

ACTIVITY GUIDE



WINTER/SPRING
2024-25



HARVARD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
CITY OF HARVARD
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Mayor's Welcome

We are excited to share with you the First Edition of our Parks and Recreation Activity Guide! Expect to receive a new guide every six months so that you can now plan ahead and sign up to reserve your spot for those activities which are of interest to you and your family. We recently invested in new software to make signing up for activities easy! Simply go to harvard.recdesk.com to sign up!

We will continue to expand our programming, so if you have ideas for future activities, please reach out to Parks and Recreation Superintendent Stacy Heiliger. Thank you to the Harvard Parks and Recreation Committee and City Staffing for your commitment to bring more programming to our City. We look forward to serving you and your family!

City Hall Hours


*201 W. Diggins Street
Harvard, IL 60033
815-943-6468*


Monday through Friday
8:00am - 5:00pm

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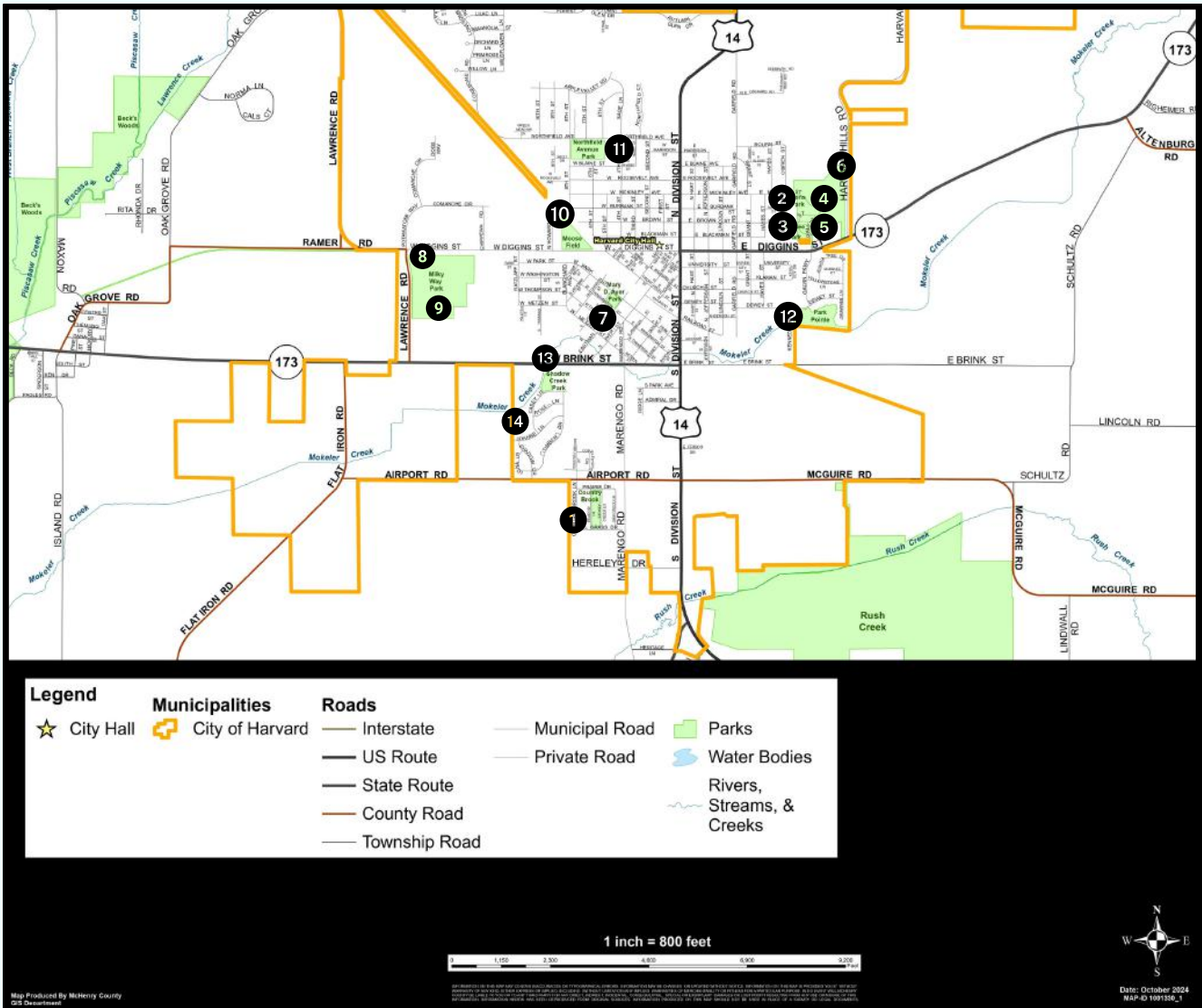
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Do you have a
special talent? Share
it with the community
by becoming a
program instructor!

Share your ideas at
heiliger@cityofharvard.org

What type of
classes would
you like to see
offered?



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				

Harvard Dog Park



*The only free
dog park in
McHenry
County!*

**Milky Way Park
300 Lawrence Road**



*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!**

When visiting the dog park, please keep all City Ordinances in mind. Read them at <https://www.cityofharvard.org/ordinance/chapter-12-dogs-cats-other-animals>

The Basics:

1. Your dog must be on a leash at all times throughout the City of Harvard, unless you are inside the fenced area of the dog park.
2. If your dog is ill, please keep him/her at home until the illness has passed and is not contagious.
3. Please be respectful to others and clean up after your pet.

Special Events



SNOWMAN SQUAD

Bring the family to Lions Park and help us build a Snowman Squad! The goal is to have 25 or more snowmen on display. Bring your hot cocoa and help us create a fun snowy display! No registration necessary. Weather-dependent.

Ages: ALL **Location:** Lions Park near library playground

Min/Max: NA

Cost: NA

Reg Code NA Saturday, 2/1 (1 day) 1-4PM



JIGSAW PUZZLE RACE

Join us for a Jigsaw Puzzle Race! Gather your friends and family for an exhilarating challenge where speed and teamwork collide. Teams of all ages (2-4 people) will compete to piece together stunning images in record time, navigating through twists and turns along the way. With prizes for the fastest finishers, this event promises laughter, excitement, and a test of your puzzle prowess. Will you be the first to complete your masterpiece? Grab your puzzle pieces and get ready to race!

Ages: ALL **Location:** Community Hall

Min/Max: 3 teams/10 teams

Cost: \$30 res per team / \$41 nr per team

Reg Code GE007 Sunday, 1/26 (1 day) 1-4PM

SPRING CHICKEN 5K

Commemorate the anniversary of March 2024's approval of Harvard's backyard chicken ordinance with a timed 5K run/walk! Show up in your best chicken costume and run like the coyotes are after you. 1st/2nd/3rd place overall will be awarded. Pre-registration required; no day-of registration.

Ages: ALL **Location:** USMG campus

Min/Max: NA

Cost: \$30 res by 2/7/25 / \$41 nr by 2/7/25

Reg Code HF006 Saturday, 3/22 (1 day) 10AM-1PM



Youth Programs



TINY DANCERS

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:** 3-6

Location: Harvard Community Senior Center **Min/Max:** 6/12

Cost: \$60 res / \$81 nr

Reg Code CA006 Wednesdays 1/22-2/26 (6 weeks) 5:30-6:10PM

Reg Code CA008 Wednesdays 3/5-4/16 (6 weeks) 5:30-6:10PM
(no class 3/26)



JUNIOR DANCE

Students will learn the fundamentals of ballet and jazz styles of dance. Classes will include warm ups, across the floor progressions and choreography combinations. We will focus on rhythm, balance, body position, and personal expression. 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: Harvard Community Senior Center **Min/Max:** 6/12

Cost: \$60 res / \$81 nr

Reg Code CA007 Wednesdays 1/22-2/26 (6 weeks) 6:15-7:15PM

Reg Code CA009 Wednesdays 3/5-4/16 (6 weeks) 6:15-7:15PM
(no class 3/26)

YOUTH BEGINNER KNITTING

Unleash your creativity and discover the magic of knitting! In our youth knitting class, young crafters will learn the basics of knitting like casting on, knit and purl stitches, binding off, and reading patterns. With easy-to-follow instructions and plenty of support, every person will leave with a scarf masterpiece. All materials provided. Let's get those needles clicking!

Instructor: Stacy Heiliger **Ages:** 8-15

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

Cost: \$25 res / \$34 nr

Reg Code YO001 Wednesdays 4/2-4/23 (4 weeks) 4:30-5:30PM



Youth Programs



WOOD PROJECT WORKSHOPS

Join us for a set of fun-filled woodcraft workshops designed just for families! In this hands-on adventure, young creators will transform simple pieces of wood into amazing crafts. Each family will complete a unique project to take home. All materials and tools included.

Instructor: Jake Burkhart **Ages:** 3-11 with an adult

Location: Community Hall **Min/Max:** 5/10

Cost: \$15 res / \$20 nr

Reg Code GE008 Saturday 1/18 (1 day) 3:30-5PM (succulent planter)

Reg Code GE009 Saturday 2/22 (1 day) 3:30-5PM (desk organizer)

Reg Code GE010 Saturday 3/15 (1 day) 3:30-5PM (bird house)

Reg Code GE011 Saturday 4/19 (1 day) 3:30-5PM (oriole feeder)



LITTLE VETERINARIAN SCHOOL 4-6YO

After “adopting” their very own plush puppy, students will role-play the key responsibilities of a veterinarian, including how to properly perform a nose-to-tail exam. These future veterinarians will learn how to sew stitches, remove ticks, make healthy treats, and vaccinate their dog. Email heiliger@cityofharvard.org if you would like to inquire about financial assistance for this program.

Instructor: Little Medical School staff **Ages:** 4-6

Location: City Hall Conference Room **Min/Max:** 8/16

Cost: \$130 res / \$170 nr

Reg Code YO002 Mondays 1/13-2/17 (6 weeks) 4:30-5:30PM

LITTLE VETERINARIAN SCHOOL 7-10YO

After “adopting” their very own plush puppy, students will role-play the key responsibilities of a veterinarian, including how to properly perform a nose-to-tail exam. These future veterinarians will learn how to sew stitches, remove ticks, make healthy treats, and vaccinate their dog. Email heiliger@cityofharvard.org if you would like to inquire about financial assistance for this program.

Instructor: Little Medical School staff **Ages:** 7-10

Location: City Hall Conference Room **Min/Max:** 8/16

Cost: \$130 res / \$170 nr

Reg Code YO003 Mondays 1/13-2/17 (6 weeks) 5:45-6:45PM



Teen & Young Adult Programs



SMART EATS

Want to learn how to make delicious, healthy meals without breaking the bank? The Smart Eats Program is here to help you master cooking with simple, affordable ingredients! You'll get hands-on experience in budgeting, meal prep, and kitchen safety, all while sharpening your cooking skills. Plus, we'll show you how to make the most of a SNAP budget. Get ready to impress your friends and family with your culinary skills! Any dietary restrictions? Let us know so we can keep things tasty for everyone! Email heiliger@cityofharvard.org if you would like to inquire about financial assistance for this program.

Instructor: Stairway to Prosperity **Ages:** 16-28

Location: City Hall Kitchen **Min/Max:** 2/10

Cost: \$25 res / \$34 nr

Reg Code TE001 Monday 2/24 (1 day) 6-7:30PM

Reg Code TE002 Thursday 4/10 (1 day) 5-6:30PM



NAVIGATING SECONDARY EDUCATION

Ready to take the next step after high school but not sure where to start? In Navigating Secondary Education, we'll break down everything you need to know about applying to community colleges, universities, or trade schools. From FAFSA to finding the right program for you, we've got you covered! This workshop makes it easy to plan your educational journey and reach your goals. Got a laptop? Bring it with you! We've got a few extras if you don't. Email heiliger@cityofharvard.org if you would like to inquire about financial assistance for this program.

Instructor: Stairway to Prosperity **Ages:** 16-28

Location: City Hall Conference Room **Min/Max:** 2/10

Cost: \$25 res / \$34 nr

Reg Code TE003 Thursday 3/6 (1 day) 5-6:30PM



FINANCIAL SMARTS

You will have the opportunity to acquire knowledge on topics such as opening a bank account, managing your finances through budgeting, and gaining a foundational understanding of credit. Got a laptop? Bring it with you! We've got a few extras if you don't. Email heiliger@cityofharvard.org if you would like to inquire about financial assistance for this program.

Instructor: Stairway to Prosperity **Ages:** 16-28

Location: City Hall Conference Room **Min/Max:** 2/10

Cost: \$25 res / \$34 nr

Reg Code TE004 Thursday 3/6 (1 day) 6:45-8:15PM



Adult Programs



ADULT BEGINNING KNITTING

Unleash your creativity and discover the magic of knitting! In our adult knitting class, crafters will learn the basics of knitting like casting on, knit and purl stitches, binding off, and reading patterns. With easy-to-follow instructions and plenty of support, every person will leave with a scarf masterpiece. All materials provided. Let's get those needles clicking!

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

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

Cost: \$25 res / \$34 nr

Reg Code AD002 Wednesdays 2/5-2/26 (4 weeks) 7:15-8:15PM



CPR & FIRST AID CERTIFICATION

Join us for an essential Red Cross CPR and First Aid class designed to equip you with life-saving skills and confidence to respond to emergencies. This hands-on training covers critical topics including adult, child, and infant CPR, the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED), and effective first aid techniques for various situations. Whether you're a caregiver, teacher, or simply someone who wants to be prepared, this course is perfect for you!

Instructor: Sheila Hensen **Ages:** 16+

Location: Community Hall **Min/Max:** 4/20

Cost: \$60 res / \$81 nr

Reg Code AD004 Saturday 3/8 (1 day) 8AM-12PM

INTRODUCTION TO PHOTOGRAPHY

Did you get a camera or new phone as a gift and aren't sure what to do with it? Take this class and learn how to use your own creativity instead of sticking with just the "auto" setting. You will learn about the exposure triangle, difference between lenses, and how to use lighting to your advantage in various settings. Please bring your own camera or phone to each class.

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

Location: City Hall Conference Room **Min/Max:** 4/12

Cost: \$25 res / \$34 nr

Reg Code AD003 Mondays 1/13-2/3 (4 weeks) 7-8PM

SWING DANCE CLASS & SOCIAL

Join us for an exhilarating adult swing dance class and social! Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned dancer, this welcoming environment is perfect for all skill levels. Learn classic swing moves, improve your rhythm, and connect with others who share your passion for dance. After the lesson, stay for a lively social dance where you can practice your skills, make new friends, and enjoy great music. No partner necessary—just bring your enthusiasm and a love for fun!

Instructor: Fox Valley Swing Dance & TBD **Ages:** 16+

Location: Harvard Community Senior Center **Min/Max:** 10/40

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

Reg Code CA010 Saturday 1/11 (1 day) 6-9PM (Fox Valley SD)

Reg Code CA011 Saturday 2/8 (1 day) 6-9PM (TBD)

Reg Code CA012 Saturday 3/8 (1 day) 6-9PM (TBD)

Reg Code CA013 Saturday 4/12 (1 day) 6-9PM (TBD)





Anticipated 2025 Season Pool Information

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

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 aerobics 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	8:00 - 9:00 AM	n/a
TWEEN NIGHTS	Mondays 7:15 - 9:15 PM	n/a

DAILY ADMISSION RATES		
Available online and at the pool starting June 2		
	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
YOUTH (3-17)	\$7	\$9
ADULT (18-61)	\$8	\$11
SENIOR (62+)	\$7	\$9

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

Community Organizations



815-943-2740

harvardseniorcenter.org

6817 Harvard Hills Road
Harvard, IL 60033

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



For more information or to see what events are going on at the library, visit www.harvard-diggins.org

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



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

www.harvardparksfoundation.org

Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA) is an extension of 13 park districts and municipal recreation departments, providing year-round community recreation for local children and adults with disabilities. We offer weekly programs, cultural arts, special events, summer day camps, adult day programs, Special Olympics, veteran programs, trips, and inclusion services.



COME HAVE FUN AT NISRA!

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

Scan Me!



To view our latest brochure, scan the QR code, visit nisra.org, or stop by Harvard City Hall!



NISRA

Northern Illinois
Special Recreation Association

285 Memorial Drive | Crystal Lake, IL 60014
(815) 459-0737 | www.nisra.org | info@nisra.org



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 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 Soccer League



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

harvardjuniortackle@gmail.com

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.

Would you like to see your organization listed?
Contact Stacy at heiliger@cityofharvard.org!

Harvard Stingers Junior Tackle Football & Cheer

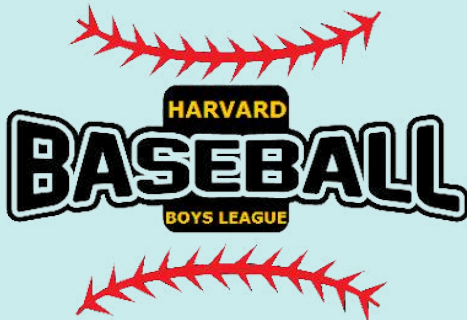


<https://www.harvardstingers.com/>

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 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 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!"

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.

Park Shelter & Athletic Field Reservations

3 ways to reserve a park shelter or athletic field!

1. **Online** at harvard.recdesk.com
2. **In-Person** at City Hall, 201 W. Diggins St,
Monday through Friday 8AM-5PM
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

4 ways to register for a program or event!

1. **Online** at harvard.recdesk.com
2. **In-Person** at City Hall, 201 W. Diggins St,
Monday through Friday 8AM-5PM
3. **Over the phone** at 815-943-6468
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.

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: _____ <i>(If different from above)</i> (Name) (Street Address) (City, State, Zip) (DOB)			
Emergency Contact: _____ (Name) (Phone Number)			

Step 2: Program Enrollment

Participant (First and Last Name)	Gender	Date of Birth	Program Name	Reg Code	Fee
					\$
					\$
					\$
					\$
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, are there any special accommodations or assistance requested? Please describe below.			Harvard Parks Foundation Donation		\$
			Total Payment Included		\$

Step 3: Payment Options

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

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, 201 W. Diggins St, 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 Supt. Stacy Heiliger 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 <small>Groups over 100 people, fee is \$50 plus \$25 for each add'l 50 people</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Park Shelter - \$75 <small>Groups over 100 people, fee is \$75 plus \$25 for each add'l 50 people</small>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Courts (4 hours) - \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Courts (4 hours) - \$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult User Groups - \$25 <small>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.</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult User Groups - \$50 <small>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.</small>
<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 Pool Special Events



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

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! FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL!

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.



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