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What is SOAR?

SOAR is a community therapeutic recreation program serving individuals unable to successfully participate in traditional recreation programs. Leisure, social, and developmental skills are emphasized to promote the highest level of recreation participation possible. SOAR is jointly sponsored by the City of Bloomington and Town of Normal Parks and Recreation Departments.

Most individuals with disabilities are eligible to participate in SOAR activities. Persons from youth to adults who are in special education classes, workshops, nursing homes, or who have leisure needs not met by traditional recreation programs are eligible. This includes individuals with developmental, physical or learning disabilities; sensory, genetic or behavior disorders; autism or emotional difficulties.

Mission Statement

The SOAR program exists to maintain and enhance the quality of life for individuals with disabilities through comprehensive, specialized recreation programs, activities, and special events.

Americans With Disabilities Act

Special Opportunities Available in Recreation (SOAR) will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which prohibits discrimination in the provision of services, programs, or facilities to individuals with disabilities. SOAR will make reasonable accommodations in recreation programs to enable participation by an individual with a disability who meets essential eligibility requirements for that program. The ADA requires that recreation programs offered by SOAR be available in the most integrated setting appropriate for each individual. Call (309) 434-2260 if you have any questions about the SOAR policy regarding the ADA or believe you have been unfairly discriminated against by SOAR.

Questions/Information

Please contact the SOAR office with any questions regarding eligibility, registration procedures, scholarships, transportation, or the SOAR program in general at (309) 434-2260. TDD for the hearing impaired at (309) 829-5115. Fax: (309) 434-2483. Website address is BloomingtonParks.org/SOAR. Hotline: (309) 434-2386.

Special Information

Inclusive Programs

SOAR recognizes that every individual with special needs and abilities does not always require a SOAR program. The SOAR staff are available to assist and advise participants concerning appropriate placement in SOAR, Bloomington and/or Normal Parks and Recreation Department programs. SOAR staff will contact the appropriate recreation department staff and work with the instructor to assure the participant a smooth transition if they wish to be integrated into a recreation department program.

Full-Time Staff

Holly Polley, CTRS - Program Manager

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Registration, Financial Assistance, Fitness/Sports Programs, Special Olympics Programs

Taylor Burlingame, CTRS - Program Manager

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Cultural Events Programs, Special Interest Programs, Special Events Programs, Youth Programs, Transportation, Volunteers, Inclusion

Seasonal & Part-Time Staff

SOAR is fortunate to have a number of qualified and talented seasonal and part-time staff. Thank you to the following Winter/Spring staff for their continued support, dedication, and fine work!

Nichole Axsom
Carene Campbell
Beth Clark
Sally Clark
Katie Clothier
Khita Cunningham
Hannah Daggett
Ritchie D'Costa
Sharon D'Costa
Kim Kelleher
Doug Dowell
Michele Evans
Peja Grant
Hannah Harrison
Ella Haynes
Miranda Henson
Holly Marquis
Randi Meyer
Rachael Minter
Larry Quanstrom
Maddie Rankin
Bethany Reeser
Eric Ritter
Ella Schimel
Carsyn Seeley
Julie Smith
Gavin Warner
Glen Wetzel
Kim Workman

Attire at SOAR Programs

Participants should dress comfortably for all programs and special events. Please keep in mind what the weather is like, if the program will be held inside or outside and what the program will involve. Wear clothes that can get dirty and stained to all craft and cooking programs. Sometimes accidents happen and new/good clothes can get ruined! Dress for activity and comfortable movement in all Special Olympics, sports and exercise programs. Athletic shoes and athletic clothing are required. Do not wear blue jeans to any sports programs or practices! Special attire requirements are often suggested in memos sent out for special events.

Volunteers in Action

SOAR uses a wide variety of volunteers to assist in weekly programs and special events. Volunteers help with program activities and events and work closely with participants to provide an enjoyable and quality leisure experience. Past volunteers have been community residents, college students, and community service groups. Thank you to all the individuals who helped make the Winter Spring program session a success by volunteering their time to assist with one or more programs. SOAR is currently accepting volunteers for Summer programs. If you are interested in volunteering, please call (309) 434-2260.

Medication Dispensing

SOAR staff may dispense medication to participants during extended programs and trips. In order for SOAR staff to do this, a parent/guardian will need to complete a medication dispensing form and complete a dispensing procedure each time medication is needed. SOAR staff may not perform an injection or any other medically or physically invasive procedure. Please call the SOAR staff at (309) 434-2260 if you have any questions or would like a copy of any of these forms: permission for medication dispensing, medication dispensing procedures, and invasive procedure policies.

Photo Policy

On occasion, SOAR staff may photograph or videotape participants at programs, special events, and facilities. These photos are for SOAR use only and may be used in publications, brochures, social media, pamphlets, flyers, or video productions. If you do not want your photo published contact Holly or Taylor.

Insurance

Individual accident and medical insurance for program participants is not provided by SOAR, Bloomington, or Normal Parks and Recreation Departments.

Staff Ratio

SOAR currently staffs most programs with one staff to every four participants. If a participant will need more assistance or won't be able to participate within this structure, please let staff know at registration so appropriate staffing may be secured (*if possible*). Please note in brochure write-ups any exceptions to this 1:4 ratio.

Code of Conduct:

Participant Guidelines

Equal Access - No participant shall on the basis of race, gender, creed, national origin, or disability be denied equal access to programs, activities, services, or benefits or be limited in the exercise of any right, privilege, advantage, or opportunity.

Behavior - Participants are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times. The following guidelines have been developed to make SOAR programs safe and enjoyable for all participants. Additional rules may be developed for particular programs as deemed necessary by staff. Participants shall:

- Show respect to all participants and staff.
- Refrain from using foul language.
- Refrain from causing bodily harm to other participants or staff.
- Show respect for equipment, supplies, and facilities.

Discipline - A positive approach will be used. SOAR reserves the right to dismiss a participant. **Each situation will be evaluated on its own merit.**

Late Pick-Up Policy

Please double check the pick-up time and be prompt! Program instructors would appreciate your consideration because they have additional work responsibilities after the program and sometimes have another program to lead.

Families/staff of participants who are not picked up promptly will be sent a letter the first time to remind them of this concern. If the situation happens again, a late fee will be assessed. After a 5-minute grace period, a \$5 fee will be charged for every 15 minutes or portion thereafter.

Registration for other programs will not be accepted until all outstanding late fees are paid.

Thanks to Our Volunteers who helped this Winter and Spring!

Guadalupe Arias	Dani McLeod
Shanda Bailey	Melissa Melvin
Izzy Benton	Jack Miller
Jerry Curry	Raeghan Morefield
Ellie Degenhart	Han Ngo
Gracie Dennis	Sam Rink
Kyle Eades	Jules Rolley
Kerri Elson	Maggie Ryan
Sophia Everly	Dennis Sapp
Faith Lutheran Church	Verlinda Sapp
Josephine Franklin	Alexis Schlosser
Joe Heaser	Mel Sheep
Alexandra Jordine	Emmy Stickrod
Abby Killbride	Keegan Sylvester
Claire Kuhlman	Sarah Thomas
Brian Lahr	Alexander Thompson
Courtney Lahr	Barb Wells
Sophia Lahr	Arieonna Woods
Linda Langlois	Jay Zandari
Holton Lorenz	Hailey Zimmerman
Nick Manning	

Annual Registration Form

SOAR asks that an annual information form be completed, with a seasonal sign off that all information is still correct. Why ask the questions and why persist in acquiring updated information? Listed below are some of the reasons:

- We take our responsibility for participants seriously.
- We care about each person's health and safety.
- We care that each person's physical, emotional, social and developmental needs are being met.
- We want each person to feel satisfaction from program involvement.

Asking for information does not guarantee personal success or safety, but the information is invaluable as we do our best to provide safe and satisfying leisure activities. We thank you for taking the time to provide the requested information.

Cell Phone Policy

SOAR requests that participants do not bring cell phones to program unless there is an emergency situation they need to be aware of or if they need to call for a ride when the program ends. Participants are not to use their phone during programs and are asked to keep their cell phone in a pocket, purse, bag, etc. during the entire program. SOAR can't be held responsible if a participant loses his or her phone. If a participant uses a cell phone during a program or the phone becomes a distraction to the participant, SOAR staff will hold the phone for the duration of the program. The phone will be returned when the participant leaves. This policy will be enforced out of respect for the other participants and staff during a program.

Participant Expectations

SOAR provides healthy community leisure opportunities for individuals with disabilities. While participating in our programs, we stress socialization skills, appropriate behavior, and personal appearance. For the dignity and acceptance of individuals with disabilities, and for their overall self-esteem and enjoyment at community outings, the staff has several expectations of participants. We ask that you assist us in fulfilling these basic guidelines. The participant guidelines were developed for the betterment of our participants, their self-esteem and normalization.

Program Times

SOAR staff and instructors are at the facility for the designated program time only. Individuals providing transportation for participants should make drop-offs and pick-ups at the listed times. Please do not leave a participant at a program/program site unless there is staff present. We know that emergencies arise, but try to let staff know if you will be early or late!

Parent Observation Guidelines

Parents are encouraged to leave the program area during events so participants can give their full attention to the instructor. Thank you.

Check Out Our Website

BloomingtonParks.org/SOAR

Follow us on Facebook

[Facebook.com/cityblmSOAR](https://www.facebook.com/cityblmSOAR)



Program Holidays

In observation of the following holidays, SOAR will be closed on the following dates.

Memorial Day - Monday, May 27

Juneteenth - Wednesday, June 19

Independence Day - Thursday, July 4

Identifying Program Benefits

Active



Programs marked with this icon are considered to be active in nature. These programs are beneficial to a healthy lifestyle through physical activities. These programs are recommended for individuals who seek to improve their overall health by promoting an active lifestyle through exercise.

Independence



Programs marked with this icon are used to promote independence while still providing a structured and safe environment. These programs are recommended for individuals who are looking to increase their independence around the house, as well as out in the community.

Social Skills Development



Programs marked with this icon are used to promote social skills development through activities with their peers. These programs are recommended for individuals interested in growing social skills out in the community.

Creativity



Programs marked with this icon allow individuals to express their creativity through a variety of outlets. These programs are recommended for individuals who are interested in learning about new creative opportunities in a space that will give them a chance to show off their creative talents.

Motor Skills Development



Programs marked with this icon promote the development of motor skills. These programs are recommended for individuals who can benefit from continued development and strengthening of motor skills while participating in recreation activities.

Special Olympics



Programs marked with this icon are associated with Special Olympics. These programs are recommended for individuals who are interested in playing sports at a competitive level.

Education



Programs marked with this icon are designed to educate individuals on various topics. These programs are recommended for those looking to learn in a recreational setting.

Sensory Exploration



Programs marked with this icon are specifically designed for engaging our senses. These programs are recommended for individuals seeking sensory exploration through ways of exploring, discovering, problem-solving, and creativity.

Program Legend



Door to Door Transportation
(Transportation details are located on the inside back cover)



Participant will need to bring money to the program

Example Program Ages 14+



Program description helps you understand the program's focus. This program's icons indicate that it promotes **Creativity** and **Sensory Exploration**.
Min 6; Max 12



TRAINING PROGRAMS

Purpose of SOAR Special Olympics Training Programs:

To provide eligible individuals 8 years of age or older from the Bloomington/Normal area with quality training programs that will prepare them for area, district, regional and/or state competition in a variety of Special Olympics sports on a year-round basis.

Requirements to Participate in SOAR Special Olympics Training Programs:

Individuals who meet Special Olympics eligibility requirements and wish to participate in a SOAR Special Olympics training program must complete the SOAR registration procedure for that program. In addition, a Special Olympics Illinois Athlete Medical Form, valid through the entire sport's season, must be on file with SOAR before practice begins.

Expectations For SOAR Special Olympics Training Programs:

Athletes participating in a SOAR Special Olympics training program must meet the minimum requirements of training in that sport in order to participate in competition. These requirements will include participation in the minimum number of required training sessions for that sport at a level which is considered appropriate for the sport and the athlete.

Special Olympics Bowling Ages 8+



This program is designed as a Special Olympics sports training program for the beginner to advanced bowler. Basic bowling skills such as positioning and stance, approach, delivery, and release will be emphasized. Rules and etiquette will also be stressed. Participants will bowl two games each week (if time allows). Bowling balls and shoes are provided by Pheasant Lanes for athletes that don't have their own. **Please remember** we do NOT use rails/bumpers during our practices.

Individuals who successfully complete this program and have bowled a minimum of 15 games with SOAR may be eligible to compete in the Region G Special Olympics Bowling Tournament on August 24. You must have a current Special Olympics Illinois Athlete Medical Form on file to be eligible to participate. This form must be valid through at least August 2024.

Participants who do not want to train and compete may also register for this program and bowl in a recreational capacity. You will NOT need an Athlete Medical Form from SOILL in that case.

Please remember that bowling STARTS at 10:00AM or 4:00PM, with warm-ups at 9:50AM or 3:50PM. YOU should be there by warm-up time! No one will be added to games that have already started. Be prepared to wait for the second game to start if you arrive late.

Min 6; Max 30 per session

Location: Pheasant Lanes, Bloomington

Day: Mondays

Dates: 6/10-8/19

Time: 10:00-11:00AM OR 4:00-5:00PM

Fee: \$15 to SOAR (registration fee) &
\$77 to Pheasant Lanes (bowling fees)



Special Olympics Volleyball

Ages 12+

We offer three levels of Volleyball: Modified, Traditional and Unified. We will do a Volleyball Assessment Night to determine appropriate placement of each athlete to the correct level of play. You can certainly note your preference, but placement determination will be made by the coaching staff following the Assessment Night on Thursday, July 25. This year, there will be only one Special Olympics Volleyball Program that you will register for and based off of Assessment Night, we will place you at the appropriate level.

Special Olympics Modified Volleyball

Individuals with basic motor and cognitive skills appropriate for learning volleyball match play and competition are eligible for this program. Modified Volleyball uses a smaller court and a “trainer” ball for play. Rules are modified for learning volleyball team play. If your preference is to play Modified Volleyball, please let SOAR know prior to Assessment Night.

Special Olympics Traditional Volleyball

Individuals with basic motor and cognitive skills appropriate for volleyball match play and competition are eligible for this program. Athletes should have previous volleyball experience and may need to be at a higher level of play for this program.

Special Olympics Unified Volleyball

Individuals with basic motor and cognitive skills appropriate for volleyball match play and competition are eligible for this program. Athletes should have previous volleyball experience and may need to be at a higher level of play for this program.

This program will team Special Olympics athletes and athletes without intellectual disabilities (Unified Partners). The goal of this program is to provide an opportunity for athletes to grow and develop from peer encouragement at practice and during competitions.

For each team, we intend to schedule a minimum of 3 matches prior to the Regional Qualifier tournament held on Sunday, September 22 in Decatur.

These are Special Olympics sports training programs. A Special Olympics Illinois Medical Form valid through October 2024 must be on file at the SOAR office by July 26 to participate.

Min 6; Max 10 per team

(for Unified, maximum 6 Special Olympics athletes)

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center, Gym

Practices will either be on Tuesday or Thursday nights depending on which team you get placed with. Below are practice dates/times:

Levels	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
Modified	T	5:30-7:00PM	7/30-9/17	\$45
Traditional	T	7:00-8:30PM	7/30-9/17	\$45
Unified	TH	5:30-7:00PM	8/1-9/19	\$45
Unified	TH	7:00-8:30PM	8/1-9/19	\$45

Assessment Night will be Thursday, July 25 from 5:30PM-7:30PM at Lincoln Leisure Center



Special Olympics Bocce

Ages 10+



SOAR will be offering Special Olympics Traditional Bocce and Unified Bocce training programs. Athletes participating in this training program will prepare for competition in singles, doubles and/or team bocce. Registration and a valid Special Olympics Illinois Athlete Medical Form, valid through June 2025, must be on file at the SOAR office by Friday, August 16 to participate. Partners must have a Unified Partner Application and a Class A Registration application completed and on file at the Special Olympics Illinois office by August 16.

Athletes and partners that meet the training requirements of this program will participate in a regional competition on Saturday, October 12 in Mattoon. Athletes and partners who receive a gold medal at the regional competition become eligible to participate in the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games that will be held at Illinois State University in June 2025.

(Anyone that advances to Summer Games will need to have a Special Olympics Illinois Medical Form, valid through June, 2025). Athletes advancing to the Summer Games will have additional practices on Wednesdays, May 28 and June 4.

Note: Individuals training in this program will not have the option to compete in aquatics, athletics, powerlifting, or soccer.

Location: O’Neil Park, Softball Field

Levels	Day	Time	Dates	Min/Max	Fee
Traditional	W	5:30-6:30PM	8/2-10/9	4/8	\$40
Unified	W	5:30-6:30PM	8/2-10/9	4/12	\$40



SOAR Special Olympics Cookout Celebration

Ages – all athletes, their families, and anyone who wants to help recognize SOAR athletes



Celebrate the accomplishments of SOAR’s Special Olympics athletes for the first half of this year (January – June). SOAR will provide a light cookout-style dinner. After we enjoy dinner, a brief program honoring athletes who have participated in the following sports will conclude the evening: snowshoeing, basketball, swimming, track, soccer, powerlifting, and bocce (both Traditional and Unified).

No limit but MUST pre-register!

Location: Underwood Park Shelter (Jersey Ave. & Linden St., Normal – Enter Park off of Jersey Ave.)

Date: Friday, July 12

Time: 6:00-8:00PM

Fee: \$5/person (to cover food cost)



2024 Special Olympics Competition Dates:

June 7-9

Summer Games
ISU, Kingsley, & Normal Community

June 30

Unified Tennis Qualifier, Bloomington

July 27

Region Softball, Springfield

August 2

Region Golf Qualifier, Edwardsville

August 17

State Tennis, Bloomington

August 24

Region Bowling Tournament, Peoria

September 7-8

State Softball, Springfield

September 7-8

State Golf, Forsyth/Decatur

September 22

Regional Volleyball Tournament, Effingham

October 5

East Central Sectional Bowling, Peoria

October 12

Region Bocce Tournament, Mattoon

October 26-27

State Fall Games (Volleyball), Rockford

Volunteer at the

Midwest Food Bank

Dates/Times TBD

Contact Taylor Burlingame
at tburlingame@cityblm.org
if you are interested
in volunteering.



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**REGISTER
EARLY!
CLASSES
FILL UP FAST!**

Swim Lessons  
Ages 10+

SOAR is excited to provide swim lessons again this summer! Lessons will be conducted in a small group setting with a 1:2 staff ratio. Instructors for this class will work with you at your own individual level. Due to health restrictions, parents will not be allowed on the pool deck during lessons.

Min 2; Max 4 per session

Location: Holiday Pool

Levels	Day	Time	Dates	Location	Fee
All Levels	M	8:30-9:00AM	6/10-7/22	O'Neil Aquatics Center	\$48
Beginner	M	5:00-5:30PM	6/10-7/22	Holiday Pool	\$48
Intermediate	M	5:45-6:15PM	6/10-7/22	Holiday Pool	\$48



Seat to SOAR   
Ages 12+

Get off your seat and soar with the SOAR walk/run club! This program encourages the lifetime fitness activities of walking and running. By using a progressive training program and walk/run mentors, you will be able to increase fitness and endurance at your own pace. The ultimate goal of this session is to be ready to enter some of the local fun run/walk races in the area.

Min 6; Max 12

Location: Miller Park Pavilion, Lower Level

Day: Tuesdays

Dates: 6/11-7/23

Time: 5:30-6:30PM

Fee: \$28

Cardio Fitness    
Ages 10+

Get fit with SOAR! This program will focus on exercises designed to get our heart rate up and improve cardiovascular fitness. Participants will complete a variety of exercises each week as well as participate in health-related educational activities. Activities will be geared to the health level of each individual with a target goal of improving health, fitness, and well-being.

Min 6; Max 12 per session

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center Room 202

Day: Mondays

Dates: 6/10-7/22

Time: 6:00-7:00PM OR 7:15-8:15PM

Fee: \$28

**REGISTER
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 FILL UP FAST!**

Sports & Fitness

Open Pickleball

Ages 12+



Pick up and tune up your Pickleball game by playing a few doubles games. Loaner equipment is available. Unified partners welcome! Minimal instruction provided.

Min 4; Max 10

Location: Fairview Tennis Courts, Normal

Day: Thursdays

Dates: 6/13-7/11

Time: 5:30-6:30PM

Fee: \$8 (or \$2/drop-in)



Bags in the Park

Ages 14+



Some people call it bags, others call it corn hole. No matter what you call it, it's a lot of fun! We will spend our time at Hike Haven learning how to play bags. Come and join the fun!

Min 6; Max 12

Location: Hike Haven, Forrest Park

Day: Mondays

Date: 8/5-8/26

Time: 5:30-6:30PM

Fee: \$5



Cooking

Outdoor Cooking

Ages 14+



While the weather is nice, let's cook and eat outside! Join us for some fun outdoor cooking where you will chop, mix, and prepare your way to a yummy meal. Come hungry and roll up your sleeves because a full meal will be prepared each week. Dress appropriately to be outside for the duration of this program.

Min 6; Max 12

Location: Miller Park Pavilion, Lower Level

Day: Thursdays

Dates: 6/13-7/25 (NO PROGRAM JULY 4)

Time: 6:00

Fee: \$30



Lunch Bunch

Ages 22+



Come cook a yummy lunch with our friends at the senior center. In this program, we will chop, dice, slice, and mix our way to a delicious lunch. Everyone will help prepare the meal and work together to clean up. The group will also plan the next week's meal and create our shopping list. Come hungry because a full meal will be prepared.

Min 6; Max 10

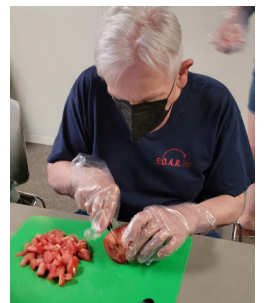
Location: Miller Park Pavilion, Lower Level

Day: Mondays

Dates: 8/5-8/26

Time: 11:30AM-1:00PM

Fee: \$20



Cultural Arts

Wood Sign Creations



Ages 14+

Join us while we learn the art of painting and designing custom wood signs. Wood signs are a popular way to add a personal touch to any space, from home décor to front porch décor. Be sure to wear clothing that can get messy, as we will be using paint.

Min 6; Max 12

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center, Room 107

Day: Mondays

Dates: 6/10-6/24

Time: 6:00-7:00PM

Fee: \$12

Fourth of July Crafts



Ages 14+

It's time to create with red, white, and blue! Before the 4th of July holiday, we'll create some patriotic crafts. Be sure to wear clothes that can get messy as we will be using paint and glue.

Min 6; Max 12

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center, Room 107

Day: Mondays

Dates: 6/10-6/24

Time: 7:15-8:15PM

Fee: \$12



Wreath Making



Ages 14+

Join us for a hands-on experience where we explore the art of creating wreaths from a variety of materials. Be sure to wear clothes that can get dirty and dress appropriately for the weather as we will be doing some of these crafts outdoors.

Min 6; Max 12

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center, Room 107 & Outside

Day: Mondays

Dates: 7/1-7/22

Time: 6:00-7:00PM

Fee: \$16

Beach Crafts



Ages 14+

It's time to hit the beach! Let's make some projects with the classic summertime beach theme. We will be using lots of different colored sand to make some cool sand art, along with crafts that include seashells. Be sure to wear clothes that can get dirty and dress appropriately for the weather as we will be doing some of these crafts outdoors.

Min 6; Max 12

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center, Room 107

Day: Mondays

Dates: 7/1-7/22

Time: 7:15-8:15PM

Fee: \$16



Lunchtime Concerts



Ages 22+

Enjoy lunch outside this summer. We'll enjoy a picnic lunch each week including a sandwich, chips, and a drink while listening to the tunes of a live band in the park. The program fee includes lunch each week. Be sure to wear sunscreen and dress appropriately for the weather. Each participant should also bring a lawn chair as seating is limited.

Min 6; Max 12

Location: Drop off/pick up at Withers Park

Day: Wednesdays

Dates: 6/5-6/26

Time: 11:00AM-1:00PM

Fee: \$20



Virtual Programs



SOAR Social Hour

Ages 15+

Get together with friends to chat, dance, and socialize virtually. We'll meet via Zoom once a month. Join us to hang out with friends each month. A Zoom link will be provided on the morning of the program date listed.

Min 6; Max 20

Location: Zoom

Day: Fridays

Dates: 6/21, 7/26 & 8/23

Time: 5:00-6:00PM

Fee: FREE, but participants must register for the Zoom link

Virtual Game Night

Ages 15+

Get together with friends for a fun game night! We'll play some classic games like Scattergories, Guess Who, Mad Libs, and more. SOAR will provide supplies, as needed, to you the week of the program. A Zoom link will be provided on the morning of the program date listed. Bring your game face!

Min 6; Max 20

Location: Zoom

Day: Fridays

Dates: 6/21, 7/26 & 8/23

Time: 6:30-7:30PM

Fee: FREE, but participants must register for the Zoom link

Zoo Education

ZOOper Fridays

Ages 22+

Calling all animal lovers! Each month, we'll meet at the zoo to learn about a specific animal. A zoo education session will also include time to visit the animal's habitat inside the zoo. Wear your walking shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. This program includes 3 classroom dates and admission to the zoo on each program date.

Min 4; Max 10

Location: Drop off/pick up at the front entrance of Miller Park Zoo

Day: Fridays

Dates: 6/7, 7/12 & 8/9

Time: 1:00-2:30PM

Fee: \$36



Youth Programs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Out & About 11:00AM-3:00PM</p> <p>SOAR for Starters 1:00-2:30PM</p>	<p>Make Some Art 1:00-2:30PM</p> <p>Make Some Music 3:00-4:30PM</p>	<p>SOAR for Starters 1:00-2:30PM</p> <p>In the Park! 3:00-4:30PM</p>	<p>Explore Outdoors 1:00-3:00PM</p>	<p>Sensory Scientist Ages 8-18 1:00-2:30PM</p> <p>Ages 19-30 3:00-4:30PM</p>

Mondays:

Out & About Ages 16-35



This program allows you to get out and have a good time with friends. Each week will include lunch and an activity in the community. Activities may include swimming, bowling, hiking in a park, and more. Activities and lunch are included in the program fee. Participants must be independent in the areas of feeding and hygiene. A memo with more information about activity details will be emailed to those who register.

Min 6; Max 12

Location: Various Locations Each Week

Day: Mondays

Dates: 6/10-7/15

Time: 11:00AM-3:00PM

Fee: \$75



SOAR for Starters Ages 4-7



This program is targeted for youth that are too young for most other SOAR programs. A variety of activities including games, music, dance, fitness, crafts, and social activities will be provided. A 1:2 staff-to-participant ratio will be provided. Development of fundamental motor skills and eye-hand coordination will be emphasized. Dress in clothing for activity and wear tennis shoes. Since some activities involve things like paint, participants should also wear clothes that can get messy!
Min 4; Max 8

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center Room 208 on Mondays, Hike Haven on Wednesdays

Day: M/W

Dates: 6/10-7/17 (NO PROGRAM JULY 3)

Time: 1:00-2:30PM

Fee: \$40



Youth Programs

Tuesdays:

Make Some Art!

Ages 8-21



Join us for some hands-on activities and crafts with a nature theme in mind – fun stuff inside and out, and maybe bringing the outside in! Be sure to wear clothes that can get messy. We will be using paint and glue.

Min 6; Max 12

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center, Room 208

Day: Tuesdays

Dates: 6/11-7/16

Time: 1:00-2:30PM

Fee: \$30



Make Some Music!

Ages 8-21



Participants will engage in music-making through movement, songwriting, interactive instrument and ensemble play, relaxation strategies, and more, that will focus on everyone's strengths while offering support for their needs. Experiences and activities will include opportunities for communication, attention to task, building relationships, and peer interaction, all while participants have fun, laugh, play, and make music. Developing Melodies will lead the first hour of this program.

Min 6; Max 12

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center, Room 202 and 208

Day: Tuesdays

Dates: 6/18-7/30 (NO PROGRAM JULY 16)

Time: 3:00-4:30PM

Fee: \$52



Wednesdays:

SOAR for Starters

Ages 4-7



This program is targeted for youth that are too young for most other SOAR programs. A variety of activities including games, music, dance, fitness, crafts, and social activities will be provided. A 1:2 staff-to-participant ratio will be provided. Development of fundamental motor skills and eye-hand coordination will be emphasized. Dress in clothing for activity and wear tennis shoes. Since some activities involve things like paint, participants should also wear clothes that can get messy!
Min 4; Max 8

Location: Lincoln Leisure Center Room 208 on Mondays, Hike Haven on Wednesdays

Day: M/W

Dates: 6/10-7/17 (NO PROGRAM JULY 3)

Time: 1:00-2:30PM

Fee: \$40

In the Park

Ages 8-21



Movement games, mini sports activities, a walk...maybe yoga! Anything that gets our hearts pumping, our blood flowing, and our feet moving! Dress to be active with lots of movement! Plenty of water will be provided.

Min 6; Max 12

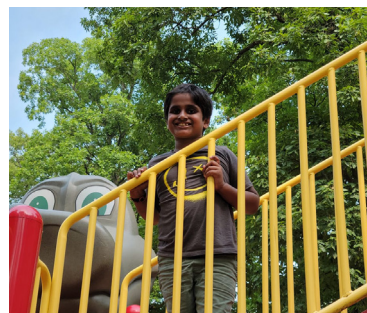
Location: Hike Haven in Forrest Park

Day: Wednesdays

Dates: 6/12-7/24 (NO PROGRAM JULY 3)

Time: 3:00-4:30PM

Fee: \$30



Youth Programs

Thursdays:

Explore Outdoors

Ages 8-21

Hikes, outdoor games, and even fishing could be the adventure of the day as we meet at different parks in Bloomington and Normal each week. Dress to be active and maybe get dirty! Water and a light snack will be provided.

Min 6; Max 12

Location: First week, meet at Miller Park Pavilion (lower level) for a walk around Miller and Forrest Parks. A note will be sent each week to remind you where to meet the following week.

Day: Thursdays

Dates: 6/13-7/25 (NO PROGRAM JULY 4)

Time: 1:00-3:00PM

Fee: \$30



Fridays:

Sensory Scientists

Learn, explore, and engage in this hands-on science program. Each week, participants will try new and fun experiments such as learning about rainbows, volcanos, sensory art, and much more!

Min 6; Max 12

Ages.....	Location.....	Day	Time.....	Dates	Fee
8-18.....	Lincoln Leisure Center.....	F	1:00-2:30PM	6/14-7/19	\$30
19-30.....	Lincoln Leisure Center.....	F	3:00-4:30PM	6/14-7/19	\$30



Youth Zoo Programs



Jeepers, Keepers!

Ages 15-25

We'll learn how the Zookeepers do all their jobs, and how they take care of all the animals.

Min 4; Max 8

Location: Miller Park Zoo

Dates: Thursday, May 30; Friday May 31

Time: 1:00-4:00PM

Fee: \$40

Special Events

The Penguin Project Show

Ages 10+

The Penguin Project of McLean County presents "The SpongeBob Musical!" The Penguin Project is unique, in that, all of the roles are filled by children and young adults with disabilities to put on a production of a modified version of a popular musical. Come and enjoy a performance by some of our very own SOAR friends at University High School. We will meet at the Gregory Street entrance of the school (north side of the building).

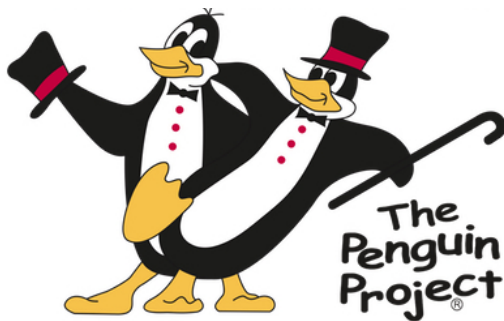
Min 6; Max 16

Location: Drop off/pick up at University High School, Normal, IL (Gregory St. entrance)

Date: Friday, May 31

Time: 6:30-9:00PM

Fee: \$15



Pizza & Games with Dad

Any age participant with their father/grandfather/uncle

Spend some time with Dad in celebration of Father's Day. Bring a big appetite because a pizza dinner will be served. You will have the chance to win some cool prizes during game time! So, guys and gals, grab your dads for some fun. Make sure to register both the participant and the guest!

Min 6 couples; Max 25 couples

Location: Hike Haven, Forrest Park

Date: Tuesday, June 4

Time: 6:00-8:00PM

Fee: \$5 per person



Ice Cream & Bingo

Ages 12+

Calling all Bingo Players! Cool off with a cool ice cream treat and add your favorite toppings. Then play some Bingo with your friends and win some cool prizes.

Min 8; Max 20

Location: Miller Park Pavilion, Lower Level

Date: Tuesday, June 18

Time: 6:30-8:30PM

Fee: \$10



Friday Night Fishing

Ages 14+

Join your friends for some summertime fishing. Let's enjoy the outdoors, learn a new skill, and a thing or two about fishing. Fishing poles, bait, and all necessary equipment will be provided. Dress to be outdoors for the duration of the program.

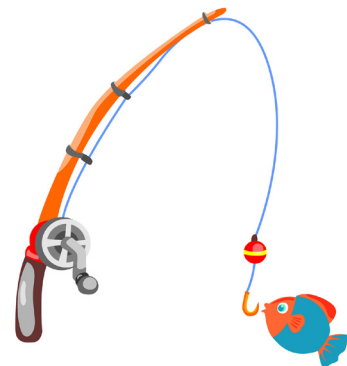
Min 6; Max 15

Location: Union Park, Bloomington

Date: Friday, July 19

Time: 5:30-7:00PM

Fee: \$5



Special Events



Peoria Chiefs Game

Ages 16+

A summer tradition! Let's check out a local baseball team this year. The Peoria Chiefs play the Beloit in a 2:05PM game. Please bring money for concessions and souvenirs, and be sure to wear sunscreen. A reminder email will be sent to those who register.
Min 8; Max 20

Location: Drop off/pick up at Lincoln Leisure Center
Date: Sunday, July 21
Time: 12:30-5:30PM
Fee: \$20

Pool Party

Ages 12+

Cool down this summer at O'Neil Aquatics Center in Bloomington. A picnic dinner will be provided to participants after some fun in the sun. Grab your towel and some sunscreen for a pool party with friends. A reminder email with more information will be sent to those who register.
Min 8; Max 30

Location: O'Neil Aquatics Center, Bloomington
Date: Friday, August 2
Time: 6:00-8:00PM
Fee: \$10



Bowling & Dinner

Enjoy a night out on the town! The group will meet at Pheasant Lanes to enjoy an hour of bowling and then enjoy dinner. Participants will need to pay for their own meal costs. Drop off/pick up will be at Pheasant Lanes.
Min 6; Max 16

Ages.....	Location	Day	Time	Dates	Fee
13-28	Pheasant Lanes	T	5:30-7:30PM	July 23	\$12
29+	Pheasant Lanes.....	TH.....	5:30-7:30PM.....	July 25	\$12

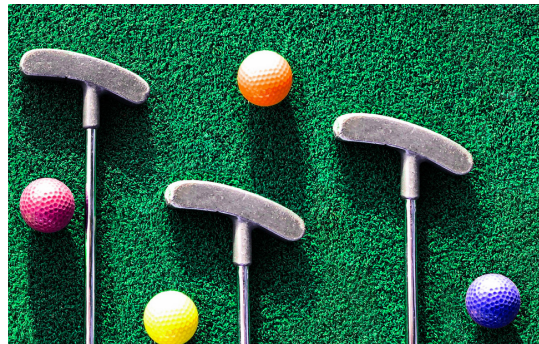
Special Events

Mini Golf & Picnic

Join us for mini golf at Miller Park! We will play a round of mini golf then hang out in the park with a picnic dinner. It will be a fun night to wind down the summer. Please sign up for the appropriate session. A reminder memo will be emailed to those who register. Drop off/pickup at the front entrance of Miller Park Zoo.

Min 4; Max 12

Ages.....	Location	Day	Time	Date.....	Fee
Ambulatory, 13-28.....	Miller Park	M	5:30-7:30PM.....	August 5	\$12
Ambulatory, 29+.....	Miller Park.....	M	5:30-7:30PM.....	August 12	\$12



Dinner & a Movie

Do you love movies? This group will have dinner at a local restaurant and then enjoy a movie at a local theater. All movies will be rated G to PG-13 and will be comedies, animations, or dramas. Each person will need to pay for their own meal and movie ticket. An email will be sent to those who register regarding restaurants, movies, transportation, and times.

Min 6; Max 16

Ages.....	Location	Day	Time	Dates.....	Fee
14-28.....	TBD	W	5:30PM-End of Movie	August 7.....	\$6
29+.....	TBD.....	W	5:30PM-End of Movie	August 14.....	\$6



Illinois State Fair

Ages 14+

Summer marks the season of local fairs and carnivals. Enjoy rides, exhibits, entertainment, and delicious food at the Illinois State Fair. This trip requires a lot of walking because the group will have the opportunity to see the entire fair. Registration covers admission and parking. Please note that the \$30 wristband for unlimited carnival rides is available on this date. Participants should bring money for carnival ride tickets and food.

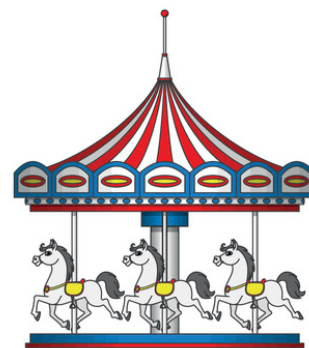
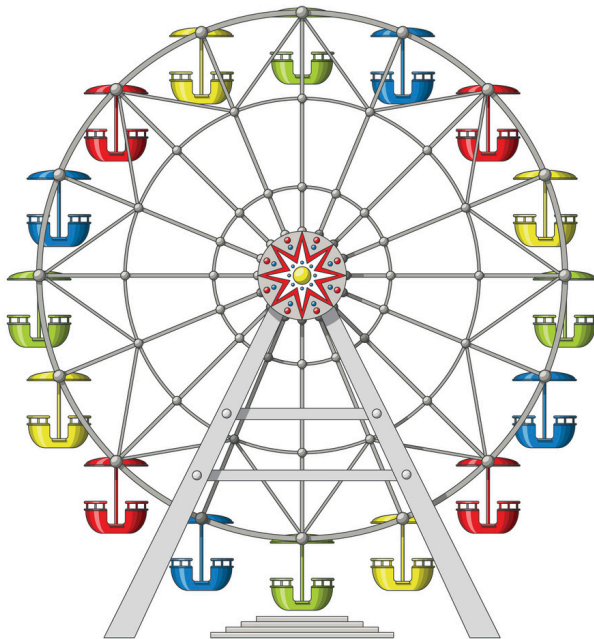
Min 6; Max 20

Location: Drop off/pick up at Lincoln Leisure Center

Date: Tuesday, August 13

Time: 11:00AM-7:00PM

Fee: \$20



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**The Den at Fox Creek
Golf Course**

3002 Fox Creek Rd.
Bloomington, IL 61705
309-434-2300

Fairview Tennis Courts

801 N. Main St.
Normal, IL 61761
309-454-9540

**Government Center/
The Hub**

115 E. Washington St.
Bloomington, IL 61701
309-434-2260

Hike Haven

218 Tanner St.
Bloomington, IL 61701

Holiday Park/Pool

800 McGregor St.
Bloomington, IL 61701
309-434-2260

ISU Horton Field House

180 N. Adelaide St.
Normal, IL 61761
309-438-3633

IWU Tennis Courts

280 E. Emerson St.
Bloomington, IL 61701
309-556-3181

Lincoln Leisure Center

1206 S. Lee St.
Bloomington, IL 61701
309-434-2819

Midwest Food Bank:

2031 Warehouse Rd.
Normal, IL 61761

Miller Park Pavilion

1122 S. Morris Ave.
Bloomington, IL 61701
309-434-2255

Miller Park Zoo

1020 S. Morris Ave.
Bloomington, IL 61701
309-434-2255

**O'Neil Park/Aquatics
Center**

1515 W. Chestnut St.
Bloomington, IL 61701
309-434-2260

Pheasant Lanes

804 N. Hershey Rd.
Bloomington, IL 61704
309-633-8556

**Prairie Vista Golf
Course**

502 W. Hamilton Rd.
Bloomington, IL 61704
309-434-2217

Underwood Park

200 Jersey Ave.
Normal, IL 61761
309-454-9540

University High School

601 Gregory St.
Normal, IL 61761
309-438-3349

Union Park

1750 General Electric Rd.
Bloomington, IL 61704
309-665-9580

Weibring Golf Course

800 Gregory St.
Normal, IL 61761
309-438-8065

Withers Park

204 E. Washington St.
Bloomington, IL 61701
309-434-2260
309-663-5350



June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regional Tennis Tournament 30						1
SO Swimming 2	SO Tennis 3	SO Golf Pizza & Games with Dad 4	Lunchtime Concerts SO Bocce SO Soccer SO Softball 5	SO Track 6	SO Summer Games ZOOper Fridays 7	SO Summer Games 8
SO Summer Games 9	SO Bowling Out & About SOAR for Starters Swim Lessons SO Tennis Cardio Fitness Wood Sign Creations Fourth of July Crafts 10	SO Golf Make Some Art! Seat to SOAR 11	Lunchtime Concerts SOAR for Starters In the Park SO Softball 12	Explore Outdoors Pickleball Outdoor Cooking 13	Sensory Scientists 14	15
16	SO Bowling Out & About SOAR for Starters Swim Lessons SO Tennis Cardio Fitness Wood Sign Creations Fourth of July Crafts 17	SO Golf Make Some Art! Make Some Music! Seat to SOAR Ice Cream & Bingo 18	Lunchtime Concerts SOAR for Starters In the Park SO Softball 19	Explore Outdoors Pickleball Outdoor Cooking 20	Sensory Scientists SOAR Social Hour Virtual Game Night 21	22
23	SO Bowling Out & About SOAR for Starters Swim Lessons Cardio Fitness SO Tennis Wood Sign Creations Fourth of July Crafts 24	SO Golf Make Some Art! Make Some Music! Seat to SOAR 25	SO Softball Lunchtime Concerts SOAR for Starters In the Park SO Softball 26	Explore Outdoors Pickleball Outdoor Cooking 27	Sensory Scientists 28	29

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July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	SO Bowling Out & About SOAR for Starters Swim Lessons Cardio Fitness Wreath Making Beach Crafts	Make Some Art! Make Some Music! Seat to SOAR SO Golf	No Programs	No Programs	Sensory Scientists	
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	SO Bowling Out & About SOAR for Starters Swim Lessons Cardio Fitness Wreath Making Beach Crafts	Make Some Art! Make Some Music! Seat to SOAR SO Golf	SOAR for Starters In the Park SO Softball	Explore Outdoors Pickleball Outdoor Cooking	Sensory Scientists ZOOper Fridays SO Cookout Celebration	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	SO Bowling Out & About SOAR for Starters Swim Lessons Cardio Fitness Wreath Making Beach Crafts	Make Some Art! Seat to SOAR SO Golf	SOAR for Starters In the Park SO Softball	Explore Outdoors Outdoor Cooking	Sensory Scientists Friday Night Fishing	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Peoria Chiefs Game	SO Bowling Swim Lessons Cardio Fitness Wreath Making Beach Crafts	Make Some Music! Seat to SOAR Bowling & Dinner (13-28) SO Golf	In the Park SO Softball	Explore Outdoors Outdoor Cooking Bowling & Dinner (29+) Volleyball Assessment Night	SOAR Social Hour Virtual Game Night	SO Regional Softball Tournament
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	SO Bowling SO Tennis	Make Some Music! SO Golf SO Modified Volleyball SO Traditional Volleyball				
28	29	30	31			

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August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				SO Unified Volleyball 1	SO Regional Golf Qualifier Pool Party 2	3
4	SO Bowling Lunch Bunch SO Tennis Bags in the Park Mini Golf & Picnic (13-28) 5	SO Modified Volleyball SO Traditional Volleyball 6	Dinner & a Movie (14-28) 7	SO Unified Volleyball 8	ZOOper Fridays 9	10
11	SO Bowling Lunch Bunch SO Tennis Bags in the Park Mini Golf & Picnic (29+) 12	Illinois State Fair SO Modified Volleyball SO Traditional Volleyball 13	Dinner & a Movie (29+) 14	SO Unified Volleyball 15		SO State Tennis Tournament 17
18	SO Bowling Lunch Bunch Bags in the Park 19	SO Modified Volleyball SO Traditional Volleyball 20	SO Bocce SO Softball 21	SO Unified Volleyball 22	SOAR Social Hour Virtual Game Night 23	SO Region Bowling Tournament 24
25	Lunch Bunch Bags in the Park 26	SO Modified Volleyball SO Traditional Volleyball 27	SO Bocce SO Softball 28	SO Unified Volleyball 29		30 31

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Summer 2024 SOAR Program Registration Form

Please return the completed form, along with the fee to the SOAR/Bloomington Parks and Recreation Office:
 PO Box 3157, Bloomington, IL 61702-3157. For further information, call (309) 434-2260.

Participant's Name _____ Gender _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Age _____ Birthdate _____ Disability _____

Primary Emergency Contact _____ 1st Phone _____ 2nd Phone _____

Secondary Emergency Contact(s) _____ 1st Phone _____ 2nd Phone _____

_____ 1st Phone _____ 2nd Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM FEE

To help SOAR provide safe and satisfactory participation in programs, please list any changes in medications, behaviors, living situations, or other issues that may affect participation in SOAR programs:

TOTAL: \$ _____

Publicity Statement:
 I Do Do Not give my permission for pictures to be taken of the participant to be used by SOAR for the purpose of agency promotion and education.

Emergency Treatment Permission
 I know that SOAR does not carry medical or accident insurance. My own health insurance must assume responsibility in the event of injury. I understand that every precaution is taken to protect the safety of each person.

Transportation:
 I Do Do Not give my permission for the participant to receive transportation in vehicles owned or rented by SOAR for use in weekly programs and special events.

I Do Do Not agree to emergency treatment by a physician or hospital in the event that I can't be reached.

Signature of parent or legal guardian: _____ Date: _____
 (participant needs to sign if own legal guardian)

Must complete if using VISA, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____ V-code on back of card _____

Name of Cardholder _____ Charge Amount: \$ _____

Authorized Signature _____

Registration Information

How to Register for a Program or Activity

You must first establish your account: Visit BloomingtonParks.org

In the top right-hand corner, hover over “Register”

>A dropdown will appear

>Select Programs & Activities

This will take you to a new page:

If you previously had an account in our old system, you will need to select “Sign In” and enter the email address associated with the existing account, then click “Forgot your password?” This will then prompt you to create a new password.

If you did not have an account, you will need to “Create an Account.”

After your account has been established, you are ready to register for an activity or program by following the steps outlined below:

1. Click the Activities button on the registration home page.
2. Select the Activity Category that you would like to enroll into. Clicking the underlined name will show you a detailed Activity description.
3. Click the Enroll Now button if you wish to register for the Activity. Select the participant you wish to enroll. Click the Add to Cart button to register.
4. Next, sign into your online registration account by entering your Email and Password. Proceed to checkout by clicking the Continue button. From this screen you may remove Activities from your cart or view more Activities and add them to your cart.

*Please Note: If more than one family member will be attending the Activity, click on the button labeled, Add Another One (*located under the Shopping Cart screen*).

5. Confirm your Activity name, date and time, enrollee, and price.
6. Click Check Out to proceed with payment. You will be prompted that you are entering a secure site. Enter your credit card information on the Payment Information Page and agree to any required waiver(s) and confirm the payer meets the age requirement of “13 Years or Older”. Click Continue. This system accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express.

*Please Note: The name and address must match those that are on file with your credit card company. If the address shown is not your credit card billing address, click on the My Account button and change your residential address to match your credit card billing address.

- 7). Once your payment has been approved, your receipt will display. Please print a copy of your receipt for your records.

Other Ways to Register - Registration may be done online, in person, or through the mail. **Registration may be done in person at The Hub at 115 E Washington Street. Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm or it may be mailed. Send to:**

**SOAR Program Registration
PO Box 3157
Bloomington, IL 61702-3157**

Notification of Acceptance - SOAR will notify you only if you have not been accepted into a program. Once the registration procedure has been completed and accepted by SOAR staff, you are registered. Please attend the program as scheduled in the brochure. Reminder memos are only sent for those events that state in the brochure ... “reminder memo will be emailed.”

Program Cancellation

1. A program will be cancelled if the minimum number of participants needed is not met. SOAR staff will notify people by email if this situation occurs.
2. In cases of bad weather, participants should call the SOAR office at **(309) 434-2260** or the Bloomington Parks & Recreation **HOTLINE** at **(309) 434-2386** after 3:00 pm to see if a program has been cancelled.

Typo, Human Errors, We Goofed...!?

Occasionally there may be an error in days, times, registration requirements, or fees in the brochure. If so, the staff will do everything possible to correct the situation promptly. Thank you for your patience and understanding should any of these situations occur.

Where Are We?

We are located at 109 E. Olive St., Bloomington, Illinois.

Registration Deadline - Online registration begins at **7:00AM on Thursday, May 2. Mail-in registration will begin on Thursday, May 2 at 8:00AM.** Registration won't be accepted for a program that has already begun. Registration deadline for all special events is one week prior to the date of each event if openings are available. **Please register early; many SOAR programs fill up quickly!**

Payment Plans - Full payment of program fees should be included with the registration form. However, payment plans can be arranged for those individuals who need to spread their payment out over several months. Payment in full must be received in the SOAR office prior to registering for a new program session. Payments for special events must be paid in full at the time of registration. No payment plans will be set up after Friday, May 24.

Financial Assistance Policy - Partial financial assistance is available for those who need it in order to pay the program registration fees. Those requesting assistance need to fill out a Scholarship Request Form (*contact SOAR for a form*) and submit it to Holly and Taylor, along with a completed registration form. Financial assistance will apply to new enrollment and cannot be retrospective or applied to activities/programs already paid for. Financial assistance is not provided for bowling fees or special events with contractual or admission costs. The deadline to request assistance for programs is Friday, May 24.

Refund Procedures

Refund Procedures

1. A full credit or refund will be issued if a program is cancelled by SOAR.
2. To be eligible for a requested refund, the request must be made no less than three business days prior to the start of the program.
3. A refund minus a \$5 service charge will be issued to participants withdrawing from a program.
4. Refunds of special event/program fees for which SOAR has incurred a cost due to ticket purchase, deposits, rentals, etc. will only be made if SOAR is given a 48-hour notice and the vacancy caused by the cancellation is filled. A \$5 service charge will be deducted.
5. A pro-rated refund may be given if a program is deemed inappropriate for an individual.
6. Credits for future registration costs will be issued for all refunds of \$20 or less.
7. Refunds will be issued by check on a monthly basis after being approved by the Bloomington City Council. Please allow at least three weeks for the processing of refunds.

Transportation

Transportation is available for some SOAR activities on a first-come, first-served basis for *Bloomington and Normal residents who have no other way to attend events. Car pools and the City transit system are recommended means of transportation. Please don't use transportation services as a "convenience". Many individuals have no other way to attend programs and services are limited. Programs in which transportation is available are followed by the symbol on the right.



To Receive Transportation:

1. Individuals needing to use door-to-door transportation services from SOAR must apply for this service separately for each program/event that it is available for. Applications for transportation services are available at the SOAR office, by contacting Holly Polley at hpolley@cityblm.org or Taylor Burlingame at tburlingame@cityblm.org or by calling the office at (309) 434-2260.
2. The transportation service is limited and is reserved for individuals who could not otherwise participate in SOAR programs without it. If a participant has a parent or someone in the home that can drive the participant to/from programs, he/she should NOT register for transportation. This service is not to be utilized for convenience.
3. Transportation is also only available to those individuals who live within the Bloomington/Normal service area (listed below). SOAR reserves the right to cancel a participant's registration for transportation if they have access to other means of transportation or live outside of the service area in order to accommodate someone who meets eligibility.
4. Before a program is scheduled to begin, individuals will be sent notification of pick-up time for transportation for each requested program in the mail. This will be mailed at the beginning of the session for weekly programs or one week prior to a special event (if a memo is sent).
5. All transportation applications and requests must be received by May 24, 2024.

Bloomington/Normal residents eligible for transportation service need to reside within the following geographic area:

55 north,

74/55/51 bypass west

Six Points/Veteran's Parkway/Ireland Grove South

Towanda Barnes Road east

Questions/Information

If there are any questions regarding eligibility, registration procedures, scholarships, transportation, or the SOAR program in general, feel free to contact the SOAR office at **(309) 434-2260**. TDD for the hearing impaired at **(309) 829-5115**. Fax: **(309) 434-2483**. Website address is **BloomingtonParks.org/SOAR**.
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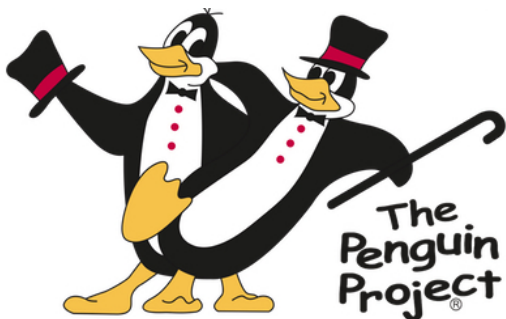
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The Penguin Project of McLean County presents:

The SpongeBob Musical

Youth Edition

University High School - Normal, IL

MAY 30, 31 & JUNE 1 AT 7:00 PM • JUNE 2 AT 2:00 PM