

MAPLEWOOD PARKS & RECREATION

Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs

Feb - April 2017



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Registration:
<https://apm.activecommunities.com/maplewoodmn/Home>

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SPOTLIGHT A PARK: FOUR SEASONS

Four Seasons is a neighborhood park located at 1685 Gervais Avenue and is approximately ten acres. Upgrades to the playground equipment and other features have been made to this park over the course of many years. This park features a children's play area, hockey rink and warming house, park trail, and much more!



RECYCLING IN THE PARKS

In an effort to reduce trash and promote recycling, the City of Maplewood now offers recycling in our parks. Look for the blue bins and do your part in helping keep our parks clean!

WHAT IS RECREATION ONLINE?

It's simple, just send your email to recreationonline@maplewoodmn.gov and we will enroll you in our email system. You can stay current with our latest events and programs so you never miss a deadline again! Sign up today to avoid disappointment!

MAPLEWOOD PICNIC SHELTERS

The City of Maplewood has picnic facilities at several of our parks. Picnic shelters not listed are a "first come, first served" shelter. There is a fee and a \$100.00 damage deposit required to reserve a shelter.

Applewood	\$50.00/fee	Small Shelter
*Afton Heights	\$25.00/fee	Park Building
Hazelwood	\$50.00/fee	Small Shelter
Joy	\$50.00/fee	Small Shelter
Lion's	\$25.00/fee	Small Shelter
Pleasantview	\$25.00/fee	Small Shelter
Maplewood Hts.	\$25.00/fee	Small Shelter
*Wakefield	\$75.00/fee	Shelter/Park Building

**damage deposit required*

HOW DO I RESERVE A PICNIC SHELTER?

- Contact recreationonline@maplewoodmn.gov or call 651.249.2120 for availability and to reserve the shelter. Details to include in the request: name of shelter you are interested in, event date and time, number of attendees, and the intended use of the shelter.
- Fees are due at the time of reservation and are required to reserve the picnic shelter. Cash, check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and America Express credit cards are accepted.
- The shelter permit and building key (if applicable) must be picked up the business day before the rental date and returned to Maplewood Parks & Recreation Department the following business day. Park buildings and shelters are limited to use by rental applicant and party only.
- Damage deposit is due at the time the rental permit is issued. Damage deposit check should be written out to Maplewood Parks & Recreation. The damage deposit will be forfeited if damage is done to the interior of the park building and/or the key is not returned on the following business day after the rental.
- Place all trash in appropriate trash receptacle. We offer recycling in our parks! Please recycle your cans and bottles in an effort to reduce waste and protect the environment. Additional trash and recycling containers are available with an advance request.

CANCELLATION POLICY

No cancellations due to inclement weather. All other cancellations must be received four weeks prior to rental.

PARK HOURS: 5:00AM – 10:00PM

CELEBRATE MAPLEWOOD'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY!

AT MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 6:30PM - 8:00PM

Maplewood turns 60 years old in February 2017. Come celebrate the City's diamond anniversary on a fun-filled February night. We're going back to the 1950's so 50's attire is encouraged – come as yourself or as your favorite 50's personage. Brush up for the Maplewood History Trivia Contest by perusing the 60 Stories Project (www.maplewoodmn.gov/60stories). There will be dessert, prizes, exhibits, a sing-along of 50's jingles, Century Homes awards, and more! This event is free - no registration required.



ANNUAL MAPLEWOOD ALL PARKS CLEAN-UP

ORGANIZE AT MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
SATURDAY, APRIL 22

The Maplewood Parks & Recreation Commission invites you to participate in our annual spring clean up. Please consider donating a few hours to spruce up our parks while meeting other people in the community. Cleanup materials (bags and gloves) along with coffee and snacks will be available from 8:00AM – 10:00AM. For further information contact audra.robbins@maplewoodmn.gov



Easter Egg Hunt Ages 3-8

At Edgerton Community Gym • 1929 Edgerton St

Saturday, April 15

Prehunt Activities • 10:00am

Hunt: Ages 3-5 • 11:00am Ages 6-8 • 11:30am

Mark your calendars for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! We will start our morning off with breakfast treats, colorful crafts and a visit from the Easter Bunny - then its happy hunting! Children will be divided into two age groups and will be hunting for wrapped candy and plastic eggs, some of which may be redeemed for great prizes. Bags of goodies will be available for children under 2 years of age. Don't forget your camera! In the event of inclement weather, treat bags will be given away at 11:00AM at the Edgerton Community Gym. Cost is \$5.00 per child.

Pre-Registration required.

Register at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/maplewoodmn.home> or call 651.249.2111



MOM-SON BOWLING

Ages 5-12

At Sunray Bowling Center • 2245 Hudson Rd.

SATURDAY, MAY 13 • 4:30PM - 6:30PM

Join us for a great time at our annual mom-son bowling outing. Guys, show your mom's how much you appreciate them by giving her a Mother's Day Out! Each mom will receive a flower and each young man will receive a special prize. Everyone will get to bowl two games and enjoy a pop/pizza dinner. If you would like to bowl with another couple, please let us know at registration. Please no smoking or alcohol during the event. Register by May 5. Cost is \$30.00 per couple and \$15.00 for each additional sibling.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Register at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/maplewoodmn.home> or call 651.249.2111

MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY GYMS

Carver Community Gym • 2680 Upper Afton Road • 651.249.2135

Edgerton Community Gym • 1929 Edgerton Street • 651.249.2145

These gymnasiums are available for rental for basketball, volleyball, tournaments, birthday parties, and special events.

RENTAL RATES (rental rates below do not include tax)
\$35.00/Court/Hour • \$45.00/Full Court/Hour • \$500.00 Full Gym (8 Hours)

COMMUNITY GYM PARTY PACKAGES

Looking for somewhere to have a party or just get together with friends for some fun? You can rent the gym alone or add the jump castle for an additional fee (*when available*). We offer party goers equipment to play volleyball, basketball, soccer, floor hockey, football, and other activities. Have a game or activity that you would like to play? Bring it with! *Must be approved by gym monitor.* This is a great option for adult outings, family gatherings, birthday parties, and more! For parties we allow light decorating of the area during your scheduled rental time and we'll have tables set up when you arrive for gifts, cake or pizza and have the gym ready for fun. Call 651.249.2204 to book and with any questions.

PARTY PACKAGE

2 Hour 1/2 Court Rental w/ Jump Castle • \$150.00 + Tax
Gym Rental • \$35.00/Hour + Tax

Subject to availability

Daddy Daughter Dance

Friday • May 5 • 6:30PM - 8:00PM
At Maplewood Community Center

Dads, take your daughter out and enjoy great music, dancing, and goodies! Our professional dance instructor will teach everyone a special dance to get the party started. Each young lady will receive a flower. A photographer will also be onsite to take a FREE keepsake picture of your special day!

Dads/Escorts: All Ages - Girls are welcome to bring their favorite guy (uncle, grandpa, family friend, etc).

Ages 5-12
Cost \$25.00 per couple
\$7.00 for each additional child



Space is limited • Pre-registration is Required
Registration Deadline is April 28

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Pre-register 651.249.2111 • <https://apm.activecommunities.com/maplewoodmn/Home>

CITY OF MAPLEWOOD KID CITY



This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund



Meet the 2017 Kid City Artist Team



Shari Aronson, Ricardo Vazquez, Gaosong Heu, Julie Boada, Ifrah Mansour, Derek Phillips, Jessica Huang, Gustavo Boada, Chris Griffith

This year KID CITY will unite the community through creativity and play with our exciting programs: Laugh Labs, Brainstorm Theatre, and Kid City Council. We have recently completed these programs at Fairview Alternative High School and the Tubman Center and will soon be working with John Glenn Middle School and Weaver Elementary School. Behold the power of playfulness!

To stay up-to-date with all that is happening in KID CITY follow Z Puppets on facebook and twitter or read our new KID CITY blog at zpuppets.org/new-blog/

CITY OF MAPLEWOOD KID CITY LAUGH IN

MAPLEWOOD
COMMUNITY
CENTER
YMCA

SATURDAY
APRIL
1ST
2017
@ 4PM

FREE!



Celebrate Maplewood's 2nd Annual Day of Laughter!

EVERYONE WELCOME!



YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CLINIC (AGES 6-14)

AT CARVER COMMUNITY GYM

TUESDAYS, MARCH 21 - MAY 2 (No class April 4)

Ages 6-8 5:30PM - 6:30PM

Ages 9-11 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Ages 12-14 7:30PM - 8:30PM

Get your volleyball game on! Experienced, enthusiastic, and excited coaches are waiting for your young player to hit the courts. Players will establish better skills in passing, setting, hitting and learn court movement. Mini games held at each session. Knee pads are required. Cost is \$55.00

YOUTH SOCCER CLINIC (AGES 4-9)

AT EDGERTON COMMUNITY GYM

THURSDAYS, MARCH 16 - APRIL 20

Fine tune your soccer skills with this fun and exciting clinic. This clinic is designed for beginner players to learn the fundamentals through games, drills and friendly competition. Cost is \$55.00.

AGES 4-6 6:00PM - 7:00PM

AGES 7-9 7:00PM - 8:00PM

SPRING/SUMMER YOUTH SOCCER (AGES 4-9)

AT MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

TUESDAYS OR THURSDAYS

STARTING MAY 2 OR MAY 4

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 7.

Kids will be split between Tuesday & Thursday

Ages 4 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Ages 5-6 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Ages 7-9 7:15PM - 8:15PM

Maplewood Parks & Recreation is proud to offer our co-rec youth soccer starter program. The 3v3 format for ages 4-6, and 4v4 format for ages 7-9, will provide for more touches, increased playing time, and most important more fun! This program is six weeks in length and will be played Tuesdays or Thursdays with the groups being split between the days. The sessions will be a combination of skill development/instruction and game play. Cost is \$65.00.

AN ADULT VOLUNTEER HELPER WILL BE NEEDED FOR EACH TEAM.

FLOOR HOCKEY LEAGUE (GRADES K -5)

AT EDGERTON COMMUNITY GYM

SATURDAYS, APRIL 1 - MAY 13 (No Class April 15)

This league teaches the basic floor hockey skills and promotes cooperation and the value of sportsmanship. Participants will play every position during the season. Volunteer parents needed for each team to assist in game play and substitutions. For more information call 651-249-2204. Cost is \$50.00

Registration deadline is March 16.

GRADES K - 1 9:00AM OR 10:00AM

GRADES 2 - 3 10:00AM OR 11:00AM

GRADES 4 - 5 11:00AM OR 12:00PM

YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINIC (AGES 4-12)

AT CARVER COMMUNITY GYM

THURSDAYS, APRIL 27 - JUNE 8 (No Class May 11)

This clinic is designed for boys and girls who want to learn the basic skills of basketball. Participants will learn the basics first leading to game play. Hoop heights will be adjusted to meet the needs of participants. Each player will receive a cool clinic shirt! Cost is \$55.00.

Ages 4-6 5:30PM - 6:30PM

Ages 6-8 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Ages 10-12 7:30PM - 8:30PM

Jam the GYM

KIDS IN GRADES K-5

PARENTS DROP OFF THE KIDS AND ENJOY A NIGHT OUT!

FRIDAY • APRIL 7

6PM - 8PM

At Carver Community Gym

2680 Upper Afton Road

\$5.00 per Child

Concessions available for purchase

FLOOR HOCKEY • BASKETBALL

VOLLEYBALL • JUMP CASTLE • ACTIVITIES

MUSIC • GAMES

These events are drop-in programs. No registration required. Call 651.249.2204 For more information

NFL YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE (AGES 4-14)

AT NORTH ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL

SUNDAYS, APRIL 23 - JUNE 25 (No Games May 28)

NFL FLAG FOOTBALL is coming to Maplewood!

Maplewood Parks and Recreation and National Flag Football are partnering to bring you the very best when it comes to youth flag football programming. National Flag Football is the largest NFL FLAG operator in the country featuring over 25,000 participants annually. This is a 5 vs. 5, non-contact, recreational, co-ed format. Teams are limited to 10 players to maximize playing time. This is an exceptional program for first time players who want to learn the fundamentals of football and a wonderful opportunity for players who may want to continue to enhance their skills before taking the next leap into tackle football.

Games are played at North High School on Sunday afternoons between 12:00PM - 5:00PM. Practices are one hour prior to game time each week. Participants will receive a NFL reversible jersey, flag belt and individual participation award. Games are officiated by MHSAA referees.

Children are placed on teams according to their school and grade to ensure classmates are playing together. No try-outs! Everyone participates!

COST IS \$123.50 per participant

REGISTER ONLINE: www.nationalflagfootball.com

QUESTIONS: Call 651.337.5588

Registration deadline is February 24.

PRESCHOOL GYMBOREE (AGES 1-5)

AT MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

THURSDAYS, 10:00AM - 11:30AM, NOW - MARCH 30

(No Gymboree March 16)

Join us in the gym for a roly poly good time. We provide the balls, mats, music, toys & games – you bring the fun. Preschool Gymboree is not a structured program and children must be accompanied by an adult. If you bring outside equipment along, it must be approved by the gym monitor. Jump Castle included. Cost is \$5.00 per child (\$4.00 for MCC members). *Children under 12 months are free.

43 HOOPS PEAK PERFORMANCE BASKETBALL CAMP (GRADES 4-8, BASED ON 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR)

AT CARVER COMMUNITY GYM

JULY 24 - JULY 27

FULL DAY CAMP: 9:30AM - 3:30PM

HALF DAY CAMP: 9:30AM - 12:15PM OR 12:45PM - 3:30PM

This all day camp is designed for the serious basketball player who wants to make a school or travel team, move up a level on a travel team, or firm up their spot on an existing team. This camp is designed to prepare you for tryouts by giving you the skills and confidence to perform at your highest level. Each day a peak performance discussion topic will be covered to give the campers the insights they need to stay healthy, focused, and confident. Topics will include nutrition, conditioning and stretching, as well as tips on how to deal with the mental side of competitive basketball. Scrimmages will be used daily so that participants can utilize the skills they've learned. Player to trainer ratio will be 8:1 or less.

These camps will be conducted by the professional training staff of the 43 Hoops Basketball Academy.

COST:

FULL DAY CAMP: \$245.00 (includes 43 Hoops t-shirt)

HALF DAY CAMP: \$145.00 (includes 43 Hoops t-shirt)

CHALLENGER SPORTS BRITISH SOCCER CAMPS (AGES 3-16)

AT HAZELWOOD SOCCER FIELD #5

JUNE 19 - JUNE 23

FIRST KICKS (AGES 3-5): 8:00AM - 9:00AM • \$108.00

HALF DAY (AGES 6-10): 9:15AM - 12:15PM • \$170.00

HALF DAY (AGES 11-16): 1:00PM - 4:00PM • \$170.00

Includes replica jersey, ball, t-shirt, evaluation and poster.

Challenger Sports' British Soccer Camp is the most popular soccer camp in the country. Hundreds of Challenger coaches each year have helped the company develop one of the most innovative approaches to coaching youth soccer in the US. Our experienced staff study the game at all levels and we have identified the key techniques and skills that your players need to work on and master to reach their true potential. Each day includes individual foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices, small-sided games, coached scrimmages, and a daily World Cup tournament.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Maplewood Parks & Recreation is always looking for dedicated, reliable and energetic staff for a variety of openings.

Visit <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/maplewoodmn> for the most up-to-date listings.

TUMBLING AND GYMNASTICS CLASSES

AT MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
COST FOR ALL CLASSES IS \$45.00

TUMBLING TOTS CLASS OPTIONS

TOTS 1 - INTRO

This class is for children age 11 months-2 years, who have little to no experience in tumbling. This class will include log rolls, forward rolls, climbing, crawling, running and jumping. Equipment will consist of small beams, low bars, mats, and foam courses.

TOTS 2 - BEGINNER

This class is for children age 1-2 years, who have attended the TT Intro Class. This class will include forward and backward rolls, handstands, and cartwheels, building skills with balance, crawling, running and jumping. Equipment will consist of low and high beams, low bars, mats, and foam courses.

TOTS 3 - ADVANCED

This class is for children age 2-4 years. This class will teach the skills that enable increasing flexibility, and prepare them for the Gymnastics program. We perform splits & bridges, handstands, cartwheels, building on skills with running and jumping. Equipment will consist of high beams, low and high bars, mats, and intermediate foam courses.



GYMNASTICS CLASS OPTIONS

GYMNASTICS 1 - INTRO

This class is for children age 4-5 years, who have little experience in gymnastics, or have graduated from the Tots program. This structured class will include somersaults, cartwheels, intro to back and front walk-over and increasing flexibility. Equipment will consist of small beams, low bars, mats, and foam courses.

GYMNASTICS 2

This class is for children age 5-7 years. This structured class will include vaulting, basic leaps and turns on high beams, independent routines, one handed cartwheels, and flipping. We will be rotating on bars and improving balance and flexibility. Equipment will consist of low and high beams, low bars, mats, and foam courses.

GYMNASTICS 3

This class is for children age 7-10 years. This structured class will include vaulting, basic leaps and turns on high beams, independent routines, one handed cartwheels, and flipping. We will be rotating on bars and improving balance and flexibility. Equipment will consist of low and high beams, lower bars, mats, and foam courses.

ADVANCED GYMNASTICS

This class is mainly for boys and girls ages 9-12 years, who have been either endorsed from our Gymnastics 3 class, or attended 5+ years of certified gymnastics training or classes, outside of our curriculum. This structured class will include improving structured stunts, vaulting, flipping, leaps, splits and turns both on & off of our high beams. We create independent routines. We will be rotating on higher bars. Equipment will consist of high beams, high bars, mats, and foam courses.

TUMBLING & GYMNASTICS CLASS SCHEDULE

MONDAYS, FEBRUARY 27 - APRIL 10

(No Class March 13)

5:30PM - 6:15PM	Tots 1
6:15PM - 7:00PM	Tots 2
7:00PM - 7:45PM	Tots 3
7:45PM - 8:30PM	Gymnastics 1

THURSDAYS, FEBRUARY 23 - APRIL 6

(No Class March 16)

5:30PM - 6:15PM	Gymnastics 1
6:15PM - 7:00PM	Gymnastics 2
7:00PM - 7:45PM	Gymnastics 2
8:00PM - 8:45PM	Gymnastics 3

SATURDAYS

FEBRUARY 25 - APRIL 8

(No Class March 11)

9:30AM - 10:15AM	Tots 1
10:15AM - 11:00AM	Tots 2
11:00AM - 11:45AM	Tots 3
12:00PM - 12:45PM	Gymnastics 1

T-BALL & POP UP LEAGUES (AGES 4-8)

AT VARIOUS PARKS

The t-ball and coach pitch programs are designed to teach the fundamentals of baseball and softball to girls and boys. The program emphasizes individual growth, cooperation, fair play as opposed to competition, and most importantly fun. All games are played as controlled scrimmages - **no scores are kept**. In order to provide a positive learning experience we use a ball designed for safety as well as at the same time developing confidence and skills. The Sunday t-ball teams will always hit from a tee. The Pop-up coaches pitch to the hitters. These leagues will be 10 game seasons. Games will begin the week of June 5.

SUNDAY T-BALL - BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 4-6 (MUST BE 4 YEARS BY JUNE 1). All games are played at various Maplewood parks on Sunday evenings at 6:15PM or 7:30PM. **Cost is \$60.00 per participant.**

BOYS POP-UP (AGES 7-8. MUST BE 7 BY SEPTEMBER 1) One previous year of t-ball experience required. Games are played at 6:15PM or 7:30PM on Monday & Wednesday evening at various parks in Maplewood. **Cost is \$60.00 per participant.**

YOUTH SOFTBALL

The softball season will begin league play the week of June 5 and conclude with a season-end tournament. All games are played in Little Canada, Maplewood, Mahtomedi, and White Bear Lake. Practices will begin approximately 2-3 weeks prior to the start of the season. All ages as of January 1, 2017 determine league age.

GIRLS 8U: 1st and 2nd graders with one year of T-Ball experience. All games are played as a controlled scrimmage - NO SCORE IS KEPT. *8U teams play additional league games and do not participate in the tournament. Games are played Monday and Wednesday evenings. **COST IS \$60.00 PER PARTICIPANT.**

10U: GAMES ARE PLAYED TUES & THURS EVENINGS

14U: GAMES ARE PLAYED MON & WED EVENINGS

19U: GAMES ARE PLAYED TUES & THURS EVENINGS

COST IS \$75.00 PER PARTICIPANT.

12U: GAMES ARE PLAYED TUES & THURS EVENINGS.

16U: GAMES ARE PLAYED TUES & THURS EVENINGS

ADULT SUMMER SOFTBALL (AGES 18+)

Summer leagues are available for men's, women's, and co-rec teams. League information is now available and registration will begin in mid-February. Visit our website or call 651-249-2204 for more information. Games will begin the week of April 17 (weather permitting).

WOMEN'S SPRING VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES**(AGES 18+)**

AT EDGERTON COMMUNITY GYM
& MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Our volleyball leagues are offered at various levels of competition. Teams will play one match per week for eight weeks starting April 5. All leagues are officiated and play by the same rules; the difference in leagues being in the skill of the players. **Cost is \$250.00 per team.**

LEVELS OF PLAY

- Upper League: Our upper league volleyball is played at a high level of skill. Players have above average skills and understand game strategy.
- Lower League: Our lower league teams have a mix of players ranging in skill levels from slightly above average to below average.

Registration Dates:

February 1 - Returning Teams

February 15 - New Teams

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 11 (or before if leagues fill)**ADULT TENNIS (AGES 18+)****BEGINNERS**

AT MAPLEWOOD HEIGHTS

TUES & THURS, MAY 2 - MAY 18, 6:00PM - 7:00PM

This class is for those who have had little to no tennis experience. You'll learn basic strokes and rules and each session will end with group games while emphasizing fun and improving strokes. Students must bring their own racket. Cost is \$60.00.

ADVANCED BEGINNERS

AT MAPLEWOOD HEIGHTS

TUES & THURS, MAY 2 - MAY 18, 7:00PM - 8:00PM

This class is for those who want to take their play to a higher level. You'll improve stroke technique, footwork, and serves. Students must bring their own racket and be able to maintain a short rally. Cost is \$60.00.

T'AI CHI CH'UAN (AGES 16+)

AT DRAGONS KUNG FU STUDIO

2572 7TH AVE. E. NORTH ST. PAUL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 - MAY 17, 7:30PM - 8:30PM

T'ai Chi Ch'uan has been practiced in China for 2500 years and is a traditional form of Chinese exercise. Slow relaxed movements are used to develop strength while eliminating tension. This will strengthen arms, legs, improve balance and flexibility, reduce stress and help increase energy levels. Cost is \$68.00.

SUMMER YOUTH TENNIS

(\$60.00/SESSION)

LITTLE STARS (PARENT/CHILD AGES 4-6) • TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 6:00PM - 6:45PM

S1: JUNE 6 - JUNE 22 (MAPLEWOOD HEIGHTS)

S2: JULY 11 - JULY 27 (VISTA HILLS)

S3: AUGUST 8 - AUGUST 24 (MAPLEWOOD HEIGHTS)

This innovative program gets parents on the court working with their kids. The kids will have fun learning basic tennis skills and Eye-hand coordination. Lightweight rackets and smaller nets are provided. Parents should bring their own racket.

BIG STARS (AGES 7-9) • TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 6:45PM - 7:30PM

S1: JUNE 6 - JUNE 22 (MAPLEWOOD HEIGHTS)

S2: JULY 11 - JULY 27 (VISTA HILLS)

S3: AUGUST 8 - AUGUST 24 (MAPLEWOOD HEIGHTS)

Participants will learn all of the basic tennis strokes: serve, volley, and groundstrokes. Lively drills will keep the class fast moving and loads of fun! Lightweight rackets are provided.

YOUTH BEGINNING (AGES 10-12)

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, JUNE 6 - JUNE 22, 7:30PM - 8:30PM

AT MAPLEWOOD HEIGHTS PARK

This program is for kids that want to play tennis! You'll learn all of the basic strokes and rules of tennis. Each session will end with fun group games that emphasize fun while improving strokes. Students must bring their own rackets.

YOUTH ADVANCED BEGINNING (AGES 12-14)

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, JULY 11 - JULY 27, 7:30PM - 8:30PM

AT VISTA HILLS PARK

This program is for youth ages 12-14 who want to take their game to higher level! They will improve their stroking technique, foot-work and serves. Students should be able to maintain a short rally and must bring their own rackets.

YOUTH INTERMEDIATE (AGES 12+)

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, AUGUST 8 - AUGUST 24, 7:30PM - 8:30PM

AT MAPLEWOOD HEIGHTS PARK

This program is for youth that have play experience and know the rules of the game. They will gain consistency while adding pace to their groundstrokes and serves. Students must bring their own rackets.

SPRING YOUTH TENNIS (\$60.00/SESSION)

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KARATE (AGES 4-ADULT)

AT MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

Unleash your child's potential with the power of martial arts! Your child will learn the skills they need to be successful in life and learning; exercise, discipline, respect, team work and problem solving to name a few. Taught by Mr. Schafer of The Edge Martial Arts. *Uniform required for participation through Edge Martial Arts. Available to purchase for \$30.00 the first day of class.

*Registration is for a full calendar month. Cost is \$63.00

Dragons Program:

MONDAYS, 5:15PM - 5:45PM: Ages 4-6

Beginner

MONDAYS, 5:45PM - 6:30PM: Ages 7+

Advanced Beginner

MONDAYS, 6:30PM - 7:30PM: Gold Belt and Higher



MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER YOUTH AND ADULT PROGRAMS

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ABOUT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER

Maplewood Nature Center is a 40-acre preserve operated by the City of Maplewood. The Visitor Center is located at 2659 East Seventh Street in Maplewood and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 8:30AM - 4:30PM. The Nature Play Yard adjoins the Visitor Center. Trails wind through oak woods and marsh and are open every day from dawn to dusk. Use of facilities is free of charge. For more information about Maplewood Nature Center and its programs visit www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com or call 651-249-2170.

HOW TO REGISTER

Register by credit card online www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com, click on the "Register Online go" button. If you have trouble registering online, call 651-249-2170. You may send cash or check to Maplewood Nature Center, 2659 7th St. E, Maplewood, MN 55119, by the date indicated in the program description. Program sizes are limited, register early. For more information please call 651-249-2170.

SELF GUIDED SNOWSHOE RENTAL

(ADULTS & CHILDREN AGES 4+ W/ ADULT)

AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Explore Maplewood Nature Center by snowshoe! View the pond from a new perspective, find winter tracks and animal signs. Check for ice safety and other tips with the naturalist before snowshoeing on the pond. If snow is thin, hike our trails for free! Cost is \$5.00/pair.

SNOWSHOE HIKE

(ADULTS & CHILDREN AGES 4+ W/ ADULT)

AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Learn about snowshoes, strap on a pair, and walk with a naturalist through our Winter Wonderland. Instruction and snowshoes provided. Wear sturdy winter boots and bring your own mug for hot cocoa. *Note: if snow is scarce, we will hike to search for animal tracks. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Register by February 12.

NATURE FAMILY FUN WITH ECFE

(FOR CHILDREN BIRTH - 5 YEARS, BEFORE KINDERGARTEN)

AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER

TIME: 10:00AM - 11:30AM

Make nature discoveries, get resources to explore & protect your world together, and meet new friends! This class is offered at the Maplewood Nature Center in collaboration with Early Childhood and Family Education staff. Parents stay with their child(ren) during the entire class. Cost is \$5.00 per child per session.

To register contact ECFE: 651-748-7280 or register online at www.isd622.org/ecfe.

- 2/25/17 Animal Tracks
- 3/25/17 Maple Sap Into Syrup
- 4/22/17 Honk and Quack Parade



NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

(ADULTS AND CHILDREN AGES 12+ W/ ADULT)

AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2:00PM - 3:00PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 10:00AM - 11:00AM

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1:00PM - 2:00PM

It's FUN to volunteer at the Nature Center and Neighborhood Preserves! Come find out what it takes to be a regular volunteer, and learn about all the cool opportunities available, such as...

- Trail guide, Program Aide, Receptionist
- Youth & family opportunities
- Citizen Science Monitors: open space, frogs, pollinators
- Gardener: at nature center's native gardens and the community vegetable garden

Register online at www.maplewoodmn.gov/nc for a specific program date, or call: 651-249-2173 to reserve a spot.

SNOWSHOE MOON WALK

(ADULTS & CHILDREN AGES 6+ W/ ADULT)

AT PRAIRIE FARM PRESERVE
2170 COUNTY ROAD D EAST
Park in lot east of the farm.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 6:30-8:00PM

Got cabin fever? Bring the kids and snow shoe through the prairie at the Prairie Farm Preserve. Enjoy a hot treat around the campfire at the historical Bruentrup Farm site afterward. Cost is \$5.00/person. Register by March 1.

SNAKES ALIVE (ALL AGES)

AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1:30PM - 2:30PM



Meet a live western hognose snake, boa constrictor, egg-eating snake, and lots of other visiting snakes from 'Snake Discovery'! You'll get to see them up close, touch, hold, and even feed some of the program

snakes! Snakes play an important role in the ecosystem; discover how to help them, so they can help us. Cost is \$5.00/person. Register by March 2.

PRUNING SHRUBS IN YOUR RAIN GARDEN OR YARD (ADULTS)

AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 10:00AM - 11:30AM

March is a great time to prune most types of shrubs. Learn pruning techniques that promote plant health and work with the aesthetic of the plant's natural form. We'll cover the basics indoors and then venture out to the Nature Center yard to practice. Dress for the outdoors. Cost is \$5.00/person. Register by March 8.

SAP INTO SYRUP FAMILY EVENT

(FAMILIES WITH KIDS AGES 6+)

AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2:00PM - 3:30PM

Carry the sap from roots to buds on our 'maple tree'. Get acquainted with the tools and equipment and help tap a real tree. Do a taste test to compare maple sap, imitation, and real maple syrup. Cost is \$5.00/child. Register by March 16.

FREE! FROG MONITOR VOLUNTEER TRAINING (ADULTS AND CHILDREN AGES 12+ W/ ADULT)

AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 10:00AM - 11:15AM

Bring a buddy and become Maplewood Frog Monitoring Volunteers! Monitors follow an established, ten-stop-route; listening for frogs after sunset. Learn about Minnesota frog species, their calls, ranges and how monitoring works. Monitors must commit to three nights, each in a specific date range, April - July. Monitoring is for night-owls with a keen sense of hearing only! Please sign up for a frog program in May or June if you do not plan to volunteer. Pre-register by March 30.

IT'S THE BOMB (ADULTS & CHILDREN AGES 8+ W/ ADULT) AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2:00PM - 3:45PM

Make and take a scented bath bomb using simple, environmentally friendly ingredients. Add a few dried flower petals for some extra pizzazz! Bring home two bombs (one for you and one for a gift), a recipe, handouts and plastic mold. Wear old clothes (we will use food coloring), bring an ice cream bucket or large bowl, large stirring spoon and a Ziploc bag to transport your creations home. Cost is \$6.00/person. Register by March 29.

VEGETABLE GROWING BASICS (ADULTS)

AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 9:30AM - 4:00PM

Taught by Master Gardeners, this workshop is an introduction to vegetable gardening covering topics such as soil, prepping your garden space, seed and seedling selection, planting, organic methods, and garden maintenance. Each participant creates a design and a needs list for their garden. You will be truly ready to garden after this thorough workshop with a certificate to prove it. Please bring your own bag lunch, or several restaurants are located nearby.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$25.00/ person. Register by March 24.

After March 24, Cost is \$30.00/person. Register by March 31.



FRIENDS OF MAPLEWOOD NATURE

THE FRIENDS IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WORKING TO PROMOTE, SUPPORT, AND ENHANCE THE GROWTH OF MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER & NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVES.

JOIN TODAY!

CHECK OUT THE FRIENDS ON THE WEB:

FRIENDSOFMAPLEWOODNATURE.WORDPRESS.COM



EDGERTON COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT REGISTRATION FOR 2017 SEASON

(ADULTS)

AT EDGERTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

(Corner Of Roselawn & Edgerton, North Of Edgerton Elem.)

REGISTRATION DATES:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22: RETURNING GARDNER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8: NEW GARDENER

Grow Your Own Local Organic Food! Rent a 12' x 15' plot for the 2017 garden season. The City will stake the plots, and provide a water tank. Renters agree to plant, maintain, and harvest their plots using organic (chemical-free) methods. Cost is \$25.00/plot for the entire 2017 garden season: April 28 - October 25

Online Registration:

www.maplewoodmn.gov/communitygarden

Garden Questions: 651-249-2173

Registration Help: 651-249-2170

FREE! EDGERTON COMMUNITY GARDEN OPEN HOUSE

AT EDGERTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

(Corner Of Roselawn & Edgerton, North Of Edgerton Elem.)

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 4:30PM - 6:30PM

Drop-in and take a tour the Edgerton Community Garden.

Poor weather back-up location inside Edgerton School Gym.

Meet other garden enthusiasts, and get gardening information from a Master Gardener.

FREE! SERVICE PROJECT DAY FOR GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS

(ADULTS & CHILDREN AGES 8+ W/ ADULT)

AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Schedule for a community service project with your group, family, or on your own at Maplewood Nature Center! Help with litter pickup and other tasks. Call the nature center to schedule a time and task: 651-249-2170.

TREES FOR THE BEES - GIRL SCOUT ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

(GIRL SCOUTS, GRADES 6-8, ACCOMPANIED BY ADULTS)

AT MAPLEWOOD NATURE CENTER

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1:00PM - 4:00PM

Schedule your troop to help fulfill requirements for the Cadette Tree Badge. Discover how to protect the trees and pollinators that depend on each other! Explore trees at the nature center, make fun tree art, and learn about food products that come from trees, including maple syrup and wild fruits. Note: Tree badges will be available at the end of the day! Please dress for the weather; and plan on both inside and outside activities. Cost is \$10.00/child. Register at www.girlscoutsrv.org/events or call 1.800.845.0747

BIRDS AND BLOOMS OF FISH CREEK

(ADULTS & CHILDREN AGES 10+ W/ADULT)

AT FISH CREEK, meet at Oakwood Church Parking Lot

1388 Point Douglas Road South

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 6:30PM - 7:45PM

Walk the secret and marvelous canyon of fish creek to search for woodland wildflowers. It will be interesting to see what's blooming after buckthorn removal! We'll look and listen for colorful bird migrants on their way to their northern nesting sites. Bring binoculars and hiking sticks, or borrow from the nature center. The trail is narrow and uneven, wear sturdy shoes and long pants. Cost is \$5.00/person. Register by May 10.



HOW CAN I SUPPORT MAPLEWOOD PARKS & REC?

ADOPT - A- PARK

The goal of the Adopt-A-Park Program is to provide an opportunity for interested parties to take part in maintaining our park system. By providing this opportunity it not only encourages and promotes community involvement but also allows us to beautify and improve our parks. All Adopt-A-Park projects should aim towards benefiting the majority of park users. This opportunity is available to any individual, family, resident, group organization, or business who is eager to help beautify our parks. The Adopt-A-Park commitment period is between April 1 – October 31. Applications are accepted throughout the year and require a minimum of once a month dedication.

ADULT ATHLETIC SIGN SPONSORSHIP

The adult athletic sign sponsorship is a unique marketing opportunity for local businesses. Maplewood Parks & Recreation has started an outfield sign program at Veteran's Memorial Park (formerly Goodrich). This is an opportunity to purchase one, two, or three 4' x 8' outfield signs that are visible from the softball fields, as well as North St. Paul Road. Veteran's Memorial houses the entire adult softball program (summer, fall and late fall leagues) and hosts multiple youth tournaments throughout the season. The funds from these sponsorships will go directly to maintaining and upgrading this facility keeping the fields suitable for the high level of play they receive.

FRIENDS OF MAPLEWOOD NATURE

This non-profit organization works to promote, support and enhance growth of Maplewood Nature Center and Preserves. You can support Friends of Maplewood Nature with your membership fees, 1-time-donations, purchasing Neighborhood Preserves Calendars, participating in the Photo Contest, or volunteering on the Friends Board!

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Youth Scholarship Fund serves Maplewood residents (under 18 years) who demonstrate a financial need and may not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in recreation programs. Qualifying families are asked to pay 1/3 of the program fee and the scholarship fund covers the remaining 2/3 of the fee. Sponsorship of our scholarship program is a great way to show your support for Maplewood Parks & Recreation and the community. Your contribution will make a huge difference in the lives of our participants and enable them to build a positive and healthy lifestyle through recreational programming. Please consider making a donation to the scholarship program and making "wellness, arts, and fun for everyone" a reality for our Maplewood youth.



A very special thanks to David Grupa Portrait for becoming a Silver Level Sponson of our Youth Scholarship Program!

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Maplewood Parks & Recreation would like to recognize our community organizations that we partner with to serve the youth of Maplewood. **Note that these associations operate independently of Maplewood Parks & Recreation Department.*

JR. POLAR FOOTBALL

Jr. Polar Football is a volunteer youth sports organization committed to building teamwork, understanding the fundamentals of the game, developing skills, encouraging sportsmanship and most importantly having fun playing football. The program is open to residents that live within or attend school (public or private) within the geographic boundary of North St. Paul - Maplewood - Oakdale and is part of the North St Paul Athletic Association. The football program is open to all youth. The goal of the football program is to encourage sportsmanship and to teach the fundamentals of football. Flag Football is available to boys & girls entering Kindergarten up to 2nd grade. Tackle football begins in 3rd grade and continues through 8th grade. For more information visit www.jrpolars.com or contact Jon Halko at jhalko72@yahoo.com

MAPLEWOOD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Maplewood Area Historical Society and the Bruentrup Heritage Farm is located on 2.5 acres of land with nine buildings that date back to 1891. It is surrounded on two sides by a 22-acre prairie maintained as open space by the City of Maplewood. The Farm is used for public events and exhibits and can be rented for private events such as weddings. Visit our website for information about the summer Farm-to-Table day camp offered at the farm (www.maplewoodhistoricalsociety.org).

MAPLEWOOD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

MAA offers baseball for youth in grades 2 -12 for the communities of Maplewood, Oakdale and North St. Paul. For more information visit www.maplewoodbaseball.org or contact Erv Carlson at ervcarlson@centurylink.net

NEU

It is our mission to promote, provide and teach soccer in the "Spirit of the Game." FUN, FAIRNESS and SAFETY. We provide traveling soccer for players; boys and girls ages 9-19. We try to provide the best competition for all players at their level of play. Our traveling soccer teams compete against other soccer clubs from communities in the East Metro Area. Travel distances are within 15-45 minutes from Maplewood. For more information visit <http://www.neusoccerclub.org> or contact LeRoy Andrie at leroyandrie@outlook.com

NORTH POLARS FASTPITCH

The North Polars Fastpitch Association (NPFA) is a non-profit organization established to foster the girl's fastpitch softball program in the area of Independent School District 622, which is within the boundaries of North St. Paul High School. This includes all or portions of the communities of North St. Paul, Maplewood, Lake Elmo and Oakdale. The association exists to fulfill the girls fastpitch softball needs of the community and is the primary advocate of the traveling program. The association supports good sportsmanship and the sound development of softball fundamentals within the community to ensure that girls participating in the program will have a positive and rewarding experience that will maximize personal and team growth. The association requires quality coaching and provides an atmosphere for learning softball skills for both coaches and players. The association sponsors membership in appropriate leagues to encourage quality competition. For more information visit www.northpolarsfastpitch.com or contact Pat Hogan at radatzave@msn.com



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Celebrate Maplewood's 2nd Annual Day of Laughter!

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