



PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

Our Mission

The City of Ionia Department of Parks and Recreation is committed to providing a comprehensive system of year-round quality recreation and leisure services designed to meet the needs of the community, its residents and visitors physically, mentally and socially in a clean and safe environment that reflects the highest ideals of integrity, pride and leadership in the community.



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Springs Sports & Activities

Lil' Hoopers March Madness

Boys and girls ages 4 to 9 will learn basketball skills, including dribbling, shooting, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Registration: December-February
Games: March

Spring Soccer

Boys and girls ages 4 to 13 will learn basic soccer skills and rules needed to play.

Registration: January-March
Games: April-May



Summer Sports & Activities

Adult Softball

Anyone over 18 is able to participate in the co-ed or men's softball leagues.

Registration: February-April

Games: May-June

Tee Ball

Children ages 3 to 6 will learn the fundamentals of hitting, fielding, running, and sportsmanship.

Registration: March-May

Games: June-July

Thursday Night Lights Flag Football

It is open to boys and girls in third through sixth grade. Games and practices will be at ISD/Hardwood Sports Complex.

Registration: April-May

Games: June-July

Day Camp

Children ages 5 to 12 enjoy field trips to the Ionia Theatre, YMCA pool, bowling alley, and more, as well as daily activities during the four-week-long camp Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 3 PM. Participants will receive a t-shirt, and lunches will be provided by the Ionia Public Schools free lunch program. Two sessions are available through June and August.

Registration: April-first week of June

Tackle Football

Players in fourth through eighth grade will learn the skills and rules of football. Games are play on Saturdays for fourth through sixth grades, while games are on Wednesdays for seventh and eighth graders. Home games are played at Ionia High School Stadium.

Registration: May-July

Games: August-October



Fall Sports & Activities

Flag Football

Open to boys and girls in third through sixth grade. Games and practices will be at ISD/Hardwood Sports Complex.

Registration: May-August

Games: September-October

Soccer

Players ages 4 to 13 will learn the basic skills and rules to play soccer.

Registration: May-August

Games: September-October

Adult Softball

Anyone over 18 is able to participate in the co-ed or men's softball leagues.

Registration: June-August

Games: August-October

Floor Hockey

Boys and girls ages 5 to 12 will learn the skills of floor hockey.

Registration: August-October

Games: November-December

Winter Sports & Activities

Basketball

The league is open to first through fourth grade boys and girls.

Registration: September-November

Games: December-January

Adult Indoor Pickleball

Two courts at the Armory Gymnasium open at 9 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Registration: September-November

Games: December-January

Adult City League Basketball

Anyone over 18 is able to participate in co-ed, men's, or women's leagues.

Registration: October-December

Games: January-April



Special Events

Tae-Kwon-Do

Master Patricia Ramos holds classes at the Ionia Armory that promote self-defense, fitness, and health for youth and adults.

Tumbling

Classes are held in the M1 Tumbling Room at the Armory Community Center.

Santa

Santa visits the Armory in December during the parade weekend. He also visits on Friday nights and during a free pancake breakfast on Saturday morning. A red mailbox will be out front for children to write him letters; remember to include a return address for a letter back.

Mother-Son Date Night

An event in October or November for mothers and sons to enjoy games, dancing, and crafts.

Cornhole Tournament

Tournaments are held a few times throughout the year.

Scholarships

Purks Inc. funds the Heidi and James Purkey Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund, allowing parents and guardians to receive up to 75% of the cost of youth sports programming. Some programs are not eligible, including summer day camp.



Rentals

The City has a variety of park pavilions, athletic facilities, and rooms at the Armory Community Center available for rent. These facilities are perfect for birthdays, weddings, or other special events.

For more information, visit the Parks and Recreation Department on the City's website at cityofionia.org, call 616.523.1800, or visit in person at 439 W. Main Street.