



NEWSLETTER

LEISURE EDUCATION

Aug/Sept 2026



FOR EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE

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

WHAT'S INSIDE:

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 Movie in the Park**Friday, August 7 • 7:00 - 10:00 pm • Benson Park** Benson Park, 2000 Carlson Drive, North Mankato

Enjoy a relaxing evening under the stars at North Mankato's Movie in the Park! This community event is the perfect chance to unwind with friends while watching a great movie on the big screen. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, grab some snacks, and settle in for a fun, laid-back night outdoors. **Please note:** It can be a long walk from parking lot to seating area.

Limit 10**Benson Park** **Bowling & Burgers at the Wow!Zone****Sunday, August 9 • 11:00 am - 1:30 pm • WOW!Zone** WOW!Zone, 2030 Adams St., Mankato

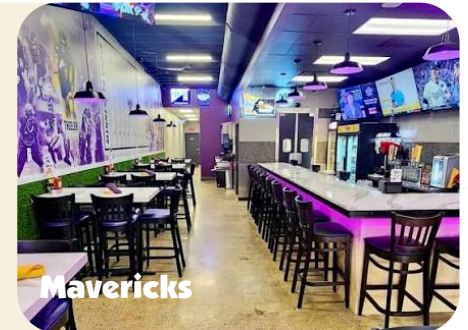
Join us for bowling, burgers, and great company at WOW!Zone! Participants will enjoy bowling with friends followed by a delicious meal. This event is all about having fun, socializing, and making memories together. Estimated amount to bring for food and drink is \$25.

Limit 8**WOW!Zone** **Ice Cream Treat at 500 Walnut****Thursday, August 20 • 6:00 - 7:45 pm • Meet at LEEP** Meet at LEEP

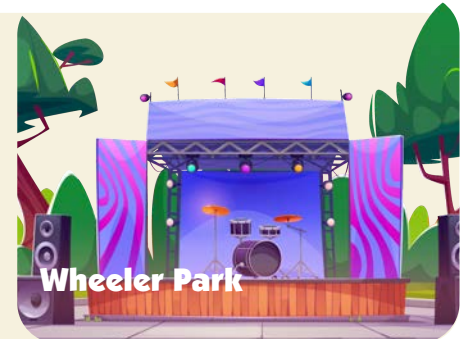
Treat yourself to a sweet adventure with a trip to 500 Walnut, in Madison Lake! Participants will enjoy picking their favorite flavors and indulging in delicious ice cream in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Estimated amount to bring for an ice cream treat is \$10. *If you require 1-on-1 staff support during the activity you will need to drive separately.

Limit 10**500 Walnut** **Dinner at Mavericks****Tuesday, August 25 • 5:30 - 7:00 pm • Mavericks Sports Bar and Grill** Mavericks Sports Bar and Grill, 503 S Front St, Mankato

Join us for a fun evening of food, friends, and conversation at Mavericks Sports Bar & Grill! Come hungry and ready for a great time! You can also view Mavericks sports pictures and memorabilia while there. Estimated amount to bring for food and drink is \$25.

Limit 15**Mavericks** **Music in the Park****Thursday, September 3 • 5:30 - 7:30 pm • Wheeler Park** Wheeler Park, 402 Page Avenue, North Mankato

Enjoy a relaxing evening at Music in the Park! Join us in Wheeler Park (off Garfield Ave) for live music, tasty treats from a food stand, and plenty of fun for the whole community. Bring your lawn chair or a blanket, sit back, and enjoy the sounds of local musical talent. It's the perfect way to spend a summer evening with friends and neighbors!

Limit 12**Wheeler Park**



Ice Cream Treat at Sota Scoops

Thursday, September 10 • 6:00 - 7:30 pm • Meet at LEEP

📍 Meet at LEEP

Treat yourself to a sweet adventure with a trip to Sota Scoops in St. Peter! Participants will enjoy picking their favorite flavors and indulging in delicious ice cream. Estimated amount to bring for an ice cream treat is \$10. *If you require 1-on-1 staff support you will need to drive separately.

Limit 10



Sota Scoops



Trip to the Goofy Goat Farm

Thursday, September 17 • 6:00 - 7:30 pm • Meet at LEEP

📍 Meet at LEEP

Get ready for fun and furry friends with a trip to the Goofy Goat Farm! It's a perfect outing for animal lovers and anyone looking to connect with nature while having a blast outdoors! **If you went in July, please let others enjoy this trip.**

Limit 10



Goofy Goat Farm



Blues on Belgrade

Saturday, September 19 • 1:45 - 4:15 pm • Meet at LEEP

📍 Meet at LEEP

Join us for an evening of live music, food, and fun at Blues on Belgrade! Participants are encouraged to bring money for concessions. Bring a lawn chair, enjoy the entertainment. *If you require 1-on-1 staff support during the activity you will need to drive separately.

Limit 10



Blues on Belgrade



Dinner out at Loose Moose Saloon

Tuesday, September 22 • 5:30 - 7:00 pm • Loose Moose Saloon

📍 Loose Moose Saloon, 119 S Front Street, Mankato

Join us for a fun evening out at Loose Moose Saloon! Participants will enjoy a relaxed dinner together while choosing from a variety of menu options in a welcoming, casual atmosphere. Bring your appetite and get ready for a great time! Estimated amount to bring for food and drink is \$25.

Limit 14



Loose Moose



Swimming at the YMCA

Sunday, September 27 • 1:00 - 3:00 pm • Mankato YMCA

📍 Mankato YMCA, 1401 S Riverfront Dr, Mankato

Join us for a refreshing and active swimming session at the Mankato Family YMCA! Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy time in the pool, practice swim skills, and have fun in a safe and supportive environment. All swimming abilities are welcome!

Limit 10



YMCA



Floats at Fallenstein

Tuesday, September 29 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm • Fallenstein Playground

📍 Fallenstein Playground, North Mankato

Join us for a sweet and refreshing evening at Fallenstein Playground! Participants will enjoy making and sharing classic root beer floats while spending time outdoors with friends. This relaxed social event is a great way to enjoy the last of the summer weather and play at the playground.

Limit 20



Fallenstein Playground



OFFICE PHONE: 507-387-5122



EMAIL: INFO@MANKATOLEEP.ORG



WEBSITE: WWW.MANKATOLEEP.ORG

August/September

NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Birthday Bingo

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



Tuesday, August 4; Tuesday, September 1
LEEP OFFICE | Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Limit: 25

Summer Craft

Join us for a fun and creative summer craft activity! Participants will make seasonal crafts, spend time with friends, and enjoy a evening of creativity. All supplies are provided — just bring your imagination!



Thursday, August 6
LEEP OFFICE | Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Limit: 20

Walking Club

Easy low-impact walking is a great way to get healthier. Plus, you can chat with all your LEEP friends while walking. Dress for the weather and wear shoes that you can walk in for a long time. Questions about weather on the day of? Call 507-387-5122 and PRESS 3



Tuesday, August 11; Tuesday September 8
BLUFF PARK (8/11), BENSON PARK (9/8)
Time: 5:00 - 5:45 pm | Limit: 20

Popcorn & A Show

Enjoy a relaxing night out with friends at LEEP! We'll gather around the big screen for a fun show, complete with hot, buttery popcorn. Don't forget to bring your own closable water bottle and get ready for a cozy evening together! (No outside food, please.)



Thursday, August 27; Thursday, September 24
LEEP OFFICE | Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm | Limit: 25

NEW ACTIVITY

SPECIAL OLYMPICS POLY HOCKEY

Wednesday, December 9th

We're excited to announce the inaugural season of Special Olympics Poly Hockey at LEEP! This is a great opportunity for athletes to learn a new sport, build skills, and be part of a supportive team environment. Whether you've played before or are brand new to the game, we welcome you to join us as we create lasting memories, make new friends, and have fun on the court together. Every Wednesday starting December 9th.

Come be part of this exciting first season!

Location: LEEP gym, 1315 Stadium Road

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Cost: \$50 for members

To register call 507-387-5122 or email info@mankatoleep.org

SOFTBALL

Step up to the plate for an exciting season of LEEP **Softball!** Participants will build their skills in hitting, throwing, and fielding while enjoying fun practices and friendly games throughout the season. Whether you're new to softball or a seasoned player, LEEP softball is a great way to stay active, make friends, and be part of a team!

- Season runs: **Wednesdays, July 8 - August 19**
- Practice is: **6:30 - 7:45 p.m. @ Caswell Park (Field 4)**
- Tournament: **9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Caswell Park (Fields 5 & 6)**
- Cost: **\$50 Annually LEEP Member, \$200 Non-Member**



FLAG FOOTBALL

Get ready to hit the field with LEEP's **Special Olympics Unified Flag Football** team! Athletes will build football skills, learn teamwork, stay active, and most importantly have fun in a supportive and encouraging environment. Practices and games are designed for athletes of all skill levels, whether you're new to the sport or have played before.

- Season runs **Tuesdays, August 18 - October 13**
- Practice is **5:15 - 6:30 p.m. @ Spring Lake Park**
- Regionals: **Saturday or Sunday, September 12/13**
- State: **Saturday or Sunday, October 10/11**
- Cost: **\$50 Annually LEEP Member, \$200 Non-Member**



BOWLING

Roll into fun with LEEP **Special Olympics Bowling!** Whether you're a seasoned bowler or trying the sport for the first time, this program offers athletes the opportunity to develop bowling skills, build confidence, make friends, and enjoy friendly competition. Bowling is one of the most popular Special Olympics sports because it combines physical activity, social interaction, and plenty of fun for athletes of all ability levels. Come join your teammates, knock down some pins, and see if you can bowl a strike!

- Season runs **Wednesdays, October 7 - December 2**
- Practice is **4:30 - 5:45 p.m. at the Wow!Zone**
- State: **Saturday or Sunday, November 21/22**
- Cost: **\$50 Annually LEEP Member, \$200 Non-Member**



**Special
Olympics**
Minnesota



AUGUST 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 SO: Golf Practice 4-6 p.m. @ Terrace View	4 SO: Bocce 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. @ Bethany NA: Birthday Bingo 6:30-7:30 p.m. @ LEEP	5 CL: Garden Club 4:30-5:30 p.m. @Living Earth Center SO: Softball 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. @ Caswell	6 NA: Summer Craft 6:30-7:30 p.m. @ LEEP SO: Golf Practice 4-6 p.m. @ Terrace View	7 SE: Movie in the Park 7-10 p.m. @ Benson Park	8
9 SE: Bowling & Burgers 11 -1:30 p.m. @ WOW!Zone	10 SO: Golf Practice 4-6 p.m. @ Terrace View	11 SO: Bocce 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. @ Bethany NA: Walking Club 5-5:45 p.m. @ Bluff Park	12 SO: Softball 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. @ Caswell	13 Party at the Pool 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. @ Tourtellotte SO: Golf Practice 4-6 p.m. @ Terrace View	14	15 SO: Bocce STATE @ Woodbury
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23 SO: Golf STATE @ Oakdale	24 SO: Golf Practice 4-6 p.m. @ Terrace View	25 SE: Dinner Out 5:30-7 p.m. @ Mavericks SO: Flag Football 5:15-6:30 p.m. @ Spring Lake Park	26	27 NA: Popcorn & A Show 6:30-8 p.m. @ LEEP	28	29

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS:

LEEP - 1315 Stadium Rd, Mankato

500 Walnut - 500 Walnut Ave. Madison Lake

Benson Park - 2000 Carlson Drive, North Mankato

Bethany Lutheran College - 775 Luther Dr, Mankato

Caswell Park - 1875 Howard Dr. W, North Mankato (Field 4)

Living Earth Center Garden - 170 Good Counsel Dr, Mankato

Mavericks Sports Bar - 503 S Front St. Mankato

Spring Lake Park - 835 Sherman St., North Mankato

Terrace View Golf Course - 19304 Hwy 22, Mankato

WOW!Zone - 2030 Adams St, Mankato

State Bocce - 4125 Radio Dr. Woodbury, MN 55129

State Golf - 526 Inwood Ave. N, Oakdale, MN 55128



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SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Tickets go on sale September 1st! 	¹ NA: Birthday Bingo 6:30-7:30 p.m. @ LEEP SO: Flag Football 5:15-6:30 p.m. @ Spring Lake Park	² CL: Garden Club 4:30-5:30 p.m. @Living Earth Center	³ SE: Music in the Park 5:30 - 7:30 pm @ Wheeler Park	⁴	⁵
⁶	⁷ LEEP Office Closed Labor Day 	⁸ NA: Walking Club 5-5:45 p.m. @ Benson Park SO: Flag Football 5:15-6:30 p.m. @ Spring Lake Park	⁹	¹⁰ SE: Ice Cream 6-7:30 p.m. @ Sota Scoops Meet at LEEP	¹¹	¹² SO: Flag Football Regional
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²⁷ SE: Swimming 1 - 3 p.m. @ YMCA	²⁸	²⁹ SE: Floats 6:30-7:30 p.m. @ Fallenstein. SO: Flag Football 5:15-6:30 p.m. @ Spring Lake Park	³⁰			

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS:

LEEP - 1315 Stadium Rd, Mankato
Blues on Belgrade - 200 Belgrade Ave, North Mankato
Benson Park - 2000 Carlson Dr, North Mankato
Fallenstein Playground - 1875 Howard Dr. W, North Mankato
Goofy Goat Farm - 23888 610 Ave, Madison Lake
Living Earth Center Garden - 170 Good Counsel Dr, Mankato
Loose Moose Saloon - 119 S Front St. Mankato
Sota Scoops - 317 Minnesota Ave, St. Peter
Wheeler Park - 402 Page Ave, North Mankato
YMCA - 1401 S Riverfront Dr, Mankato



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THURSDAY, AUG. 13TH | 7PM-8:30PM

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Come enjoy a **FREE** night at the pool!
This is open to individuals with disabilities,
their families, and caregivers.



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310 E. MABEL ST., MANKATO

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LEEP Elegance

OCTOBER 17, 2026

4:45 pm: Doors open | 5:00 - 6:15: pm Dinner & Beverages

5:00 - 8:00 pm: Dance, Photo Booth & Dessert

LEEP Member: \$40 | Non-LEEP Member: \$50
Staff/Caregiver: \$40

Purchase Tickets ONLINE or @ LEEP OFFICE

www.mankatoleep.org/leepelegance

1315 Stadium Rd Ste 101 Mankato, MN 56001

A red carpet is laid out on a white background, flanked by gold stanchions connected by red velvet ropes. The carpet leads towards the background where the LEEP logo is visible.

**Tickets go on sale
September 1st**

KATO Ballroom

200 Chestnut St; Mankato, MN

LEEP Legends 2026

THANK YOU

What a legendary matchup at ISG Field!
Thank you to our players, fans, and generous
sponsors for helping LEEP knock it out of the
park — supporting inclusive recreation for
people of all abilities.



Games & Giggles

Eric's Dad Joke of the Month

Why do ducks have tail feathers?

Call LEEP and ask for Eric to get the answer:
(507)387-5122



LEEP August & September Word Find

Bingo	P O O R C C N W O X P E S R A
Bowling	S I W Y E E N E K D H L J S T
Celebrate	N F V O L U N T E E R A M U X
Dancing	N I S J E H G K L X K X A V B
Fitness	A T E V B Q L S F Y W G T B N
Football	R N Y F R K U V J K C P Y G L
Friendship	S E O F A F R I E N D S H I P
Learning	O S H O T B W L O J C B A G C
Movie	F S D O E O L E A R N I N G C
Softball	T P A T G W W A L K I N G M R
Walking	B H N B V L E X O L M G Z T X
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	L Q I L Q N L M I R V S K A N
	L Y N L S G F P J F I R W Y G
	Y O G H Y L K X M X E B C C Q



Congratulations, Elizabeth and Julie, on participating in Special Olympics Nationals! Thank you for proudly representing Special Olympics Minnesota and LEEP. We are so proud of your hard work, dedication, and outstanding achievement!



2026 Miracle League Fall Baseball Season!
Sign-up and Registration is **NOW OPEN!**

Monday Nights (September 14 – October 19)

· Youth, Teens, and Adults are welcome!

· Game starts at 5:30 pm

· Registration cost - \$35/player

If you have any questions, please call Beth at: 507-381-1735
or email: director.miracleleaguenm@gmail.com

www.MiracleLeagueNM.org

REGISTRATION FORM

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August

X	CODE	DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT
NIGHT ACTIVITIES			
	NA	8/4	Birthday Bingo
	NA	8/6	Summer Craft
	NA	8/11	Walking Club
	NA	8/27	Popcorn and A Show
SPECIAL EVENTS			
	SE	8/7	Movie in the Park
	SE	8/9	Bowling & Burgers @ Wow!Zone
	SE	8/20	Ice Cream @ 500 Walnut
	SE	8/25	Dinner out @ Mavericks Sports Bar
X	CODE	DATE	SPORT
SPECIAL OLYMPICS			
	SO	Wednesdays 7/8 - 8/24	Softball
	SO	Tuesdays 8/18 - 10/13	Flag Football
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:			
2026 FORMS			
2026 Membership Form			
2026 ACH Form			
2026 Scholarship Form (if applicable)			

If you have any questions about the membership system, registrations, Special Olympics, or anything else, please call the LEEP office (507-387-5122) or email info@mankatoleep.org and we would be happy to talk to you!

To make sure you're signed up, please call the LEEP office (507-387-5122) or email info@mankatoleep.org and we will confirm your registration. We are not able to accommodate walk-ins!

September

X	CODE	DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT
NIGHT ACTIVITIES			
	NA	9/1	Birthday Bingo
	NA	9/8	Walking Club
	NA	9/24	Popcorn & A Show
SPECIAL EVENTS			
	SE	9/3	Music in the Park
	SE	9/10	Ice Cream @ Sota Scoops
	SE	9/17	Goofy Goat Farm
	SE	9/19	Blues on Belgrade
	SE	9/22	Dinner @ Loose Moose Saloon
	SE	9/27	Swimming @ the YMCA
	SE	9/29	Floats @ Fallenstein Playground
X	CODE	DATE	SPORT
SPECIAL OLYMPICS			
	SO	Tuesdays 8/18 - 10/13	Flag Football
	SO	Wednesdays 10/7 - 12/2	Bowling
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:			
2026 FORMS			
2026 Membership Form			
2026 ACH Form			
2026 Scholarship Form (if applicable)			

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____



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This newsletter is also available on the LEEP
website at www.mankatoleep.org

BECOME A 2026 MEMBER programming with no limits

LEEP provides leisure education, recreation, and healthy living opportunities for people with different abilities. The monthly membership fee is \$20. As a LEEP member, an individual will have access to most programs offered by LEEP including night activities, special events, and dances. Special Olympics is \$50/year. Current LEEP members were sent a mailing with all 2026 forms. These forms—including membership, ACH, and scholarship—are also available online or in the LEEP office. All forms may be returned to the LEEP office at 1315 Stadium Rd Ste 101, Mankato, 56001; returned in person; or emailed to info@mankatoleep.org.

JOIN LEEP TODAY!

**COMPLETE THE MEMBERSHIP & ACH FORMS AND RECEIVE MEMBER BENEFITS!
MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND MOST LEEP EVENTS IN 2026!**

