

Youth Center Rental

The Youth Center is available for daily rental on Saturdays. For more than 50 people and all wedding receptions, the fee for residents is \$250 plus \$200 cash deposit. Non-residents and all auctions pay \$300 per day plus \$200 cash deposit. A 50%-of-rental-rate deposit will secure your reservation date. Call the park office, 347-1064, to check on information or availability

✓Reservations for Park Shelters

The Gazebo and all other various pavilions in the park system can be reserved at the park office in the Youth Center for specific 2009 dates. Fees for Individuals & "Not-for-Profits" are \$20 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. Payment confirms your reservation. Pavilion rental does not include vehicle entry fee to the park of \$3 per vehicle during times when park admission is charged.

New Apple Festival Volunteers

The Apple Festival of Kendallville is always in need of new volunteers to engage in various aspects of conducting the festival! The 2009 AFK is the 24th annual and now is a great time to join the effort, building to next years' silver anniversary of the premier community-wide event of Kendallville! A variety of help is needed at times throughout the year and especially during festival weekend. Guidance is provided to ensure success with each type of volunteerism. Call AFK President Cheri Bherns, 347-4585, or the park office, 347-1064, to learn more.

Summer Park Day Camp

8th June – 17th July

Girls & Boys in grades 1st through 7th (as of Fall 2009) are invited to register for the 6-week-long day camp that meets outdoors in upper Bixler Lake park, weather permitting, weekdays from 9:00 am-4:00 pm for crafts, games, sports, arts and field trips in a low-ratio, supervised setting. The registration fee covers the full program duration with no additional charges. Residents pay \$75 per child with additional children from the same family at \$65 each. Non-residents pay \$90 & \$80. Registration forms will be available in early May with the registration deadline on Wednesday, 3rd June. Call the park office, 347-1064, for more information.

Wanted !!!

Your input is welcomed to help us keep providing recreation opportunities that interest and appeal to you and your family. If you have a skill you could teach to others, call 347-1064 or stop by the park office in the Youth Center.

Free Bluegrass Jams May Through September

Once-a-month jam sessions are returning to Bixler Lake park again in 2009 with the first jam to be on Saturday, 16th May at the Jansen pavilion starting at 6:00 pm and going until ~10:00 pm. Pickers, players, vocalists and lots of enthusiastic listeners are all welcome to these free, live music events. Later "Jam" dates are 27th June, 25th July, 22nd August & 26th September.

Skate Night Mondays

Children from Kindergarten through 4th Grade are invited to Skate Night from 6:30–8:00 pm. \$1 entry & parents are free.

Rink-style roller-skates are included in the entry fee, and wearing of socks is required to use, or children are welcome to wear their own skates or roller-blades. "Heelie" shoes not permitted as skates. 30th March Welcome back from Spring Break 6th April "All Fools" Skate 13th April Last Skate until October Restarts

Volunteer Day For The Park Saturday, 4th April

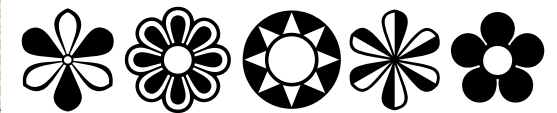
Efforts to enhance our park habitat can be bolstered with volunteered efforts for nominal tasks – litter pick-up, painting, invasive species eradication or ...? If you can find the time to volunteer, call the park office for more information.

Meet at the park Maintenance shop @ 601 Sherman St. @ 9:00 am and plan till 11:00 am? Bring gloves & wear work clothes for outdoor tasks. Advance notice at the park office, 347-1064, will assist in planning but drop-ins will be welcome.

Indoor Walking

Safe & comfortable walking is free to all, weekdays at the Youth Center. Each morning beginning at 7:30am & afternoons, except Wednesdays. Don't let adverse outdoor weather deter this ideal exercise!

Kendallville Park & Recreation 2009 SPRING Schedule



**Park Offices are @
the Youth Center
211 Iddings Street**

**Monday – Friday
7:30 am – 4:30 pm**

(260) 347-1064

Park Office Hours

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Spring Break OFF 23rd-27th March

Session I: 30th Mar.-3rd May (5 weeks)

Session II: 4th May-7th June (5 weeks)

Mission Statement: To provide quality parks and facilities, open spaces, natural areas and leisure services which will enhance the well-being of Kendallville's citizens.

Body Toning with Deb Miller

Strength, core & aerobic fitness exercise.

Tuesday & Thursday, 6:30-7:25 pm

Session I & II - \$20 (10 classes)

Yoga with Deb Miller

Tuesday, 8:45-9:30 am

Session I & II - \$20 (10 classes)

Yoga: focused breath control, simple meditation & the practice of specific body postures is widely practiced for health & relaxation. Instructor Deb Miller will help guide you to find the union of body & spirit that refreshes your mental & physical self.

SecondTime Around

Wednesdays

Wednesday afternoons 1:00-3:00 pm.

\$.75 admission. Hostess Jean Walker welcomes senior citizens to the Youth Center for euchre card games and a light snack with their peers.

The 27th Annual News-Sun Mother's Day Run 10th May

The 27th annual 5-mile-Run, 1-mile-"Fun Run" and 3-mile-Walk will be held on Sunday, 10th May, starting at 1:00 pm from the Youth Center and proceeding through Bixler Lake Park before ending back at the Youth Center. The fee is \$12 for 5-mile runners if registered by Friday, 1st May. After 1st May the fee is \$15. Prizes are awarded to the top three Women & Men.

Gymnastics Instruction

Gymnastics classes for beginners & intermediate students with Janelle Foster instructing gymnastics skills on the bars, beam, vault & floor exercise.

Class size is limited. (8 maximum)

T&Th, Beg. 4:15-5pm Intermed., 4:45-5:30

Session I & II - \$30, (10 classes)

Kendallville Boxing Club

T&Th 7:30 - 9:30 pm @ Youth Center.

Age 10 years old & up learn boxing skills, good sportsmanship & training methods. Call Brad King, 347-3993, for details, or stop in on a club night.

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"Scenic" Painting

Professional artist Carl Mosher is teaching this spring on Thursdays, 6:00 pm, \$20 with all tools & supplies included. Project sample can be seen at the office.

"Spring Snowmelt", 12th March,

Springtime changes winters' snows to liquid landscape near emerging crocus flowers.

"Thunderstorm & Lightening", 16th April

Storm clouds moving across sky as bold lightning strike lights up distant farmstead.

"Canadian Waterfall", 14th May

Stream splits as water tumbles around & over rocks amid light fog and pine forest.

"Moonlit Night Landscape", 11th June

Moonlight scene of silver, blacks & blues with loons cruising near a lake island & a distant campfire & tent in background.

Young Champion Cheerleading Resumes Wednesday, 4th March

Established in 1945, Young Champions has developed a cheer program for boys & girls, ages 4-15, that is an exciting course promoting coordination, poise, confidence, physical fitness, artistic expression, teamwork & competitive spirit!

Classes last 45 min. each Wednesday beginning at 6:00 pm with age & skill level determining exact class times There is a non-refundable \$7 registration fee for new students payable to the instructor the first night, and the fee for each class is \$7 that can be paid weekly before class. 6:00-6:45; 6:45-7:30 pm; and if needed, 7:30-8:15 pm. No class scheduled Wednesday, 25th March due to spring break.

Challenger British Soccer Camp 15th-19th June

The Kendallville Park & Recreation Department will partner with Challenger British Soccer this June for their highly rated soccer skills camp. With a full time recruitment & training program in the UK, Challenger only recruits the most talented & enthusiastic FA-licensed coaches.

Students gain technical & tactical instructions in all areas of the game. Emphasis is placed upon individual skill development & basic tactical awareness through a coaching mix of maximum participation in foot skills, technical drills, tactics, small-sided games & scrimmages. Signups can be completed online or at the park office. Go to www.challengersports.com for a complete description. Each player receives a ball, t-shirt and personal evaluation. Residential-Host families for coaches can receive discounted fees.

Basic Cake Decorating Tuesday, 7th April

Join LouAnne Pillers for a hands-on introduction to the art of cake decorating. Basic techniques of using a pastry bag with decorative shaping tips is a skill that you can enjoy & share forever. You'll have your own cake provided to practice skills of creating borders, flowers & writing with icing, and ways to design & create personalized desserts. Tuesday, 6:30pm \$12