

ACTIVITY GUIDE



SUMMER/FALL
2025



**HARVARD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
CITY OF HARVARD
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HARVARD, IL 60033**

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Mayor's Welcome

We are excited to continue growing our Parks and Recreation Department activities and events for all ages. In this guide you should find all the information you need to sign up using the City's RecDesk website. Thank you to the Parks & Recreation Committee for investing in this new direction for City services. Thank you to our Parks & Recreation Director for bringing everything together. As participation grows, we look forward to expanding our activities even more.

Mayor Michael P. Kelly



201 W Diggins St
Harvard, IL 60033



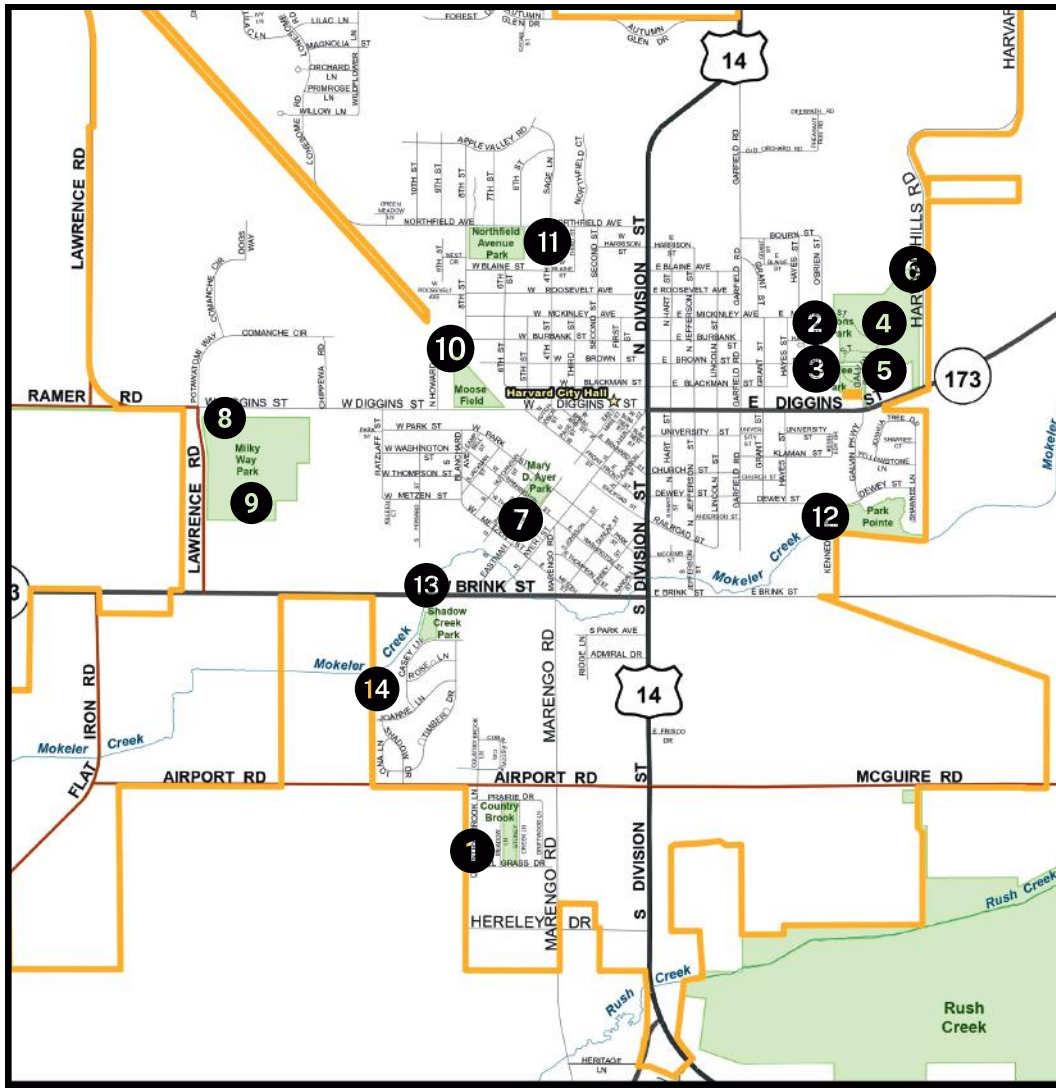
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Map provided by McHenry County GIS Department

Parks & Facilities List

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. Country Brook Neighborhood Park
<i>Meadow Lane</i> | 8. Harvard Dog Park
<i>300 Lawrence Road</i> |
| 2. HERS League Fields
<i>Galvin Parkway</i> | 9. Milky Way Park
<i>300 Lawrence Road</i> |
| 3. Jaycee Park
<i>Galvin Parkway</i> | 10. Moose Athletic Field
<i>707 W. Diggins Street</i> |
| 4. Lions Park
<i>Galvin Parkway</i> | 11. Northfield Neighborhood Park
<i>1204 8th Street</i> |
| 5. Harvard Aquatic Center
<i>607 Galvin Parkway</i> | 12. Park Pointe Neighborhood Park
<i>Galvin Parkway</i> |
| 6. Harvard Community Senior Center
<i>6817 Harvard Hills Road</i> | 13. Shadow Creek North Neighborhood Park
<i>Casey Lane</i> |
| 7. Mary D Ayer Neighborhood Park
<i>250 W. Park Street</i> | 14. Shadow Creek South Neighborhood Park
<i>Joanne Lane</i> |

Park Shelter Rentals

There are 3 ways to reserve a park shelter!

1. **Online** at harvard.recdesk.com in the Facilities tab
2. **In-Person** at City Hall, 201 W. Diggins St, Monday through Friday 8AM-5PM
3. **Mail** your rental request form (found in the back of this Activity Guide) to:
Parks and Recreation Department
City of Harvard
PO Box 310
Harvard, IL 60033



	Picnic Tables	Restrooms	Garbage Cans	Grills	Electric	Playground	Ball Diamonds	Football Field	Soccer Field	Rental Fee	Security Deposit	Electrical Fee
HERS League Shelter	10	x	x		x		x			Residents \$50/day 1-99 people \$75/day 100-150 people \$25 each add'l 50 people Non-Residents \$75/day 1-99 people \$75/day 100-150 people \$25 each add'l 50 people	\$75 for 1-50 people \$125 for 51-100 people \$175 for 101-150 people \$250 for 151+ people <i>(151+ people also requires police officers on site and must be approved by City Council.)</i>	Residents \$50/day Non-Residents \$75/day <i>(requires advanced notice; electrical is not always active)</i>
Moose Athletic Field Shelter	6	x	x		x		x					
Lion's Park Shelter	10	x	x	x	x	x						
Mary D Ayer Park Shelter	6		x	x		x						
Milky Way Park East Shelter	8	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			

Community Garden Plots



Looking for a place to connect with nature and neighbors? Our new community garden plots are the perfect space to grow your own fruits, vegetables, flowers, and friendships!

Spaces are limited—reserve your plot today and watch your community and garden thrive together!

To reserve a plot, visit harvard.recdesk.com in the Memberships tab.

Built by Daniel Howe from Troop 171 for his Eagle Scout Project
Funded by a grant from Illinois Realtors



**ILLINOIS
REALTORS**

Harvard Dog Park

Milky Way Park
300 Lawrence Road



*The only free
dog park in
McHenry
County!*

*Drop in to the Harvard Dog Park
any time between dawn and
dusk! Help your dog socialize, get
exercise, and have fun!*

No membership or fees required!

Disc Golf Course

Lions Park
607 Galvin Parkway



DISC GOLF INTRO CLINIC

Join us for a fun and engaging clinic perfect for beginners and those looking to sharpen their skills! Learn the fundamentals of this exciting and accessible sport, including proper throwing techniques, disc selection, and basic rules of play. Whether you're new to the game or just want to improve, this clinic is a great way to get outside, meet fellow players, and enjoy the thrill of disc golf. Discs provided. Weather dependent.

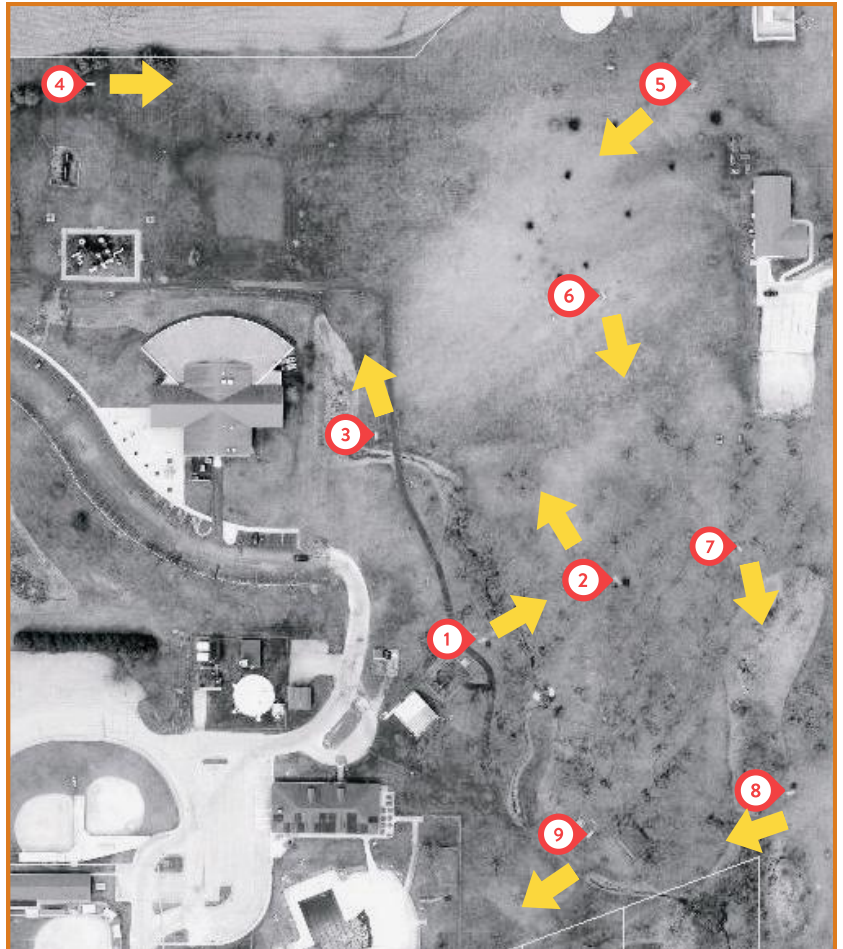
Instructor: William Rockcastle

Ages: ALL **Location:** Lions Park Shelter

Min/Max: NA

Cost: NA

Reg Code HF024 Sunday, 5/18 (1 day) 3-5PM



Pool Season Information

Harvard Aquatic Center
607 Galvin Parkway
Harvard, IL 60033
(815) 919-7411

Opening Day: June 2

Anticipated Weekday Closing: August 8

Anticipated Weekend Closing: August 24

SEASON PASS RATES

Available online and at City Hall starting May 1
Available online and at the pool starting June 2

	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
YOUTH (3-17)	\$45	\$65
ADULT (18-61)	\$50	\$70
SENIOR (62+)	\$45	\$65

Benefits of purchasing a season pass include:

- Early entrance each day
- Lap swim
- Tween Nights
- Discounted water fitness classes
- Discounted private party rentals

HOURS OF OPERATION

	SEASON PASSHOLDERS	DAILY ADMISSION
DAILY	12:00 - 7:00 PM	1:00 - 7:00 PM
LAP SWIM	Tuesdays & Fridays 8:00 - 9:00 AM	n/a
TWEEN NIGHTS	Mondays 7:15 - 9:15 PM	n/a

DAILY ADMISSION RATES

Available at the pool starting June 2

	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
YOUTH (3-17)	\$8	\$10
ADULT (18-61)	\$9	\$12
SENIOR (62+)	\$8	\$10

Children aged 2 years and younger are admitted free with a paying adult.

Pool Rules

1. All swimmers must wear a swimming suit. Street clothing is not permitted.
2. A swim diaper is required to be worn by all swimmers who wear diapers.
3. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult and have adult supervision.
4. The City of Harvard is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
5. No outside food or drink is allowed. Concessions are available for purchase.
6. Failure to comply with these rules may result in pool pass or daily admission being suspended or revoked.

TWILIGHT RATES

Begins at 5:00 PM
Available at the pool starting June 2

	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
YOUTH (3-17)	\$4	\$6
ADULT (18-61)	\$5	\$7
SENIOR (62+)	\$4	\$6

How to purchase season or daily passes:

- Online at harvard.recdesk.com starting May 1
- In-person at City Hall from May 1-30
- In-person at the pool starting June 2

Pool Special Events



EVERY MONDAY 7:15–9:15 PM: Tween Night

Tweens going into 5th–8th grade get the pool to themselves! Season passholders only.

EVERY WEDNESDAY 2–3PM: Poolside BINGO

Try your luck at BINGO and you could win a free ice cream treat from the concession stand!

EVERY FRIDAY 5–7PM: Noodle Night

Bring your pool noodle and have even more fun in the water! A limited number of noodles will be available to rent at the concession stand. Inflatable toys and floaties are not allowed.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5: Harvard Aquatic Center's 24th Birthday Party

Celebrate 24 years of swimming, parties, and fun times at the pool!

FRIDAY, JUNE 27: Industrial Workers of the World Day & Banking Appreciation Day

Teller Appreciation Day is celebrated on October 7, but today is your lucky day if you work at a bank! Also, all factory, plumbing, HVAC, mechanic, and other trade laborers are celebrated today with a free day at the pool! Proof of employment required. Accompanying children or adults will be charged the regular daily fee.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28: First Responder Appreciation Day

Usually celebrated on October 28, First Responder Appreciation Day at the pool means that law enforcement officers, EMTs/paramedics, fire service members, doctors, nurses, and public works employees can also enjoy the pool for free! Proof of employment required. Accompanying children or adults will be charged the regular daily fee.

TUESDAY, JULY 1: Postal Worker & Retail Worker Appreciation Day

National Postal Worker Day is July 1! We want to show our love for all those who deliver our mail and packages so, take a dip in the pool on us! Retail Worker Appreciation Day is December 12, but you can celebrate early with free pool admission for the day! Proof of employment required. Accompanying children or adults will be charged the regular daily fee.

FRIDAY, JULY 25: Christmas in July

Swim to holiday tunes and play some reindeer games to celebrate Christmas in July!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7: Educator Appreciation Day

Wrap up the end of summer with a free day at the pool for educators! Proof of employment required. Accompanying children or adults will be charged the regular daily fee.

Pool Party Private Rental

PRIVATE POOL PARTY AVAILABILITY AND PRICING				
All private pool parties are held 7:15-9:15 PM.				
	SEASON PASSHOLDER 1-99 ATTENDEES	SEASON PASSHOLDER 100+ ATTENDEES	REGULAR RENTAL 1-99 ATTENDEES	REGULAR RENTAL 100+ ATTENDEES
SUNDAY	\$175	\$250	\$200	\$275
MONDAY	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TUESDAY	\$175	\$250	\$200	\$275
WEDNESDAY	\$175	\$250	\$200	\$275
THURSDAY	\$175	\$250	\$200	\$275
FRIDAY	\$175	\$250	\$200	\$275
SATURDAY	\$175	\$250	\$200	\$275
Pool party rental includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private use of entire pool facility after regular business hours • Lifeguard supervision while attendees are in the pool • Concessions packages available for an additional cost 				

CONCESSIONS PACKAGE ADD-ON OPTIONS		
Costs for these packages are in addition to the rental fee above. Concessions can also be purchased a la carte.		
Package 1 \$3 per person Feeds 1 <i>(Save \$1!)</i>	Package 2 \$25 for package Feeds 4 <i>(Save \$5!)</i>	Package 3 \$50 for package Feeds 8 <i>(Save \$10!)</i>
1 bag of chips 1 bottle of water 1 candy treat of your choice	One pepperoni & sausage pizza (8 slices total) 4 bags of chips 4 bottles of water 4 ice cream treats	Two pepperoni & sausage pizzas (16 slices total) 8 bags of chips 8 bottles of water 8 ice cream treats of your choice

To reserve a date for your party, visit harvard.recdesk.com
or fill out the form and return to City Hall.

Questions? 815-943-6468 heiliger@cityofharvard.org www.cityofharvard.org

Water Fitness

15% OFF
WATER FITNESS CLASSES FOR POOL SEASON PASSHOLDERS



AQUA YOGA

Aqua Yoga is a dynamic class that integrates traditional yoga poses with the natural resistance of water through fluid, breath-centered movements. Encouraging deep, controlled breathing to improve lung capacity while engaging the core for stability and balance, this class allows for greater ease of movement and deeper stretches with the buoyancy of water supporting proper alignment and reducing joint strain. The aquatic environment makes yoga accessible to all types of bodies. Perfect for all fitness levels, Aqua Yoga promotes mindfulness, strengthens the body, and fosters a sense of relaxation and rejuvenation in a soothing aquatic environment. **Instructor:** Cassandra Abel

Ages: 14+ **Location:** Harvard Aquatic Center

Min/Max: 5/20

Cost: \$65 res/\$88 nr

Cost for Pool Season Passholders: \$55 res/\$75 nr

Reg Code AQ008 Tuesdays, 6/17-8/5 (8 weeks) 9-9:50AM



Meet the Instructor

Cassandra Abel

Cassandra Abel is passionate about health and wellness, blending her love of movement with her expertise in mental well-being. As a clinical social worker, she understands the deep connection between physical activity and emotional balance. A lifelong yoga and dance enthusiast, she completed Hatha yoga teacher training in the Himalayan mountains of India in 2019 and has since taught yoga in Arkansas and Wisconsin, both on land and in the water. She is also a licensed Zumba instructor, leading Zumba, Zumba Gold, Aqua Zumba, and Zumba Kids classes. Cassandra creates an inclusive and uplifting space where movement fosters strength, joy, and balance.

AQUA ZUMBA

Aqua Zumba® is perfect for those looking to make a splash with a low-impact, high-energy aquatic workout. Combining the fun of Zumba® with the natural resistance of water, this class offers an exhilarating pool party experience. The water's buoyancy reduces joint impact, allowing you to move freely while still challenging your muscles for enhanced toning and endurance. Get ready to let loose, have fun, and enjoy an effective full-body workout in the water! **Instructor:** Cassandra Abel

Ages: 14+ **Location:** Harvard Aquatic Center

Min/Max: 5/20

Cost: \$65 res/\$88 nr

Cost for Pool Season Passholders: \$55 res/\$75 nr

Reg Code AQ007 Fridays, 6/20-8/8 (8 weeks) 9-9:50AM

Special Events

SILLY CELEBRATIONS

Bring the kids to Lions Park to celebrate some silly summer holidays! Join staff from the Parks & Rec Department and Diggins Library for a story, craft, and snack based on each holiday. Please register each child separately and for each event date. Weather dependent.

Ages: 3-11 with adult **Location:** Lions Park Shelter

Min/Max: 4/20 **Cost:** NA

Reg Code YO004 Friday, 6/6 (1 day) 10-11AM (National Donut Day)

Reg Code YO005 Thursday, 7/10 (1 day) 10-11AM (Teddy Bear Picnic Day)

Reg Code YO006 Friday, 8/1 (1 day) 10-11AM (National Coloring Book Day)



NATIONAL DOG DAY PARTY

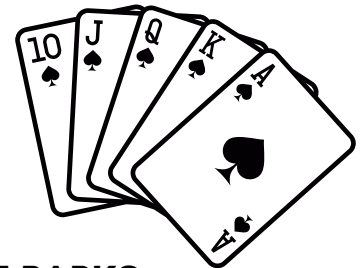
Bring your furry friends and join the fun at the Harvard Dog Park to celebrate National Dog Day! Visit with local vendors, have some refreshments (for both dogs and humans!), or take some photos at the dog-friendly photo booth. Don't forget to bring water and a leash. Let's make tails wag! Weather dependent.

Ages: ALL **Location:** Harvard Dog Park

Min/Max: NA

Cost: \$5 per res dog / \$7 per nr dog

Reg Code DP001 Sunday, 8/24 (1 day) 10-11:30AM



7TH ANNUAL UNPLUG ILLINOIS DAY

Rediscover the joys of the great outdoors at this state-wide day of celebration on July 12, 2025! Bring the family out for a day of fun, fitness, and connection with nature and community. Spend time outside visiting a park, flying a kite, having a cook-out, going for a walk, or finding the best hand at Poker in the Parks (see info to the right)!



Visit www.unplugillinois.org for more information about Unplug Illinois Day.

POKER IN THE PARKS

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of Park and Recreation Month in July by playing Poker in the Parks! 52 oversized playing cards are hidden throughout Harvard's parks and your challenge is to put together the best 5-card poker hand. Simply snap a selfie with each of the cards you find and post to our Facebook page or email to heiliger@cityofharvard.org. Only one hand per person (photos of each card must be posted together). Best hand wins a \$25 gift card!

Ages: ALL **Location:** all Harvard parks

Min/Max: NA **Cost:** NA

Reg Code NA Tuesday, 7/1-Thursday 7/31

Special Events

HALLOWEEN HOME DECORATING CONTEST

Are you ready to show off your Halloween spirit? Get creative and transform your home into a frightful or festive masterpiece for our Halloween Home Decorating Contest! Categories include Spookiest Display and Best Kid-Friendly Fun. Winners will receive a \$50 Visa gift card. See harvard.recdesk.com for guidelines.

Ages: ALL **Location:** Various homes around Harvard

Min/Max: 2/NA

Cost: NA

Reg Code GE012 Monday, 10/20 through Friday, 10/31

HALLOWEEN HIDEOUT

Think you can outwit the finest in town? Put your stealth skills to the test in an epic Hide and Seek game against the Harvard Police Department! Think you've got what it takes to stay hidden? Sign up today—if you dare! Before the event, you will receive a map of allowed hiding areas and guidelines so you can plan ahead.

Ages: 13+ **Location:** Lions Park / H.E.R.S. Field Shelter

Min/Max: 10/50

Cost: \$10 res / \$14 nr

Reg Code GE013 Saturday, 10/25 (1 day) 6-8PM

HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST

Get ready to light up the season! Whether you go all-out with dazzling lights, charming wreaths, or cozy winter wonderlands, this is your chance to share your holiday magic with the community. Grab your tinsel, your ornaments, and your festive flair, and let the decorating begin! Categories include Best Theme, Most Traditional, and the Griswold Award. Winners will receive a \$50 Visa gift card.

Ages: ALL **Location:** Various homes around Harvard

Min/Max: 3/NA

Cost: NA

Reg Code GE014 Monday, 12/8 through Sunday, 12/21

HALLOWEEN TREAT HUNT

Test-run your costumes and bring your candy buckets for a spooktacular Halloween Treat Hunt! Perfect for families looking to make magical Halloween memories. Don't miss out on this fang-tastic celebration! Weather dependent. Please register each child separately for this event.

Ages: 2-12 **Location:** Lions Park Shelter

Min/Max: NA

Cost: \$3 res / \$4 nr

Reg Code GE019 Saturday, 10/18 (1 day) 10:30-11:30AM

EGG NOG JOG

Dress in your most festive holiday gear (there's a prize for Most Festive!) and join us for the 3rd annual Egg Nog Jog! Follow the course from City Hall to Northfield Park and back. Event is untimed, so come prepared with your own timekeeping method. Enjoy a drink of egg nog, water, and a snack when you arrive back at City Hall. Fee includes "first come, first served" race shirt selection. Weather dependent.

Ages: ALL **Location:** City Hall

Min/Max: NA

Cost: \$10 res / \$14 nr

Reg Code HF007 Saturday, 12/6 (1 day) 2-3PM

GINGERBREAD SHOWDOWN

Get ready to unleash your creativity and sweeten the season! Whether you're a seasoned decorator or a first-time builder, the Gingerbread Showdown invites all ages to showcase their edible artistry. Prizes await the most imaginative designs, so start planning your design and let your creativity rise! Drop off your creation to City Hall 8AM-5PM during the week of 12/1. Viewing and voting will take place on 12/6.

Ages: ALL **Location:** City Hall

Min/Max: NA

Cost: NA

Reg Code NA Saturday, 12/6 (1 day) 12-5PM

Youth Programs

KIDS' FITNESS CAMP

Get ready to move, groove, and have a blast at our Kids' Fitness Camp! This exciting program combines fun workouts, team games, and confidence-building activities to keep kids active and energized. Join us for a summer full of fitness, friendship, and fun! Each session will be slightly different so we welcome you to sign up for both.

Instructor: Xtreme Fitness & Nutrition Studio

Ages: 4-10

Location: Xtreme Fitness & Nutrition Studio

Min/Max: 4/12

Cost: \$65 res / \$88 nr

Reg Code HF020 Tue & Thu 6/10-7/3 (4 weeks) 10-11AM

Reg Code HF021 Tue & Thu 7/8-7/31 (4 weeks) 10-11AM



TINY DANCERS 3-4YO

In this class we will lay the foundation for the basic elements of dance. Students will be introduced to ballet and jazz styles of dance. We will incorporate skills such as listening, counting, coordination, and social skills, all while having fun with age-appropriate music. On the last day of class, a Family Showcase will be held to see your child's progress!

Instructor: Hayden Binz **Ages:** 3-4

Location: USMG Dance Studio **Min/Max:** 4/10

Cost: \$60 res / \$81 nr

Reg Code CA014 Mondays 6/16-7/21 (6 weeks) 4:15-4:50PM

Reg Code CA015 Mondays 9/8-10/13 (6 weeks) 4:15-4:50PM



TINY DANCERS 5-6YO

In this class we will lay the foundation for the basic elements of dance. Students will be introduced to ballet and jazz styles of dance. We will incorporate skills such as listening, counting, coordination, and social skills, all while having fun with age-appropriate music. On the last day of class, a Family Showcase will be held to see your child's progress!

Instructor: Hayden Binz **Ages:** 5-6

Location: USMG Dance Studio **Min/Max:** 4/10

Cost: \$60 res / \$81 nr

Reg Code CA020 Mondays 6/16-7/21 (6 weeks) 5-5:40PM

Reg Code CA021 Mondays 9/8-10/13 (6 weeks) 5-5:40PM



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FIELD TRIP DAY CAMPS

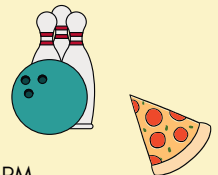
Keep your kids entertained and engaged during school breaks with our exciting day camps! Packed with fun activities, creative projects, and field trips, our camps provide a fun way for your child to spend time when school is out. Let your kids create lasting memories, make new friends, and enjoy their time off from school!

Each day will start and end at City Hall. Before leaving for the field trip and after we arrive back, campers will have a variety of activities to choose from. Please make sure to drop off and pick up your child(ren) on time. Lunch will be provided each day, but please send a water bottle and snack with your child.

Instructor: Stacy Heiliger **Ages:** 7-12

Location: City Hall **Min/Max:** 6/12

Cost: \$55 res / \$74 nr



Reg Code YO007 Thursday 10/9 (1 day) 9AM-3PM

Extreme Wheels in Crystal Lake

Reg Code YO008 Friday 10/10 (1 day) 9AM-3PM

Glo-Bowl in Marengo



Reg Code YO009 Monday 10/13 (1 day) 9AM-3PM

Chuck E. Cheese in Crystal Lake

Reg Code YO10 Wednesday 11/26 (1 day) 9AM-3PM

Bowlero in Algonquin



JUNIOR LYRICAL DANCE

This class blends ballet, jazz, and expressive movement to tell stories through dance. With beautiful music and flowing choreography, students will develop technique, strength, and artistry while learning to connect movement with emotion. No prior experience needed. On the last day of class, a Family Showcase will be held to see your child's progress!

Instructor: Hayden Binz **Ages:** 7-12

Location: USMG Dance Studio **Min/Max:** 4/12

Cost: \$60 res / \$81 nr

Reg Code CA016 Mondays 6/16-7/21 (6 weeks) 6-7PM

Reg Code CA017 Mondays 9/8-10/13 (6 weeks) 6-7PM



Visit the website for more info on a jazz dance class for this age group, too!

Many thanks to the
U.S. Medical Glove Company

for donating their gorgeous
dance studio for us to use!
2001 N. Division St. in Harvard

Youth Programs



ADULT-TOT SPORTS

Parents are an integral part of helping their tots develop basic sports movement and motor skills. Motor skill activities focus on hand/eye and hand/foot coordination. Sports equipment and instruction are provided to help guide your child through an introduction to organized sports. Parents or caregiver participation is required.

Instructor: Hot Shots Sports staff **Ages:** 2-3 with adult

Location: Northfield Park **Min/Max:** 6/20

Session 1

Mondays 6/9-7/21 (6 weeks) \$90 res / \$120 nr

Reg Code HF008 5-5:30PM (no class 6/30)

Session 2

Mondays 7/28-8/25 (5 weeks) \$75 res / \$101 nr

Reg Code HF009 5-5:30PM



SPORTS AND MORE

Children are introduced to the fundamentals of sports including basketball, floor hockey, football, kickball, soccer, t-ball and other sports and group games. The program provides an opportunity for each child to develop motor skills and nurture his/her growth socially and emotionally through teamwork and good sportsmanship.

Instructor: Hot Shots Sports staff **Ages:** 4-6

Location: Northfield Park **Min/Max:** 6/20

Session 1

Mondays 6/9-7/21 (6 weeks) \$90 res / \$120 nr

Reg Code HF010 5:30-6:15PM (no class 6/30)

Session 2

Mondays 7/28-8/25 (5 weeks) \$75 res / \$101 nr

Reg Code HF011 5:30-6:15PM



TOTAL SPORTS

This class features a new sport each week. Some of the sports taught and played include basketball, floor hockey, football, kickball, soccer, and baseball. In addition, participants play many popular running and group games. Children have the opportunity to acquire new skills and develop confidence in games they have played in previous classes.

Instructor: Hot Shots Sports staff **Ages:** 7-10

Location: Northfield Park **Min/Max:** 6/20

Session 1

Mondays 6/9-7/21 (6 weeks) \$90 res / \$120 nr

Reg Code HF012 6:15-7PM (No class 6/30)

Session 2

Mondays 7/28-8/25 (5 weeks) \$75 res / \$101 nr

Reg Code HF013 6:15-7PM

GROUP TENNIS CLASS

This class introduces children to the early fundamentals of tennis. Using age-appropriate drills and games, participants learn basic strokes, grip and early tennis skills. All activities develop gross motor skills, coordination, judgment and proper mechanics. Tennis rackets will be provided.

Instructor: Hot Shots Sports staff **Ages:** see below

Location: Northfield Park Tennis Courts **Min/Max:** 6/20

Session 1

Tuesdays 6/10-7/22 (6 weeks) \$90 res / \$120 nr

Reg Code HF014 Ages 4-6 4:30-5:15PM (No class 7/1)

Reg Code HF015 Ages 7-9 5:15-6PM (No class 7/1)

Reg Code HF016 Ages 10-12 6-7PM (No class 7/1)

Session 2

Tuesdays 7/29-8/26 (5 weeks) \$75 res / \$101 nr

Reg Code HF017 Ages 4-6 4:30-5:15PM

Reg Code HF018 Ages 7-9 5:15-6PM

Reg Code HF019 Ages 10-12 6-7PM

Youth Programs



GETTING TO KNOW THE HORSE

Learn the parts of a horse, basic handling, grooming, and being around a horse. This class does not include riding on the horse. Registration includes all three dates listed below.

Instructor: Cripple Creek Ranch staff **Ages:** ALL

Location: Cripple Creek Ranch **Min/Max:** 1/6

Cost: \$125 res / \$169 nr

Reg Code GE015 Thursday, May 15 5-6PM

Monday, May 19 5-6PM

Thursday, May 22 5-6PM

INTRODUCTION TO RIDING

Learn how to groom, tack up, and handle a horse on the ground. You will also learn how to mount, dismount, walk, stop, turn, and balance on a horse with assistance.

Registration includes all four dates below.

Instructor: Cripple Creek Ranch staff **Ages:** ALL

Location: Cripple Creek Ranch **Min/Max:** 1/4

Cost: \$200 res / \$270 nr

Reg Code GE016 Thursday, May 29 5-6PM

Monday, June 2 5-6PM

Thursday, June 5 5-6PM

Monday, June 9 5-6PM



BEGINNER RIDING

This class allows for practice on the basics learned in Introduction to Riding. Groom, tack up, and handle the horse from the ground. Basic riding instruction with assistance. Registration includes all four dates below.

PREREQUISITE: Introduction to Riding or instructor approval

Instructor: Cripple Creek Ranch staff **Ages:** ALL

Location: Cripple Creek Ranch **Min/Max:** 1/4

Cost: \$200 res / \$270 nr

Reg Code GE017 Thursday, June 19 4-5PM

Monday, June 23 4-5PM

Thursday, June 26 4-5PM

Monday, June 30 4-5PM

NOVICE RIDING

The rider will continue to groom, tack, and prepare a horse for the riding portion of the lesson. Steering, leg, and seat aids will be introduced. Registration includes all four dates below.

PREREQUISITE: Beginner Riding or instructor approval

Instructor: Cripple Creek Ranch staff **Ages:** ALL

Location: Cripple Creek Ranch **Min/Max:** 1/4

Cost: \$225 res / \$303 nr

Reg Code GE018 Tuesday, July 8 4-5PM

Wednesday, July 9 4-5PM

Monday, July 14 4-5PM

Tuesday, July 15 4-5PM



Tween & Teen Programs

TWEEN NIGHT AT THE POOL

Calling all tweens! Start your week with a splash at Tween Night, happening every Monday from 7:15PM to 9:15PM. Dive into an evening of fun with epic pool vibes designed just for you! Whether you're showing off your diving skills or floating with friends, this is your night to shine. **Tween Night is open to season passholders only.**

Instructor: NA **Grades:** Incoming 5th-8th

Location: Harvard Aquatic Center **Min/Max:** NA

Cost: Included with Season Pass

Reg Code NA Mon 6/2-8/4 (10 weeks) 7:15-9:15PM



PRE-SEASON BASKETBALL CLINIC

Are you thinking about joining a Harvard Junior Hornets team? Try it out first and see what you think! Meet the coaches, take a sample schedule home to show your family, and practice some skills! This clinic is NOT REQUIRED in order to sign up for a basketball team. At the time of printing, location is TBD and will be posted on the RecDesk website as soon as information is available.

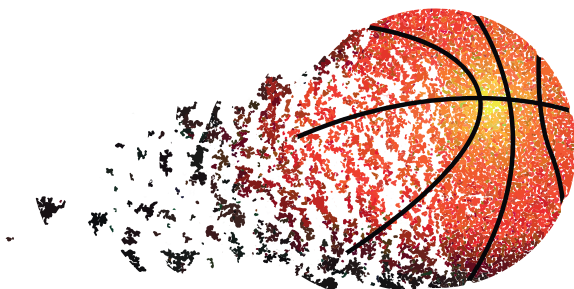
Instructor: Volunteer basketball coaches

Grades: Boys 5th-8th

Location: TBD **Min/Max:** 6/50

Cost: \$5 res / \$7 nr

Reg Code TE005 Wed 10/22 (1 day) 6:00-8:00PM



HARVARD JUNIOR HORNETS

RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL

Looking for a way to sharpen your basketball skills, make new friends, and have a blast on the court? The Harvard Junior Hornets Recreational Basketball program is the perfect opportunity for players of all skill levels! Our teams focus on building confidence and teamwork, developing basketball fundamentals, encouraging sportsmanship, and growing a love for the game. Let's shoot some hoops and make memories that last a lifetime!

Practices are twice per week. Exact days, times, and locations are TBD and will be posted on the RecDesk website as soon as information is available. Games and tournaments are held on weekends January through March. A season schedule will be shared with families as soon as the league schedule is finalized. Registration fee includes a custom jersey.

Instructor: Volunteer basketball coaches

Grades: Boys 5th-8th

Practice Location: Various D50 Schools

Game Locations: Various locations within a 40-minute drive

Min/Max: 8/15 per team

(Grade-level teams may be combined depending on roster numbers for each grade.)

Cost: \$175 res / \$230 nr

5th Grade

Reg Code TE006 11/3-3/4 (18 weeks)

6th Grade

Reg Code TE007 11/3-3/4 (18 weeks)

7th Grade

Reg Code TE008 11/3-3/4 (18 weeks)

8th Grade

Reg Code TE009 11/3-3/4 (18 weeks)

Adult Programs



BEGINNER KNITTING

Discover the joy of knitting in this relaxing and social class designed for adults of all skill levels. Learn essential techniques, explore a variety of patterns, and enjoy the satisfaction of crafting something with your own hands. Yarn and knitting needles provided.

Instructor: Sarah Thompson **Ages:** 16+

Location: City Hall Conference Room **Min/Max:** 5/10

Cost: \$30 res / \$41 nr

Reg Code AD005 Mondays 7/7-28 (4 weeks) 6-7PM

Reg Code AD006 Mondays 10/6-27 (4 weeks) 6-7PM

INTERMEDIATE KNITTING

Take your knitting skills to the next level! This intermediate class is perfect for knitters who are comfortable with the basics and ready to explore more advanced techniques. You'll learn new stitch patterns, shaping methods, and finishing techniques while working on a fun, guided project. Please bring your own yarn and needles.

Instructor: Sarah Thompson **Ages:** 16+

Location: City Hall Conference Room **Min/Max:** 5/10

Cost: \$25 res / \$34 nr

Reg Code AD007 Mondays 7/7-28 (4 weeks) 7:15-8:15PM

Reg Code AD008 Mondays 10/6-27 (4 weeks) 7:15-8:15PM

MARTIAL ARTS RELATED SKILLS (MARS)

Experienced and new martial artists will practice and share martial arts techniques and knowledge. No single martial art will be featured and all styles are welcome. Self-defense techniques will be taught, but the main focus is on the use of martial arts in everyday life, including balance, fitness, and focus. All levels welcome.

Instructor: Joe Rosner **Ages:** 16+

Location: USMG Campus **Min/Max:** 6/12

Cost: \$60 res / \$81 nr

Reg Code HF022 Tuesdays 9/9-10/14 (6 weeks) 6-7:15PM

Reg Code HF023 Tuesdays 10/28-12/2 (6 weeks) 6-7:15PM

HOLIDAY GLASS ETCHING

Add a personal touch to your holiday season with our hands-on glass etching workshop! Learn the art of etching festive designs onto glassware, ornaments, or gifts, perfect for decorating your home or giving as one-of-a-kind presents. All materials are provided, so bring your creativity and leave with something truly unique and memorable. Registration fee includes two mugs, cups, or glasses to etch.

Instructor: Stacy Heiliger **Ages:** 16+

Location: City Hall Kitchen **Min/Max:** 4/10

Cost: \$20 res / \$27 nr (per person)

Reg Code AD009 Sunday 12/14 (1 day) 2-4PM



INTRODUCTION TO PHOTOGRAPHY

Discover the art of photography in this beginner-friendly class! Learn essential camera settings, composition techniques, and lighting fundamentals to create stunning images. Whether you're using a DSLR, mirrorless, or smartphone camera, this course will help you develop the skills to take better photos with confidence. Perfect for aspiring photographers looking to turn their snapshots into works of art! Please bring your own camera or cell phone.

Instructor: Michael Kelly **Ages:** 16+

Location: City Hall Conference Room **Min/Max:** 4/10

Cost: \$25 res / \$34 nr

Reg Code CA018 Mondays 6/9-6/30 (4 weeks) 6-7PM

GOLDEN HOUR PHOTOGRAPHY

Unlock the secret to breathtaking photos by harnessing the warm, soft glow of golden hour! In this hands-on class, you'll learn how to use natural light to enhance your images, create stunning silhouettes, and capture rich, dynamic colors. Perfect for photographers of all levels who want to elevate their work with beautifully lit, professional-looking shots! Please bring your own camera or cell phone.

Instructor: Michael Kelly **Ages:** 16+

Location: Meet at City Hall **Min/Max:** 4/20

Cost: \$25 res / \$34 nr

Reg Code CA019 Mondays 6/9-6/30 (4 weeks) 7-8PM

Community Partners

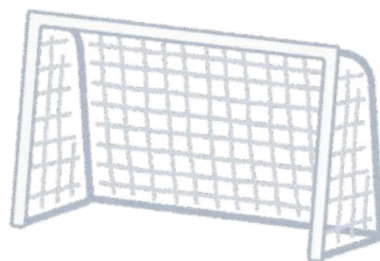
SAVE THE DATE

July 30
"Fore Our Parks"
Golf Outing
Beaver Creek Golf Course

October 18
Day of the Dead
Celebration
Ayer Street



Thank you to the Harvard Parks Foundation for their continued support! The Parks and Recreation Department was recently able to purchase new soccer goals for Milky Way Park thanks to a grant from the Parks Foundation.



For more information or to get involved, contact:
info@harvardparksfoundation.org

www.harvardparksfoundation.org



815-943-2740

harvardseniorcenter.org

6817 Harvard Hills Road
Harvard, IL 60033

Open Mondays and Wednesdays
10:00am - 3:00pm



www.harvard-diggins.org

Visit the website or see Pages 18 & 19
in this Activity Guide to see what
events are going on at the library!

900 E. McKinley St
Harvard, IL 60033
815-943-4671

Community Athletic Groups



Harvard Junior Hornets Soccer

<https://www.harvardjuniorhornets.com/>

harvardjrhornets@gmail.com

Providing a fun and educational recreational youth soccer experience for players age 5 - 14.



Harvard Soccer League

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Harvard-Soccer-League/100091990833825/>

We are a new soccer association with opened divisions for Men, Women, Over 40, and currently working on a youth division. Played in Milky Way Park since summer of 2023. Practices and games are on Saturdays and Sundays.



Harvard Lady Sting Fast Pitch Softball

<https://www.harvardladysting.org>

harvardladysting@gmail.com

Lady Sting is a competitive travel softball program. We also offer local recreational soft travel teams that focus on developing the fundamentals of softball. Lady Sting Softball was created to expand the opportunities of friendship, spirit, leadership, person.



Harvard Educational Recreational Softball (H.E.R.S.)

<https://herssoftball.com>

Harvard Educational Recreational Softball is a fastpitch, recreational softball organization serving ages 3-18. We focus on softball education, team building, sportsmanship, leadership, camaraderie, and of course FUN! While proper batting stands, pitching, and catching are important techniques the H.E.R.S. strives to perfect, the players are also taught how to be coachable, trustworthy, energetic, and respectful.



Harvard Baseball League

<https://www.harvardboysleague.com/>

harvardboysleague@gmail.com

Harvard Baseball League is dedicated to building character, courage and confidence in area youth by providing fun baseball and t-ball programs for boys and girls ages 4-14. Located at Harvard Moose Field, the HBL has invested in the development of Harvard's young baseball players since 1950.



Harvard Girls Basketball Association

<https://www.facebook.com/harvardgirlsbasketballassociation>

harvardgirlsbasketball@gmail.com

Harvard Girls Basketball Association is a feeder basketball program for girls in 4th through 8th grade, designed to prepare them to play competitive basketball at the high school level. The program will allow them to opportunity to meet girls from other schools and develop the core skills necessary to compete at that level.



Harvard Stingers Junior Tackle Football & Cheer

<https://www.harvardstingers.com/>

harvardjuniortackle@gmail.com

We support youth tackle football and cheerleading. Harvard Jr. Tackle Stingers is a proud member of the Northern Illinois Football Conference. Harvard Jr. Tackle also participates and follows the guidelines for USA Football's Heads-Up program.

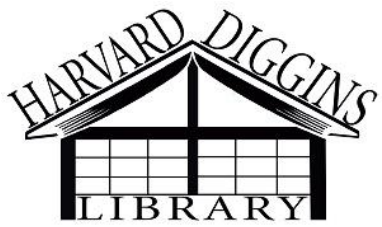


Harvard Wrestling Club

www.harvardwrestling.com

harvardwrestling@gmail.com

Teaching and supporting the world's oldest sport of wrestling to all Harvard youth ages 4-14! Our season runs November to March with weekly tournaments and duals. We are open to boys and girls of all levels of wrestling: beginners to experienced. Come join us and "Make History with our Tradition!"



HARVARD DIGGINS LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

The events listed are a sampling of scheduled library activities. Scan the QR code on the right to have the Library's bi-weekly e-Newsletter delivered to your email inbox on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.



May Events

Register at <https://www.harvard-diggins.org/events/>

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Preschoolers ages 3 - 5 and their caregivers are invited to join library staff for stories, songs, and a craft each week. **No library card required.**

Instructor: Library Staff **Ages:** 3-5 with adult caregiver

Cost: Free

Dates: Tuesdays 5/6 (3 weeks) 10AM

KIDS CRAFTERNOON: BUTTON FLOWERS

Take advantage of an early release day for CUSD50 students! Register to make button flowers in a decorated vase. This is a drop-in craft but registration is required. No library card required.

Instructor: Library Staff **Ages:** 3 - 11

Cost: Free

Date: Wednesday 5/14 (1 day) 1:30PM - 5PM



"AN OCEAN OF STORIES"

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES

Celebrate the joy of children's books this week with a special drop-in craft and scavenger hunt throughout the Library. No registration or library card needed to join the fun!

Instructor: Library Staff **All ages welcome**

Cost: Free

Date: May 5 - May 10 during regular library hours.



BUILD IT! CLUB

Love to build with Legos? Then Build it! Club is the activity for you! Each month, a new building challenge is offered for engineers to tackle. All creations will be displayed at the Library for the community to admire. No library card required.

Instructor: Library Staff **All ages welcome**

Cost: Free

Dates: Thursday May 1 (1 day)

TEEN DIY CROCHET CLUB

Do you love to crochet? Whether beginner or pro, bring your supplies and spend time crocheting with friends. Participants should bring their own yarn and crochet hooks. Some basic instructions will be provided. No library card required.

Instructor: Library Staff **Ages:** 11 - 18

Cost: Free

Dates: Tuesday 5/6 & Tuesday 5/20 3:15PM-4:30PM



CRAFTER'S UFO NIGHT

Calling all crafters! Got a stash of UFO's (Unfinished Objects)? Spend an evening with fellow crafters getting those UFO's closer to completion. All who knit, crochet, cross stitch, embroider, sew, or paper craft are invited. No library card required.

Instructor: Library Staff **Ages:** 11 and up

Cost: Free

Dates: Thursday 5/8 @ 6PM (1 day)



Level Up at Your Library! Summer Reading Program

Summer is the perfect time to dive in to a great book. Kids, teens, and adults are invited to join the Library's summer reading program to log reading minutes and earn prizes. The program begins Monday, June 2 and continues through Friday, July 25. Below is a sampling of the programs coming up this summer. Find more events and details about the reading program on the Library's website,

www.harvard-diggins.org.

Registration for all summer programs opens May 19.
Register at <https://www.harvard-diggins.org/events/>

SOCK GNOME CRAFT

Turn an ordinary sock into a cute gnome. All supplies provided. This activity is offered in two sessions. Choose the session that works best in your schedule. No library card required.

Instructor: Library Staff **All ages welcome**

Cost: Free

Dates: Tuesday 6/10 1:30PM and 6PM (1 day)



TIE-DYE-PALOOZA!

Everyone's favorite summer activity is back! Bring a white t-shirt to the library and use a variety of techniques to make it colorful. This event will be held outdoors in the rear of the library. No library card required.

Instructor: Library Staff **All ages welcome.**

Cost: Free

Dates: Tuesday 7/8 1:30PM (1 day)

Rain date: Thursday 7/10 1:30PM



TAYLOR SWIFT JEOPARDY

How well do you know Taylor Swift? Put your knowledge to work in a fun evening of Taylor Swift trivia. All ages welcome; children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. No library card required.

Instructor: Library Staff **All ages; children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.**

Cost: Free

Dates: Thursday 6/26 6PM (1 day)



LEVEL UP! MELTING BEADS

Craft your favorite game characters using melting beads. All supplies provided. Younger children will require adult assistance. No library card required.

Instructor: Library Staff **All ages welcome.**

Cost: Free

Dates: Tuesday 6/24 1:30PM (1 day)



HOMEGROWN NATIONAL PARK

Homegrown National Park is a grassroots movement that encourages people to plant native plants in their yards and communities. Join us to view a brief video about this movement, followed by a presentation with members of local organization Small Waters Education regarding the benefits and need of native plants and the Home Grown National Park program. Plus, enjoy a brief tour of the library's native plant garden, a native plant raffle for attendees, and information for those interested in becoming a local pollinator garden volunteer. No library card required.

Instructor: Library Staff **All ages welcome.**

Cost: Free

Dates: Monday 6/16 6PM (1 day)





Safe & Proper Use of Parks and Playgrounds

In order to keep all park visitors safe, please:

- use all playground and athletic equipment appropriately.
- supervise children at all times.
- keep dogs on a leash unless inside the fenced area of the Harvard Dog Park.
- do not bring alcohol into any City park.
- visit parks only between dawn and dusk.

Park Shelter & Athletic Field Reservations

1. **Online** at harvard.recdesk.com OR
2. **In-Person** at City Hall, 201 W. Diggins St,
Monday through Friday 8AM–5PM OR
3. **Mail** your rental request form to
Parks and Recreation Department
City of Harvard
PO Box 310
Harvard, IL 60033

Recreation Program & Event Registration Policies

1. **Online** at harvard.recdesk.com OR
2. **In-Person** at City Hall, 201 W. Diggins St,
Monday through Friday 8AM–5PM OR
3. **Over the phone** at 815-943-6468 OR
4. **Mail** your registration form to:
Parks and Recreation Department
City of Harvard
PO Box 310
Harvard, IL 60033

Payments & Fees

If registering **online or over the phone**, credit/debit card is required.

If registering **in-person**, cash, check, or credit/debit card is accepted.

If registering **through the mail**, a check is required.

Payment in full is required at time of registration regardless of method.

Cancellations & Refunds

The Harvard Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any program with insufficient enrollment. If a class is to be cancelled for this reason, participants will be contacted before the start date and will receive a full refund.

Enrollment is evaluated 3-4 days before a program starts. Please make sure to register early to ensure programs are not cancelled!

To withdraw from a program:

1. Contact the Parks and Recreation Superintendent immediately at heiliger@cityofharvard.org
2. Your refund amount will depend on the timing and reason of your request.
 - a. Three or more days before start date: full refund minus RecDesk processing fee will be granted.
 - b. Less than three days before start date: no refund granted unless there is a medical reason provided by a doctor's note.
 - c. After a program has started: no refund granted unless you are not satisfied with the program. Contact the Parks and Recreation Superintendent immediately at heiliger@cityofharvard.org
 - d. After a program has ended: no refunds will be granted.



Harvard Parks and Recreation Department

Program Registration Form



Step 1: Household Information (Please print parent/guardian/head of household information.)

First Name:	Last Name:		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:		
Street Address:		Date of Birth:	
City:	State:	Zip:	
Email:			
Payer's Information: _____ <small>(If different from above) (Name) (Street Address) (City, State, Zip) (DOB)</small>			
Emergency Contact: _____ <small>(Name) (Phone Number)</small>			

Step 2: Program Enrollment

Participant (First and Last Name)	Gender	Date of Birth	Program Name	Reg Code	Fee
					\$
					\$
					\$
					\$
We welcome people of all abilities! Below, please share any supports that would help you or your child thrive in the program(s) registered for.				Harvard Parks Foundation Donation	\$
				Total Payment Included	\$

Step 3: Payment Options

<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <small>(In-person only)</small>
<input type="checkbox"/> Check <small>(In-person or through mail only)</small> Check #: _____ Note: \$20 fee for returned checks
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit/Debit Card <small>(In-person, over the phone, or online)</small>

Step 4: Review and Sign Waiver

Please read and sign the waiver on the back of this form. Participation will be denied if the signature of an adult participant or parent/guardian and date are not on the waiver.

Step 5: Return Form

Mail: Harvard Parks and Recreation Department, PO Box 310, Harvard, IL, 60033
In-Person: City Hall, 201 W. Diggins St, Harvard, IL, 60033
Online: Save time and register at harvard.recdesk.com



City of Harvard Parks and Recreation Department Registration Waiver and Release

The City of Harvard is committed to conducting its recreation programs and activities in a safe manner and holds the safety of participants in high regard. The City of Harvard continually strives to reduce such risks and insists that all participants follow safety rules and instructions that are designed to protect the participants' safety. However, participants and parents/guardians of minors must recognize that there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to participate in recreational activities/programs.

You are solely responsible for determining if you or your minor child/ward are physically fit and/or skilled for the programs/activities contemplated by this agreement. It is always advisable, especially if the participant is pregnant, disabled in any way or recently suffered an illness, injury or impairment, to consult a physician before undertaking any physical activity.

WARNING OF RISK

Recreational programs/activities are intended to challenge and engage the physical, mental, and emotional resources of each participant. Despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury when participating in any recreational program/activity. Understandably, not all hazards and dangers can be foreseen. Depending on the program/activity, participants must understand that certain risks, dangers, and injuries due to inclement weather, slipping, falling, poor skill level or conditioning, carelessness, horseplay, unsportsmanlike conduct, premises defects, inadequate or defective equipment, inadequate supervision, instruction, or officiating, and all other circumstances inherent to indoor and outdoor recreational programs/activities exist. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for the City of Harvard to guarantee absolute safety.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and participating in City of Harvard Parks and Recreation programs/activities, you agree to the following:

I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages, or loss, regardless of severity that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of said participation. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have (accrue to me or my child/ward) as a result of participation in these programs/activities against the City of Harvard, including its officials, agents, volunteers, and employees (hereinafter collectively referred to as "The City of Harvard"). I do hereby fully release and forever discharge the City of Harvard from any and all claims for injuries, damages, or loss that my minor child/ward or I may have which may accrue to me or my minor child/ward and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with these programs/activities.

PHOTO RELEASE

I understand that my child/ward or I may be photographed or videotaped while participating in a Harvard Parks and Recreation Department program or special event. I give my permission for photos and videos of my child/ward or myself to be used to promote the Harvard Parks and Recreation Department. Such photos and videos will remain the property of the Harvard Parks and Recreation Department.

I have read and fully understand the above important information, warning of risk, the assumption of risk and waiver and release of all claims. If registering online or via fax, your online or facsimile signature shall substitute for and have the same legal effect as an original form signature.

Parent/Guardian/Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

PARTICIPATION WILL BE DENIED

if the signature of the adult participant or parent/guardian and date are not on this waiver.

For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (815) 943-6468 or email at heiliger@cityofharvard.org.



Harvard Parks and Recreation Department
Park Shelter Rental Application



Step 1: Contact Information

Applicant Name:	Org/Team Name: <i>(if applicable)</i>
Applicant Phone:	Cell Phone:
Applicant Street Address:	City, State, Zip:
Applicant Email:	

Step 2: Event Information

Date(s) Requested		
Hours Requested	Start Time:	End Time:
Expected Attendance #		
Athletic Location Requested <i>(if applicable)</i>		
PLEASE CHECK WHICH PARK SHELTER YOU ARE REQUESTING:		
<input type="checkbox"/> HERS League Shelter <i>(not available June or July)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Lions Park Shelter	
<input type="checkbox"/> Boy's League Shelter <i>(not available June or July)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mary D Ayer Park Shelter	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Milky Way Park East Shelter	

Step 3: Fee Information

RESIDENT FEES	NON-RESIDENT FEES		
<input type="checkbox"/> Park Shelter - \$50 Groups over 100 people, fee is \$50 plus \$25 for each add'l 50 people	<input type="checkbox"/> Park Shelter - \$75 Groups over 100 people, fee is \$75 plus \$25 for each add'l 50 people		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Courts (4 hours) - \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Courts (4 hours) - \$15		
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult User Groups - \$25 Baseball, soccer, softball, football fields: A schedule and roster of participants verifying residency must be submitted. A Resident User is defined as 70% total participants who are residents of the City.	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult User Groups - \$50 Baseball, soccer, softball, football fields: A schedule and roster of participants verifying residency must be submitted. A Non-Resident User is defined as less than 70% total participants who are residents of the City.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Event Electric Base Fee - \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Event Electric Base Fee - \$75		
SECURITY DEPOSIT IS ALSO REQUIRED:			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1-50 people - \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> 51-100 people - \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> 101-150 people - \$175	<input type="checkbox"/> 151+ people - \$250**

**Over 150 people in attendance also requires Police Officers to be present, and requires approval by the City Council.

Person(s) using the City parks and park facilities do so at their own risk. The City of Harvard and its employees are not responsible for damage to or loss of property of person(s) using parks or park facilities. The City and its employees are not responsible for any injuries that result while person(s) are using parks or park facilities. I, the applicant, have read and fully understand all the rules and guidelines as attached necessary for the use of the City's parks and park facilities, and I will comply.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return application to Parks and Recreation Department, City of Harvard, PO Box 310, Harvard, IL, 60033

<input type="checkbox"/> Security Deposit refunded	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy to Police Dept
<input type="checkbox"/> Permission to shred check after event	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy to Parks and Recreation Dept

Park Shelter & Athletic Field Rules and Regulations

1. City parks are open from sunrise to sunset.
2. Reservations are not final until payment of rental fees and security deposit is received and proper documentation is made. Reservations for any park shelter or athletic field can be made in person or by mail. Park shelter reservations can also be made online at harvard.recdesk.com.
3. Payment Policy: Please write out two separate checks made payable to the City of Harvard. One check is for the reservation fee, and one check is for the security deposit. The security deposit check will be returned to you, or shredded with your approval, if all rules and regulations listed on this application are followed.
4. In the event that the applicant damages any City of Harvard property and the security deposit is not enough to cover damages, the applicant shall be solely liable to the City of Harvard for all additional costs, fees, and expenses, including but not limited to attorney's fees associated with such damages.
5. Reservations for shelters are required for groups of 25 or more people.
6. Groups larger than 150 people must follow the guidelines for Special Events and be approved by the City Council.
7. Reservations will not be given, or may be canceled, which conflict with Parks and Recreation Department sponsored activities.
8. **LIQUOR IS NOT ALLOWED** in City parks unless a special event permit for a one-day liquor license is issued by the Liquor Commissioner with the approval of the City Council pursuant to the regulations outlined in Chapter 25 of the Harvard Municipal Code along with dram shop (liquor liability) insurance with the City of Harvard listed as an additional insured. Application for a Special Event Liquor License must be made at least three weeks prior to the picnic.
9. Dogs that are leashed and licensed shall be allowed with City park property provided that the person walking or exercising the dog shall be responsible for any damage done to the landscaping of any park and shall be responsible for removing all animal excrement deposited by said animal.
10. There are picnic tables provided under each shelter. Groups may only use a minimum number of tables that are scattered throughout the park.
11. Cooking fires are only permitted in the small grills provided in the picnic area. The Parks and Recreation Department does not provide large grills, but you may supply your own. Pig rotisseries are not allowed, except by Special Event permit.
12. If food is being sold or given to the general public other than for a designated group, the rental group will be required to attain a temporary food permit from the McHenry County Health Department. An approved copy of the permit must be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department prior to the rental.
13. **Motor vehicles are only permitted in the parking lot;** they are not allowed by the shelters. Violators will be ticketed by the Harvard Police Department.
14. The fee for the use of a park shelter will not be refunded if it is rained out. However, a second date can be reserved without charge if applied for within 48 hours of the rainout. Reserved rain dates cannot be made in advance.
15. City ballfields are on a first-come, first-served basis (excluding the HERS League and Boys League fields), unless reserved ahead of time. Field preparations will not be made for these rentals. **A certificate of insurance shall be submitted listing the City of Harvard as an additional insured.**
16. The following activities and items are prohibited in the parks, except by Special Event permit: tents, car shows, craft fairs, amplifiers, loud speakers/music, games of chance, model airplanes, carnival rides, pony rides, dunk tanks, bounce houses, and camping. Special events requiring the use of electricity other than the outlets provided at the shelter will be charged a base rate of \$50 for residents and \$75 for non-residents.
17. The sale, collection, or punching of admission tickets to any shelter, pavilion, or other park facility will not be allowed under the jurisdiction of the City of Harvard, and soliciting or collection of money for the use of any said facility will not be allowed.
18. The posting of flyers or advertisements on park property or any park facility is not permitted.
19. Churches, Fraternal Organizations, School District #50/St. Joseph's School, and large not-for-profit groups may be allowed to reserve areas in certain parks on a "Special Event Permit" basis. Entertainment may be provided by these organizations for their own group, but admissions cannot be charged.
20. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THIS APPLICATION SET FORTH BY THE CITY OF HARVARD WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF SECURITY DEPOSIT.**

I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the above terms of the Park Shelter/Athletic Field Rules and Regulations.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____



2025 Season Pool Pass Registration Form

Harvard Aquatic Center
607 Galvin Parkway Harvard, IL 60033
(815) 919-7411

Opening Day: June 2
Anticipated Weekday Closing: August 9
Anticipated Weekend Closing: August 24

Date: _____

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Household Last Name: _____

Street Address & City: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

*In the case of an emergency, an attempt will be made to contact someone at the Household listed above.
If that is unsuccessful, the Department will contact the emergency contact listed above.*

Membership Codes



(YR) Youth Resident (3-17) \$45
(AR) Adult Resident (18-61) \$50
(SR) Senior Resident (62+) \$45

Prices below apply
May 1 - June 8, 2025

Prices increase by \$20 per
pass starting June 9, 2025

(YNR) Youth Non-Resident (3-17) \$65
(ANR) Adult Non-Resident (18-61) \$70
(SNR) Senior Non-Resident (62+) \$65

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Membership Code	First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth	Age	Price
					\$
					\$
					\$
					\$
					\$
					\$
			TOTAL:	\$	

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Proof of Residency Required (Fill in one)

- ☐ Driver's license #: _____
☐ Water Bill #: _____
☐ Tax Bill #: _____
☐ Gas Bill #: _____

PAID STAMP (OFFICE USE
ONLY)

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Read and sign the waiver on the back!

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You are solely responsible for determining if you or your minor child/ward is physically fit and/or adequately skilled for the activities associated with this pool pass. It is always advisable, especially if the participant is pregnant, disabled in any way, or recently suffered an illness, injury, or impairment, to consult a physician before undertaking any physical/aquatic activity.

Please understand and recognize that lifeguards are not responsible for providing supervision or assessing your swimming skills or that of your minor child; rather, lifeguards are responsible for enforcing safety rules and responding to emergencies. Adult pool pass holders and parents of minor pool pass holders are solely responsible for supervision of any and all activities contemplated by this agreement. Additionally, children 10 years of age and younger must be supervised at all times by a responsible person, 16 years of age or older.

Warning of Risk

Swimming and other aquatic activities challenge and engage the physical, mental, and emotional resources of each participant. However, despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning, and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury, including but not limited to drowning, head/brain injury, and spinal cord injury. Understandably, not all hazards and dangers can be foreseen. The very nature of swimming and aquatic activities are hazardous and risky, including but not limited to fatigue and overexertion, poor swimming skills, failing to avoid dangerous areas, failing to follow rules and regulations, failure of lifeguards to locate victims and/or delay in emergency response time, horseplay, diving or cannon-balling into shallow water and striking the bottom or side of the pool or waterslide, inadequate supervision or instruction, lack of conditioning, becoming disoriented, striking other swimmers, striking one's head on the bottom, slip and falls on the deck or within the locker facility, chemical exposure, and all other circumstances inherent to aquatic activities. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for the Department to guarantee absolute safety.

Waiver and Release of All Claims and Assumption of Risk

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in consideration for this pool pass, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages, or loss which you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with use of the Department aquatic facility and programs.

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain inherent risks of physical injury to patrons of aquatic facilities, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, damages, or loss, regardless of severity that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities and programs connected with or associated with this pool pass. I further recognize and agree that lifeguards and other aquatic staff are not responsible for supervising my activities or the activities of my minor child(ren) and I agree that I am solely responsible for supervising my minor child(ren) and/or assessing whether my children are physically fit and/or adequately skilled for aquatic activities. I additionally agree to supervise any children ages 10 and under at all times.

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2025 Private Pool Party Reservation Form

Harvard Aquatic Center
607 Galvin Parkway Harvard, IL 60033
(815) 919-7411

Opening Day: June 2
Anticipated Weekday Closing: August 9
Anticipated Weekend Closing: August 24

Date: _____

1

Party Host Name: _____
Street Address & City: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

2

Date Requested for Party: _____
Day of the Week Requested for Party (circle one): Sun Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat
Time Requested for Party: 7:15-9:15 PM

SIGNED APPROVAL AFTER CONFIRMING
DATE IS AVAILABLE (OFFICE USE ONLY)

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Private Pool Party Reservation Cost (check one)

- ☐ Season Passholder 1-99 attendees (\$175)
☐ Season Passholder 100+ attendees (\$250)
☐ Regular Reservation 1-99 attendees (\$200)
☐ Regular Reservation 100+ attendees (\$275)

4

Concession Packages (fill in below or ignore if not purchasing concession packages)

- ☐ Package 1: \$3 x _____ people = \$_____
☐ Package 2: \$25 x _____ packages = \$_____
☐ Package 3: \$40 x _____ packages = \$_____

5

Total Party Cost

Reservation Fee (#3) + Concession Packages (#4) = **TOTAL DUE**
\$_____ + \$_____ = \$_____

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Deposit Owed (50% min): \$_____	Balance Paid: \$_____	PAID STAMP (OFFICE USE ONLY)
Check Number: _____	Check Number: _____	
Cash Amount: \$_____	Cash Amount: \$_____	
Received By: _____	Received By: _____	
Date Received: _____	Date Received: _____	

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COME HAVE FUN AT NISRA!

- ✓ Try new things!
- ✓ Make friends!
- ✓ Go on adventures!
- ✓ Develop skills!
- ✓ Have fun!

Scan
Me!



To view our latest
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