

NEWSLETTER

LEISURE EDUCATION

August 2023



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THROUGH
INCLUSIVE
EDUCATION,
RECREATION, AND
HEALTHY LIVING
OPPORTUNITIES

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August 2023 Activities

EVENT POLICIES

- 5th Floor check-In instead of the 1st -floor lobby at VINE. Please take the elevator to the 5th Floor where you will be checked-in by a LEEP Recreation Lead.
- NO outside FOOD or DRINK is allowed during LEEP programs held at VINE for participants and group home staff.
- Group home staff are required to stay in the rented program space with participants at VINE, not in any common areas. Thank you.

Birthday Bingo

Tuesday, August 8

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 August, so please tell us when you register!**

Location: VINE Rm 510

Limit: 30 Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

Cost: \$8

Tie-Dye and Trivia

Tuesday, August 15

LEEP will provide a bandana and bag for you to create your own crazy tie-dye design. Afterwards, we will play summer movie and song trivia!

Location: VINE Room 510

Limit: 20

Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

Cost: \$12

Popcorn & A Show

Tuesday, August 22

Snack on hot, delicious popcorn while you chill and watch a summer blockbuster! Bring your own water bottle (reminder no outside food or drink is allowed at VINE)

Location: VINE Room 504 Limit: 25

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm Cost: \$8

PLEASE NOTE A LONGER TIME so we can finish a movie!

Burgers and Bowling!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

TIME: 11:00 AM- 1:30 PM

MEET @ WOW! ZONE AT 10:45 AM

PICKUP @ WOW! ZONE AT 1:00 PM

LIMIT: 10

COST: \$35

Join your friends for bowling and burger baskets at Wow! Zone! We will be bowling 2 games and then enjoying burger baskets and soda while socializing after we bowl.

MOONDOGS GAME

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

TIME: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

MEET @ ISG FIELD at the Main Gate on Reed St

LIMIT: 20

COST: \$10

The Mankato MoonDogs are playing the Rochester Honkers at ISG Field. Cheer on the hometown team while you enjoy a hot dog, chips and a pop.

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WIENER DOG RACES & DAIRY QUEEN

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

TIME: 12:30 - 4:00 PM
MEET @ LEEP
LIMIT: 10
COST: \$25

It's Wiener Dog Racing at Canterbury Park in Shakopee! Come watch the dogs and horses race around the track. On our way home we will stop at the DQ in Belle Plaine for an ice cream treat. Please eat lunch before you come.

ROCK OUT! AT ALIVE AFTER 5

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

TIME: 6:00 - 7:30 PM
MEET @ Civic Center Plaza
LIMIT: 15
COST: \$8

"Holy Rocka Rollaz" will be playing 50's style music at Mankato's Civic Plaza during the Alive After 5 free concert series. Bring your own lawn chair and your dancing shoes. Bring your own money if you want to purchase food at the event.

Treasure Hunt!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

TIME: 6:00 - 8:00 PM
MEET @ Spring Lake Park by shelter near Volleyball Courts
LIMIT: 15
COST: \$15

A secret hidden treasure is waiting to be discovered in Spring Lake Park! Gather and follow clues to be the first team to find the "loot." Be a kid again as we walk the plank, toss cannonballs and rescue the Captain. Enjoy pirate-themed snacks and a special deep-sea punch!

LEEP Severe Weather Policy

With summer weather well upon us, LEEP would like to remind all participants/staff/guardians to always pay attention to the weather.

Program cancellation is as follows:

Watch: Programs will continue as scheduled

Severe Weather/Tornado Warning: Programs are cancelled

If there is a Watch, it will be up to participants/staff if they would like to attend. In order to not be charged, cancellations must be called in according to the regular cancellation policy.

It is LEEP's policy to cancel any and all LEEP programs if a Tornado Warning is in effect. No phone calls will be made to participants/staff/guardians, but participants will be given a credit/refund if the activity was canceled prior to the activity start.

Join us Under the Sea at *LEEP Elegance 2023!*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

6:00 - 9:00 PM @ KATO BALLROOM

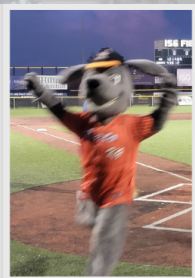
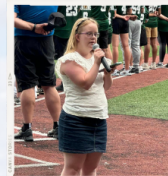
DOORS OPEN 5:45 PM
DANCE & PHOTO BOOTH
DINNER & PRIZES
GRAND ENTRANCE

TICKETS ON SALE SEPTEMBER 1

LEEP MEMBER: \$35
NON-LEEP MEMBER: \$45
STAFF/PCA/ETC: \$35

LIMITED FORMAL DRESSES AND NECKTIES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN SEPTEMBER
CALL THE LEEP OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION

THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED



Another successful game in the books! Congratulations to GSW Exterior Specialists on the big win! We will be announcing the total amount raised soon!

LEEP REGISTRATION CHECKLIST:

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- 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. No scholarships given for memberships or dances.

- 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	8/8	Birthday Bingo	\$8
	NA	8/15	Tie Dye and Trivia	\$12
	NA	8/22	Popcorn and A Show	\$8
SPECIAL EVENTS				
	SE	8/6	Burgers and Bowling	\$35
	SE	8/9	MoonDogs Game	\$10
	SE	8/13	Wiener Dog Races & DQ	\$25
	SE	8/17	Rock Out at Alive after 5	\$8
	SE	8/24	Treasure Hunt	\$15
SPECIAL OLYMPICS				
	SO	Aug-Oct	Flag Football	\$100
	SO	Sept-Nov	Bowling	\$150
	SO	STATE	Bocce Ball; Golf; Flag Football	\$100
	SO	TRANSP	SO Sport (\$35 1-way; \$70 2-way)	
2023 MEMBERSHIP				
Paperwork & Payment				\$55
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:				

PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER BEFORE
SENDING IN ANY CHECKS

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: _____

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL

The Unified Flag Football season combines athletes with and without disabilities to compete on the same team. This is a non-contact sport and is open to anyone ages 8 and over.

Dates: End of August through week of October 9

Limit: 26 Athletes

Location: Spring Lake Park, North Mankato (650 Webster Ave)

Day/Time: To-be-determined

Cost: \$100

State Tournament: \$100

Regional Tournament:

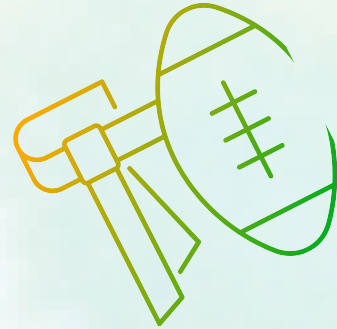
Saturday, September 16 and Sunday, September 17, 2023

West St. Paul Sport's Dome, West St. Paul, MN

State Tournament:

Saturday, October 14 and Sunday, October 15, 2023

at M Health Fairview Sports Center, Woodbury, MN



BOWLING

Dates: September through week of November 11

Limit: 75 athletes

Location: WOW! Zone (2030 Adams St)

Day/Time: Wednesday 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Cost: \$150

State Tournament:

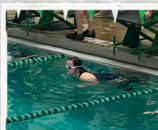
Saturday, November 11th and Sunday, November 12th

at WOW! Zone in Mankato



INTERESTED IN BEING A SPECIAL OLYMPICS COACH OR UNIFIED PARTNER?

REACH OUT TO US AT INFO@MANKATOLEEP.ORG OR CALL THE OFFICE AT 507-387-5122 TODAY!



GREAT JOB SPRING ATHLETES!

Congrats to everyone who participated in Special Olympics swimming, track and field and basketball this year! We are so proud of all the hard work you put in!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			Softball 4:30 - 5:30 pm @ Caswell Park	SO Golf 4:30-6:00 pm @ Terrace View		
6 SE: Burgers & Bowling 11:00 - 1:30 pm @ WOW! Zone	7 SO Bocce Ball 6:00-7:00 pm @ Bethany Soccer Pitch SO Golf 4:30-6:00 pm @ Terrace View	8 NA: Birthday Bingo 6:00- 7:00 pm @ VINE Rm 510	9 SE: MoonDogs Game 6:00 - 9:00 pm @ ISG Field Softball 4:30 - 5:30 pm @ Caswell Park	10 SO Golf 4:30-6:00 pm @ Terrace View	11	12
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27 SO State Golf Tournament @ Oak Marsh Golf Course Times TBD Softball Invitational @ Caswell 9am-1pm	28	29	30	31		

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website at www.mankatoleep.org
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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 AS THEY HAVE BEEN FILLING UP QUICKLY! MOST EVENTS HAVE BEEN REACHING THEIR LIMITS WITHIN A WEEK OF PEOPLE RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER, AND LEEP DOES NOT HAVE A WAITLIST FOR EVENTS.

