

Parks & Recreation



January - July 2021 Program & Event Guide   



"Promoting Community Wellness"

From the Superintendent



The Parks and Recreation Department is very excited to meet the growing needs of our community and will be embarking on an endeavor to enrich our facilities and programs for our residents. People are becoming more aware of the importance of parks and recreational green space. There is a greater interest in exploring these opportunities during valuable leisure time. Putting in place the most beneficial programs, activities, and facilities is very important to us as we evolve.

As area residents, you continue to show your pride in the community by giving your support and becoming involved. In the upcoming five-year master plan, we would like to invite you to participate in our public input sessions to promote individual interests and future community activities. This process is instrumental to collecting, analyzing, and ultimately setting our department's goals. Getting involved is a great start to elevating the City of Auburn as a unified community and allows our city to flourish.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Eric Ditmars'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Eric Ditmars
Auburn Parks and Recreation Superintendent



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Payment & Refund Policy

Payments for programs and events must be received 5 days prior to the scheduled program. No refunds will be given unless program or event is cancelled by department.

Program Registration

Registering for programs is now easier than ever! Head over to our website (auburnin.recdesk.com) and click on the Programs tab to see all available programs and events for 2021. To register, click the green "Register Now" button next to the program you are interested in attending and follow the prompts.

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Youth Programs

All year round, Auburn Parks and Recreation offers a wide variety of youth programs to the community. Take a look and discover something fun and exciting for your child to participate in!

Virtual: Kids' Free Flow Art

Tuesday, January 5th
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. | \$10

Calling all aspiring artists! If you like to paint then this is the class for you. Supplies pick up will be December 31 at the Parks & Recreation Office.

Virtual: Lego Build Off

January 9th - 23rd | Free!

We want to see what you can create! Send photos of your constructions to parkseci.auburn.in.us, along with your name and age, for a chance to be featured in our February newsletter and our website!



Winnie the Pooh Day

Tuesday, January 19th | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Rieke Lodge | \$2

Celebrate Winnie the Pooh Day with a story, fun activities, and a snack!

Groundhog Day

Tuesday, February 2nd | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Rieke Lodge | \$3

Will spring be coming or is there more winter? Come to our groundhog day gathering to find out! There will be winter and spring based activities and snacks to enjoy.



Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Tuesday, March 2nd | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Rieke Lodge | \$2

What better way to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday than with cake, a story, and creating a puppet! This is one birthday celebration you will not want to miss out on.

Kids' Free Flow Art

Tuesday, March 30th | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Office | \$10

We will be creating awesome canvas paintings - no experience required!



Outdoor Chalk Course

Entire month of April | Memorial Park
Free!

Fun is just a hop, skip, and a jump away! A chalk obstacle course will be painted on areas of sidewalk at the park. This will wear off naturally, so don't wait! No pre-registration required.

Earth Day Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, April 22nd | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Eckhart Park | Free!

Explore the beautiful nature Eckhart Park has to offer with this Earth Day Scavenger Hunt! Once your scavenger hunt is completed, collect your prize at the Parks & Recreation office.



Constellation Creations

Thursday, April 29th | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Office | \$5

With Astronomy Day coming up this weekend, make your very own constellation that you can take home with you!

Storywalk

Entire month of May | Eckhart Park | Free!

Take a walk through the park while reading a story along the way! No pre-registration required.



Muffins with Mom

Friday, May 7th | 6:00- 7:00 p.m.

Rieke Lodge | \$3

What better way to celebrate Mother's Day than with muffins? Join us for an evening of enjoying muffins and completing a craft with your mom, grandmother, aunt, or other important person!

Outdoor Chalk Course

Entire month of June | Smith Acres | Free!

Fun is just a hop, skip, and a jump away! A chalk obstacle course will be painted on areas of sidewalk at the park. This will wear off naturally, so don't wait! No pre-registration required.



DIY: Ice Cream

Thursday, June 3rd | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Rieke Lodge | \$6

Join us in making our very own ice cream and top it off with your favorite candies.

Tye Dye in the Park

Tuesday, June 15th | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Desoto Park Shelter | \$3

You bring the shirt, we bring the supplies!

Join us for our first tye dye pop up program and create a wearable work of art.

Donuts with Dad

Thursday, June 17th | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Rieke Lodge | \$3

Join us for our second annual Donuts with Dad featuring a variety of delicious donuts and a game of donut bingo with your dad, grandfather, uncle, or any other important person!



Tye Dye in the Park

Tuesday, June 29th | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Riley Park Shelter | \$3

It is our second tye dye in the park! You bring the shirt, we bring the supplies!

Teddy Bear Picnic in the Park

Saturday, July 10th | 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Eckhart Park | \$5

Enjoy an afternoon lunch with your teddy bear or other favorite toy! Bring a blanket and we will provide drinks and trail mix for you and your stuffed friend to snack on.

Tye Dye in the Park

Tuesday, July 20th | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Smith Acres Shelter | \$3

Come enjoy tye dying your own shirt! BYO Shirt and we will provide the supplies!

S'mores Galore!

Thursday, July 22nd | 1:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Eckhart Park Pavilion | \$3

We're making our very own S'mores and playing games while our sweet treats are baking in our solar ovens.



Chill with a Cop

Meet a few Auburn Police Department Officers while enjoying ice cream and a K-9 Officer demonstration. Program date to be released soon!

Youth Camps

Spring Break Camps



Auburn Parks & Recreation offers two sessions of Spring Break Camp. Each session will feature a wide variety of activities for your child to participate in ranging from arts & crafts to outdoor activities. A schedule of each session will be released February 1st. Registration deadline for both sessions is March 1st. Spring Break Camps will be held at the Rieke Lodge.

Spring Break Session 1

Monday, March 15th - Friday, March 19th

Drop-Off: 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Pick-Up: 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$70

Ages: 5-12

Spring Break Session 2

Monday, March 22nd - Friday, March 26th

Drop-Off: 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Pick-Up: 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$70

Ages: 5-12

Summer Camps



Auburn Parks & Recreation offers two different week-long Summer Camps. Drop-Off for each session is from 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. and Pick-Up is from 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Each session features a wide variety of activities for your child to participate in. A schedule of each session will be released beginning May 7th. Registration deadline for all sessions is June 7th. Summer Camps will be held at the Rieke Lodge.

Summer Break Session 1

Monday, June 21st - Friday, June 25th

Drop-Off: 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Pick-Up: 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$80

Ages: 5-12

Summer Break Session 2

Monday, July 12th - Friday, July 16th

Drop-Off: 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Pick-Up: 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$80

Ages: 5-12



Adult Programs

At Auburn Parks & Recreation, there is always something for everyone! Take a look at what Adult Programs we have to offer the community. We hope you find something that interests you!

Painting with Sherian: Chain & Spiral Pour

Thursday, January 14th | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Office | \$15

Use a chain and spiral technique to create a unique work of art. No experience necessary!



Senior Social: Winter Mason Jars

Friday, January 15th | 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Rieke Lodge | \$5

Get crafty this winter and come make a decorative seasonal mason jar! Ages 55+ welcome.

Wine Glass Painting

Tuesday, January 26th | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Office | \$10

Join us as we create our own customized pair of wine glasses!



Painting with Sherian: Metallic Strainer Pour

Thursday, February 11th | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Office | \$15

Join our talented instructor, Sherian, in our Metallic Strainer Pour class. No experience necessary!

Wood & Vinyl Name Craft

Tuesday, February 16th | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Rieke Lodge | \$15

Use vinyl and wood to create a rustic piece that represents yourself or your family.

Senior Social: Chair Yoga

Friday, February 19th | 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Rieke Lodge | \$5

This is a great way to relax and get your body moving while in a seated position. Ages 55+ welcome.

UPCOMING: Master Gardener Workshop

Stay tuned for upcoming information regarding our Master Gardener Workshop series that is coming to Auburn Parks & Recreation this spring!



Adult Programs

Painting with Sherian: Basic Pour

Thursday, March 11th | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Office | \$15
This painting class is great for beginners and veterans alike! Create a fun pour painting with our instructor, Sherian.

Senior Social: Bagels & Bingo

Friday, March 12th | 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Rieke Lodge | \$5
Our first afternoon bingo session will be accompanied with tasty bagels.
Ages 55+ welcome.



Painting with Sherian: Hair Dryer Pour

Thursday, April 8th | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Office | \$15
Did you know that you can use a hair dryer to make a unique piece of art? No experience required to attend this class.



Spring String Art

Thursday, April 15th | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Rieke Lodge | \$15
Welcome spring with a fun string art project featuring a string mason jar and silk flowers!

Senior Social: DIY Ice Cream

Friday, April 16th | 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Rieke Lodge | \$5
Join Auburn Parks & Recreation for an Ice Cream Social featuring a create your own Ice Cream Sundae!
Ages 55+ welcome.



Beautification Contest

May 1st - 22nd | Free!
Do you or someone you know have a beautifully landscaped lawn? Email us a photo along with the address of the home and judges will vote for a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner to be featured in our May newsletter and on our website. This is open to Auburn residents only.



Muffins with Mom

Friday, May 7th | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Rieke Lodge | \$3
What better way to celebrate Mother's Day than with muffins? Join us for an evening of enjoying muffins and completing a craft with your mom, grandmother, aunt, or other important person!



DIY: Summer Wreath

Wednesday, May 19th | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Rieke Lodge | \$30
Create your own summer wreath to spruce up your home with step-by-step instructions.

Senior Social: Trivia

Friday, May 21st | 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Rieke Lodge | \$5
Test your knowledge either as an individual or with a group during our first Trivia party!
Ages 55+ welcome.

Zumba Class

Saturday, June 12th | 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Memorial Park | \$5

Come out and get a weekend working in with a fun and instructor led Zumba class!

Senior Social: Pizza & Games

Thursday, June 17th | 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Rieke Lodge | \$5

Come socialize while playing card and board games and eating pizza!
Ages 55+ welcome.



Donuts with Dad

Thursday, June 17th | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Rieke Lodge | \$3

Join us for our second annual Donuts with Dad featuring variety of delicious donuts and a game of donut bingo with your dad, grandfather, uncle, or any other important person!



Yoga in the Park

Sunday, June 20th | 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Eckhart Park | \$5

Relax this Sunday with an instructor lead yoga class in the park. All you have to bring is your own mat.



Virtual: Fourth of July Bake Off

July 1st - 6th | Free!

Create a patriotic good and send us a photo of your treat! Judges will vote for a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner to be featured in our August newsletter and on our website.



Zumba Class

Saturday, July 10th | 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Memorial Park | \$5

Come out and get a weekend working in with a fun and instructor led Zumba class!

Senior Social: Christmas in July

Friday, July 9th | 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Rieke Lodge | \$5

Celebrate Christmas in July at this month's social!
Ages 55+ welcome.



Yoga in the Park

Sunday, July 25th | 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Eckhart Park | \$5

Relax this Sunday with an instructor lead yoga class in the park. All you have to bring is your own mat.

Have an idea for an event or program that you'd like to see?

We are always open to suggestions and ideas! You can email them to us at parks@ci.auburn.in.us or call the office at (260) 925-2997.

Softball

Auburn Parks & Recreation is proud to offer two softball leagues for the community to participate in. Whether your team has been playing for years or you are just getting started, this is the league for you!

Registration forms for all softball sessions are available online at auburnin.recdesks.com
Forms and payment must be received by the deadline stated below.

Competitive League

Tuesday Nights (8 teams Max. Double Header)

1st Session

\$375

Regular Season:

April 20th – June 1st

Tournament:

June 7th – June 8th

Registration Deadline:

Friday, April 9th

2nd Session

\$375

Regular Season:

June 15th – July 27th

Tournament:

August 2nd – August 3rd

Registration Deadline:

Friday, June 4th

3rd Session

\$375

Regular Season:

August 17th – Sept. 28th

Tournament:

October 4th – 5th

Registration Deadline:

Friday, August 6th

Co-Ed League

Wednesday & Thursday Nights (16 teams Max. Double Header)

Summer Session

\$500

Regular Season:

May 5th – August 5th

Tournament:

August 11th – August 12th

Registration Deadline:

Friday, April 23rd

Fall Session

\$375

Regular Season:

August 18th – Sept. 30th

Tournament:

October 6th – 7th

Registration Deadline:

Friday, August 6th

Special Events

All throughout the year, Auburn Parks and Recreation is proud to offer special events to our community! We hope you enjoy what we have to offer in 2021.

Dog Bone Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 27th | 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Thomas Park Dog Park | Dry Food Donation
Come on out for the 3rd annual Dog Bone Easter Egg Hunt! A full list of requirements is available on our website at auburnin.recdesk.com

Arbor Day Tree Sale

Thursday, April 22nd | 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday, April 23rd | 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Mark your calendars for our annual Arbor Day Tree Sale! More information will be coming soon!



Princess Tea Party

Friday, May 14th | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Rieke Park Lodge | \$12

Put on your best dress and join us for a Princess Tea Party! Enjoy a royal costume contest, light refreshments, autograph and photo opportunities with Disney Princesses. All guests must pre-register (including adults).



Art in the Park

Saturday, June 19th | 11:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Eckhart Park | Free!

Join us for the second annual Art in Eckhart Park featuring local artists work as well as a free Chalk Walk! Artists interested in displaying or selling artwork must fill out registration forms and submit by Monday, June 14th.

Fishing Derby

Saturday, July 17th | 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Rieke Park Pond | Free!

Gather your fishing gear and head to Rieke Park Pond for a Fishing Derby! Compete for 1st and 2nd place in the following categories: longest fish, shortest fish, most fish caught.

Age Categories: 10 & under, 11-16, 17 & older

*Ages 17 & older must have a valid fishing license to participate

Back to School Bash

Saturday, July 31st | 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Eckhart Park | Free!

Come on out to Eckhart Park for an afternoon of carnival games, food, and more! More information will be coming soon!





We want to hear from you!

Call Us: (260) 925-2997

Email Us: parks@ci.auburn.in.us

Website: auburnin.recdesk.com

Visit Us: 1500 South Cedar Street

Office Hours

7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday

Stay updated on all Parks events by visiting the City of Auburn Indiana Government Facebook page!