

NEWSLETTER

LEISURE EDUCATION

June 2023



Leisure Education for Exceptional People



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THROUGH
INCLUSIVE
EDUCATION,
RECREATION, AND
HEALTHY LIVING
OPPORTUNITIES

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June Night Activities

Creative Craft Night

Thursday, June 8

Decorate a small clay pot with stencils, markers and more. Fill your pot with dirt, plant a seed and see what grows. If time allows, you can also create a small flower painting on a canvas to put in your room or give to someone else.

Location: VINE Room 504

Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

Limit: 20 / Cost: \$8

Birthday Bingo

Tuesday, June 13

Join us for another month of birthday bingo! As usual, there will be great prizes and lots of friendly competition! **You get in free if your birthday is in June. Be sure to tell us when you register!**

Location: VINE Room 510

Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

Limit: 30 / Cost: \$8

Sunshine and Sweets

Tuesday, June 20

Join LEEP as we enjoy the nice summer weather! Meet at Riverfront Park to enjoy lawn games, then join us as we walk over to *Mom & Pop's*, a local family-owned ice cream shop on Riverfront, for a scoop of your favorite ice cream!

Location: Riverfront Park- 309 W Rock St

In case of rain, meet in VINE Room 510

Time: 6:30-7:30 pm

Limit: 15 / Cost: \$10

Taste the Rainbow and Trivia

Thursday, June 22

Come join us as we taste all the colors of the rainbow! Wake up your taste buds as you try new foods and old favorites! Create your own yummy fruit or veggie dip to take home after enjoying a few games of trivia!

Location: VINE Room 504

Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

Limit: 20 / Cost: \$8

Wings and WhiffleBall

Tuesday, June 27

Batter Up for an exciting game of whiffle ball! Play or just come cheer on your friends. Buffalo Wild Wings will be served as a snack and a drink will be provided.

Location: Spring Lake Part, 641 Webster Ave

Meet by the Volleyball Court shelter

In case of rain, meet in VINE Room 504

Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

Limit: 25 / Cost: \$15

Reminder:

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.

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.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

LEEP IS GOING TO THE MOONDOGS!

JOIN LEEP IN THE GREATEST SEATS IN THE PARK IN THE NEWLY RENOVATED DOG POUND WITH VIEWS RIGHT DOWN THE 3RD BASELINE! FILL UP WITH THE ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BUFFET OF HOT DOGS, HAMBURGER, PULLED PORK/CHICKEN, CHIPS AND POP. YOU'LL EVEN BE TREATED TO A MEET AND GREET WITH "MUTTNIK," THE OFFICIAL MASCOT OF THE MANKATO MOONDOGS!

STAFF ATTENDING ARE REQUIRED TO PAY \$20 FOR TICKET AND FOOD

LOCATION:
ISG FIELD

TIME:
6:00 - 9:00 P.M.

LIMIT:
25

COST:
\$12



FRIDAY, JUNE 23 LEEP CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO...

A MOVIE AND DINNER IN SIBLEY PARK!

COME ENJOY THE NICE SUMMER WEATHER WITH A MOVIE AT SIBLEY PARK!

JOIN ALL OF YOUR LEEP FRIENDS FOR A SHOWING OF THE HIT DISNEY MOVIE **ENCANTO**, WHICH TELLS THE TALE OF AN EXTRAORDINARY FAMILY WHO LIVES HIDDEN IN THE MOUNTAINS OF COLUMBIA. WATCH AS MIRABEL SAVES THE FAMILY AND THEIR MAGICAL ENCANTO FROM DANGER IN THIS LIVELY MUSICAL, FULL OF HIT SONGS THAT WILL BE STUCK IN YOUR HEAD FOR DAYS!

DROP OFF AND PICK UP @ SIBLEY PARK
MEET BY THE LEEP FLAG NEAR THE GAZEBO
6:30 - 9:00 PM | LIMIT: 20 | COST: \$10

PLEASE BRING A LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET TO SIT ON, AND MAKE SURE TO WEAR BUG SPRAY!



Minnesota River Valley Civitan Hosts:

- Adaptive Bowling Wednesdays
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. @ Victory Lanes
Call Gene at 507-720-2892

- Leisure Time with Teri
Wednesdays at 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. @ WOW! Zone
Call Pam at 507-381-4279 to register

- Vine Garage Band
Tuesday, June 20, 12:30 - 1:30 pm @ WOW! Zone
Call Pam at 507-381-4279 to register



These events are NOT run by LEEP.



IT'S TIME TO PLAY SOME BALL!

We are holding a softball scrimmage to help our Legends get some practice and give them the opportunity to meet LEEP participants. The event is FREE, but we ask that you call the LEEP office to register.

THIS EVENT IS NOT STAFFED.

Tuesday, June 14th
5:30 - 7:00 pm
ISG Field
601 Reed Street, Mankato

Songs on the Lawn

DATES

June 1: City Mouse (Classic Rock)
June 15: Nunnabove (Positive Alternative Pop)

TIME

12:00 - 1:00 P.M.

Join LEEP for the **SONGS ON THE LAWN** series this June! Presented by XCEL Energy and Greater Mankato Growth and free to attend, no registration is needed for attendees.

This is **NOT A STAFFED EVENT**, so please provide your own support staff if needed. Bring along a lawn chair or blanket, some money for lunch, and meet us by US Bank at 12:00 p.m., we'll be in our LEEP T-shirt's!

FOOD VENDORS

Dino's Gourmet Pizzeria
Tavern on the Avenue
Flask
Number 4 American Bar
Pub 500
The Loose Moose
Massad Group
Frozen Yogurt Creations
DonutNV
Wooden Spoon



BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

COME JOIN LEEP AT OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!

Tickets are \$10 for LEEP Participants, Limit 2 per person.

Tickets for participants only available at the LEEP Office.

Thursday, July 13th

ISG Field

Doors open @ 5:15 pm



The City of Mankato and Community Partners are offering a free summer fishing program for youth ages 7-18 years old.

The program will be held from June 2023 to August 2023 at Lions Park in Mankato. The first date of the program will be June 14, 2022 and each Wednesday thereafter for the summer. The ending date will be on August 16, 2022. Each class will start at 9:00 AM and end at 12:00PM. Fishing poles and equipment are provided. Lunch will be served at 11:00 AM. If the youth has their own fishing equipment they can bring it.

The space for participants is limited to 25 people so early enrollment in the program is recommended. If the participant has a food allergy or any allergy please note it on the registration form.

The first day of the class will discuss the sport of fishing, fish species and laws, using a fishing pole and then fishing.

The continuing weeks will consist of fishing along with recreational safety topics and demonstrations by the Blue Earth County Dive Team, MN DNR, Mankato Firefighters.

Please fill out the Registration form, the Release of Information form, and return them to the address listed below. The forms can also be returned by email. The Release of Information form is a permission form so the youth can be used in a city photo and is not mandatory to be filled out.

A confirmation letter will be mailed to the home address listed on the registration form, in the beginning of June, prior to the start of the program. If you have questions feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Keith Mortensen Todd Mohr

Officer Keith Mortensen and Officer Todd Mohr

Contact information:

Officer Keith Mortensen
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Mankato MN 56001
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Voice Mail: (507)420-0099 enter 3103
Email: kmortensen@mankatomn.gov

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REGISTRATION FORM

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
CITY:	
PHONE #:	
Allergy Information:	
Medical Information:	

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
CITY:	
PHONE #:	
EMAIL:	

** EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE #: _____ **

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY May 31th 2023 to:

Mankato Public Safety Center - Police
Attention: Officer Mortensen -or- Officer Mohr
710 S. Front St.
Mankato MN 56001

kmortensen@mankatomn.gov or tmohr@mankatomn.gov

This form can also be returned by email.



Model/talent/artistic works release

I (print name) _____ release to the City of Mankato, 10 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato MN 56001, for good and valuable consideration the right to publish my child's (a child is 17 years old and under) likeness, photograph, words and/or artistic works; and/or my likeness, photograph, and the same to be published in any form or medium

Adult's name: _____

Child's name _____

Adult signature: _____

Address: _____

Today's date _____

Telephone #: _____

LEEP REGISTRATION CHECKLIST:

- You must be a 2023 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.
- 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.
- All scholarships are given at the discretion of the Executive Director. Scholarships are limited per event.

X	CODE	DATE	ACTIVITY/SPORT	FEE
NIGHT ACTIVITIES				
	NA	6/8	Creative Craft Night	\$8
	NA	6/13	Birthday Bingo	\$8
	NA	6/20	Sunshine and Sweets	\$10
	NA	6/22	Taste the Rainbow and Trivia	\$8
	NA	6/27	Wings and WiffleBall	\$15
SPECIAL EVENTS				
	SE	6/1	Summer Kick Off Picnic	\$12
	SE	6/12	LEEP Legends Scrimmage	FREE
	SE	6/15	MoonDogs Game	\$30
	SE	6/23	Movie in the Park	\$10
SPECIAL OLYMPICS				
	SO	Jul-Aug	Softball	\$150
	SO	Jul-Aug	Bocce Ball	\$125
	SO	Jul-Aug	Golf	\$125
	SO	STATE	Bocce Ball; Golf	\$100
	SO	TRANSP	SO Sport (\$35 1-way; \$70 2-way)	
2023 MEMBERSHIP				
Paperwork & Payment				\$55
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:				

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: _____

LEEP is planning to have the following three sports this summer.

Please read through this page carefully as some things have changed since the last newsletter. Now's a great time to make sure all of your paperwork is up to date! All athletes must have current completed Special Olympics medical form to participate.

Please call the LEEP office if you are interested in participating!

GOLF

Dates: Mondays & Thursdays July 6-August 24 (NO PRACTICE 7/13)

Location: Terrace View Golf Course (19304 Hwy 22, Mankato, MN)

Time: 4:30-6:00 pm

Cost: \$125 (staffing, apparel, practice & facility fees, regional competition & regional transportation) Additional \$100 for State competition and transportation

Transportation: \$35 one-way, \$70 two-way for practices; provided for regional competition
Regional Competition: Monday, July 31 @ Hidden Green Golf Course, Hastings, MN (times TBD)

State Competition: Sunday, August 27 @ Oak Marsh Country Club, Oakdale, MN (times TBD)

BOCCE BALL

Dates: Mondays July 10-August 14

Time: TBD

Location: Soccer Pitch at Bethany Lutheran College (700 Luther Dr, Mankato, MN)

Cost: \$125 (staffing, regional competition & regional transportation) Additional \$100 for state competition and transportation

Transportation: \$35 one-way; \$70 two-way for practices; provided for regional competition

Regional competition: Sunday, July 30 @ Shattuck- St. Mary's, Fairbault, MN (times TBD)

State competition: Saturday & Sunday August 19-20 @ MN Fairview Sports Center, Woodbury, MN (times TBD)

SOFTBALL

Dates: Wednesdays July 5-August 14

Time: 4:30-5:30 pm

Location: Caswell Park (1875 Howard Dr W, North Mankato, MN)

Cost: \$150 (staffing, practice & facility fees)

Transportation: \$35 one-way, \$70 two-way for practices

State Competition: Friday-Sunday, August 18-20 @ MN Fairview Sports Center, Woodbury, MN (times TBD)

Scrimmages: Please note we plan to have scrimmages with local teams throughout the summer. Those dates have not yet been set.

GOOD JOB TO ALL OUR ATHLETES WHO PARTICIPATED AT COMPETITIONS IN APRIL AND MAY!



June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 SE: 1st Annual Summer Kick Off Picnic! 5:30-7:30 pm Meet @ Sibley Park Shelter #2	2	3
4	5 SO Basketball 6:00 pm @ Autism Center	6 SO Swimming 6:00 pm @ East High School	7 SO Track & Field 6:30 pm @ East High School	8 NA: Creative Craft Night 6:00 - 7:00 pm @ VINE Rm 504	9	10
11	12 LEEP Legends Scrimmage @ ISG Field 5:30-6:30 pm SO Basketball 6:00 pm @ Autism Center	13 NA: Birthday Bingo 6:00 - 7:00 pm @ VINE Rm 510 SO Swimming 6:00 pm @ East High School	14 SO Track & Field 6:30 pm @ East High School	15 SE: MoonDogs Game 6:00 - 9:00 pm Meet @ ISG Field	16	17 SO Swimming State Championship in Edina Times TBD
18 SO Swimming State Championship in Edina Times TBD	19 SO Basketball 6:00 pm @ Autism Center	20 NA: Sunshine and Sweets 6:30 - 7:30 pm Meet @ Riverfront Park	21 SO Track & Field 6:30 pm @ East High School	22 NA: Taste the Rainbow and Trivia Night 6:00 - 7:00 pm @ VINE Rm 504	23 SO Summer Games: Track and Basketball @ Stillwater HS Times TBD	24 SO Summer Games: Track and Basketball @ Stillwater HS Times TBD
25 SO Summer Games: Track and Basketball @ Stillwater HS Times TBD	26	27 NA: Wings and WhiffleBall 6:00 - 7:00 pm Meet @ Spring Lake Park near Volleyball courts	28	29	30 SE: Movie in the Park 6:30 - 9:00 pm Meet @ Sibley Park near Gazebo	

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website at 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 yearly membership (January - December) is only \$55. Drop off or send a check in the mail with "2023 Membership" in the memo line. Membership Forms are available online as well.

REGISTER FOR EVENTS EARLY!

**MAKE SURE TO CALL AND GET REGISTERED RIGHT AWAY FOR
EVENTS, THEY HAVE BEEN FILLING UP QUICKLY! MOST EVENTS HAVE
BEEN REACHING THEIR LIMITS WITHIN A WEEK OF PEOPLE RECEIVING
A NEWSLETTER, AND LEEP DOES NOT HAVE A WAITLIST FOR EVENTS.**

