ages 10-12	8-9:15pm	MHS Courts	\$75 Resident
#809	June 18, 20, 25, 27	Tues & Thurs	Ages 5-6	6-6:50pm	MHS Courts	\$50 Resident
#810	June 18, 20, 25, 27	Tues & Thurs	Ages 7-9	7-7:50pm	MHS Courts	\$50 Resident
#811	June 18, 20, 25, 27	Tues & Thurs	Ages 10-12	8-9:15pm	MHS Courts	\$75 Resident
#812	July 9, 11, 16, 18	Tues & Thurs	Age 4	5-5:45pm	MHS Courts	\$50 Resident
#813	July 9, 11, 16, 18	Tues & Thurs	Ages 5-6	6-6:50pm	MHS Courts	\$50 Resident
#814	July 9, 11, 16, 18	Tues & Thurs	Ages 7-9	7-7:50pm	MHS Courts	\$50 Resident
#815	July 9, 11, 16, 18	Tues & Thurs	Ages 10-12	8-9:15pm	MHS Courts	\$75 Resident

# SUMMER SOCCER

Kids ages 3-6



Tennis shoes or soccer cleats should be worn. A program t-shirt is included in the fee. Program Supervisor: Asa Olden

The **soccer clinic is for 3-year-old** children. Participants must be 3 by June 17, 2024. An adult is required to participate with the child on the field. Participants will be introduced to soccer through drills and skill instruction.

#230 Mondays, June 17-July 8 Age 3 5-5:30pm McClallen \$40 resident

The **4-6-year-old** Leagues are CO-ED, developmental leagues for children who will play small-sided games in a fun, non-competitive environment. Coaches are needed.

#231 Mondays, June 10-July 15 Ages 4 & 5 5:45-6:25pm McClallen \$60 resident

#232 Mondays, June 10-July 15 Ages 5 & 6 6:35-7:15pm McClallen \$60 resident

# Youth Soccer Training Camp

Kids ages 6-12

Join Morton High School JV Coach, Clint Mattingly and Morton Potter Soccer Alum Asa Olden for training camp this summer in August right before your fall season begins! Additional coaching staff will consist of current and former MHS Soccer players. Players will improve both individual and team skills during camp. Skills that will be developed include dribbling, passing, shooting, and general soccer IQ.

**Players should bring shin guards, cleats, water jug and a soccer ball.  
Camp t-shirt is included in the fee if you register by Friday, July 19.**



#238	Aug 5-8	M-Th	Ages 6-8	5-6:30pm	McClallen Park	\$80 resident
#239	Aug 5-8	M-Th	Ages 9-12	6:45-8:45pm	McClallen Park	\$105 resident

## Small Group, Soccer Skills Training

Kids born in 2012-2017

Come on out for small group training this summer at **McClallen Park**! Instruction will include advanced fundamental soccer drills with the goal of improving individual technical ability. Each group is limited to 14 players to ensure plenty of individual attention.



**Boys skills sessions will be led by Asa Olden.  
Girls skills sessions will be co-led by Abi Keltner and Lola Kaiser.**



### Coed Skills Training

**McClallen Park**

**\$85 resident**

#240	Tues/Thurs	June 18-20-25-27	Boys & Girls born in 2015, 2016 & 2017	1:30-2:45pm
#241	Tues/Thurs	June 18-20-25-27	Boys & Girls born in 2012, 2013 & 2014	3:00-4:15pm

### Boys Skills Training

#242	Mon/Wed	July 8-10-15-17	Boys born in 2016 & 2017	8:30-9:45am
#243	Mon/Wed	July 8-10-15-17	Boys born in 2014 & 2015	10-11:15am
#244	Mon/Wed	July 8-10-15-17	Boys born in 2011, 2012 & 2013	11:30am-12:45pm
#245	Mon/Wed	July 22-24-29-31	Boys born in 2016 & 2017	8:30-9:45am
#246	Mon/Wed	July 22-24-29-31	Boys born in 2014 & 2015	10-11:15am
#247	Mon/Wed	July 22-24-29-31	Boys born in 2011, 2012 & 2013	11:30am-12:45pm

### Girls Skills Training

#248	Tues/Thurs	July 16-18-23-25	Girls born in 2015, 2016 & 2017	9-10:15am
#249	Tues/Thurs	July 16-18-23-25	Girls born in 2012, 2013 & 2014	10:30-11:45am

## Goalie Training

Boys born in 2011-2016

Come on out for small group, goalie training this summer at **McClallen Park**, led by All-State Goalkeeper, Daniel Happach. Each group is limited to 12 players.

### Boys Goalie Training

**McClallen Park**

**\$85 resident**

#251	Tuesdays	July 9-30	Boys born in 2014, 2015, 2016	5:30-6:45pm
#252	Tuesdays	July 9-30	Boys born in 2011, 2012, 2013	7:00-8:15pm

# Small Group, Boy's Offensive Skills Basketball Training

Kids entering grades 3-8



Does your **3rd-8th grade** son want to be a greater offensive threat when he steps on the basketball court? Is he looking to boost his points per game average by improving his individual offensive skills? These small-group training sessions, led by Barik Olden, will provide individual instruction and focus on helping your player improve and fine tune his offensive skills both individually as well as within the team system. This program is designed for the serious basketball player.

Barik Olden was a 4-year varsity player for the Morton Potters, scoring over 1000 points in his MHS career. Barik then went on to play 4 years of varsity basketball at Olivet Nazarene University, shooting over 50% from the field in his career as a Tiger. Both at MHS and ONU, Barik played all five positions on the court and brings strong perspective and experience regarding what it takes to be an effective scorer at each position on the court.

Barik is currently an assistant coach for the men's basketball team at Judson University.

**Groups will be limited to 12 total players to ensure quality,  
individual instruction for each player**

**This program will meet in the Grundy Gymnasium**

<b>#820</b>	June 5 - July 17	Wednesdays	3rd/4th boys	1:00-2:15pm	\$110 resident
<b>#821</b>	June 5 - July 17	Wednesdays	3rd/4th boys	2:15-3:30pm	\$110 resident
<b>#822</b>	June 5 - July 17	Wednesdays	5th/6th boys	3:45-5:00pm	\$110 resident
<b>#823</b>	June 5 - July 17	Wednesdays	5th/6th boys	5:00-6:15pm	\$110 resident
<b>#824</b>	June 5 - July 17	Wednesdays	7th/8th boys	6:30-7:45pm	\$110 resident
<b>#825</b>	June 5 - July 17	Wednesdays	7th/8th boys	7:45-9:00pm	\$110 resident

**\*\*No training on July 3\*\***

## Introduction to Recreational Basketball

Ages 5-8

This 3-day program, led by Barik Olden, will cover the basics of youth basketball and is designed for players just getting started. Dribbling, passing, and shooting will be taught. Man to man defense will be presented and explained. Basic rules will be covered. This laid-back, fun program will provide a great foundation for players to better understand the skills required and how the game works.



<b>#830</b>	July 16-17-18	Tue-Wed-Th	Ages 5-6	8:00-9:30am	Grundy Gym	\$75 resident
<b>#831</b>	July 16-17-18	Tue-Wed-Th	Ages 6-7	9:30-11:00am	Grundy Gym	\$75 resident
<b>#832</b>	July 16-17-18	Tue-Wed-Th	Ages 7-8	11am-12:30pm	Grundy Gym	\$75 resident

# CHESS CLUB

**Kids entering grades 2-12**



Does your child enjoy the game of chess? Whether a beginner at chess or an experienced player, your child will be sure to love this **6-week** club! Summer chess will take place in the large room at **Freedom Hall**. Program Supervisor: Kim Serrurier

**Beginner Chess:** Grades 2-12: Beginners will learn basic game rules, board set up, piece movement, and the difference between check and checkmate. We will start each class with a lesson. Players will practice through play. This class is geared toward the new player or players who have trouble reaching checkmate on their own.

No chess club on July 5.

**#512** June 7- July 19    Fridays    9-10am    Freedom Hall    \$45 resident

**Intermediate Chess:** Grades 2-12: The majority of this class will be learning through play. Touch move/touch take rules will be followed. Special moves, trades and values, stalemate and tactics will be touched upon.

No chess club on July 5.

**#513** June 7- July 19    Fridays    10:15-11:45am    Freedom Hall    \$50 resident

# DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CLUB

**Kids ages 9-15  
Adults ages 16+**

This club is for both newcomers to the game as well as experienced players. This club is multi-session course that will teach beginners the ins and outs of Dungeons & Dragons. Participants will learn everything from lore to character creation, culminating in their own game. Experienced players will delve right into gameplay. Experienced gamemasters will lead each D&D table.



**Dungeons & Dragons will meet at Freedom Hall (small room).**

**Mondays, June 10 & 24 July 8 & 22**

**#520** Adult experienced ages 16+                      6-8pm                      \$40 resident

**#521** Youth experienced ages 9-15                      6-8pm                      \$40 resident

**Tuesdays, June 11-July 16** (No class July 2)

**#522** Youth beginner ages 9-15                      9am-11am                      \$50 resident

**#523** Youth experienced ages 9-15                      9am-11am                      \$50 resident

**#524** Youth beginner ages 9-15                      12-2pm                      \$50 resident

**#525** Youth experienced ages 9-15                      12-2pm                      \$50 resident

## **DISC GOLF CLUB**

**Kids entering grades 5-8**

Join your friends for an adventure at Northwood Park! During this 4-week program, park district staff will teach kids the basics of disc golf as they toss discs around all the holes of the Northwood disc golf course. No experience is necessary. Participants are **REQUIRED** to wear tennis shoes. If you have your own discs, you can bring them. Please label them with your last name and phone number. Discs will be provided as well. Program Supervisors: Aj Davis & Conner Wagner



<b>#421</b>	Tues/Thurs	June 18-20-25-27	Grades 5-8	Northwood	5:30-7pm	\$30 resident
<b>#422</b>	Tues/Thurs	July 9-11-16-18	Grades 5-8	Northwood	5:30-7pm	\$30 resident

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL BOWLING CLUB**

**Kids entering grades 4-8**

Come join us for a fun afternoon of bowling at Potter's Alley! Participants will bowl with their peers in a fun, laid-back environment. Shoes are included in the fee for this 5-week program.

**All participants must wear socks.** Supervision is provided.



<b>#803</b>	Thursdays	June 6-July 18	Entering Grades 4-5	1:00-2:15pm	\$45 resident
<b>#804</b>	Thursdays	June 6-July 18	Entering Grades 6-8	2:30-3:45pm	\$45 resident

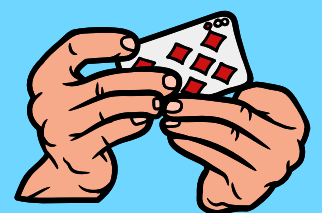
**(No bowling on Thursdays, June 13 or July 4.)**

**BOWLING CLUB WILL TAKE PLACE AT POTTER'S ALLEY, 628 W. DAVID ST, MORTON.**

## **MAGIC WORKSHOPS**

**Kids entering grades 5-8**

In these one-day classes, you'll learn magic with playing cards, money, rope and more! Suitable for new and returning students. All supplies included. Program Supervisor: Greg Joyce



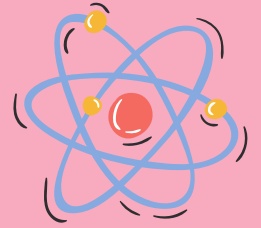
***\*Different tricks and material will be taught in each workshop\****

<b># 526</b>	Fri, June 14	Grades 5-8	Freedom Hall	2-4:30pm	\$25 resident
<b># 527</b>	Fri, July 19	Grades 5-8	Freedom Hall	2-4:30pm	\$25 resident

# STEM CLASSES

**Kids ages 8-11**

Steve Verdun, Tremont Middle School STEM teacher, will provide engaging and fun learning activities focusing on skills related to science, technology, engineering and math. The activities are designed to help stimulate your child's mind, while allowing them to experiment and be creative. Each day will offer exciting skills focusing on a variety of topics.



## **This class will meet at Freedom Hall.**

**Energy** - Are you up for a challenge? Join us as we explore some of the different uses of energy as they apply in everyday life. We will be constructing a roller coaster and designing a windmill in a friendly competition.

<b>#530</b>	Wed, June 5	9-11am	Ages 8-11	Freedom Hall	\$25 Resident
<b>#531</b>	Wed, June 5	11:30a-1:30p	Ages 8-11	Freedom Hall	\$25 Resident
<b>#532</b>	Wed, June 5	2-4pm	Ages 8-11	Freedom Hall	\$25 Resident

**Fidgets & Stress Relief** - Do you enjoy having something to keep your hands busy all of the time? Join us to create some fun fidgets you can take with you.

<b>#534</b>	Fri, June 7	12:30-2:30pm	Ages 8-11	Freedom Hall	\$25 Resident
<b>#535</b>	Fri, June 7	3-5pm	Ages 8-11	Freedom Hall	\$25 Resident

**Fun with Flight** - Do you enjoy making things soar? Join us as we compete in a zip line challenge and in constructing a balloon powered vehicle.

<b>#536</b>	Wed, July 10	9-11am	Ages 8-11	Freedom Hall	\$25 Resident
<b>#537</b>	Wed, July 10	11:30a-1:30p	Ages 8-11	Freedom Hall	\$25 Resident
<b>#538</b>	Wed, July 10	2-4pm	Ages 8-11	Freedom Hall	\$25 Resident

**Marbles & Marshmallows** - Do you enjoy designing things? Join us as we create a handheld marble challenge and create some devices that can shoot marshmallows.

<b>#539</b>	Fri, July 12	12:30-2:30pm	Ages 8-11	Freedom Hall	\$25 Resident
<b>#540</b>	Fri, July 12	3-5pm	Ages 8-11	Freedom Hall	\$25 Resident



# **MUSIC CAMP**

**Kids age 4 - entering 5th grade**

Does your child enjoy music? Do you want your child to experience musical instruction in an encouraging and fun atmosphere? Then sign up for MUSIC CAMP!! Lynnae Kellum will be taking your child on a lively musical adventure with "hands-on" activities while learning about tempo, dynamics, rhythm, improvisation and much more! Lynnae has a degree in music education and experience teaching general music in the classroom along with private voice and piano lessons. Your child will be singing, moving, playing instruments, and learning the Solfege method while focusing on ear training, pitch, tone, melody, and harmony.



**Music camp will be held at Freedom Hall.**

<b>#550</b>	PreK/K	Mon/Wed	June 17, 19, 24, 26	11-11:50am	\$45 resident
<b>#551</b>	1st-5th	Mon/Wed	June 17, 19, 24, 26	12-1:30pm	\$55 resident
<b>#552</b>	1st-5th	Mon/Wed	June 17, 19, 24, 26	1:45-3:15pm	\$55 resident

# **PRESCHOOL MUSIC BUDDIES**

**Kids ages 2-4**



Music Buddies is a fun musical experience designed to introduce preschool level musical concepts to children, AGES 2-4, along with their adult buddy (must be at least 16). You will both embark on a musical adventure that will strengthen your relationship with your child while encouraging a love for music. The buddies (child and adult) will partner together during this music class under the instruction of an experienced and trained music teacher, Lynnae Kellum. Lynnae has a degree in music education and experience teaching preschool music along with private voice and piano lessons. We will spend time singing, listening, moving and playing instruments together. All music levels are welcome.

**Music Buddies will be held at Freedom Hall.**

<b>#553</b>	Ages 2-4	Mon/Wed	June 17, 19, 24, 26	10-10:45am	\$45 Resident
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*\*Registration is for one child and their adult buddy\**

# Outer Space Painting Camp

Kids ages 6-12

3-2-1 Blast Off! We will travel to a galaxy far, far away for a 3 day painting camp. We will explore space by painting the planets, comets, shooting stars, astronauts, spaceships, UFO's and aliens. We will use acrylic paints, watercolors, oil pastels and chalk pastels to create our out-of-this-world masterpieces. Bring a drink and a small snack. Participants should wear clothes that can get messy.

We will have an art show the last half hour of the final day of each camp to show off our accomplishments. Program Supervisor: Justine Selock



## PAINT CAMP WILL MEET AT FREEDOM HALL.

<b>#575</b>	July 29-30-31	Mon-Tue-Wed	Ages 6-12	9-12pm	\$125 resident
<b>#576</b>	July 29-30-31	Mon-Tue-Wed	Ages 6-12	1-4pm	\$125 resident

# CREATING ARTISTS PAINT CLASSES

Kids ages 4-12

These one-day painting classes will allow artists of all ages to enjoy a step-by-step painting lesson where all students will leave with their own masterpiece. During this class, students will learn the basics of acrylic painting on canvas. All materials and supplies will be provided. Come ready to paint! Instruction and guidance provided. No skill level required. Program Supervisor: Justine Selock  
CREATING ARTISTS WILL MEET AT FREEDOM HALL.



## Turtle Painting:

<b>#560</b>	Tuesday, June 11	Ages 4-5	9-9:45am	\$25 resident
<b>#561</b>	Tuesday, June 11	Ages 4-5	10-10:45am	\$25 resident
<b>#562</b>	Tuesday, June 11	Ages 6-12	11:15am-12:30pm	\$25 resident
<b>#563</b>	Tuesday, June 11	Ages 6-12	12:45-2pm	\$25 resident
<b>#564</b>	Tuesday, June 11	Ages 6-12	2:15-3:30pm	\$25 resident

## Flamingo Painting:

<b>#565</b>	Thursday, June 27	Ages 4-5	9-9:45am	\$25 resident
<b>#566</b>	Thursday, June 27	Ages 4-5	10-10:45am	\$25 resident
<b>#567</b>	Thursday, June 27	Ages 6-12	11:15am-12:30pm	\$25 resident
<b>#568</b>	Thursday, June 27	Ages 6-12	12:45-2pm	\$25 resident
<b>#569</b>	Thursday, June 27	Ages 6-12	2:15-3:30pm	\$25 resident

## Panda Painting:

<b>#570</b>	Tuesday, July 16	Ages 4-5	9-9:45am	\$25 resident
<b>#571</b>	Tuesday, July 16	Ages 4-5	10-10:45am	\$25 resident
<b>#572</b>	Tuesday, July 16	Ages 6-12	11:15am-12:30pm	\$25 resident
<b>#573</b>	Tuesday, July 16	Ages 6-12	12:45-2pm	\$25 resident
<b>#574</b>	Tuesday, July 16	Ages 6-12	2:15-3:30pm	\$25 resident

## Homemade Dog Treats Class

Kids ages 8-12

Come have a dog-gone good time baking fresh, homemade dog treats that all pups will love! Treats will be made with all-natural ingredients. Participants will take home at least one dozen treats.

\*Peanut butter will be used\* Program Supervisor: Teresa Zobrist



#582	Tuesday July 2	Ages 8-12	12-1pm	Freedom Hall	\$20 resident
#583	Tuesday, July 2	Ages 8-12	1:30-2:30pm	Freedom Hall	\$20 resident
#584	Tuesday, July 2	Ages 8-12	3-4pm	Freedom Hall	\$20 resident

## YOUTH SEWING

Kids ages 7-12

Love to sew? Come join us for a one-day sewing class! All supplies are included in class fee. Sewing machines will be provided, however if you have one that you are used to sewing on, please bring it with you - don't forget your foot pedal and cords. Program Supervisor: Nicole Friend

**Pillowcases:** Once participants have sewn their pillowcase, they will have the opportunity to personalize them.



#580	Ages 7-12	Wed June 26	9-10:30am	Freedom Hall (Sm. Room)	\$20 resident
#581	Ages 7-12	Wed June 26	11am-12:30pm	Freedom Hall (Sm. Room)	\$20 resident

## FRENCH CLUB

Kids ages 6-12

Come 'travel' with us to France as we explore all things 'French' - art, culture, language, and even FOOD! This six-week class will explore many of the most famous aspects of France and French culture. We will learn some useful French phrases, and even sample some French food! If you've ever had an interest in France, this is the class for you! **\*No Class July 4\***

Program Supervisor: Kim Johnson



#585	June 6 - July 18	Thursdays	Ages 6-7-8	9-9:50am	\$45 resident
#586	June 6 - July 18	Thursdays	Ages 9-10-11-12	10-10:50am	\$45 resident

# Morton Park District Youth Theater Presents:

Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat and all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in *Seussical JR.*, a fantastical musical extravaganza from Tony-winners, Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty. Transporting audiences from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus, the Cat in the Hat narrates the story of Horton the Elephant, who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the Whos. Horton must protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, and he must also guard an abandoned egg that's been left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant!

**Directed by Keshia Wenninger**

mpdyouththeater@mortonparkdistrict.com



## Morton Park District Youth Theater

**#890** Morton Youth Theater, MYT Entering 5th grade-17 years \$105 resident  
*T-shirt is included in the fee.*

**Auditions:** May 17 from 4-8pm & May 18 from 8am-12pm (call backs, if needed, 4-6pm) Auditions will be held at The Barn, 1020 E. Jackson St. Participants have to be registered in the MPD Youth Theatre program (MYT) and will need to prepare audition materials. This is a "no cut" program meaning auditions are used only for casting. Audition materials will be emailed to registered participants by May 5.

### Rehearsal Schedule

- 5/21 (Tues) 5:30-6pm PARENT MEETING @ The Barn (1020 E. Jackson St) followed by a read-through from 6-8pm
- 5/23 (Thurs) 5-7pm @ The Barn
- 5/28 (Tues) 5-7pm @ Bertha Frank
- 5/30 (Thurs) 5-7pm @ Bertha Frank
- 6/3-6/7 (M-F) 5-7pm @ Bertha Frank
- 6/10-6/14 (M-F) 5-8:30pm @ Bertha Frank
- 6/17-6/21 (M-F) 5-8:30pm @ Bertha Frank
- 6/24-6/26 (M-W) 5-9pm Tech Rehearsal @ Bertha Frank
- 6/27 (Thurs) 5-9pm Dress Rehearsal
- 6/28 (Fri) 5:30pm arrival for 7pm performance
- 6/29 (Sat) 3:30pm arrival for 5pm performance
- 6/30,(Sun) 12:30pm arrival for 2pm Matinee performance
- 6/30 (Sun) 6:30-8pm all cast pool party at the Morton Pool



# Junior Youth Theater

**#891** Junior Youth Theatre, JYT Entering grades 1st-4th \$70 resident  
*T-shirt is included in the fee.*

## Rehearsal Schedule

- 5/21 (Tues) 5-6pm PARENT MEETING @ The Barn (1020 E. Jackson St)
- 6/3, 6/5, 6/7 (M,W,F) 4-5pm @ Bertha Frank
- 6/10, 6/12, 6/14 (M,W,F) 4-5pm @ Bertha Frank
- 6/17-6/21 (M-F) JYT 5-7pm @ Bertha Frank
- 6/24-6/26 (M-W) 5-9pm Tech Rehearsal @ Bertha Frank
- 6/27 (TH) 5-9pm Dress Rehearsal
- 6/28 6pm arrival for the 7pm performance for JYT
- 6/29 4pm arrival for 5pm performance for JYT
- 6/30 1pm arrival for Matinee performance for JYT
- 6/30 (Sun) 6:30-8pm all cast pool party at the Morton Pool



## Youth Theater Tech Crew

**#892** MYT Tech Crew ages 12 – 17 years \$50 resident  
*T-shirt is included in the fee.*

Tech Crew is for those who want to learn and participate behind the scenes, ages 12 to 17 years old. Crew members will be actively involved in the construction, technical aspects and running final performances. **\*Rehearsal schedule is subject to change for Crew Members\***

## Rehearsal Schedule

- 5/21 (Tues) 5:30-6pm PARENT MEETING @ The Barn (1020 E. Jackson St) followed by a read-through from 6-8pm
- 6/3, 6/5, 6/7 (M,W,F) 5-6pm @ Bertha Frank
- 6/10, 6/12, 6/14 (M,W,F) 5-6pm @ Bertha Frank
- 6/17-6/21 (M-F) 5-7pm @ Bertha Frank
- 6/24-6/26 (M-W) 5-9pm Tech Rehearsal @ Bertha Frank
- 6/27, 5-9pm Dress Rehearsal
- 6/28 (Fri) 5:30pm arrival for 7pm performance
- 6/29 (Sat) 3:30pm arrival for 5pm performance
- 6/30,(Sun) 12:30pm arrival for 2pm Matinee performance
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## Seussical, Jr. Ticket Sales Information

**Ticket sales will be in advance at the Park District Office starting Monday, June 17. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door.**

### PERFORMANCE DATES & TIMES:

Friday, June 28	7:00pm	Bertha Frank Center	Cost: \$10/ticket
Saturday, June 29	5:00pm	Bertha Frank Center	Cost: \$10/ticket
Sunday, June 30	2:00pm	Bertha Frank Center	Cost: \$10/ticket

**\*ALL AGES require a ticket for entry into each performance \***



## **MHS BASEBALL SKILLS CAMP**

**Coach: Jesse Crawford**

Camp will provide individual instruction in baseball fundamentals for young, aspiring ballplayers. Fundamental skills include fielding ground and fly balls, proper throwing techniques, hitting and bunting skills, and base running and sliding technique. Each camper will receive a camp T-shirt.

<b>#305</b>	July 23-24-25 (T/W/Th)	8:30-10am	Grades K-4	\$60	Westwood Park
<b>#306</b>	July 23-24-25 (T/W/Th)	10-11:30am	Grades 5-8	\$60	Westwood Park

## **MHS BOYS SOCCER CAMP**

**Coach: Tory DeLong**

This camp will focus mainly on conditioning with some emphasis on skill development. A t-shirt will be provided for each participant. This camp is intended for the serious soccer player. \*All profits will go into the soccer activity fund\*

<b>#303</b>	July 22-25 (M-Th)	7-9am	Grades 7-12	\$65	McClallen Park
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## **MHS GIRLS SOCCER CAMP**

**Coach: Tory DeLong**

Emphasis will be placed on tactical team strategies as well as individual skill development. A t-shirt will be provided for each participant. \*All profits will go into the soccer activity fund\*

<b>#304</b>	July 22-25 (M-Th)	9:15-10:45am	Grades 7-12	\$55	McClallen Park
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## **MHS GIRLS SOFTBALL CAMP**

**Coach: Ashley Beyer**

This camp will focus on the fundamentals of offense and defense in softball. We will work on throwing, catching, fielding, outfield skills, bunting, hitting, sliding and diving (for older girls to learn the skill). Each camper will get a t-shirt. All funds will go into the softball activity fund.

<b>#308</b>	July 22-25 (M-Th)	5:30-6:30pm	Ages 5-8	\$40	Birchwood Park
<b>#309</b>	July 22-25 (M-Th)	6:30-8:00pm	Ages 9-13	\$40	Birchwood Park

## **MHS YOUTH PERCUSSION CAMP**

**Camp Director: Bob Hornsby**

Join MHS Drumline extraordinaire, Bob Hornsby, for a 4-day percussion camp! Your child will first learn the basics of percussion and then be taught a stomp-style garbage can piece, written just for camp by Mr. Hornsby. After some practice and instruction from Mr. Hornsby and the MHS drumline, participants will end the week with a special performance for their families to enjoy! All campers will receive a set of drumsticks.

**The performance will take place in the MJHS Cafeteria at 9:30am on July 11.**

<b>#307</b>	July 8-11 (M-Th)	9-10:15am	Grades 5-6	\$60	MJHS Band Room
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## **Youth Affiliate Summer Camps 2024**

### **Morton Youth Tackle Football Camp**

Summer camp participants will be taught football skills and conditioning by high school players and youth football coaches from Morton JFL. A t-shirt will be provided for each participant.

<b>#320</b>	July 15-19 (M-F)	6-8pm	8-14 years	MHS Carper Field	\$50
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# ADULT PROGRAMMING

## Ladies Pickleball 101



This beginner class will teach ladies how to play the game of pickleball in a fun, laid-back environment. This 3-session class will cover rules of the game, how to keep score, game strategy and more! One hour of instruction will take place each week. The courts will be reserved for an additional 30 minutes of game play each week if participants want to stay and play. Program is held at the Birchwood Park Pickleball Courts, 349 W. Birchwood. Paddles provided. Program Supervisor: Peggy Smock

**#599** May 30, June 6 & 13 (Th) Birchwood 6-7pm Ladies 18+ \$30 resident

## Yoga

If you are looking for a way to maintain balance, flexibility and muscle tone or just want to "get back into shape", come join Kim Bankert for classes that incorporate gentle stretching with light, weight-bearing postures, derived from the century-old practice of yoga. Modifications and progressions to poses will be offered so class intensity may be adjusted to personal needs. Please bring your own mat to class. **Registration REQUIRED.**



**Yoga is held M/W/F from 9-10am at the Recreation Center.**

## Fundamental Fitness

This adult exercise class burns fat, tones muscles and strengthens your heart and lungs! Come join our instructor, Holly LaHood, for an hour class that includes walking, stretches, low impact exercises, resistant training with bands, balls and weights. (Participants should bring their own 1-5 pound weights.) Please check with your doctor before starting a new exercise program.



**Classes are held on Tu/Th from 8:30-9:30am at the Rec. Center.**

# ADULT PROGRAMMING

## Paint Club



This is an open session for painters to come and share ideas, info and resources while having ample space to create their art and get to know other artists. No instructor. Thursdays 8:30am-1 pm

## Early Morning Walking



Looking for a place to walk during the winter months? Come to the Recreation Center (324 Detroit Ave.) and walk on the field turf soccer field.

M/W/F, November - March from 7:30-9am.

This **FREE** program is open to the public and does not require advanced registration.

## Senior Cardio Drumming

Exercise to great music using a bucket, exercise ball and drumsticks. This FREE class is taught as a standing class, but participants may be seated if they choose. Participants will also be encouraged to go at their own pace, taking breaks as they go along, since everyone's level of fitness is different.

Equipment is provided. Class size is limited. Registration required.

**Cardio Drumming is held on Mondays & Thursdays from 1:30-2:30pm at the Recreation Center.**



# MORTON

## GOLDEN PUMPKINS

ACTIVITIES \* FRIENDSHIPS \* GAMES

**MON**

9AM-NOON

Bridge, Dominoes, &  
Pinochle

\*\*2nd Mon. of month  
11:30am potluck\*\*

**TUE**

1PM

Hand & Foot

**WED**

9AM

Dominoes

1PM

Euchre & Other Games

**THU**

3PM

Variety of Games

Join us for FREE Senior Activities!

Golden Pumpkin Activities will be held at  
The Barn at Bull Run, 1020 E. Jackson St, Morton.

For updates or questions, call Susan at (309) 868-5742 or email her at  
[seniorprograms@mortonparkdistrict.com](mailto:seniorprograms@mortonparkdistrict.com)

# Freedom Hall Rental Facility



The Morton Park District rents out Freedom Hall, located at 349 W. Birchwood, Morton. It is available year-round on an hourly basis. Please call the administration office during office hours for more information on availability or to reserve a facility, (309) 263-7429. To secure a date, the rental application must be completed with the deposit, full rental payment and turned into the office.

**Freedom Hall:** Located at 349 W. Birchwood has two rooms available to rent.

**Large Meeting Room** is a meeting room that has a kitchen area with a seating capacity of 125 people. Great for family reunions, showers, business meetings, receptions and parties.

**Small Meeting Room** is a small room with a seating capacity of 35 people. (No kitchen available)

**Non-Alcohol Deposit:** A refundable damage and clean-up deposit of \$50.00 is required for Non-Alcohol rentals made payable at the time of reservation. Depositors forfeit \$25.00 of the deposit if rental is cancelled. Depositors forfeit the full deposit amount if rental is cancelled with less than 7 days notice.

**Alcohol Deposit:** A refundable damage and clean-up deposit of \$200.00 is required for Alcohol rentals made payable at the time of reservation. Depositors forfeit \$100.00 of the deposit if rental is cancelled. Depositors forfeit the full deposit amount if rental is cancelled with less than 7 days notice.

## **Rental Fees**

Resident (Non-Alcohol) Rental Fees (Due at time of reservation)

Affiliate Groups.....\$30/hr. (2hr./\$60 max.)

Resident Rental Rate.....\$60/hr. (\$360 max.)

Non-Resident (Non-Alcohol) Rental Fees (Due at time of reservation)

Non-Resident Rental Rate.....\$90/hr. (\$540 max.)

Resident (Alcohol) Rental Fees (Due at time of reservation)

Affiliate Groups.....\$60/hr. (2hr./\$120 max.)

Resident Alcohol Rental Rate.....\$120/hr. (\$720 max.)

Non-Resident (Alcohol) Rental Fees (Due at time of reservation)

Non-Resident Alcohol Rental Rate.....\$180/hr. (\$1,080 max.)

Use of the small meeting room (25'x30') - \$30/hr. for residents/ \$45/hr. for non-residents. (no additional charge if combined with a Large Room Rental if available).



The Barn  
AT BULL RUN


1020 E. Jackson St., Morton, IL 61550




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# INFORMATION-Youth Affiliate Athletic Groups

**Morton Heat** is a competitive travel basketball organization for boys and girls in 3rd through 6th grade through the Morton Basketball Association. Each grade level has two separate boys and girls teams which practice on weeknights and play games on weekends against area teams. Tryouts to be held in September - October. Specific tryout dates and times will be set in the summer. For more information, please visit our website at [www.mortonheat.org](http://www.mortonheat.org)



**The Morton Girls Softball Association** The Morton Girls Softball Association (MGSA) provides opportunities for girls ages pre-k to 16 years old to learn and enjoy the game of softball. We have programs for all skill levels from t-ball to advanced travel ball teams. Come see what's new and join in on the fun! Please visit [www.mortongirlssoftball.com](http://www.mortongirlssoftball.com) or contact [mortongirlssoftball@gmail.com](mailto:mortongirlssoftball@gmail.com) with questions!



**Morton Youth Baseball Association** offers in-house and travel baseball for T-ball/Pinto (ages 4-6), Coach Pitch / Maverick (ages 6-8), Mustang (ages 9-10), Bronco (ages 11-12), Pony (ages 13-14) and Colt (ages 15-17) You can register, volunteer to coach, and pay online at [www.mortonyouthbaseball.org](http://www.mortonyouthbaseball.org). You can also follow us on Facebook at Morton Youth Baseball Association to receive updates.



**The Morton J.F.L.** offers a fall program of tackle & flag football in a variety of ages and weight appropriate teams. Games are played at the J.F.L. fields located at Southwood Park. The program runs from July to late October with practice on weeknights and games on weekends against area teams. The Morton JFL website is [www.mortonhogs.org](http://www.mortonhogs.org). Questions: Contact Matt Chan (309) 231-4048 or [director@mortonhogs.org](mailto:director@mortonhogs.org).



# KIDS MUDDY MADNESS FOR ST. JUDE

**JOIN US FOR THE 11TH ANNUAL KIDS MUD RUN FOR ST. JUDE!**

**JULY 13, 2024**

**WESTWOOD PARK IN MORTON**

**AGES 2-17**



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# MORTON COMMUNITY

## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Wednesday, July 3  
McClallen Park  
GATES OPEN @ 4PM

SPONSORED BY:



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### MUSIC

### DRINK

### FOOD

Next Thing Smokin'  
5:30pm-7pm

Cousin Eddy  
7:30pm-Dark

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Bounce Houses  
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**Mark your calendar!**

**Pumpkin Festival  
Pickleball Tournament**

*Sponsored by*

*Morton Park District*

**Sunday, September 1**

**@ Birchwood Park**



The first week of August, the Morton Park District will once again welcome disc golfers from all over the world for the annual Discraft LedgeStone Open. This year is the 14th edition of the LedgeStone disc golf event. This year's event will be contested on 15 courses including all three park district courses in Morton: Northwood Black, Northwood Blue and Megiddo DGC at Westwood Park. The event will also be using Kennel Lake in Morton. The LedgeStone event is the largest disc golf event in the world and currently has 2,400 players signed up to compete over 3 days of competition for amateurs and 4 days of competition for professional players. All event information can be found at [www.ledgestoneopen.com](http://www.ledgestoneopen.com)

Summer Sounds Begin June 13, 2024

# ARTS IN THE PARK

Free Thursday Night Concerts  
at the Phil & Barbara Kuhl Arts Pavilion,  
in Idlewood Park, Morton

6:30PM THU. JUNE 13 - BRASS BAND OF CENTRAL IL

6:30PM THU, JUNE 20-FLYING D'RITO BROTHERS

6:30PM THU, JUNE 27-JIM MARKUM SWING BAND

WED., JULY 3-5:30-7:00PM AT MCCLALLEN PARK - NEXT THING SMOKIN'

WED., JULY 3, 7:30-9:00PM AT MCCLALLEN PARK - COUSIN EDDIE

6:30PM THU, JULY 11-HIGH COTTON

6:30PM THU, JULY 18-BACK SEAT RADIO

6:30PM THU, JULY 25 - THE RIVER VALLEY BIG BAND

Live music, food,  
and fun for everyone!



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Craig Mason



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LIBRARY

## Summer Reading Kickoff **May 24 | 1-6 pm**

Sign the whole family up for summer reading!  
Bounce House + games  
Sucre Sweet Trolley 1-3 pm  
The Station 4 pm



**Summer Reading is open  
to all ages!**

Find more info and program  
registration on our website:  
[www.mortonlibrary.org](http://www.mortonlibrary.org)



## Showtime in the Garden **Fridays | 12:30 pm**

**May 31- Fire Truck**

**June 7- BU Demo Crew**

**June 14- Juggling**

**June 21- Miss Make-Believe**

**June 28- The Rope Warrior**

**July 8- Leonardo**

**July 15- Wildlife Prairie Park**

## Concerts in the Garden

**Fridays | 6:30-8 pm**

**May 24- The Nikbeats**

**June 28- Cousin Eddie**

**July 12- Gentle Gorilla**

**July 19- Ray's Rockets**

**July 26- Vinyl Tap**

**Aug 23- Water Street Stompers**

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