

Wyoming Parks and Recreation-Godfrey Lee Partnership



Mission: The Parks and Recreation Department is committed to providing leisure and recreation opportunities by developing and maintaining green spaces, facilities, and programs, to enrich the quality of life for the citizens of the City of Wyoming.



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<http://www.ci.wyoming.mi.us/ParksRec/parks&rec.asp>

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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

In addition to maintaining Wyoming's green spaces, the Parks and Rec offers a variety of recreational activities geared towards diverse populations. For a listing of the parks, please visit:

<http://www.ci.wyoming.mi.us/ParksRec/parks%20&%20resources.asp>

Adult Activities

Fitness Classes

- Beach Bodies, Zumba, Boot Camp, Butts & Guts, Yoga, Yoga/Pilates, Core Strengthening and a Fitness Sampler.



Sports and League Sports

- 5K Training, Intro to Tennis, Open Tennis, Cardio Tennis, Kickball League, Slow Pitch Softball, and Kickboxing.

Dancing

- Ballroom Dancing for couples, Belly Dancing, Bollywood, Tap & Jazz, Line Dancing and Square Dancing.



Special Classes / Sessions / Activities

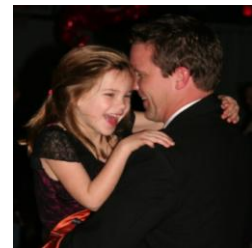
- Cooking Classes, Bingo, P.A.T.H. -(Personal Action Toward Health- for people with any type of long-term health challenge and those who would like to make healthy life changes), Sit-n-Stitch (Crochet & Knitting Group)

Older Adult Activities

This information is highlighted in the Community Partner Directory for Wyoming Senior Center. Please see that document for more information.

Family Activities

- Baby & Me Exercise (newborns-3yrs)
- Daddy Daughter Dance (girls 4-13yrs)
- Introduction to Geocaching & Geocaching Trekkers (high tech scavenger hunts)
- Kid 2 Kid Sale
- Pumpkin Path (fall activity)



Teen Activities

Teen Council

The council meets twice a month at the Wyoming Public Library and is for Wyoming teens ages 13-18. One of the main purposes of the Teen Council is to help plan and develop special events and programs for participation of teens in Wyoming.

Teen Movie in the Park.

In the grandstand at Lamar Park

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Teen Activities (cont)

Teen Scene

This program takes place Tuesday through Thursday at Godwin Heights Middle School (ages 12 and up).

Teen Water Fight

Over 2000 water balloons will be provided for this event at Lamar Park. Teens are welcome to bring their own water guns. At the end of the event pizza and pop will be served to participating teens.

Youth Activities

- Bowling
- Cheerleading
- Dance (3-12yrs, including basics, Preschool Dance, Big Kid Ballet, and Hip Hop Dance).
- Gymnastics
- Home Depot's Kids Workshop (do-it-yourself skill building)
- Play & Learn Program (drop in summer activities for various ages)
- Preschool Programs (themed activities for 3-6 yrs)
- Science Exploration
- Skateboard Lessons
- Soccer and Tennis Camp
- Great Candy Cane Hunt & Lunch with Santa
- Traveling Zoo Series (with John Ball Zoo)
- Youth Cooking
- Youth Soccer



Additional Programs / Services

TEAM 21 After School & Summer Programs (21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant)

TEAM 21 is an after school and summer program for children, kindergarten through 5th grade. TEAM 21 operates 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm, Monday through Thursday and on selected weekends.

**Information about schedules, location, pricing and more can be found on Wyoming Parks and Rec's website as well as the current issue of the recreation brochure:*

http://www.ci.wyoming.mi.us/ParksRec/Brochures/pr_2012_Fall/index.html

STUDENT ACADEMIC SERVICE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

There are Service Learning opportunities for Elementary, Middle and High School students at Wyoming Parks and Recreation.

Cleaning Wyoming Parks

Trash removal, landscaping and maintenance of facilities at all Wyoming Parks are continuous needs. Working on a regular basis to check on and maintain cleanliness at the park, noting issues with playground or other equipment and reporting it to the Rec Center, and encouraging others to take care of the parks in their community are some of the many ways students can participate.

Two Wyoming Parks are located mostly within the Godfrey Lee School District, **Battjes Park**, at 1655 Blandford SW, is approximately 55.4 acres and **Marquette Park**, located at 1251 Marquette SW is approximately 13 acres. Kimball Stadium (a baseball field) is also located within Godfrey Lee's School District.

Curricular connections could include many disciplines and grade levels. Examples include: Science (obtaining samples for study, understanding ecosystems, and discussing the role of humans in preserving the environment), English (researching environmental issues, writing persuasive arguments to encourage responsible stewardship) or Social Studies (citizenship and the democratic process, understanding governments role in maintaining public spaces, cultural differences in recreational traditions and activities).

Youth Soccer Coaches

High Schools students could practice leadership skills by helping to officiate or coach Youth Soccer.

Team 21 Support

High School students could work to assist with TEAM 21's after school program, volunteering with arts and crafts, physical fitness, games, tutoring, mentoring, gardening and other activities. TEAM 21 operates 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm, Monday through Thursday and on selected weekends. All volunteers must complete a Criminal History Check and a Central Registry Check for Child Abuse prior to volunteering.

Curricular connections for TEAM 21 could include many disciplines. Students could tutor younger children on class subjects. Physical education activities learned in PE can be taught to the children. Mentoring and providing leadership support would allow High School students to utilize critical thinking skills, organizational skills, and public speaking skills. There are additional opportunities to create specific activities for TEAM 21 that could tie-in with any discipline. If a high school science class was learning about watersheds, for example, the class could demonstrate and explain concepts to the students attending TEAM 21.

Environmental Concerns

Students could help provide visitors with environmental education pertaining to issues in the park, such as litter, goose droppings, and invasive species. An English class could create a brochure detailing any hazardous effects pertaining to goose droppings, how to identify an invasive species, etc. This project also has very clear cut science curricular connections.

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Diversity and Awareness

Wyoming has a diverse population. Students could brainstorm ways that Wyoming Parks can outreach to this diversity in a more inclusive way.

Adaptive / Inclusive Awareness

Students could increase aware of adaptive and inclusive programs available through Wyoming Parks and Rec. Additionally, students may conduct a needs assessment to determine additional programming needs, design programming, and even assist with the implementation of the program.

Spanish Language Signs

Wyoming has a diverse population, and a large number of Spanish speakers. The park needs brochures, park signs, newsletters, and additional written material translated or created in Spanish. A first year or second year Spanish class could work on various aspects of this project. This would allow Wyoming Parks and Rec to reach a larger segment of the community.

Park Vandalism

Vandalism is always an issue. Creatively addressing this problem could be a school-wide effort, tying in many different classes with each making a curriculum specific contribution to the solution. Students encourage the community to respect and value their green spaces through this effort. Teachers can work collaboratively or individually.

Dog Park Etiquette

Bullying is not only a youth issue. Often, adults need reminders too! Students can research bullying, form a hypothesis about the occurrence of adult bullying in the dog park, and find creative ways to address this problem. This project lends itself to science, social studies, English, health, and others.

Obesity

A Health Sciences class or a Science class can provide education and sustainable activities (creating and/or conducting presentations) to improve health and wellness of the Wyoming community.