

# NEWSLETTER

## LEISURE EDUCATION

December 2022



Leisure Education for Exceptional People



## FOR EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE

ENRICHING LIVES  
THROUGH  
INCLUSIVE  
EDUCATION,  
RECREATION, AND  
HEALTHY LIVING  
OPPORTUNITIES

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# December Activities:

## NO FOOD OR DRINK AT ACTIVITIES!

There should be NO FOOD OR DRINK brought into the VINE building during LEEP activities by participants or their staff. Participants are asked to arrange their schedules so that they eat and drink at other times. Any food or beverages that are brought will NOT be allowed in the activity space.

## Night Activities:

### Holiday Gift Game

Tuesday, December 6

We will be playing a fun dice game where we will trade gifts and get to take one home! The gifts will be provided by LEEP. Please join us if you love gifts, games, and laughs!

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Location: VINE Room 510  
Limit: 30 | Cost: \$7

### End-of-Year Bingo

Thursday, December 8

Join us for the last bingo of 2022! As usual, there will be plenty of great prizes and lots of friendly competition!

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Location: VINE Room 510  
Limit: 25 | Cost: \$7

### Christmas Party: Singing Cowgirl

Tuesday, December 13

Come enjoy live music by The Singing Cowgirl! You can enjoy her regular and holiday music, dance, chat with friends, color some holiday pictures, and simply relax!

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Location: VINE Room 510  
Limit: 25 | Cost: \$7

### Cookie Decorating & Cocoa

Thursday, December 15

We'll decorate cut-out cookies while sipping on hot cocoa and listening to holiday music. You will get to taste test the cookies and take some home to give to someone else or to eat yourself!

Be sure to sign up right away for this popular activity as it is sure to fill quickly and spots are limited!

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Location: VINE Room 510  
Limit: 20 | Cost: \$7

### Birthday Holiday Karaoke

Tuesday, December 20

Pick your favorite songs and holiday songs to sing karaoke to! Join us as we celebrate December birthdays by singing to our favorite songs while we celebrate December birthdays!

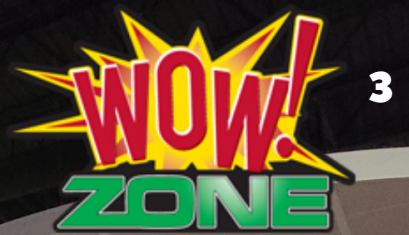
**\*\* December birthdays get in FREE\*\***

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Location: VINE Room 510  
Limit: 25 | Cost: \$7



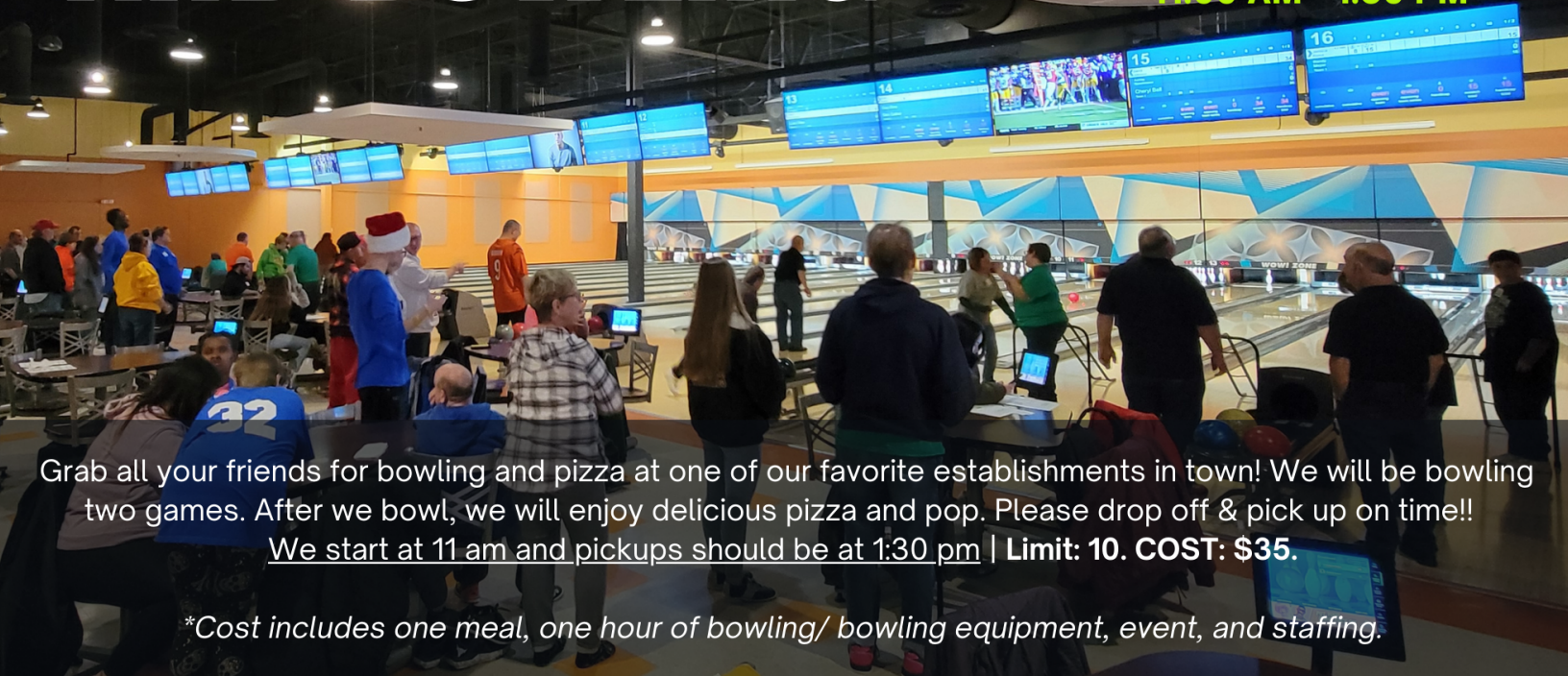


# PIZZA AND BOWLING



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM



Grab all your friends for bowling and pizza at one of our favorite establishments in town! We will be bowling two games. After we bowl, we will enjoy delicious pizza and pop. Please drop off & pick up on time!!  
We start at 11 am and pickups should be at 1:30 pm | Limit: 10. COST: \$35.

*\*Cost includes one meal, one hour of bowling/ bowling equipment, event, and staffing.*

TRY

## PICKLEBALL

EVENT

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 5:00-6:00 PM

Picklebarn, 90 Power Drive, Mankato



## 4 LEEP REGISTRATION CHECKLIST:

- You must be a 2022 LEEP member before registering.
- Decide what activities to register for.
- Call the 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 the activity cost before the event. The scholarship form is available at [www.mankatoleep.org](http://www.mankatoleep.org).
- Debit/Credit card payments are accepted in person at the LEEP office with a non-refundable convenience fee (4%).

## 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](http://www.mankatoleep.org).
- All scholarships are given at the discretion of the Executive Director. Scholarships are limited per event.

X	CODE	DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	FEE
NIGHT ACTIVITIES				
	NA	12/6	Holiday Gift Game	\$7
	NA	12/8	End-of-Year Bingo	\$7
	NA	12/13	Christmas Party-Singing Cowgirl	\$7
	NA	12/15	Cookie Decorating & Cocoa	\$7
	NA	12/20	Birthday Holiday Karaoke	\$7
SPECIAL EVENTS				
	SE	12/18	Wow!Zone and Pizza	\$35
PICKLEBALL				
	sport	1/10	Try Pickleball!	FREE
2023 MEMBERSHIP				
Paperwork and payment before December 31, 2022				\$50
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:				

**PLEASE NOTE THE LOCATION OF SPECIAL EVENTS AS WELL AS WHERE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO MEET. LEEP STAFF MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE SURE THAT NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND. IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE LEEP OFFICE.**

**To make sure you're signed up, please call the LEEP office (507-387-5122) and we will confirm your registration. You may bring the payment to the first activity you participate in. You may also drop off or mail your payment after we confirm your registration. PLEASE NOTE: The U.S. Postal System has been extremely slow lately.**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_



**LISA  
HOFFMAN WOJCIK**  
Executive Director



Wow! What a great year it has been seeing all of you and your smiling faces again! We're so happy that we've been able to hold activities regularly, compete in Special Olympics sports, and bring back LEEP Elegance again! It makes us so happy to see all of you having so much fun with your friends again!

We look forward to 2023 and what the new year will bring for LEEP and for you! We welcome everyone to try an activity or a sport in 2023 to see what you might like to do. We enjoy seeing the regular faces and would love to see some new faces too!

You will be getting a LEEP membership packet in the mail soon. Please complete that if you plan to become a member and return it to LEEP with payment (if you haven't paid) and any attachments requested in the checklist, so you are ready to go in 2023.

And please remember that if your budget is limited, we have scholarships to help you! The forms are available online at [www.mankatoleep.org](http://www.mankatoleep.org) or in the LEEP office. Please ask us about them!

We hope to see you SOON!

*Lisa* 😊

## TRY PICKLEBALL!

Do you play pickleball? Or have you ever wanted to learn how to play pickleball? We're partnering with Mankato Pickleball to give you a chance to try it out! Learn the basics of the game and scrimmage with your LEEP friends at the end of the session! Registration is REQUIRED so we can plan ahead!

Join us on Tuesday, January 10, at 5:00 pm at the Mankato Pickleball (90 Power Drive; Mankato). This free session will run until 6:00 pm. Equipment will be provided.



## WOW!ZONE THANKSGIVING DINNER



# SPECIAL OLYMPICS FLAG FOOTBALL GREEN WOLVERINES



**Special  
Olympics**



## LEEP BOWLING TOURNAMENT





# DECEMBER 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 NA: Holiday Gift Game 6:00 - 7:00 pm @ VINE Rm 510	7	8 NA: End-of-Year Bingo 6:00 - 7:00 pm @ VINE Rm 510	9	10
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This newsletter is also available on the LEEP  
website at [www.mankatoleep.org](http://www.mankatoleep.org)  
Editors: LEEP Team

## BECOME A 2023 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 the programs offered by LEEP, including night activities, special events, and Special Olympics. A 2023 membership (January - December) is only \$50 when turned in with your paperwork before 12/31/22. Membership paperwork will be sent in the mail soon! Membership Forms are available online as well.

**JOIN LEEP TODAY!  
COMPLETE THE MEMBERSHIP FORM  
AND RECEIVE MEMBER BENEFITS!**

