



PORTAGE

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**PARKS AND RECREATION
2016 SUMMER PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

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YOUTH RECREATION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Portage youth, ages 18 and under, living in a household meeting the established income guidelines may be eligible for financial assistance through the Youth Recreation Scholarship Program established by a partnership between the Portage Community Center and City of Portage. Eligible youth may receive financial assistance with the following recreation programs:

- School of Fish Day Camps
- All Youth Sport Camps
- Drama Camps
- Ramona Park Beach Annual Pass

Contact the Portage Community Center at 323-1942 to apply.

RECREATION



Ramona Park Beach

8600 South Sprinkle Road, 1/2 mile south of Centre Avenue

Ramona Park Beach offers a sandy swim area with lifeguards, paddle boat rentals, concessions, picnic areas, fishing dock, beach volleyball, playground, changing rooms and much more! Vehicle permits for entry into Ramona Park can be purchased on site near the park entrance during regular beach hours.

Open Daily 10:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

May 27 – 30

June 4 & 5

June 10 – September 5

- City Resident Daily Permit \$ 5
- Non-Resident Daily Permit \$10
- City Resident Annual Permit \$25
- Non-Resident Annual Permit \$45
- Group Bus Daily Permit \$50



NEW! Kayak, Canoe & Paddleboard Rentals at Ramona Park

Open daily on beach operating dates 12:30 – 6 p.m.

All paddle boats \$12 first hour \$5 each additional 30 minutes \$36 flat rate for 4-6 hours

Paddle Lessons and Demo's at Ramona Park presented by Lee's Adventure Sports

Kayak / Stand-Up	May 14	12 noon – 4 p.m.	FREE	drop-in
Kayak / Stand-Up	May 21	1 – 4 p.m.	FREE	drop-in
Saturday Lessons	June 18, July 16 & Aug 13	10 – 12 noon	\$45	sign-up at Lee's
Thursday Evening Demo	June 30, July 14 & 28	5 – 7 p.m.	FREE	sign-up at Lee's

Sign-up at Lee's Adventure Sports
311 West Kilgore Road • 381-7700



Bicycle Safety Camp Adventure

Saturday, May 14

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Haverhill Park

FREE

Kids will receive a free bicycle helmet and helmet fitting! Learn about bike safety on the obstacle course and have the opportunity to ride a segment of the Northwest Portage Bikeway with Portage Police bike officers! Get a picture with princesses, superheroes and mascots and get "hands on" with a fire truck and police car. Local bike mechanics will be available to "tune up" your ride.



2016 **GET ACTIVE PORTAGE!**

Saturday, August 13 at Ramona Park

YOUTH TRIATHLON

8:30 a.m., check in begins at 7 a.m.

Participation is the primary goal of this event. Young triathletes will be timed with awards presented for overall and top three girls and boys finishers in each age group. Race courses are within Ramona Park and closed to vehicular traffic, promoting a safe and controlled environment. Download complete course maps from the event web site and practice the courses in advance of the event. All athletes must be pre-registered online at www.kidsgetactive.us



VEHICLE PARKING PERMIT
VALID AUGUST 13, 2016
UNTIL 1PM



RAMONA PARK
8600 S. SPRINKLE RD
CORNER OF ZYLMAN & SPRINKLE RD,
JUST SOUTH OF THE FIRE STATION

THIS PERMIT MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE GATE ATTENDANT UPON ENTRY. PERMIT MUST BE PLACED ON THE PASSENGER SIDE DASH AND VISIBLE THROUGH THE WINDSHIELD.

RAMONA PARK HEALTH FAIR 9 -11 a.m.

A celebration of health and wellness in our community featuring demonstrations and information from a wide variety of area organizations, including paddle demonstrations courtesy of Lee's Adventure Sports.



LUNCH & LEARN PROGRAMS presented by the Kalamazoo Nature Center

Wildlife Neighbors

Thursday, June 16	11 a.m. – 12 noon	Oakland Drive Park	FREE
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Animals are our neighbors in the community of life and they have important jobs to do! Meet some of our wild neighbors, learn the work they do that benefits our community and learn about their adaptations.

Once Upon a Raptor

Thursday, July 14	11 a.m. – 12 noon	Central Park	FREE
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Join us for a story of intrigue and awe where the main characters are alive in the room! Featuring some of our Birds of Prey, the story provides a glimpse into the life of a raptor.



NEW! PARK ADVENTURE PROGRAMS presented by the Kalamazoo Nature Center

Nature Discovery Bike Ride (parking at PCBP, 910 East Milham)

Saturday, June 25	10 a.m. – 12 noon	Bicentennial Trail	FREE
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Ever ride by a plant on your bike and wonder what that was? This is your chance to find out. Bring your bike and join a KNC Naturalist to ride down this natural trailway learning about various habitat along the way.

Kanoe the Kazoo

Saturday, August 6	10 a.m. – 12 noon	Ramona Park	FREE
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Enjoy a leisurely float with a KNC Naturalist. Take time to practice your paddle skills while watching for birds and other wildlife. Bring your own kayak, canoe or SUP or try one out, courtesy of Lee's Adventure Sports. Limited demo boats/boards available. Please call 381-7700 to reserve a paddle boat.



Hike the Night

Monday, August 15	9 – 10 p.m.	Eliason Nature Reserve	FREE
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Enjoy a hike into Eliason Nature Reserve after dark! Learn from a KNC Naturalist about night time adaptations and meet a real owl. No flashlights please. Parking available at the new Eliason entrance located at 1614 West Osterhout (in development this spring!).

EVENTS



FAMILY FISHING FAIR

Saturday, May 21

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Ramona Park, 8600 South Sprinkle Road

FREE

250 kids will receive a FREE FISHING ROD, courtesy of Suez Water Environmental Services, Inc. and Boy Scouts of America! Grand Prize - a SALMON CHARTER in South Haven, courtesy of Matthew's Sport Fishing Charter!

Bring the entire family to celebrate the onset of summer on this exciting day at the shoreline. Families of all ages and abilities can experience the numerous benefits associated with fishing, boating and aquatic conservation. Enjoy engaging activities such as lure making, knot tying and fly casting. Try out a kayak or SUP and much more. Local fishing guides and professional organizations will share their expertise to help your family start a lifetime of fishing memories. Fishing equipment will be on hand for those hoping to reel in their first (or next) catch of the day!

RECYCLED ART IN THE PARK

May 7 – 14 at Celery Flats, 7366 Garden Lane

FREE

Recycled Art in the Park is a sculpture contest and exhibit featuring sculptures made from materials that would normally be thrown away but instead given new life in an original work of art! Enjoy exhibit openings and musical entertainment on May 7 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Outdoor artwork will be displayed May 7 – 14 throughout the Celery Flats historical area. For more information, visit www.FriendsoftheParksPortage.com



HIKE TO A CONCERT WITH BLAKE WHYTE MUSIC

Saturday, June 4 at Eliason Nature Reserve

(parking on Portage Industrial Drive)

Showtime 4 p.m.

Short hike starts at 3:30 p.m.

Long hike starts at 3 p.m.

FREE

Don't miss this unique live music and nature experience! Take your pick of a short hike (15-20 minutes) or a longer hike (30-40 minutes) into the beautiful Eliason Nature Reserve – the newest addition to the Portage Park system. Enjoy all the sounds and views from Mother Nature as you journey into the depth of the reserve where you will arrive to the passionate and heart felt sounds of this FREE concert by Blake Whyte Music. The performance of this Portage native artist will connect mind, body and spirit in this natural setting within the woods. Take a moment to check out the newest single, Let Me Fly, at www.blakewhyte.com. Rain location is PCHS auditorium. Visit www.portagemi.gov for updates.



For more information on these community events, contact the **Portage Parks & Recreation Division**
7719 South Westnedge Avenue • 329-4522 • www.portagemi.gov

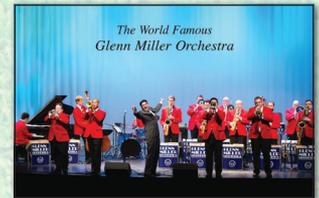
FAMILY FIT FESTIVAL**Thursday, June 16****4 - 7 p.m. at Upjohn Park, 1018 Walter Street in Kalamazoo****FREE**

The City of Portage, City of Kalamazoo, YMCA of Greater Kalamazoo and Champions for Healthy Kids Coalition have aligned efforts to raise awareness and participation in active living. Bring the entire family out to explore new activities and wellness opportunities offered in the community.

www.healthykalamazoo.com

**THE GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA****Tuesday, July 5****6:30 p.m. at the Overlander Bandshell in Central Park, 7800 Shaver Road****FREE**

The most popular and sought after big band in the world today for both concert and swing dance engagements. With its unique jazz sound, the Glenn Miller Orchestra is considered to be one of the greatest bands of all time. The present Glenn Miller Orchestra was formed in 1956 and has been touring consistently since, playing an average of 300 live dates a year all around the world.

**CELERY FLATS MUSIC FESTIVAL****Sunday, July 10****12 noon - 4:30 p.m. at Celery Flats Historical Area, 7366 Garden Lane**

Admission: donation to the Friends of the Parks Portage

Enjoy an afternoon of Bluegrass and Americana music provided by the K'zoo Folklife Organization. The Celery Flats Music Festival is a fundraising event for the Friends of the Parks Portage and will include live entertainment from nine talented bands and performers from the greater Kalamazoo area. The event will be held on the lawn area in front of the Grain Elevator. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy great music and concessions during the event.

www.FriendsoftheParksPortage.com



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PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY

The City of Portage encourages all individuals to become involved in these community activities. Reasonable accommodations will be made to allow individuals with special needs the opportunity to participate in Parks and Recreation activities. Please call the Parks & Recreation Division at 329-4522 for more information.

YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS



SCHOOL OF FISH DAY CAMP at Ramona Park on Long Lake

Day campers will experience all the joys and benefits associated with fishing and environmental conservation. During this unique adventure, youth will have the opportunity to explore the outdoors and learn skills necessary to start their own fishing memories. Professional instruction and guidance is provided as youth participate in many hands on activities, and of course...GO FISHING! Space is limited. Registration fees include a fishing rod. Registration deadline is 2 weeks prior to camp start date.

Little Lunkers

Ages 7 – 12 **\$85**
July 18 – 21 **M – Th**
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Beginner anglers will learn:

- Fish Identification & Habitat
- Knot Tying & Rod Rigging
- Casting Skills & Safety
- Tackle Crafting
- Aquatic Conservation
- Catching and Rigging Live Bait
- Shoreline Fishing
- Much More!



Advanced Anglers

Ages 9 – 14 **\$85**
August 8 – 11 **M – Th**
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Intermediate and experienced anglers will learn:

- Fishing Techniques such as Jigging
- Advanced Knots
- Artificial Lures
- Intro to Fly Fishing
- Boater Safety
- Fishing from a Canoe
- Lure Making
- Fishing and Boating Regulations

Register at Portage Parks & Recreation • 7719 S. Westnedge • 329-4522 • www.portage.mi.gov

KINGDOM SKATEBOARDING CAMPS at South Westnedge Skate Park

Jon Zomer, with over 10 years of skateboarding experience, will instruct these fun and educational camps.

Beginner	Ages 7 – 14	June 20 – 23	M – Th	9 – 11 a.m.	\$99
Beginner	Ages 7 – 14	July 11 – 14	M – Th	9 – 11 a.m.	\$99

Register at Kingdom Indoor Center • 226-2000 • www.kicsports.net

YMCA YOUTH TENNIS CAMPS at Portage YMCA

Participants will acquire basic knowledge of all strokes with an emphasis on playing points on a scaled down court size utilizing developmental equipment. Match situations will be introduced. Ages 5 – 16 years. Registration fee includes a camp gift. Friday is make-up day in case of inclement weather.



June 13 – 16	M – Th	9 – 11 a.m.	\$62
June 20 – 23	M – Th	9 – 11 a.m.	\$62
June 27 – 30	M – Th	9 – 11 a.m.	\$62
July 11 – 14	M – Th	9 – 11 a.m.	\$62
July 18 – 21	M – Th	9 – 11 a.m.	\$62
July 25 – 28	M – Th	9 – 11 a.m.	\$62
August 1 – 4	M – Th	9 – 11 a.m.	\$62
August 15 – 18	M – Th	9 – 11 a.m.	\$62

Register at Portage YMCA • 324-9622 • www.kzooymca.org

BJ SPORTS LACROSSE CLINIC at Ramona Park

Through great coaching, players will be introduced to stick-handling, hand-eye coordination exercises, cradling, passing, catching, dodging and shooting drills. The clinic will include a variety of fun and creative contests and drills to keep the energy level high and the attention span focused.

Ages 5 – 14 July 11 – 14 M – Th 9 – 11 a.m. \$60

Register by July 9 at BJ Sports • 342-2415 • www.bjsports.com

CHALLENGER SPORTS BRITISH SOCCER CAMPS at Ramona Park

Challenger's British Soccer Camp is the most popular camp in the country. With an innovative curriculum that develops skills, speed and confidence in players of all ages and abilities, British Soccer Camps provide boys and girls with the rare opportunity to receive high-level soccer coaching from a team of international experts right in the heart of their own community.

First Kicks Ages 3 – 4 August 1 – 5 M – F 9 a.m. – 12 noon \$71

Young Players are introduced to game basics through fundamental activities, games and fun soccer challenges.

Mini Soccer Ages 4 – 6 August 1 – 5 M – F 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon \$84

Fun games, competitions and skill-building activities are designed to enlighten and develop players.

Half Day Camp Ages 6 – 9 August 1 – 5 M – F 9 a.m. – 12 noon \$114
Ages 10 – 14 August 1 – 5 M – F 1 – 4 p.m. \$114

Registration and additional information available at www.challengersports.com

KALAMAZOO KIDS ON STAGE DRAMA CAMPS at 12th Street Elementary School

Directed by David Ortega and experienced staff, camps are designed for youngsters interested in musical theater and drama. Learn skills such as voice projection, theater makeup, stage movement, pantomime and improvisation. Registration deadline is June 15.



Disney's Cinderella Kids

Full day Grades K – 2 July 11 – 29 M – F 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. \$450
Half day Grades K – 2 July 11 – 29 M – F 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. \$225



Disney's Beauty and the Beast Junior

Full day Grades 2 – 5 July 11 – 29 M – F 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. \$450



Annie Junior

Full day Grades 5 – 9 July 11 – 29 M – F 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. \$450

Note: Grades listed are for the 2016/17 school year

Register at Portage Public Schools Community Enrichment • 323-6700 • www.ppscommmed.org

PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPORTS CAMPS



BASKETBALL CAMPS

Lil Stangs Boys	Grades K – 4	June 20 – 23	M – Th	9 – 10:30 a.m.	CHS Stable	\$64
Lil Stangs Boys	Grades 5 – 8	June 20 – 23	M – Th	10:30 a.m. – 12 noon	CHS Stable	\$64
Mustang Girls	Grades 2 – 5	June 13 – 16	M – Th	9 – 10:30 a.m.	CHS Gym	\$50
Mustang Girls	Grades 6 – 8	June 13 – 16	M – Th	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	CHS Gym	\$60
Girls Skills Academy	Grades 3 – 5	June 13 – July 14	M – Th	9 – 11 a.m.	NHS Gym	\$150
Girls Skills Academy	Grades 6 – 8	June 13 – July 14	M – Th	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	NHS Gym	\$150

FOOTBALL CAMPS

CHS Camp	Grades 7 – 12	July 25 – 28	M – Th	8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	CHS Field	\$70
NHS Camp (6 days)	Grades 7 – 9	June 20 – 22 & July 25 – 27	M – W	8 – 10:30 a.m.	NHS Field	\$50
NHS Camp (6 days)	Grades 10 – 12	June 20 – 22 & July 25 – 27	M – W	10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	NHS Field	\$50

VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

Volley Pups	Grades 3 – 6	June 13 – 16	M – Th	9 – 10:15 a.m.	NHS Doghouse	\$45
Husky Hitters	Grades 7 – 8	June 13 – 16	M – Th	10:30 a.m. – 12 noon	NHS Doghouse	\$65
All Skills	Grades 9 – 12	July 11 – 15	M – F	1:30 – 4 p.m.	NHS Doghouse	\$100
Mini Stangs	Grades 3 – 6	July 18 – 21	M – Th	9 – 10:30 a.m.	CHS Stable	\$45
MS Mustang	Grades 7 – 8	July 18 – 21	M – Th	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	CHS Stable	\$60
Freshman	Grade 9	July 18 – 21	M – Th	2 – 4 p.m.	CHS Stable	\$60

SOCCER CAMPS

Mini Stangs Co-Ed	Grades 2 – 5	July 11 – 14	M – Th	4:30 – 6 p.m.	CHS Field	\$65
Prospect Co-Ed	Grades 6 – 8	July 11 – 14	M – Th	6 – 8 p.m.	CHS Field	\$75

*Note: Grades listed are for the 2016/17 school year
For camp descriptions and registration visit www.ppscommmed.org
Portage Public Schools Enrichmed for Life Program • 323-6700
Office hours: Monday – Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

Refer to table of contents for Youth Recreation Scholarship information

FARMERS' MARKET



PORTAGE FARMERS' MARKET

Weekly starting Sunday, May 1

12 noon – 4 p.m.

The City of Portage is excited to partner with the People's Co-op of Kalamazoo to offer a weekly farmers' market! The farmers' market will be held outside at the Portage Senior Center from 12 noon – 4 p.m. starting May 1. The Portage Farmers' Market vendors are all local so you know where your food and crafts are coming from. For more information, please call the Parks, Recreation and Senior Citizen Services Department at 329-4522. Vendors interested in participating may contact Kalamazoo People's Food Co-op at 342-5686.

outreach@peoplesfoodco-op.org





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