

NEWSLETTER

LEISURE EDUCATION



December



FOR EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE

Enriching lives
through inclusive
education,
recreation and
healthy living
opportunities

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DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

BIRTHDAY BASH & CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Thursday, December 2

Calling all *December* birthdays! Join us at VINE as we celebrate December birthdays by singing Christmas carols with our friends!

**** All members with a December birthday get in FREE ****

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Location: VINE Room 210
Limit: 25
Cost: \$5

HOLIDAY COOKIES, COCOA & KARAOKE

Tuesday, December 14

Join us at VINE for an evening of decorating Christmas cookies. We will get into the Christmas mood with some Holiday karaoke while sippin' on hot cocoa!

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Location: VINE Room 210
Limit: 25
Cost: \$6

HOLIDAY "JINGLE" BINGO

Tuesday, December 7

Get into the spirit of Christmas and come to VINE for "Jingle" Bingo! Try to win everyone's favorite game with a holiday twist!!

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Location: VINE Room 210
Limit: 25
Cost: \$6

GIFTS GALORE GAME & SNACKS

Thursday, December 16

It's game night at VINE and to make things a little sweeter we will be having snacks and beverages. Love gifts and games? This is the right activity for you. We will be playing a fun dice game where we will trade and win fun prizes!

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Location: VINE Room 210
Limit: 25
Cost: \$6

CHRISTMAS MOVIE & POPCORN

Thursday, December 9

Enjoy a night out and unwind with your friends at VINE. We will be watching a fun Christmas show while snacking on some hot delicious popcorn.

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Location: VINE Room 210
Limit: 25
Cost: \$6

NIGHT ACTIVITY REMINDERS

- **SIGN UP BY CALLING LEEP 507-387-5122**
- **PLEASE CALL BEFORE THE FIRST ACTIVITY OF EACH MONTH, AS ACTIVITIES FILL QUICKLY**
- **MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE**
- **VINE DOORS WILL LOCK 5 MINUTES AFTER THE START OF THE ACTIVITY. IF YOU ARE LATE, OR YOU DO NOT COME YOU WILL STILL BE CHARGED.**
- **LOCATION: VINE (ROOM 510) - 421 E. HICKORY ST. - MANKATO, MN 560001**



The Mankato Area Adaptive Ski Program strives to promote personal growth and life enrichment through teaching individuals with physical disabilities how to ski.

MAASP is a local group of skiers, volunteers and donors who work together to offer adults and youth with physical disabilities the opportunity to learn to ski. We have an awesome time outdoors on the slopes, while we develop friendships with volunteers and fellow-skiers.

Contact Tia Dupont at tdupon@isd77.org for more information or call Community Education and Recreation at 507-387-5501

LEEP REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- Decide what activities to register for.
- Call LEEP office at 507-387-5122 to register (if no one answers please leave only ONE voicemail). LEEP staff will respond as soon as they can.
- Drop off or mail payment for activities to LEEP at 929 N. 4th St. in downtown Mankato (zip code 56001).
- If needed, request a scholarship for up to 50% of activity cost before the event. Scholarship form is available at www.mankatoleep.org.
- Debit/Credit card payments are accepted in person at the LEEP office with a non-refundable convenience fee.

REMINDERS:

- LEEP has been flexible but is working to get account balances paid in full.
- Please pay for the entire month of activities AFTER LEEP staff confirm your registration.
- Payment plans are available, but should be requested by calling 507-387-5122.
- Cancellations are appreciated as soon as possible. For night activities participants must call the LEEP office no less than 24 hours before the event to get a credit/refund. For special events on weekends they must call Thursday before 12 PM to get a credit/ refund.
- To check on LEEP cancellations please call 507-387-5122 (press 3).

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Looking forward to that special activity, but it's slightly out of your budget? Come into our office and fill out our scholarship form before the event and get up to 50% of your costs covered for the event! This can be used for Special Events, Night Activities, Leagues and Special Olympic sports.

- Applications can be found online at www.mankatoleep.org.
- All scholarships are given at the discretion of the Executive Director. Scholarships are limited per event.

X	CODE	DATE	EVENT	FEE
NIGHT ACTIVITIES				
	NA	12/2	B-DAY BASH & X-MAS CAROLS	\$5
	NA	12/7	"JINGLE" BINGO	\$6
	NA	12/9	CHRISTMAS MOVIE & POPCORN	\$6
	NA	12/14	COOKIES, COCOA & KARAOKE	\$6
	NA	12/16	GIFTS GALORE	\$6
2022 LEEP MEMBERSHIP (BEFORE 1/1/2022)				\$50
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:				

To make sure you're signed up, please call the LEEP office (507-387-5122) and drop off or mail payment by the date of the first event listed above.

PLEASE NOTE: The U.S. Postal System has been extremely slow lately.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____



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LISA'S LETTER

Hello LEEP Family!

Wow! What a roller coaster ride we have all been on over the last couple of years. As we think about what we are grateful for, we want you to know that LEEP is grateful for ALL OF YOU! Our staff and volunteers have missed our participants and we know that you have missed us too!

We are so happy that we have been able to have some activities again. It has been so nice to see some of you and your smiles! We are hopeful that we will be able to continue to add more fun things for you to do in 2022.

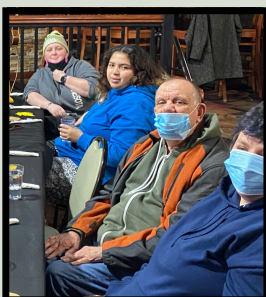
We know that many things have changed and it has been very hard for many of you. We want you to know that LEEP is still here and plans to be here for a very long time! So when the time is right for you, we would love to see your smiling face at a LEEP activity! 😊 We have some great deals for you if you buy your 2022 membership in 2021 (see backside for details)!

Enjoy the rest of 2021!

Lisa



NIGHT ACTIVITY PICTURES



NEW STAFF KIAYA HOFFNER



Say hello to our newest Rec Lead, Kiaya. She is so excited to meet you all! Kiaya is studying Recreation, Parks, and Leisure Services at MSU and is in her sophomore year. She loves traveling, going for walks, and playing volleyball.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 NA: B-Day Bash & X-Mas Carols 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm VINE	3	4
5	6	7 NA: Jingle Bingo 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm VINE	8	9 NA: Christmas Movie & Popcorn 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm VINE	10	11
12	13	14 NA: Cookies, Cocoa & Karaoke 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm VINE	15	16 NA: Gifts Galore 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm VINE	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 LEEP OFFICE CLOSED	25 
26	27 LEEP OFFICE CLOSED	28	29	30	31 LEEP OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY New Year	

THANK YOU to all the outstanding volunteers, sponsors and LEEP staff that helped to make our Thanksgiving Dinner so special at the WOW! Zone.



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Volunteers
Pam DeMarce, Pat Thompson & staff at the WOW! Zone, Lydia Jagodzinski, Teri Pederson, Dianne Osborne, Alyssa Dieken, Emily Vieth, Chersa Puhrmann, and MaryJane Bruns.

A HUGE THANK YOU
to **Crista Bohlmann**
who provided the live entertainment!

**DONT FORGET TO VOTE
FOR THE LEEP TREE AT**


SIBLEY PARK
Kiwanis Holiday Lights
Presented by MANKATO AREA FOUNDATION and CHS

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
WALK OR DRIVE THROUGH**

NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 31, 2021!

Sibley Park - Mankato, MN

**Sunday - Thursday 5:00-9:00 PM
Friday & Saturday 5:00-10:00 PM**

**Cash and non-perishable food donations
gladly accepted!**

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www.mankatoleep.org
Editors: LEEP Team

BECOME A 2022 MEMBER

programming with no limits

LEEP provides leisure education, recreation and healthy living opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As a LEEP Member you'll have access to all of the programs offered by LEEP. These programs include: Night Activities, Special Events, and Special Olympics. A yearly membership (January - December) is only \$50 if purchased by December 31, 2021. Simply drop off or send a check with "2022 membership" in the memo line!

Member Benefits

- **FREE Night Activity**
- **Bring a friend for FREE Coupon**
- **\$10 LEEP Gift Certificate**

Benefits are only available to participants who become 2022 LEEP Members by December 31, 2021.

JOIN LEEP TODAY!

**Become a member by Friday,
December 31, 2021 and save \$5.**

***Membership increases to \$55
as of Saturday, January 1, 2022***

