North Reading Parks & Recreation
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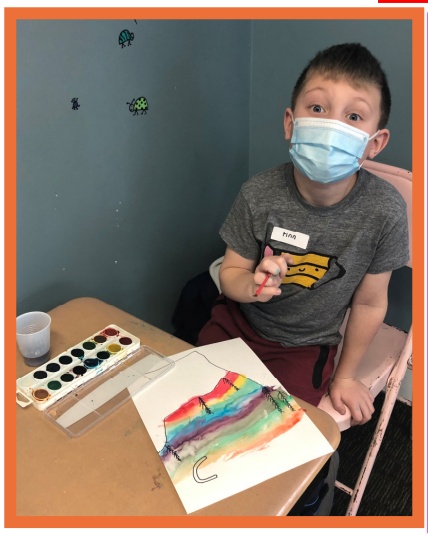

WINTER 2022 PROGRAMS
Adult Programs

Adult Volleyball

Come join in the fun with NR P&R and learn to play one of America's finest recreational and competitive team sports. This program is co-sponsored by a local sports club. It is a beginner/intermediate level 6 on 6 league with instruction as needed. Ages:18 and up

CURRENT SESSION SOLD OUT

Session #1
Dates: Mondays January 3rd-March 21st
10 week session
No program 1/17, 2/21
Time: 7:00—9:00 PM
Cost: $130.00
includes BSCC performance drifit shirt
Location: Hood School gym

Session #2 COMING SOON

Dates: Mondays starting in April *
Time: 7:00-9:00 PM
Location: Location: NR High School

*Dates and prices to follow. Watch website and email blasts!

Beginners Pickleball

Come see what this popular sport is all about! Similar to ping pong, badminton and tennis, this is a fun active game that can be mastered by anyone with athletic skills. This is the fastest growing sport in the United States. It is played in a court with a lowered net, plastic whiffle ball and paddle. Participants should expect a fast paced workout and should do their best to attend weekly to assure successful matches. Participants must bring their own paddle to program. This program is for BEGINNERS only. We will do our best to try to schedule another program for those who have played before. Call office if you are unsure what type to purchase.
6 week session
Ages: 18 and up
Dates: February 15th—March 29th
No program 2/22
Time: 5:30-6:30 PM
Cost: $60.00
Location: Town Hall Gym

Men's over 30 Basketball

A recreational basketball program for men over 30. This program is a non-competitive pickup program and consists of games only.
12 week session
Session#1
Dates: Wednesdays, January 5th—March 30th
No program 2/23
Time: 7:00-9:00 PM
Cost: $102.00
Location: Hood School Gymnasium

Session#2 COMING SOON
Dates: Wednesdays starting in April*
Time: 7:00-9:00 PM
Location: NR High School

*Dates and prices to follow. Watch website and email blasts!

Friendly Reminder:
North Reading Recreation runs in conjunction with the North Reading Public School Calendar. If school is cancelled due to weather or if it is a school recognized holiday, North Reading Recreation regular programming is also closed. We do however run special events often during half days and vacation weeks.

Please watch for email cancellations prior to leaving for a program on a questionable day!

Thank you

Pre School Programs & One Day Events

Welcome back to our line up of preschool programming. We are still offering limited programs due to Covid. Watch your emails as we may add programs as we see things improving or as the State guidelines allow. **Masks are required on indoor programs for ages 3 and up**. (We will adjust accordingly with state/town guidelines.) Town Hall programs are located @ 235 North Street. Recreation Center programs are located @ 5 Central St. Outdoor Programs at IRP meet at Recreation Center for first program.

Wiggles and Giggles

If your tot has a hard time sitting still this is the place for them to be! Kids and caregivers will enjoy some parachute play each week and then move into some interactive songs, marching bands, silly dancing and some fun with puppets! This session will have kids enjoying new experiences with new friends!

Age: 18months — 3 years with/adult

Session #1 **4 week mini session**
Dates: Fridays, January 7th—January 28th
Time: 9:00-9:45AM
Cost: $36.00

Session # 2 **8 week session**
Dates: Mondays, January 31st-March 28th
No program 2/21
Time: 9:00-9:45AM
Cost: $72.00

Session #3 **8 week session**
Dates: Fridays, February 4th-April 1st
No program 2/25
Time: 9:00-9:45AM
Cost: $72.00

Location: Recreation Center at IRP

Kids Club

Calling all preschoolers! Come join us once a week for a fun program that will explore a different theme each week! Kids will enjoy some fun with nature, creative fun art, silly science experiments, and some fun gym time with kid size work out stations, parachutes, obstacle courses and some special seasonal themed fun is thrown in each session! Each session has a new outline so kids won't be bored taking this program again! 6 week program

Age: 3-5 years drop off
Dates: Mondays, February 7th- March 21st
No program 2/21
Session #1
Time: 11:15-12:15 PM

Session #2
Time: 12:45-1:45 PM

Cost: $54.00
Location: Recreation Center at Ipswich River Park

Pee Wee Basketball

Join us for a program of fun while learning the fundamentals of basketball. Kids will learn shooting, dribbling and passing in a non-competitive environment.

Ages: 3-5 years old
Session #1: **6 week program**
Dates: Tuesdays, February 15th—March 29th
No Program 2/22
Time: 12:45-1:30 PM
Cost: $54.00
Session #2: **6week program**
Dates: Wednesdays, February 9th—March 23rd
No program 2/23
Time: 10:00-10:45 AM
Cost: $54.00
Session #3: **6 week program**
Dates: Thursdays, February 3rd—March 17th
No program 2/24
Time: 10:00-10:45 AM
Cost: $54.00
Session: #4 **6 week program**
Dates: Thursdays, February 17th—March 31st
No program 2/24
Time: 12:45-1:30 PM
Cost: $54.00

Location: Town Hall Gym

Tot/Kindergarten One day events!

All Tot/Kindergarten events are drop off programs for ages 3-6 years. Children must be potty trained. We take great pride in producing programs that are safe and still so much fun that kids won't realize all the precautions we are taking. However, due to town/state regulation changes children ages 3 and up must wear a mask unless otherwise notified

Magical Science

Colorful, bubbly, oozing and slimy are just a few of the fun words your little ones will use to describe the fun afternoon they have with simple hands on child friendly experiments!

Date: Wednesday, January 12th
Time: 12:30-2:00 PM
Cost: $20.00
Location: Recreation Center at Ipswich River Park

Valentine's Day Party

Get your red on and join us for a day of sweet fun! Kids will play Valentine's themed games, make treats and make a themed craft. Kids are sure to LOVE this party!

Date: Wednesday, February 9th
Time: 12:30-2:00 PM
Cost: $18.00
Location: Recreation Center at Ipswich River Park

St. Patrick's Day Party

Dress your kids in green for a day full of fun for toddlers! Kids will make a St. Patrick's day craft, treat and play some fun St. Patrick's Day themed games!

Date: Wednesday, March 9th
Time: 12:30-2:00 PM
Cost: $18.00
Location: Recreation Center at Ipswich River Park

Pre registration is required for planning purposes and early registration is suggested to assure a spot. These events often sell out!

ELEMENTARY AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

Please be sure to take a good look at some of our new offerings.
After school, vacation and half day programming.
We are working hard to keep your kids active and busy
in a fun and structured environment!
Looking for something we don't offer? Send us an email with your suggestions.

Kinder Basketball

Join boys and girls in a program of fun & learning the game of basketball. Kids will learn shooting, dribbling & passing in a non-competitive environment. First part of session is drills. Scrimmages start second part of session. 6 week program

Age: Kindergarten
Dates: Wednesdays, February 9th—March 23rd
No Program 2/23
Time: 12:45– 1:30 PM
Cost: $54.00
Location: Town Hall Gym

Basketball Skills Clinic Kindergarten

Please join **New England Basketball** for an introduction to basketball. Children will learn the proper ways to dribble, pass, shoot and play defense in this fun skills clinic. The kids will play fun group games and be taught how to play as a team. 5 week session

Age: Kindergarten
Dates: Wednesdays, March 2nd—March 30th
Time: 3:45-4:30 PM
Cost: $55.00
Location: Town Hall Gym

Basketball Skills Clinic First Grade

Come join **New England Basketball** skills clinic that will teach your child all the skill sets to be a solid basketball player. We will do scrimmages, skills competitions, work on dribbling, shooting, man to man defense, passing and much more. 5 week session

Age: First Grade
Dates: Wednesdays, March 2nd—March 30th
Time: 4:45-5:45 PM
Cost: $55.00
Location: Town Hall Gym

Martial Arts by Elite Freestyle Karate

Elite Freestyle Karate is back with great programs at their Reading facility. Elite Freestyle Karate has been serving our community for over 25+ years. This program offers lessons focusing on confidence, leadership, respect and self-discipline. Programs include once/week from schedule choice. 6 week program

Ages: 3-4 Dragons
5-6 Tigers
7-11 Youth
12-15 Teens
see website for times

Session #1
Dates: January 10th—February 28th
No program 1/17

Session #2
Dates: March 14th—April 30th
No Program April Vacation week 4/18-4/23

Cost: $105.00 includes uniform and one class/week
Location: 46 Haven St. Reading MA

Code Wiz

Unlock your child's inner genius! Children learn, create, collaborate and gain the problem solving savvy they need to compete in a changing world. Six week virtual programming;

- Python, Java & Javascript
- Game Based Python
- Roblox Coding
- Minecraft Coding
- Minecraft World Builder
- Game Design with Unity
- Build Your Own Website

See website for age requirements and full course description.

Winter Session 1
Dates: Tuesdays, 1/4 – 2/8;
Time: 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:30pm

Winter Session 2
Dates: Wednesdays, 1/5 – 2/9
Time: 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:30pm

Winter Session 3
Dates: Tuesdays, 2/15-3/22
Time: 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:30pm

Winter Session 4
Dates: Wednesdays, 2/16-3/23
Time: 5:00-6:00 pm or 6:30-7:30pm

Cost: $175

Spring Fever!

Similar to our Winter Wonderland enrichment program, this program welcomes all things Spring! Children can join us on Wednesday afternoons where kids will make valentine treats, painted pots and plants, St. Patricks Day shirts and have some silly fun with science. Too much fun to list! We still have loads of interactive chatting and laughing during these classes so kids barely notice we are set up to meet all strict covid guidelines!

Ages: Grades K-5
Dates: Wednesdays, February 2nd—March 23rd
No Program 2/23, 3/16
Time: 2:45-4:15 PM
Cost: $82.00
Location: Recreation Center at Ipswich River Park

Our Philosophy:

The philosophy of the North Reading Parks & Recreation is to down play the competitive approach to sports by instilling a positive attitude, confidence, and sportsmanship while emphasizing participation and teaching basic fundamentals. It is the goal of the North Reading Recreation Department to encourage all participants, coaches, instructors and parents to: Support and respect the coach, instructor and participants; Demonstrate what it means to play fair; Win or lose with grace and dignity; Encourage children during programs and keep comments positive; Leave coaching to the coaches; Parents must be a positive role model exhibiting sportsmanship, Refrain from yelling at your child and/or, other players interrupting the flow of the program; That everyone has a positive and fun experience!

Babysitter's Course

This basic babysitter's course will include instruction on how to interview the parents, diapering and feeding techniques, creative reading, activities for young children, appropriate snacks, bedtime issues, age appropriate toys, learn to perform basic first aid, choking, cuts, puncture wounds, bruises, eye injuries, nosebleeds, tooth injuries, burns, seizures, poisoning, bites, tips on safe babysitting including setting up a "code" with parents in case of emergency. Course instructor, Debbie LaFlamme is a licensed day care provider with a degree in early childhood education. She has over 20 years experience in caring for children of all ages in her home. **1 day program ***

Ages: 10—15 years
Dates: Sunday March 6th
Time: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Cost: $40.00
Location: Town Hall, 235 North St. Room 14
*students are *not certified* in first aid or CPR.

MOST ASKED FOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Little League Baseball	www.nrll.org
Basketball/Youth	www.nryb.net
Cheering and Football	www.nrhornets.com
Field Hockey/Youth	Kathy Lally 978-664-6702
Hockey/Youth	www.nrsa.net
Lacrosse/Youth	www.nryll.org
Soccer/Youth	www.northreadingyouthsoccer.com
Softball/Youth	www.northreadingsoftball.com
Volleyball/Youth	www.nryv.org
Parks & Recreation	www.northreadingma.gov
Flint Memorial Library	978 664 4942
Edith O'Leary Senior Center	978 664 5600
Town Hall	978 357 5210
Public Works	978 357 5260
Recycling	978 664 6043
Friends of NRPR	friendsofnrpr@gmail.com

OOPS! Despite our best efforts, errors sometimes make it into print.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

SPECIAL EVENTS
HALF DAY/ VACATION &
NO SCHOOL DAY FUN

April Vacation Fun

Please be sure to watch our email blasts for upcoming April Vacation Programs. We will be waiting to see where Covid guidelines are closer to that time to plan appropriate activities. Thank you for your patience!

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR PARKS LATELY?

- Ipswich River Park, 15 Central St.
- Maguire Field, 168 Chestnut St
- Kids Spot, 168 Chestnut St.
- Rita J. Mullin Field, 96 Lowell Rd.
- Murphy Field, 235 North St.
- Benevento Little League, 251 Central St.
- Clarke Park, 61 Burroughs Rd. (Martins Pond)
- Arthur J. Kenney Turf Field and Track Facility, 189 Park St.
- North Parish Park , 248 Park St.

Annual Project Linus Blanket making program
For children in Hospitals

Elementary Early Release Fun

All vacation & 1/2 day programs are for children in K—5 and are located at the Recreation Center @ Ipswich River Park

Participants are spaced 3' apart which limits the number of registrants that can participate so call now and get your spot! pre-registration is required.

Pre registration is required. Please register early so supplies can be ordered and we can be ready and organized for a successful program! Masks are required and we always have opportunity for mask breaks!

Wednesday, March 16th
Silly Science

Kids will have an explosive time with slimy, oozy bubbly fun with hands on silly science experiments! Lots of individual experiments at their desks.
Time: 1:00-3:00 PM
Cost: $20.00

Thursday, March 17th
St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Where else can you have this much fun staying in your socially distanced seat? Kids will compete in individual minute to win it St. Pat's themed competition, play candy BINGO and play roll a rainbow. We will also make a craft and an individual themed treat! We promise they will have so much fun they won't even notice how safe we are being!
Time: 1:00– 3:00 PM
Cost: $20.00

Friday, March 18th -
Spring Cupcake Decorating

Cupcake decorating is back! **Children must each bring six white/vanilla cupcakes frosted in white to the program.** Each child will receive a cupcake decorating kit at their station. No decorating items /foods will be shared. Although we are not able to use/share some of our decorating tools, we have still come up with some super cute cupcakes! The kids will definitely come home with something they are proud of!
Time: 1:00-3:00 PM
Cost: $20.00

It is very **important** that each child has the 6 white / white frosted cupcakes in a take home container in order to complete our designs!

Elementary February Vacation Week Fun!

All vacation week programs are for grades K-5 and are held at the Recreation Center @ Ipswich River Park.

Tuesday, 2/22
Project Linus Blankets

It's so much fun to make these fuzzy fleece blankets but it is more fun to know they are going to children in the hospital who need some comfort. Recreation has donated over 60 of these blankets over the past year from the kids coming to these programs! Kids will pattern, cut and make these blanket to donate. Snacks and drinks and a good time provided!
Time: 1:00-3:00 PM
Cost: $20.00

Wednesday, 2/23
Do You Want To Build A Snowman?

This fun day is all about snowmen! We will have *snow* much fun making some really cute snowmen crafts and treats. We may even make some of our own snow!
Time: 1:00-3:00 PM
Cost: $20.00

Thursday, 2/24
Canvas Giraffe Art

Kids will get very creative in this fun and relaxing paint class. We supply the instruction and supplies and a relaxing atmosphere, all you need to bring is a good attitude!
Time: 1:00-3:00 PM
Cost: $25.00

Pre- Registration is kindly requested by 2/14 so we can be sure to have supplies and prep work done for everyone. Anyone registering after that date will be put on a wait list and added to the program if we can get supplies .

Friday, 2/25, Silly Science

Our popular Silly Science is back with more oozy bubbly slimy fun! We may do some of our favorites but will always add some new fun to this program so the kids never get the same class twice!
Time: 1:00– 3:00 PM
Cost: $20.00

P & R Committee & Staff

Committee Members
Ron Kern, Chairperson
Billie Luker, Vice Chairperson
Rita Mullin, Clerk
Sergio Coviello, Patricia Filmore,
Sheila Sturdevant, Mike Fitzpatrick

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Lynne Clemens, Recreation Director
Nancy Ursino, Recreation Programmer
Instructors: Rebecca Lowe, Deb Aldrich
Heidi Veader, Administrative Assistant
Marty Tilton, Parks Director/DH
Maria Brown, Operations Director
Mike Marciano, Parks Foreman
Brian Auld, Parks equipment operator
Rich Giordano, Parks maintenance

A Note from the Director—Lynne Clemens

The staff at NR Recreation would like to thank the community for being so supportive over the past two years as we try our best to navigate through the fluid guidelines and changes associated with the Covid Pandemic. We feel very fortunate that we have been able to offer programming throughout this entire pandemic excluding the first 3 months. Although our programming has been different and challenging to offer, we have learned so much and have found ways to still make programs so much fun even if children are masked and socially distant. We have found that kids just being in the same room are having so much fun. They are completely ok with sitting at a desk. They are still being social and still able to participate as a group even if they are each doing the activity from their own station. Kids are without a question the most adaptable to these guidelines. I personally have learned to appreciate the joy of working with kids more now than ever. They bring so much happiness and joy and excitement to each program and make me forget about the pandemic even if just for an hour!

You may have noticed that we have also continued to only offer our brochures electronically instead of printed copies. I think this has also been a positive change. It saves money and paper and time. We hope the community is finding it easier as well. Our brochures are also a bit smaller so we are sure to only offer what seems to fall within current guidelines. We have also been adding programs on a rolling schedule and announced them by email and face book posts and press releases through the Transcript. By doing this we are able to offer more during better times. With these changes, be sure to keep up with our website, emails and FB posts so you don't miss out on our fun!

As always, if you have any ideas for programs, suggestions for improvements or questions, Our doors are always open!
lclemens@northreadingma.gov

General Information

REGISTRATION:
Accepted @
www.northreadingma.gov/parks-recreation
In person at Town Hall, Parks & Recreation Office, 235 North Street, North Reading
Over the Phone, 978-664-6016
Registrations will not be processed without full payment.
We accept MasterCard/Visa & Discover, Cash, Checks made payable to: Town of North Reading

AGE REQUIREMENTS:
If a minimum age is specified for a program, a child must be of that age by the end of the program.
If a school grade requirement is specified for a program, it refers to the grade they are currently in or if summer program, then for grade will be entering.

Refund, Credits and Transfers:
Refunds and Credits are only issued based on the Registration Withdrawal Policies.
Refunds are only issued by check back to the customer.
Refunds take approximately 2 to 4 weeks.
Transfers are considered withdrawals and are subject to Registration Withdrawal Policies.
Credits to your account are issued based on withdrawal policies but are considered refunds.
Vendor programs, summer programs and trips have their own withdrawal/refund and cancellation policies.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

REGRISTRATION WITHDRAWL POLICIES:
Two Calendar Weeks Prior To Start of Program
We will issue a check refund for the cost of the program less a $10/withdrawal fee.

One Calendar Week Prior to Start of Program
We will issue an account credit less a $10/ withdrawal fee (credits do not expire but would not be refundable).

Less Than One Calendar Week Prior to Start of Program or After Program has Started
There will be **No Refunds** or **Credits** issued.

Medical Withdrawals
Should a participant need to withdraw from a program due to a major injury/illness after the withdrawal period has passed or program start, we will issue a **Refund** only if a Doctor's note is submitted within 5 days of notification but **No refunds or credits** will be issued if notification is made after the program has ended.
Note:
1) Medical Withdrawals are allowed for major injury or major illness which is defined as not able to participate in the program. Common colds, ear, nose & throat infections and general distress will not be covered under a medical withdrawal.
2) Refunds will be pro-rated for any dates that the participant has attended.

PROGRAM, TRIP & SPECIAL EVENT CANCELLATIONS:
Nothing spoils a good program, trip or event faster than waiting until the last minute to register.

North Reading Parks & Recreation reserves the right to set minimums and maximums for all programs, trips and special events and may cancel due to insufficient registrations to run the program. We reserve the right to change the date, time or location of any program because of unforeseen circumstances.

If a Program is cancelled by North Reading Parks & Recreation due to low enrollment;

We will notify you by e-mail of the cancellation and a full credit will be placed on your account to be used by any household member. Should you prefer a refund check, please respond to the e-mail promptly.

WEATHER & OTHER CIRCUMSTANCE CANCELLATIONS/POSTPONEMENTS
We make every effort to run programs, trips and special events on the day they are scheduled. However, circumstances occur where the weather doesn't cooperate or an Instructor may not be able to attend. We make efforts to find alternative locations or Instructors but if that isn't achievable, we may have to cancel.

North Reading Public Schools Weather Closures:
If North Reading Schools calls a **weather closure for the day;**
Recreation programs & special events are cancelled for the day and evening.

If North Reading Schools calls a **weather early dismissal;**
Recreation programs & special events will not run after the dismissal time.

If North Reading Schools call a **weather late opening;**
Recreation programs before noon will be cancelled.

North Reading Parks & Recreation Cancellations/ Postponements:
If we have a cancellation due to weather or other circumstance;
We send out an e-mail and post to our website.
Please check your e-mails, as it may cancel OR change a location.

We will make every effort and attempt to make up cancelled program and special event dates by adding dates (some at the end of a session) but we cannot guarantee all program dates will be made up. In the instance that no make-up can be achieved a credit will be made to your account.
If a trip is cancelled by us due to weather or other circumstance, a full refund will be issued.

Weather Policy: Multi- day outdoor **Summer Clinics** rely on fair weather conditions. When conditions are not considered ideal whether it be heat/cold/rain, North Reading Recreation and the Vendor work together for a solution, however, sometimes not all hours or days can be made up. When that occurs, there are no refunds or credits.

TRIPS:
Trips run and organized by North Reading Recreation:
Due to the nature and commitment of bus contracts a refund will be granted only;
Day Trips - Three weeks prior to the date of the trip.

Trips run through a Travel Agency:
Since trips have different destinations with carriers of plane, ship, train and bus and also require hotels, food, entertainment tickets and the like, **each trip carries its own refund policy**. Please see the details of the refund on our website for that particular trip. You will also be asked to agree to the withdrawal and refund policy when electronically registering, over the phone or in person.

DISCOUNT TICKETS
All tickets are FINAL SALES and no refunds or credits are given.

VENDOR PROGRAMS:
North Reading Recreation contracts with some fantastic vendors who offer expert instruction, top of the line materials and many take home completed projects. Due to the requirement of the vendor to plan and schedule instructors and have the appropriate amounts of materials, they may have their own refund policy that is specific to their programs. We will list the refund policy on our website and at checkout.

Kid Connection, & Summerscape
Due to the affordable options available, once a registration or field trip fee has been paid, there will be;
No Refunds, No Credits or Transfers.