Welcome to the Downers Grove Park District Playbook.

This is your owners manual to the district - a handy guide to help you get the most out of all the places to go, things to do and chances to play within your park district!

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**Browse Our SEASONAL GUIDE ONLINE**

View our current seasonal program guide online on your desktop, tablet or mobile device.

Go to [dgarks.org](http://dgarks.org) for the latest issue. Printed guides are also available to pick up at our facilities.

**Stay Connected**

**SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER**

Our monthly emails will keep you connected with the latest park district special events, festivals and happenings, as well as current special offers and coupons.

**Have a Question?**

**WE HAVE AN ANSWER!**

Call us at 630.960.7500 or use the Contact Us form at [dgarks.org/contact-us](http://dgarks.org/contact-us)

**Play Book ICON KEY**

- **Free WIFI**
- **Program Registration Available**
- **Rentals Available**
- **Emergency Warming Shelter**
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ONLINE COMMUNITY

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Your Chance to Play

RECREATION CENTER

4500 Belmont Rd. • 630.960.7250 • 4500fitness.org

About the Rec Center

Downers Grove Recreation Center is home to the 4500 Fitness Center, three group exercise studios, a three-lane indoor walking track that overlooks the gym and a gymnasium that can be converted into three full-size basketball courts, six full-size volleyball courts or 16 badminton courts. Fitness Center members will enjoy the newly renovated locker rooms and can also make use of Kidzone, which provides childcare while you work out.

A multipurpose room, available to rent, can be divided into two separate 1,035-square-foot rooms and offers access to an outdoor terrace and amphitheater seating area. The building is also home to the South East Association of Special Parks and Recreation (SEASPAR), which provides recreation opportunities to individuals with special needs who live in 11 Park Districts, including Downers Grove. For more info, see page 57.

Amenities

- Free WIFI
- Program Registration Available
- Rentals Available
- Emergency Warming Shelter

4500 FITNESS

4500 Fitness memberships include access to the fitness center, walking track, open gym and newly renovated locker rooms. Fitness classes are also available.

For memberships go to page 6
INDOOR TRACK

The suspended indoor track allows you to walk or run regardless of the weather. The three-lane track (9 laps = mile) overlooks the main gymnasium and offers views of the Downers Grove Golf Club.

Track Reminders:

- Track users must check in at the registration desk.
- Children under the age of 7 are not allowed on the track.
- Ages 7 to 12 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- Children 13 and older can participate without a parent/guardian.
- Cleats, spikes, strollers, rollerblades and skateboards are prohibited.
- Walkers and wheelchairs are allowed.
- Outside lane is used for passing; please do not block this lane.

ROOM & GYM RENTALS

The Recreation Center’s 19,800 square-foot gymnasium and the 2,070-square-foot multipurpose room are available to rent. The multipurpose room also features access to an outdoor terrace and amphitheater seating area.

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OPEN GYM

Drop in for basketball, volleyball, pickleball and badminton or take advantage of parent-tot times. No reservations are necessary or accepted for open gym programs. Courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For details go to page 9
4500 FITNESS
Your healthy connection.

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40+ Cardio Machines
Workout with a range of cardio equipment including treadmills, elipticals, rowing machines and steppers, many with their own personal TVs.

3-lane Indoor Track
Membership includes use of the three-lane indoor track (9 laps to a mile) to keep you running and walking year-round no matter the weather.

Unlimited Open Gym
Play basketball, pickleball or volleyball during our regular adult open gym sessions in our gymnasium - all included with membership.

Free Weights
4500 Fitness features a large selectorized weight machine and free weight area with Olympic weights.

Newly Renovated Locker Rooms
In 2018, the locker rooms at 4500 Fitness were renovated with new tile and fixtures for a more enjoyable experience.

Steam Rooms & Towel Service
Membership also includes access to our steam rooms (located in each locker room) and towel service.

Exclusive Member Events
Get invites to member-only events, including the annual Member Appreciation Day in March.

Reduced Rates on Personal Training
Fitness Members get discounts on personal training from our team of fitness professionals.

Reduced Rates on Premier & Group Fitness Classes
Sign up for our premier fitness classes, including TRX suspension training and weight training for women, both held in a dedicated group fitness room at reduced member rates.

Equipment Orientation
A 30-minute introduction to cardiovascular equipment and some selectorized resistance machines. Our nationally certified personal training staff will instruct you on proper form, technique and starting positions. Once you fill out an orientation request form at the front desk, a personal training staff member will contact you to schedule your appointment. Personal training is recommended for program design.

Your Chance for Fitness

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Summer hours may vary. Visit 4500fitness.org for details.
Kidzone Childcare
Fitness members can add on our Kidzone childcare service for an additional fee, so you can workout knowing your child is safe and supervised.

- Check in with Kidzone staff to be sure there is room for your children before paying at the Recreation Center front desk.
- Availability may be limited during busy times. Children are admitted into the childcare room upon proof of payment and as space permits.
- Please be aware that there is a one-hour minimum charge. Children may stay in Kidzone for a maximum of two hours per day.
- Late fees will apply and includes the Kidzone Unlimited Pass.
- For safety reasons, parents must sign their children in and out of the childcare room and must show photo identification.
- A diaper changing area is available for your convenience. Parents are responsible for changing diapers and are notified when necessary.
- To protect all children in the childcare room, we cannot admit a child who is showing symptoms of illness.
- Shoes must be worn in Kidzone.

Before your first visit, please visit the Kidzone tab on 4500fitness.org for procedures and policies.

Kidzone Childcare Hours
Visit 4500fitness.org or call 630.960.7250 for current schedule. We reserve the right to cancel or change times due to low attendance.

Pass Cards
- Purchase pass cards at the Recreation Center front desk.
- Passes are non-refundable and do not guarantee space in the childcare room.
- Passes are valid for six months from date of purchase.
Personal Training
Get real results with a fitness plan custom designed for your goals with a Nationally Certified Personal Trainer. Choose to purchase 1, 5 or 10 one-hour sessions. For information or to make an appointment with a personal trainer, call 630.960.7250. Download forms online at 4500fitness.org.

Transformation Solutions
Looking to lose more than 50 pounds? Transformation Solutions is a 23-week program featuring two 13-week sessions and includes exercise instruction, nutrition support and a total of 20 half-hour sessions with Pete Wilt, a nationally certified ACE® personal trainer and health coach with proven success and a 23 year veteran in the fitness field.

Each client will be required to fill out a personal training packet and a doctor’s note may be required. Once you begin your 13-week session, no refunds will be applied. Non-member pricing includes a fitness membership for the length of the program. For more information, call 630.960.7250.

Premier Fitness Classes
4500 Fitness premier classes include TRX, Tai Ji, Weight Training for Women and many more. Premier classes are registration based and open to everyone. 4500 Fitness members receive a discount.

SilverSneakers Program
4500 Fitness is a proud partner with Tivity SilverSneakers Fitness Program. With SilverSneakers, you can get fit when, where and how you want. The program, for older adults, is available through many healthcare plans. To check if you are eligible, visit silversneakers.com.

Prime Memberships
Prime is a well-being benefit that is offered by most employers as part of a health insurance plan. Contact your insurance carrier to see if you qualify for this benefit.

NIHCA Rewards
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota members can visit myBlueCross in the member self-service center at www.bluecrossmn.com to find out if they are eligible. Members can click on the “Plan Details” tab and select “Health Programs and Discounts” and finally, select “find a fitness center.” Members must be at least 18 years old to participate in the fitness discounts program.
Drop In FOR OPEN GYM

No reservations are necessary or accepted for open gym programs (except for batting cages). Courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Open Gym Fees
There are three ways to pay during open gym times:

- 4500 Fitness Center annual membership includes free admission to all open gyms except batting cages and parent/tot gymnastics.
- Pay a daily fee at the Recreation Center registration counter.
- Purchase a Resident Play Pass for all open gyms except batting cages. Play Passes cannot be shared and visits expire one year from date of purchase. (Residents only)

Each paid admission allows entry into the gymnasium only for one specific open gym program and use of the locker rooms adjacent to the gym. Verification of residency or employment within Downers Grove Park District boundaries must be provided to receive resident rates.

Wristbands
Each participant in any open gym program is given a wristband that must be worn during the entire open gym time. Wristbands show proof of payment and help Park District staff control the number of participants in the gym. Anyone not wearing a wristband will be asked to leave the gym and will be allowed to re-enter only after payment is made.

Batting Cages
Cages can be reserved for 30-minute time blocks for up to an hour. Pitching machine and balls are provided. Pitching machine must be operated by the participant, and batters must supply a helmet and bat. Reservations are accepted up to a month in advance, but must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Reservations can be made at the Recreation Center Registration Desk. Times and days are subject to change based on demand.

Parent/Child Open Gymnastics
Parents supervise as children work on gymnastics equipment, including the preschool balance beam and uneven bars. Balls and smaller equipment are available for toddlers. Monthly schedules are available at the Recreation Center at 4500 Belmont Rd., the Lincoln Center at 935 Maple Ave. and online at dgparks.org.

Basketball & Volleyball
Courts are set up for volleyball open gym for youth ages 17 and under and adults ages 18 and up. Youth and adult basketball open gym is offered multiple times each week. Residents may purchase a multiple-use pass. Play Passes cannot be shared. Days, times and number of courts are subject to change based on gym availability.

Badminton
Courts are set up for singles and doubles play on select days each week. Both residents and non-residents ages 14 and up may purchase a daily fee. Residents may purchase a multiple-use pass. Play Passes cannot be shared. Racquets and birdies are available. Days, times and number of courts are subject to change based on gym availability.

Pickleball
Courts are set up for singles and doubles play on select days each week. Indoor pickleball games are played on existing badminton courts in the Recreation Center. Both residents and non-residents may purchase a daily pass. Residents may purchase a multiple-use pass. Play pass cards cannot be shared. Paddles and balls are available. Days, times and number of courts are subject to changes based on gym availability.

View Open Gym Schedule at:
DG PARKS.ORG
Your Chance to Golf

DOWNERS GROVE GOLF CLUB
Dan A. Cermak Clubhouse, Learning Center & Driving Range

2420 Haddow Rd. • 630.963.1306 • downersgrovegolfclub.org

Now Open Year Round

When the weather is good, the Downers Grove Golf Course and driving range will be open, whatever the season! Check the weather status or golf web page at downersgrovegolfclub.org throughout the year for the current opening status.

The historic Downers Grove Golf Club, original site of America’s first 18-hole golf course, was established in 1892 by legendary golf figure Charles Blair Macdonald. Now a 9-hole course, four sets of tees provide a challenging golf experience for average to high skill levels. The course is open to golfers 13 years and up. Younger golfers ages eight and older are welcome to play when accompanied by an adult.

Book a Tee Time

To book a tee time, visit downersgrovegolfclub.org or drop in to the Clubhouse. No prepayment is required, so simply pay individually at check in.

Reservations for single golfers are welcome, too. If you’d like a single tee time before noon, please call the Clubhouse and we’ll aim to match you up with another single golfer, pair or threesome.

Amenities

Free WiFi  Program Registration Available  Rentals Available  Emergency Warming Shelter

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Driving Range

The driving range features twenty-four permanent and turf hitting stations, a large practice putting green, sand trap and chipping area. No tokens are needed! Pay with credit or debit card at the self-service ball machine.

Driving Range Shelter

The new shelter covers 10 of the existing driving range hitting stations and features infrared heaters, lights and ceiling fans for comfortable golfing in every season.
**Golf Lessons**
Improve your skills with lessons from our certified golf professionals. Private, semi-private and group lessons are available. Golf balls are included with each lesson. Information on lesson fees can be found at downersgrovegolfclub.org.

**Junior Golf Development Academy: 10 to 18 Years**
Junior Golfers who are looking to put in serious work on their golf game will love this program. Golfers receive a $250 driving range pass, seven greens fee vouchers and 10 lessons from the golf professional of their choice ($55 in savings!). Junior golfers practice on the driving range at their convenience and golf lessons are scheduled.

**Women’s Only Golf School**
This school provides golf instruction in a group atmosphere with all women. It is a four-week school that covers a new aspect of the golf game each week. All lessons are taught in one-hour sessions and golf balls are included. Pre-registration is required.

**Parent/Child Golf Lessons**
Learn the great game of golf with your child! Classes accommodate all skill levels. Topics covered include grip, stance, swing, club selection, ball striking and basic etiquette and rules.

**Join a League**
A variety of leagues are available. For more information, call 630.963.1306 or visit the Golf Leagues and Outings section of our website at downersgrovegolfclub.org.

**Clubhouse Rentals**
The Dan Cermak Clubhouse at Downers Grove Golf Club offers a park-like setting and a scenic panorama for social gatherings, group meetings or corporate functions. The Clubhouse includes use of the main and south rooms and can accommodate up to 60 people. The South room is perfect for small meetings and can accommodate up to 25 people.

**Group Golf Outings**
Whether you are planning a corporate or charity golf event, or perhaps are just looking for a great day out with the guys or girls, Downers Grove puts on an event your guests will not soon forget. For more information, please contact the Golf Club at 630.963.1306.

**Permanent Tee Times**
Your foursome can have a guaranteed tee time on Fridays or Sundays from mid-April through September. For more details, please call the Clubhouse at 630.963.1306.

**Food & Beverage**
Stop in after your round or bucket and enjoy the view of the course from our 4,000 sq. ft. Clubhouse. Relax and choose from our traditional sandwiches and snacks. Cool off with a variety of soft drinks, domestic and imported beer and wine. You can also enjoy the news or games on our two HD televisions.

**Pro Shop**
Merchandise from Srixon, Cleveland Golf, Zero Friction and a selection of men’s and women’s apparel is available for purchase in the Clubhouse Pro Shop.

**Gift Cards**
Downers Grove Golf Club offers gift cards for all activities, services and products offered at the course. Gift cards may be purchased in the Clubhouse or online at downersgrovegolfclub.org.

Downers Grove Golf Club was the site of the first 18-hole golf course in America. Photos and course layout maps from the past 125+ years are available to view in the Clubhouse.
About Miner Mike’s Miniature Golf Course
Enjoy mining scenes, waterfalls and landscaping at this exciting, accessible course. The 18-hole course features a water wheel and a water tower along with a mining car on a track. Logs, rocks and contours challenge players of all ages and skill levels.

Special Events, Offers & Promotions
Throughout the open season, Miner Mike’s Adventure Golf hosts special events, offers and promotions for the whole family. For details, visit minermikesminigolf.org.

School Picnics & Corporate Outings
Groups can rent the McCollum Park Pavilion for school picnics or corporate outings. Discounts may be available for miniature golf depending on the number of rounds. Please inquire when reserving.

Check Out Camp Days!
Summer camps outside of the park district are invited to McCollum Park for Day Camp Days. Campers and staff golf for only $4! Pick your own camp date by calling 630.960.7563. Reservations must be made seven days in advanced by calling 630.960.7563. Reservations are available May to September by calling 630.963.8793 after April 1.

Concession Stands
The concession area is open daily during miniature golf hours. The friendly staff is ready to serve a wide variety of items including hot pretzels, nachos, pizza, hot dogs, dessert treats and soft drinks. Miner Mike’s Concession Stands are also open at ‘The Core’ at McCollum Park and at Doerhoefer Park during athletic events.

Amenities
Free WiFi
Rentals Available

PARTIES
Celebrate a birthday with Miner Mike! Two-hour parties include 18 holes of mini golf, cupcakes, drinks, a party leader and a visit from Miner Mike! Parties are available Saturdays and Sundays from May - September.

For details go to page 47
Your Chance to Learn

LINCOLN CENTER
At the Heart of Downers Grove

935 Maple Ave. • 630.963.1300 • dgparks.org

About the Lincoln Center
Once the historic Lincoln School from 1867 to 1974, the building was purchased by the Park District and renovated to what is now the Lincoln Center.

Located on the south side of Maple Avenue between Washington Street and Main Street, this six-level, multi-use building is home to the District’s Lincoln Learning Center Preschool, Link Before & After School Program, the School of Performing Arts and the Adult Center. The convenient downtown location makes it the perfect place for business meetings, seminars and group gatherings.

The building contains the registration office, meeting rooms, art and ceramic rooms, a small gymnasium, various classrooms, dance studios, an auditorium, a lounge and kitchen facilities. Most spaces are available for rental on a seasonal basis.

Amenities

- Free WIFI
- Program Registration Available
- Rentals Available
- Emergency Warming Shelter

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RENTALS

This conveniently located community center offers room rentals for groups of 10 to 120 people. Perfect for business meetings, seminars or group gatherings. Amenities at this facility include an auditorium, multi-purpose room, gymnasium and kitchen.

The Lincoln Center’s kitchen is available to rent and is ideal for a variety of instructional classes. The kitchen is equipped with an induction stove range, convection oven, refrigerator and freezer.
The Link is a program from the Downers Grove Park District that provides students fun and engaging enrichment activities including nature, fitness, arts and crafts, science and cultural arts.

Children Will Enjoy:

- Fun, engaging age-based enrichment activities
- Friendly and safe supervised enviroment
- Time for daily homework and afternoon snack time
- Discounts on select park district programs

Flexible Options

**Full Time** • Five days per week.

**Part Time** • Three or four days per week.

Hours

**Before School** • 6:30-8:00am
All students must arrive no later than 7:45am

**After School** • Monday: 2:00-6:30pm
Tuesday-Friday: 3:00-6:30pm

Registration Information

- All students in grades K-6 are eligible for enrollment.
- Registration is ongoing, in person at the Lincoln Center.
- Online, phone and fax registration are not available.
- All registration forms must be completed and require fees must be paid to register.
- Part-time enrollment must maintain consistent days.

Transportation

Downers Grove Park District will provide safe transportation between participating District 58 schools and the Lincoln Center in addition to specific programs offered at the District. Please visit dgparks.org for details.
The Lincoln Learning Center provides a curriculum of developmentally appropriate experiences guided by the Illinois Early Learning Standards and designed to develop the whole child and enhance children creatively, intellectually, emotionally, socially and physically.

**2-Year-Olds**  
*Must turn 2, but not yet 3 by Sept. 1*

Help your child get ready for 3-year-old preschool. Class structure is consistent with the 3- and 4/5-year-old preschool program and participants receive priority registration for 3-year-old preschool the following school year. Independence and socialization are emphasized. Children are not required to be potty trained.

- Weekly themes
- Creative expression
- Circle time
- Large and fine motor skill development

**3-To 4-Year-Olds**  
*Must Turn 3, but Not Yet 4 By Sept. 1*

For the early learner, or for those continuing from the 2.5 year-old program. Helps foster socialization and independence while introducing children to the classroom setting.

Children learn to follow directions, make new friends and share with others in a group through teacher-directed activities. Children must be potty trained.

- Creative arts
- Cutting and gluing
- Shape, number, letter and color recognition
- Large motor skill enhanced through gym, creative movement activities and outdoor play

**4-To 5-Year-Olds**  
*Must Turn 4 or 5, but Not Yet 6 By Sept. 1*

Experienced learners prepare for kindergarten in a program designed for continued enrichment.

Social skills and problem solving are enhanced through child directed play and teacher-directed group activities. Children explore the community through local field trips and community visitors. Children must be potty trained.

- Upper and lower-case letters
- Sound recognition
- Reading and writing activities
- Math concepts
- Color and shape review

**HOW TO REGISTER**

1. Complete a Preschool registration form in person at the Lincoln Center.

2. Bring a copy of birth certificate, a $50 deposit and resident information to the Lincoln Center, 935 Maple Ave.

3. You’ll receive a letter in August announcing who your child’s teacher will be as well as inviting parents to the Parent Orientation.
REGISTRATION CRITERIA

Residents
Verify residency by attaching a copy of your property tax bill or utility bill to the registration form. Please call Lincoln Center if you have questions about your resident status. A driver’s license will not be accepted as proof of residency.

Age Verification
Verify your child’s age by attaching a copy of a birth certificate to your registration form. No other forms of age verification are accepted.

Applications are not processed without complete and accurate residency and age verification.

Additional Information
Siblings must reside in the same household and provide proof of residency.
A $75 deposit (non-refundable) is required for all registrations.
If you are expecting to move within the Downers Grove Park District boundaries by September 1 and want to register as a resident for Preschool, please attach a copy of the purchasing contract to your application.

District 58
Any unincorporated family residing in Downers Grove School District 58 will receive a resident rate at the Lincoln Learning Center for Preschool. Proof of residency is required.

Age Requirements
Two-Year-Old Program: Children must turn three years old between September 2 and March 1. Children may be in training pants and should be on their way to taking care of their own toileting needs. Children are not required to be potty-trained.
Three-Year-Old Preschool: Children must be three, but not yet four years old by September 1. Children must be potty-trained and not in training pants.
Four-/Five-Year-Old Preschool: Children must be four or five but not yet six years of age by September 1. Children must be potty trained and not in training pants.

Class Assignments
If your first choice class is unavailable, children are placed in your second or third choice as indicated.
You will receive notification if placed on the waitlist.
The Park District reserves the right to place a child previously enrolled in the preschool program based on ability level observed by the preschool staff.

Teacher Assignments
Registered students will receive their classroom and teacher assignments in August. All classroom and teacher assignments are random.
If a classroom transfer is requested after class assignments are complete, a $25 transfer fee will be assessed.

Preschool Features
• Comprehensive curriculum guided by the Illinois Early Learning Standards.
• Six bright, colorful and well-equipped classrooms.
• Small class sizes taught by two professional and qualified teachers.
• Indoor and outdoor play areas.
• Sibling priority registration.
• Returning student priority registration.
• Convenient location.
• Affordable tuition and payment plans.
• Nut-free classrooms.
• Inclusion services available through SEASPAR.
• Optional curbside drop-off and pick-up service.
• Safe and secure environment.
• Enrichment programs including music, environmental education, clay play days and physical education.
• Local walking field trips.
• Community-led and in-house safety programs.
• Graduation ceremony for 4-/5-year-old classes.

Preschool Refund
The registration deposit is non-refundable. A tuition refund will only be granted if the program is canceled by the Park District or a written physician’s note is presented for withdrawal from the program. Application for a refund must be made in person at the Registration Office during business hours.

Meet OUR TEACHERS
• Our teachers are qualified, caring and experienced professionals who pride themselves on a warm, safe and educational environment.
• Lead teachers have an education-related degree or equivalent experience. Aides have previous early childhood education teaching experience.
• Our teachers are required to complete 15 hours of continuing education each year to stay current on early childhood education trends.
• Each class has two teachers with small class sizes and bright inviting classrooms to enhance your child’s experience.
Welcome to our school for creativity. The Lincoln Center’s classrooms are equipped for wide range of arts programs including drawing, painting, ceramics, dancing, acting, and music.

**Dance**
The Downers Grove School of Dance provides a well-rounded yet affordable dance program to the Downers Grove community. The program is designed to meet the needs of the beginner and seasoned dancer from preschoolers to adults.

The objective of the fall and winter sessions is to prepare the students for a winter recital and a spring recital by focusing on both technique and combinations.

**Spring Dance Recital**
Each year, the Downers Grove School of Dance hosts a dance recital for the participants of our dance program. Recitals provide an opportunity for our dancers to showcase what they have learned in their classes. Family and friends are encouraged to come and view the student performances.

**Music**
The cultural arts program is led by music teachers with many years of experience teaching and performing. Improve your musical talent by enrolling in piano, guitar, drums and voice lessons at the Lincoln Center.

**Theater**
The Lincoln Center is the perfect space for practicing acting skills. A variety of classes work on aspects of dramatic and comedic performance including acting, improv, character awareness and imagination. The Lincoln Center’s auditorium features a stage for theater productions.

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**IMAGINE DANCE TEAM**

**Ages 6-12**
Excel in dance when you become a part of this dance team! The team covers technique in ballet, jazz, hip hop and tap, plus choreography. Participants must audition at the beginning of each summer or have permission from the head coach to participate. Audition information is listed in our Spring/Summer Guide.
Become a Member
The Downers Grove Park District Adult Center was established for active, fun-loving adults in the community and provides social service programs, informal seminars, health checks, entertainment and more. A wide variety of classes, parties, day trips and clubs are offered to encourage friendship and socialization and we are always looking to expand and improve the programs we offer. You have the opportunity to become a member of the Adult Center and receive numerous benefits through that membership.

Groups & Clubs
Cards & Games
• Bridge
• Chess
• Pokeno
• Canasta
• Bunco
• Dominoes
• Poker
• Pinoche
• Mah Jong

Leisure Activities
• Theme Parties
• Bingo
• One-day Trips
• Popcorn Matinee Movies

Social Clubs
• Craft Club
• Red Hat Chapter

Annual Fee
Residents: $25
Non-Residents: $30

As a token of our appreciation for your support, receive:
• Membership ID card
• Subscription to seasonal Connections newsletter (non-members will be charged $10 per year)
• FREE monthly Lunchtime BINGO
• FREE Popcorn Matinee
• Discounts on trips
• Annual Membership Appreciation Luncheon

Dial-A-Ride
Dial-A-Ride is a curb-to-curb shared ride service for Downers Grove Township residents who are 65 and over. It is also a service for qualified persons with disabilities of any age. In order to ride Dial-A-Ride you must have a permanent address in Downers Grove Township. Motels, hotels, extended stays and temporary housing are not eligible for our Dial-A-Ride service. Appointments for rides are two days in advance for personal trips and seven days in advance for medical appointments within the Township of Downers Grove area. Service is provided from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. The fare is $3 for each one-way ride.

New limited service on holidays—$5 fare one way on New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. In order to use the service, riders must have a valid RTA or ADA card. Questions and registration contact the Township at 630.719.6670.

For More INFORMATION ABOUT
Dial-A-Ride, Volunteer Opportunities & Scarlett Bloomers Red Hat Chapter
VISIT DG PARKS.ORG
Your Chance to Enjoy Nature

LYMAN WOODS
William F. Sherman, Jr. Interpretive Center

901 31st St. • 630.963.9388 • lymanwoods.org

Gateway to Nature
The Interpretive Center is the starting point for your exploration of more than 135 acres of old- and second-growth oak woods, meadow and marsh. Hike more than 2.5 miles of marked trails to discover more than 400 species of plants, three kames, white-tailed deer, great horned owls, red fox, coyote, Cooper’s hawks and more. The most outstanding feature is 19 acres of virtually undisturbed oak woods existing since the Lyman family purchased the land in 1839.

Butterfly Garden
The Butterfly Garden, certified as a Conservation at Home site by The Conservation Foundation, is planted with nectar producing flowering plants that attract countless butterflies, hummingbirds, bees, moths and other beneficial insects.

Amenities
- Free WIFI
- Program Registration Available
- Rentals Available

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Lyman Woods Honey

Lyman Woods is home to an educational bee apiary and offers a range of beekeeping courses. Honey from the Lyman Woods apiary is harvested in late summer and is available for sale on a first-come, first-served basis (while supplies last). As well as an educational resource, honey bees are also an essential part of food production. Bees are responsible for pollinating about one-third of our food that sustains us.

School & Group Program Opportunities

Bring your group to Lyman Woods for an unforgettable outdoor adventure, or we will bring the adventure to you! Our educational programs have been designed for many audiences including schools, homeschoolers, Scouts and youth groups. Please visit lymanwoods.org, or call 630.963.9388 for program and registration information.

Build Your Own Adventure Pack

Check out an Adventure Pack filled with gear to help you explore Lyman Woods! Choose from identification guides, bug boxes, magnifiers and other tools and activities for your family or group to use free of charge. Check out your pack during Interpretive Center hours with a valid driver’s license.

Green Events

Host a green event in our eco-friendly multipurpose room at the Interpretive Center. The room is now available for rental on weekdays, evenings and Sunday mornings. Please call the Interpretive Center for more details at 630.963.9388.

NATURE PLAY SCHOOL

NaturePlay School begins the week after Labor Day and runs through Memorial Day

Join our discovery-based NaturePlay School at Lyman Woods! Children will enjoy lessons in creative arts, math, science and language, while also developing their motor skills, creativity and naturalist intelligence. Outdoor lessons and exploration promote learning beyond the boundaries of classroom walls!

WILDLIFE WATCHING

Hundreds of species make their home in Lyman Woods, making it an ideal spot for wildlife watching. Some of the more common species you may see include red-tailed hawk, white-tailed deer, garter snake, western chorus frog, eastern chipmunk, gray squirrel, great blue heron, downy woodpecker, tree swallow, eastern bluebird, wood ducks and white-breasted nuthatch.

Birthday Parties

Are you a real party animal? Add an exciting twist to the traditional birthday party and celebrate your birthday at Lyman Woods! Your wild party includes outdoor adventures led by a naturalist, as well as time for opening gifts and eating cake in the Interpretive Center or outdoors in the picnic area. Visit page 47 for details.

Join the Pop-up Snow Shoe Club

Guided snow shoe hikes and extended hours for snow shoeing at Lyman Woods are available throughout the winter when there’s enough snow. Call 630.963.9388 or sign up for Snow Shoe Club email alerts at lymanwoods.org.
LYMAN WOODS
Trail Map

Preserve Hours: Dawn to dusk

Amenities

- Paved path
- 0.95-mile chipped path
- 0.19-mile chipped path
- 0.57-mile chipped path
- 0.98-mile chipped path
- Connection path

- LW Interpretive Center
- P Parking
- Information Kiosk
- Picnic Area
- Park Bench
- Honey Bee Apiary
- Vegetable Garden
- Butterfly Garden
- Campfire Circle
- Interpretive Overlook

PLEASE NOTE
In accordance with the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission, there are no dogs (excluding service dogs), bikes, or cross-country skis allowed in Lyman Woods.
**VOLUNTEER AT LYMAN**

Volunteers are needed throughout the year at our Lyman Woods Interpretive Center to greet visitors, answer phones and provide program support. Other volunteer opportunities include:

**R.E.A.P. Volunteer Workdays**
R.E.A.P. (Restore, Educate and Preserve) is a volunteer group dedicated to restoring and protecting the Downers Grove Park District’s natural areas. Land management workdays are held on selected Saturdays from 8:00 to 10:30 am. Volunteers must register at least one week in advance of the scheduled workday. Volunteer workdays can be arranged for organized groups upon request.

**Hiking Patrol**
Love to hike? Want to spend more time outdoors? Hiking Patrol volunteers help maintain our beautiful natural areas by hiking the trails at Lyman Woods and the Belmont Prairie. Volunteers inspect trails, report trail conditions and answer frequently asked questions from fellow hikers.

**Green Thumbs Needed!**
Do you have a green thumb, or are you looking to learn more about native plants and gardening? We need a volunteer crew to help maintain the native plant demonstration garden, the children’s vegetable garden and the butterfly garden at Lyman Woods. Volunteers must be available to volunteer on a regular basis and love getting their hands dirty!

**General Workdays**
Interested in volunteering with our hiking patrol program or at volunteer workdays? Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 630.963.9388 for more information.

**Summer Camp Volunteers**
Looking for volunteer experience? Want to spend your summer outside? Lyman Woods Summer Camp Assistants help the camp counselor and campers with games, crafts, hikes and outdoor activities. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old, available to work at least one full week of camp, and willing to attend an orientation and training. Call 630.963.9388 for more information.

**TEAMBUILDING WORKSHOPS**

Improve cooperation, develop better communication skills and practice problem solving and conflict resolution skills during 2-hour, half-day or full-day teambuilding workshops. Participants will leave with a sense of teamwork, accomplishment and an understanding of how to transfer newfound or fine-tuned skills back to their work, school or personal lives. Teambuilding workshops are available all year and are conducted outdoors, rain or shine.

**Cooperative Games**
Participants work together to solve fun physical and mental challenges over two or three hours.

**Wilderness Skills**
This three-hour workshop begins with fun lessons to learn a new wilderness skills. Groups then put their knowledge and teamwork to the test with wilderness skills challenges.

**Combination Workshop**
Can’t decide? Try both. This six-hour workshop includes cooperative games in the morning and wilderness skills in the afternoon.

**Wild Adventure**
This six-hour workshop begins with wilderness skills lessons to prepare the group to navigate a wilderness skills adventure course. After completing the course participants put their teamwork to the test in a final group challenge.

To provide the best experience for all participants, group sizes are limited to 15 or fewer depending on the option selected. For more information on team building opportunities at Lyman Woods, please contact the Interpretive Center at 630.963.9388.
Admission
Admission is free and donations are appreciated. Group and school tours are available by appointment.

Photo Archives
The Downers Grove Museum’s photographic collection is also available to view upon request.

Victorian Blodgett House
Open to the public, the Victorian Blodgett house was the home of Charles Blodgett and was built in 1892. The permanent exhibits in the Victorian Blodgett house illustrate life in Downers Grove in the 1890’s. The house also contains the offices of Museum staff, archives, collection storage and a research library.

Pioneer Blodgett House
The Pioneer Blodgett House was built by Israel and Avis Blodgett in 1846 and is one of the oldest houses in Downers Grove. The members of the Blodgett family held abolitionist beliefs, and it is believed that the Blodgett’s provided assistance to runaway slaves during the Civil War era. Interior renovations will be complete by the end of 2019 for public viewing.

Montrew Duhnam History Center
Montrew Duhnam History Center hosts the museum’s camps and programs, temporary rotating exhibits and the permanent display of the 1921 fire truck. The truck is the first motorized fire truck owned by the Downers Grove Fire Department. Try on one of our firefighter outfits and take a picture with the truck!

Family History Research
The Museum’s research library is open to the public during museum hours and contains birth and death certificates, cemetery surveys, census records, telephone directories, school yearbooks and newspaper clippings. For individuals unable to visit the Downers Grove Museum, or those in need of research assistance, please submit a research request in person to the Museum Curator or call 630.963.1309. A research fee of $10 will be assessed for research inquiries submitted to our Curator. Please allow up to two weeks for a response to a research request.

Weddings & Rentals
Wandschneider Park is a beautiful setting for your next special occasion. Complete with gazebo, gardens, walkways and open space, the Museum Campus offers a private sanctuary of nature and history in one. For more information on events and rentals contact 630.963.1309.
About
The Downers Grove Park District manages 24 playgrounds, all of which include ADA-compliant play equipment for children ages 2 to 12.
Fourteen playgrounds also have separate tot play areas specifically designed for ages 2 to 5. Your family is never far from a neighborhood playground, and here are a few more playgrounds worth traveling to.

Parks Hotline
630.929.3136
Call our 24-hour answering service to report broken equipment or request maintenance.

Six PLAYGROUNDS TO EXPLORE

**PATRIOTS PARK**
501 55th St.
Patriots Park playground has a fun nautical theme, a tortoise, and a fun, colorful, rubber play surface.

**MCCOLLUM PARK**
6801 S. Main St.
The District’s largest playground - right next to Miner Mike’s Adventure Golf features a large climbing structure and a play area for tots.

**O’BRIEN PARK**
6909 S. Dunham Rd.
Renovated in 2018, the playground features two play areas as well as an Omni® Spinner, track ride, multiple slides and swings.

**RANDALL PARK**
749 Randall St.
The playground at Randall Park is shaded by large trees and features play areas for ages 2 to 5 and 5 to 12, two tot bucket swings and two open seat belt swings.

**WASHINGTON PARK**
835 Prairie Ave.
Close to downtown Downers Grove, Washington Park includes two play areas, one for ages 2 to 5 and one for ages 5 to 12.

**EBERSOLD PARK**
59th & Main St.
Ebersold Park playground includes a play structure for kids 2 to 5, a play structure for kids 5 to 12, swings and a wheelchair ramp.

**TIP!**
Portable Aerosling swings for children with disabilities are available for residents to use on a weekly sign-out basis. Aerosling swings can be locked onto existing swing sets and are accessible from a wheelchair. Aeroslings are available at the Lincoln Center.

**Hours**
Monday-Sunday | Dawn-Dusk
Visit **PARKS, NATURAL AREAS & TRAILS**

The Park District manages over 600 acres on 48 sites across Downers Grove. The Downers Grove Park District offers outdoor biking, walking and running opportunities including mowed trails and paved walking paths at 9 locations.

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**PATRIOTS PARK & BARTH POND**

501 55th St., Downers Grove, IL

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**About the Park**

Barth Pond, in Patriots Park, is the largest body of water within the park district and is a popular place for fishing, boating and scenic walks around the lake. Patriots Park is also home to the park district’s fun, nautical-theme playground with areas for children ages 2 to 5 and for ages 5 to 12.

**Boating & Fishing**

Canoes, kayaks, rowboats and other non-motorized watercraft are allowed on Barth Pond. Please follow all posted boating rules. Try your luck with fishing at Barth Pond. All fishing must comply with IDNR rules and anglers ages 16 and up must hold a fishing license. Catch and release is encouraged.

**Annual Fishing Derby**

The annual Fishing Derby has been held at Barth Pond for many years. Each August, hundreds of people compete to catch the shortest and the longest fish, and the chance to win cash prizes.

**Thank You for Not Feeding the Waterfowl**

While we encourage you to enjoy our park wildlife, we also ask that you let them find their own food sources. Because food supplied by people is easy for birds to obtain, ducks and geese lose their natural migratory instincts. This eventually leads to overpopulation and makes these creatures more susceptible to disease and predators.
PRINCE POND
4901 Linscott Ave, Downers Grove, IL

Prince Pond, previously known as Grove Lake, was first constructed in 1892 as a part of the E. H. Prince subdivision that surrounds it. The park has been a popular spot for ice skating for over 125 years. In 1894, a season ticket for ice skating at the Grove Lake Skating Pond cost $1. Go to page 40 for more information about ice skating.

FISHEL PARK
1036 Grove St., Downers Grove, IL

Site of the Veterans Memorial Pavilion, a large outdoor band shell used for the District’s Summer Concert Series and other special events. Restrooms are available during events. Open dawn to dusk except evenings when permitted lighted activity (operational, artificial lighting) is occurring.

BELMONT PRAIRIE
Cross & Haddow, Downers Grove, IL

Belmont Prairie is a remnant prairie supporting more than 300 species of plant and animal wildlife. It is an excellent example of one of the few remaining natural prairie habitats that is maintained by the Downers Grove Park District. The efforts of the District have been recognized by the Prairie’s official designation by the State as an Illinois Nature Preserve.

Please note: In accordance with the Illinois Nature Preserve Commission, there are no dogs, bikes or cross-country skis allowed in Belmont Prairie. Thank you for your cooperation.
Field & Court Rentals
The multipurpose synthetic turf field is perfect for football, soccer or lacrosse. To reserve the field, call 630.960.7250.

Pickleball
Two outdoor pickleball courts are now available for use at Doerhoefer Park. Courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis and no reservations are needed. The new courts also feature energy-efficient lighting, operated by a push button on light poles. A warning light will flash before lights switch off.

Parking Information
Parking is available in the east lot at 41st Street and Saratoga Avenue, the north lot at Venard Road and Drove Avenue, angled parking spaces along the east side of Venard Road, and the south parking lot accessible from Venard Road. The 57-car south lot features permeable pavers, which allow storm water to pass through the surface and into the ground below the parking lot. It also features a drop-off plaza and pathway, linking it to the ball field core area and synthetic turf field. Parking is not permitted on Saratoga Avenue.
Doerhoefer Park offers visitors a variety of active recreation opportunities. The park features ADA accessible playgrounds for tots and children ages 5 to 12, as well as seating areas, concession services and a .39-mile loop walking path.

**Park Hours:** Dawn to dusk except evenings when a permitted lighted activity (operational, artificial lighting) is occurring. The park closes immediately after lights are turned off until dawn the following day. No person shall remain in the park system unless a permit is granted in advance.

**Amenities**

- 0.39-mile loop
- Concrete/Sidewalk
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Drinking Fountain
- Concessions
- Playground
- Lighted Basketball Court
- 4 Lighted Tennis Courts
- 2 Lighted Pickleball Courts
- 3 Lighted Ball Fields
- Batting Cage
- Artificial Turf Field:
  - Football
  - Soccer
  - Lacrosse
Park Hours
Dawn to dusk except evenings when permitted lighted activity (operational, artificial lighting) is occurring. The park closes immediately after the lights are turned off until dawn the following day. No person shall remain in the park after closing unless a permit is granted in advance. Security lighting is not considered operational, artificial lighting.

History
The McCollum Park property was purchased by the Park District in 1972 and named in honor of Ted McCollum a few years later. Mr. McCollum was a former Commissioner and volunteer fireman, and helped the Park District obtain the four parcels of land that became this park. It quickly became one of the most heavily used parks in the District, and was renovated in 2011. The 50-acre McCollum Park has served as the Park District’s flagship outdoor athletic facility and largest recreational park for over 30 years.

The Core Concessions
Snacks and drinks are available for sale at the concessions stand during sports games.

Outdoor Gym
McCollum Park is home to an outdoor fitness area, intended for use by adults and children over 15 years of age, when accompanied by an adult.

Field & Court Rentals
Rent ball fields or soccer fields at McCollum Park. Go to page 46 for details.

2 Lighted Basketball Courts
10 Lighted Tennis Courts
Batting Cage
6 Horseshoe Courts
2 Lighted Pickleball Courts
Playground
4 Drinking Fountains
Ice Skating (winter)
1.2-mi Paved Running Trail
Picnic Shelter
Permanent Restrooms
2 Concession Stand
Outdoor Gym
3 BBQ Grills
Mini-Golf

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• 18-hole course
• Specials & events
• Rentals & parties
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MCCOLLUM PARK
Walking Path

Amenities

1.2-mile asphalt loop

Sidewalk

- Parking
- Restrooms
- Drinking Fountain
- Concessions
- 3 BBQ Grills
- Picnic Shelter
- Playground
- Outdoor Gym
- Winter Ice Skating
- 2 Basketball Courts
- 3 Sand Volleyball Courts
- Bags Courts
- 6 Horseshoe Courts
- 3 Pickleball Courts
- 10 Tennis Courts
- Soccer Fields
- 4 Lighted Ball Fields
- Batting Cage

Drinking Fountain
- 1.2-mile asphalt loop
- Sidewalk
The land that is now Ebersold Park was once owned by Marguerite and Fred Ebersold, who would allow local children to use it as a sled hill during the winter months. Once acquired by the District, the park was named in honor of the Ebersolds.

**Park Hours:** Dawn to dusk

**Amenities**

0.75-mile paved loop

Additional asphalt path

- Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Portable Restrooms
- Playground
- Soccer/Lacrosse Field
- Bridge
Hoopers Hollow is a large, rustic neighborhood park. It rises steeply from south to north with a creek running in the southern section of the park. A wooden bridge over the creek provides pedestrian access to the northern half of the park, where a .36-mile asphalt pathway winds its way to the north, connecting to Cornell Avenue at the north end of the park before circling back south and connecting to a Village sidewalk within the Chicago Avenue right-of-way.

**Park Hours:** Dawn to dusk

**Amenities**

- 0.36-mile asphalt loop
- Additional Walkway/Sidewalk
- Parking
- Playground
- Drinking Fountain
**PATRIOTS PARK**

501 55th St. • Downers Grove

Patriots Park is a large community park featuring a 5.8-acre pond. Constructed in 1978, Barth Pond was a joint venture with the Village of Downers Grove. The playground includes separate ADA play areas for children ages 2 to 5 and 5 to 12.

Canoes, kayaks, rowboats and other non-motorized watercraft are allowed on Barth Pond through the canoe launch located the northwest side on the northwest side of the pond. Please follow all posted boating rules.

**Park Hours:** Dawn to dusk

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**Amenities**

- 0.45-mile asphalt loop
- Additional Path/Sidewalk
- Parking
- Drinking Fountain
- Portable Restrooms
- Playground
- Canoe Launch
- Picnic Pavilion
- Pedestrian Bridge
The Recreation Center, a 69,000 sq. ft. facility was opened in 2003. The facility offers the community a 5,200 sq. ft. full service Fitness Center and three group exercise studios. A 19,800 sq. ft. gymnasium can be converted into three full-size basketball courts, six full-size volleyball courts or 16 badminton courts. A three-lane indoor track overlooks the gym. An outdoor walking path provides a 0.55-mile loop.

Park Hours: Dawn to dusk

Amenities
- 0.55-mile asphalt path
- Additional Path/Sidewalk
- Parking
WALNUT PARK
4721 Walnut Avenue • Downers Grove

In 2008, with assistance from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant program, the Park District purchased two parcels totaling 4.8 acres along Walnut Avenue, just north of the protected Belmont Prairie Buffer. In 2015, the Park District purchased an additional 14.8 acres immediately north of the original site.

Park Hours: Dawn to dusk

Amenities
- 0.7-mile mowed path
- 0.3-mile limestone path
- Parking
- Soccer Field
- Picnic Pavilion
- Drinking Fountain
Winter Ice Skating

NORTH CUMNOR ROAD
FAIRVIEW AVENUE
WHITLOCK PARK

This 22-acre neighborhood park contains ball fields, batting cages, a multi-purpose playing field, playground, picnic shelter, restroom facilities, winter ice skating and a 0.62-mile loop to accommodate jogging and walking.

Park Hours: Dawn to dusk

Amenities
- Parking
- Permanent Restrooms
- Drinking Fountain
- Picnic Pavilion
- Playground
- Ball Field
- Soccer Field
- Winter Ice Skating
- Path
- Sidewalk
- 0.62-mile loop
PARKS & FACILITIES MAP

Park District Locations

The Park District manages 48 sites on more than 600 acres.
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*Playground equipment features accessible ramps and/or transfer stations.*
Ice Skating

Weather Permitting
Look for the green flags for safe ice skating conditions! The Downers Grove Park District maintains unsupervised ice skating at Prince Pond, Whitlock Park and McCollum Park. Hours are 8:30 am to 10:00 pm daily from approximately mid-December through February. Portable restrooms are provided at McCollum Park and Whitlock Park.

It takes several days of sub-zero temperatures for sufficient ice to form.

Ice maintenance will occur after staff has completed snow plowing duties for the day.

Ice Skating Conditions
Please locate the flag pole at each location for current skating conditions before stepping on the ice. Staff monitors thickness and requires 6 inches of ice to open for skating.

Green flags: Indicates ice rink conditions are safe at cleared spots only.

Red flags: Indicate dangerous skating conditions; rink is closed.

Ice, sled hill and snowshoeing conditions are updated daily on our weather status page at dgparks.org/weather-status where you can also enroll in email and text alerts with Rainout Line. If you witness an emergency, please dial 911 immediately.

Sled Hills
Sledding is available at Gilbert Park, O'Brien Park, Concord Park and Ebersold Park from 8:30 am to 10:00 pm daily.

Sled at your own risk! The Downers Grove Park District reminds people that they are responsible for safety while sledding on Downers Grove Park District grounds. Parents are encouraged to make sure supervision is provided before letting children play on the hills.

Sled hill conditions are updated daily on our weather status page at dgparks.org/weather-status. Please check to make sure the hills are safe for sledding.
Horseshoe Club
The Downers Grove Park District Horseshoe Club meets at McCollum Park on Monday and Thursday evenings from the beginning of May through the end of August. Call 630.202.3341 for information.

Pickleball/Tennis
Two outdoor pickleball courts are available for use at Doerhoefer Park at 4101 Vernard Road. Courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis and no reservations are needed. The courts also feature energy-efficient lighting, operated by manual controls on light poles. A warning light will flash before lights switch off. Tennis courts are available at Doerhoefer Park, McCollum Park and Randall Park.

DISC GOLF AT O’BRIEN PARK
6909 S. Dunham, Downers Grove, IL
O’Brien Park features a 9-hole, par 30 disc golf course, with cement tee pads. Great for beginners. The course begins with fun uphill and downhill shots on holes one and two, followed by a series of six shorter holes. The course ends with a long 300’ stretch on hole 9.
The Parks Division manages nearly 600 acres of open space in Downers Grove, as well as maintaining dozens of athletic fields, playgrounds, historic properties and thousands of trees on park district property. The work of the Parks Division helps increase home values, reduce the damage done from flooding and invasive species and contributes to Downers Grove winning accolades such as the best city in Illinois to raise children.

Safety and Park Etiquette for Pets and People

• Dogs must be leashed at all times. Leashes must be no more than six feet in length.
• The person in control of the animal is responsible for cleaning up pet waste. Violation of these ordinances is subject to a fine.
• Dogs are not permitted on athletic fields, playground areas, jogging paths or at Lyman Woods and Belmont Prairie.
• Please bring a water dish as pets are not allowed to drink from fountains.

Coyote Awareness

The coyote is a common resident of the Chicago suburbs. While it is not surprising to find coyotes in preserves and natural areas, sightings in parks, neighborhoods and even urban areas have become more common. Coyotes are fearful of humans and will typically avoid humans, but there are some steps you can take to minimize interactions:
• Do not leave food or garbage outside. Coyotes may be drawn to the small animals who will feed on garbage.
• Supervise small pets and children when they are outdoors.
• If a coyote approaches you, do not run. Instead, throw objects, shout and make loud noises to scare the coyote away.
• If you regularly see coyotes while walking your dog, consider carrying a stick or pepper spray.

Invasive Species Management

Invasive non-native plant species are controlled through several measures including hand-pulling, cutting, mowing, prescribed burning and selective herbiciding. Herbaceous weeds like garlic mustard are hand-pulled and removed from natural areas, while invasive brush, like honeysuckle and buckthorn, are cut and spot-treated with herbicide. Each fall, volunteers collect, clean and sort native plant seed, which is then sown in restoration areas recently cleared of invasive and non-native plants.

Speakers Bureau

The Speakers Bureau is a community service designed to provide residents with information about the diverse and exciting leisure opportunities available through the Park District. Members of the Board of Park Commissioners and staff are on call to speak to groups such as homeowner associations, PTAs, service clubs, churches and businesses. If you are interested in scheduling a free presentation or would like more information, call 630.960.7500.

Vandalism Tipster Award Program

PREVENT SENSELESS DAMAGE — In an effort to reduce and eliminate senseless damage caused by vandalism, Downers Grove Park District encourages you to report any information you have about individuals causing damage to District property.

$REWARD$ — If the information you provide leads to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator or conspirator, you may be eligible for a reward of $5,000 for vandalism in excess of $2,500.

CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION — All communications between the Vandalism Tipster and Downers Grove Park District are strictly confidential. Call 630.960.7500.
The ThorGuard Lightning Prediction System is installed in five zones, at 19 sites throughout the park district. Each zone has a base unit with sensors that set off warning sirens at the base unit and satellite stations in surrounding parks. The lightning prediction sensor at each of the five zones operates independently of the other. Therefore, it is possible that conditions and alert signals can vary from one end of the community to the other (zone to zone). The Doerhoefer Park zone includes Whitlock Park. The Lincoln Center zone includes Constitution, Ebersold, Gilbert, Hummer, Memorial, Patriots, Randall and Washington Parks. The McCollum zone includes Concord Square, Mar-Duke Farm, O’Brien, Powers and Ned Bell Parks. The Golf Course zone includes Walnut Park. Lyman Woods and Fishel Park operate their own zones.

The system will be activated March through November from 8:30 am to dusk (no later than) 8:45 pm; except at Memorial, Doerhoefer and McCollum Parks where the system will remain active until approximately 11 pm in conjunction with lighted activities and athletic fields.

When the system predicts lightning in the area, an 8-second warning horn will sound and a warning strobe-light will activate at the base and each satellite park in the zone. Anyone who hears the horn or sees the strobe-light should seek shelter immediately. All activities at the park should stop. The strobe light will continue to flash until the all clear signal is received. After the danger is reduced; an all-clear signal of two 3-second horn blasts will sound and the strobe light will turn off.

**WHAT IS RAINOUT LINE:**
This is the District’s notification system for users to learn the status of our programming and facilities.

**Areas included:**
- Ballfields, diamonds, outdoor leagues
- Golf Club and driving range
- Miner Mike’s Adventure Golf
- Group exercise classes
- Sledding hills and ice skating

**HOW TO USE RAINOUT LINE:**
- Go to rainoutline.com
- Under Search for a Status enter Downers Grove Park District
- Click Search
- Click on Downers Grove Park District

**SIGN UP FOR ALERTS:**
On the left side of the page click Email & Text Alerts
Navigate the tabs across the top of the page
Download the FREE Mobile App

**Sign up for Email Alerts**
1. Enter an email address
2. Select a time frame from the drop down box for receiving alerts
3. Check the field, diamond or leagues to receive alerts from (or check all extensions)
4. Click submit

**Sign up for Text Alerts**
1. Enter a cell phone number
2. Select a time frame from the drop down box for receiving alerts
3. Check the field, diamond or leagues to receive alerts from (or check all extensions)
4. Check the box next to I agree to the terms above
5. Click Submit
Host your next company picnic, birthday party, graduation party or celebration in one of our parks. Pavilion rentals are generally available from May 1 to October 15 (weather permitting) and require three days advance notice. Full payment required upon reservation.
To make your reservation, call 630.960.7500.

Forms Available Online at DGPARKS.ORG

GILBERT PARK

1500 Gilbert, Downers Grove, IL

Gilbert Park features a lighted baseball field with stadium-style spectator seating areas. The park features a play area for ages 2 to 12, a full-size basketball court, restroom building and a beautiful park shelter with limestone columns (above). Gilbert Park is also the gateway to Maple Grove Forest Preserve.

Group Size: 1-75

HUMMER PARK

4822 Fairview, Downers Grove, IL

Hummer Park was once known as “Fairview Avenue Picnic Grove.” It was named for the Park Board’s first president and administrator, Otto H. Hummer.

Group Size: 1-100
**MCCOLLUM PARK**

6801 S. Main, Downers Grove, IL

McCollum Park’s Picnic Pavilion is the largest in the district and can accommodate groups of up to 200. For more information about McCollum Park, see page 30.

**Group Size:** 1-200

**PATRIOTS PARK**

501 55th St., Downers Grove, IL

There are two parking lots associated with the park, one to the east of the pond and the other to the west, with a total parking capacity of approximately 80 spaces. The western parking lot primarily serves a playground with separate age 2 to 5 and age 5 to 12 play areas. The eastern parking lot serves a passive area that contains a picnic shelter and tables.

**Group Size:** 1-75

**WHITLOCK PARK**

40th & Fairview, Downers Grove, IL

The park contains two ball fields, a batting cage, a multi-purpose playing field and approximately 0.8 miles of gravel pathways to accommodate jogging and walking. The parking lot is capable of accommodating approximately 90 cars.

**Group Size:** 1-45
SPORTS FIELDS & COURTS

Various Locations Available

Downers Grove Park District has more than 50 athletic fields and sports courts available for rent. Fields are available for rent for football, soccer, lacrosse and softball/baseball, as well as basketball courts and horseshoe courts. Organized leagues and groups are required to obtain a permit for use of District fields. Reservations are accepted starting in April each year. To reserve a field, complete the field permit application and submit it to the Recreation Center at 4500 Belmont Road. Reservations are subject to field and weather conditions. Additional fees apply for lights, field lining and field preparation.

**Fields Available** MID APRIL TO END OF OCTOBER

GARDEN PLOTS

Mar-Duke Farm, 6761 Saratoga Ave., Downers Grove, IL

The Mar-Duke Farm community garden plots are available to rent starting in March each year. Plots are 20' x 30'. Four elevated plots, 4’ x 11’ are available on a first-come, first-served basis to persons with disabilities and gardeners who cannot work at ground level. Existing Mar-Duke gardeners are able to renew their plots in January each year. Available plots for new gardeners open for registration in March. See a map of available garden plots and register at the Lincoln Center.

**Garden Plots Available** MAY 15 TO OCTOBER
Create an unforgettable birthday party with the Downers Grove Park District’s Birthday Party Service. Just invite the guests and leave the planning and mess up to us. All parties are filled with a variety of games, activities, table decorations and invites are included with most parties.

**Miner Mike’s Adventure Golf Parties**
Celebrate a birthday with Miner Mike! Two-hour parties include 18 holes of mini-golf, cupcakes, drinks, decorations, invitations, a party leader and goodie bags for the entire party! Pizza is available for an additional fee. Registration is required at least two weeks in advance. Party planning begins upon full payment. Visit minermikesminigolf.org for more details.

**Location:** Miner Mike’s Adventure Golf

**Party Availability:** May-Sept. (Saturday & Sunday Only)

**‘Choose Your Theme’ Birthday Parties**
Create an unforgettable birthday party! ‘Choose Your Theme’ parties are filled with a variety of themed games and activities and include decorations, invitations, cake, drinks and a party leader. Registration is required at least two weeks in advance. Party planning begins upon full payment. Parties are held at the Lincoln Center unless otherwise noted.

Adults staying for the party? Add on an additional room to your party at a 50% discount (pending room availability).

**Location:** Lincoln Center

**Ages:** 3 to 10

**Party Availability:** Year-round

**Sample Themes:** Dance Party, Superhero Party, Paint & Take, Ooey Gooey Messy Party, Nerf War Party, etc.

**Nature Birthday Parties**
Are you a real party animal? Add an exciting twist to the traditional birthday party and celebrate your birthday at Lyman Woods! Your wild party includes outdoor adventures led by a naturalist, as well as time for opening gifts and eating cake in the Interpretive Center or outdoors in the picnic area. Birthday party programs feature unique outdoor adventures, age-appropriate games and activities, and a fun guided hike.

Extend your party with a 30-minute campfire program, complete with s’mores. Parties must be booked at least two weeks in advance.

**Location:** Lyman Woods

**Ages:** 3 and up

**Party Availability:** Year-round

**Sample Themes:** Archery, Wilderness Skills, Nature at Night, Gross Out Nature, Bug Bonanza, Wildlife Detectives, etc.

**Have a Party**

Registration is required at least two weeks in advance. Call 630.963.1300 to book. Party planning begins upon full payment.
Sign Up For A SEASONAL PROGRAM

Downers Grove Park District offers hundreds of sports, hobbies, skills, nature, history and fitness programs every season. Programs for each season are published in three seasonal program guides each year, which are available to view online and are also delivered to homes in Downers Grove.

RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT?
Residents of the Downers Grove Park District (anyone who pays taxes to the district) receive discounted registration fees and can register for programs earlier than non-residents.

HOW TO REGISTER
Create your household account anytime to be able to browse seasonal programs and events and register for programs with our online registration system.

Create an Online Account
If you’ve never registered for park district programs, create an account to register for programs online at dgparks.org. Click the ‘Register Online’ button to get started! If you frequently register for park district programs, you most likely have an account waiting for you! Call our registration staff at 630.960.7500 to verify an existing account.

Drop-Off Form
Register for programs and events in person at any of our facilities. Simply bring a completed registration form with your payment (cash, check, money order, Visa, MasterCard, AmEx or Discover). For information safety, credit card numbers should never be disclosed on forms. Checks or money orders may be made payable to Downers Grove Park District. There is a $25 fee for returned checks.

Fax or Scan
You may fax completed forms to Lincoln Center at 630.963.5884 or Recreation Center at 630.960.7251. You may also scan completed forms directly to our registration staff at regi_staff@dgparks.org. For information safety, credit card numbers should never be disclosed on forms. Registration staff will contact you for payment. Enrollment in programs will not take place until payment is received. Faxed or scanned forms will not have priority over online or in-person registration.

Browse Our SEASONAL GUIDE
View our current seasonal program guide online on your desktop, tablet or mobile device.
Go to dgparks.org for the latest issue. Printed guides are also available to pick up at our facilities.
Go To SUMMER CAMP

Downers Grove Park District offers a range of safe, fun, affordable day camp options. Details of summer camp programs are published every year in our combined Spring/Summer/Camp Guide, delivered to homes in late February.

**Adventure Camp**
*For kids entering Kindergarten through 5th grade*
Adventure Camp is a traditional day camp experience located at Hummer Park and the Lincoln Center. Camp activities include group games, sports, skits, songs, stories, swimming, field trips, crafts and team building activities as well as regular trips to local swimming pools and field trips to destinations such as Brookfield Zoo, Medieval Times and the Museum of Science and Industry.

Our team of counselors are experienced in the fields of education, recreation and physical health and will use that experience to insure your child’s participation in Adventure Camp is enjoyable, memorable and safe.

**Early Childhood Camps**
Young campers have a blast making new friends while enjoying stimulating activities in a supportive atmosphere. Through a blend of indoor/outdoor activities, these experiences provide opportunities for kids to explore their world through a variety of active/passive games, crafts, songs and structured free play. Early Childhood Camps include Exploration Station, Pee Wee Camp and Safety Town.

**Teen Trekkers**
Our camp for grades entering 6-9 gives campers an action-packed week with their friends to destinations around Chicago. Favorite past trips include: Six Flags Great America, Navy Pier, Xtreme Trampoline, Game Works, Rock Climbing, a variety of waterparks, laser tag and more!

**Special Interest Camps**
Unique specialty camps let kids delve into interests such as science, robotics, coding, cooking and more.

**Sports Camps**
A wide range of sports camps for all age groups include soccer, lacrosse, basketball, softball and baseball. Golf camps held at Downers Grove Golf Course are also offered.

**Nature Camps**
Lyman Woods offers a range of nature themed summer camps for all ages. Nature camps are offered by age group and include themes such as Bug Safari, Animal Olympics, Tribes & Traditions, I Spy Nature and more!

**Museum Camps**
Downers Grove Museum offers history-related, week-long summer camps with topics as varied as Young Explorers, Incredible Inventions, Time Traveler, History Mysteries and more.

**Performing Arts Camps**
Summer performing arts camps give campers the chance to develop stage presence through singing, acting and dancing.
Attend a **SPECIAL EVENT**

### JAN

**Mother/Son Gym Jam**
Moms, have a fun filled evening with your special guy(s). Enjoy snacks, games, entertainment and music with DJ Coach Josh. All proceeds from the event to benefit District 99 Senior Scholarships. Sponsored by the Downers Grove Park District and the Downers Grove Junior Woman’s Club.

*Downers Grove Recreation Center*

### FEB

**Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Ball**
Dads spend an unforgettable evening with their daughters in this themed dance for girls ages 4 to 13.

*Lincoln Center*

### MARCH/APRIL

**Flashlight Egg Hunt & Candy Hunt**
Around Easter each year, the Park District offers an outdoor, flashlight egg hunt for children ages 6 to 13, as well as an indoor Bunny Hop and Egg Hunt event for children ages 3 to 6.

*McCollum Park & Fishel Park*

### APRIL

**FREE Arbor Day**
The Downers Grove Park District celebrates Arbor Day every April. Each year a tree planting demonstration from the park district’s forester is held for local school children.

*Various Parks*

**FREE Passport to Safety & Wheely Big Trucks**
This fun event offers safety tips for children. Each child receives a passport at the event and meets local safety personnel to learn important tips about staying safe in and around their home. Afterwards, head outside to touch, see and explore trucks and vehicles of all shapes and sizes.

*Lincoln Center*

**Annual Road Rally**
This scavenger hunt for adults is a fun-filled event coordinated with the Bolingbrook, Lisle, Naperville and Woodridge Park Districts. The event challenges teams of four to six, to test their mind, body and teamwork.

*Various Locations*

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**Explore More Online DGPARKS.ORG**

Check the seasonal guide or the online events calendar for full details of annual and upcoming special events. Events may change throughout the year.
**MAY**

**FREE Country in the Park**
As part of the annual Founders Day event and sponsored by The Grove Foundation, view demonstrations on blacksmithing, butter making and heirloom gardening and meet farm animals. Celebrate the pioneer past and rural heritage of Downers Grove.
*Downers Grove Museum Campus*

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**JUNE-AUG**

**FREE Summer Concert Series**
Our free outdoor concerts are held every Tuesday evening from May through August at Veterans Memorial Pavilion in Fishel Park. Food, beer and wine are available for purchase.
*Fishel Park*

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**JULY**

**Honey Harvest**
Get hands on and help harvest and bottle honey from the bees at Lyman Woods. Honey collected from the apiary goes on sale shortly after the harvest.
*Lyman Woods*

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**AUG**

**FREE Fishing Derby**
This Downers Grove tradition brings the whole family out to Barth Pond for a day of fun. Prizes awarded for the shortest and the longest fish caught by each age level.
*Barth Pond at Patriots Park*

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**AUG/SEPT**

**FREE Movies in the Park**
Enjoy an outdoor movie on our giant screen in Fishel Park. Outdoor movies are free and snacks are available for purchase.
*Fishel Park*

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**SEPT**

**Harvest Fest**
Families enjoy a full day of live music, cold beverages, food and fun at Harvest Fest! The free event also features a games, a children’s area and more!
*Fishel Park*

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**OCT**

**FREE Blodgett House Boo Fest**
Trick-or-treat at the Downers Grove Museum! Visit the Victorian Blodgett House decorated for Halloween and complete a themed scavenger hunt for a treat!
*Downers Grove Museum*

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**NOV**

**Polar Express Storytime Train**
Families enjoy a train ride based on the book ‘The Polar Express’ by Chris Van Allsburg.
*Main Street Station, Downers Grove*

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**DEC**

**FREE Merry & Bright: A Victorian Christmas**
Join us for a celebration of the season at this free family event! Learn about Victorian Christmas traditions, tour the holiday-decorated Victorian Blodgett house, listen to Victorian-era carolers and more!
*Downers Grove Museum*

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**DEC**

**New Year’s Countdown to Noon**
Join us to ring in the new year at noon. We’ll celebrate with party favors, a DJ, a photo booth, face painting, snacks, a balloon drop and more! Parents must stay and supervise their children. Children under two are welcome to attend free of charge.
*Recreation Center*
Youth and adult athletic leagues and programs are offered year round for players of all skill levels. Indoor leagues include basketball, volleyball and flag football. Outdoor leagues including sand volleyball, lacrosse, softball, baseball and soccer. Youth baseball, softball, football and soccer leagues are held in partnership with our youth sports affiliate groups.

**Youth Leagues**

**NFL Flag Football**
Held in the summer and the fall, this no tackle league is officially sanctioned by the NFL. Players receive a uniform (Jersey and Flag Belt).

**Soccer**
Soccer leagues are offered in the spring and summer. An eight week season is played with practice during the week and games on the weekend.

**Basketball**
Basketball leagues are offered in the summer, fall and winter. An eight-week season is played with practices being held during the week at a district 58/99 school and games are played on the weekend.

**Twisters Gymnastics Team**
Twisters is an invitation only gymnastics team for ages three and above.

**Imagine Dance Team**
Imagine is an invitation only competitive dance team for ages 6 to 12. Members learn technique and choreography with an emphasis in ballet, jazz, modern and lyrical. Dance classes are held at the Lincoln Center.

**League Information**

**Volunteer Coaches**
Coaches are needed to introduce the fundamentals through weekly practices and an eight-week season. Emphasis is placed on techniques, knowledge of rules, team strategy and participation.

**Rosters**
New teams are created every season. Returning players are not guaranteed the same team from season to season. The following criteria is used to determine teams: 1. School attended, 2. Grade, 3. Balance of gender, 4. Roster size and 5. Mutual carpool request.

In general, our goal is to keep players from the same school on the same team. Should enrollment numbers and roster maximums not accommodate this practice, schools may be split or combined to form a team. Team maximums are based on enrollment numbers at the time of the registration deadline.

As many of our sports programs are held outdoors, they will be effected by the weather. To get field condition updates before you play, visit the weather status page on dgparks.org/weather-status or sign up for text or email alerts. See page 43 for details.
YOUTH SPORTS AFFILIATES

The Park District works with several affiliate organizations to offer baseball, softball, football and soccer within Downers Grove.

Downers Grove Youth Baseball (DGYB)
Traditional recreational focused baseball. All players ages six to 16. Spring-summer and fall leagues. Babe Ruth league play ages 13 to 16. Chicago White Sox sponsored uniforms. Pre-season indoor camp offering. Visit www.dgyb.org for registration and information. Email questions to info@dgyb.org.

D.O.L.L.S. - Downers Own Little Lassies Softball
The D.O.L.L.S. fast-pitch softball program provides teams for girls from kindergarten to 18 years of age, with levels of play ranging from recreational to highly competitive. Visit dgdolls.com for information.

Panther Junior Football and Cheer Association
The Panther Jr. Football and Cheer Association is a program committed to teaching quality football and cheer for the youth of Downers Grove and neighboring communities. It is open to ages six through 14 (but not yet entering high school) in September. Call 630.375.7730 for information.

Downers Grove Roadrunners Soccer Club
Downers Grove Roadrunners Soccer Club is a travel soccer club that competes against other Chicago area competitive teams. Roadrunners has programs for boys and girls ages four to 18 and has a staff of professional, licensed coaches who follow training outlined by the US Soccer Federation’s National Curriculum. Visit roadrunnersc.com or call 630.619.5133.

ADULT SPORT LEAGUES

Adult athletic leagues and programs are offered year round for players of all skill levels. Indoor leagues include basketball, volleyball and dodgeball, located at the Recreation Center. Outdoor leagues are held at McCollum Park and Doerhoefer Park. All leagues offer regular season play followed by a playoff for qualifying teams. Register as a team to participate in a league. If you don’t have a full team sign up for our Free Agent List at teamsideline.com/dgparks. There is no guarantee you will be placed on a team but we use this list to either form teams or provide the list when a captains is looking for players.

Adult Sports Leagues:
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bags
- Softball
- Tournaments
- Soccer
- Flag Football
- Volleyball

To qualify as a Resident Team for any adult league 60% of your team members must pay taxes to the Park District or be employed full-time in Downers Grove.

Full payment is due at time of registration.

Registration will not be accepted without a preliminary roster. Roster forms are available at dgparks.org, at the Lincoln Center and the Recreation Center.

Individuals wishing to be placed on a team can sign up for our Free Agent List at teamsideline.com/dgparks. Click on “Free Agent Signup Form” at the top of the page. There is no guarantee you will be placed on a team but we use this list to either form teams or provide the Free Agent list to captains when looking for players.
Work at the Park District
We seek out team members who are friendly, have a desire to learn and grow, have a positive attitude, a strong work ethic and an ability to work effectively with all people.

Full- and Part-time Jobs
Open positions in our recreation, administration and parks divisions are posted on ADP Workforce Now recruitment site at dgpark.org.

Seasonal Jobs
We’re hiring! Check out our open positions by going to dgpark.org.

We offer a variety of positions and try to work with your schedule. We may be hiring for positions including:

- Athletic Attendant
- Birthday Party Host
- Camp Counselor
- Concessions Cashier
- Golf Grounds Maintenance
- Golf Pro Shop Attendant
- Link Before & After School Program
- Preschool Lead & Preschool Aide
- Program Instructors
- Parks Maintenance
- Special Events Aide

Internships
Internships in the Recreation Department are usually available twice a year to students from an accredited university pursuing a degree in Recreation Management or similar field. The internships focus on roles such as facility management, office operations, fitness management, athletics and program development.

Volunteer at the Park District
Join our active group of Park District volunteers and be part of a team that can make a difference! Volunteers are needed to help with everything from coaching to invasive plant management. Everyone from teens to seniors can get involved. You’ll have fun, make new friends, learn new skills and enrich the lives of your neighbors in the community.

Current volunteer opportunities and waiver forms are listed at dgpark.org.

Special Events
Volunteers are always welcome at our annual special events, including race events, Summer Concert Series, Harvest Fest, Halloween events and Annual Fishing Derby.

Lyman Woods
Volunteers are needed throughout the year at our Lyman Woods Interpretive Center to greet visitors, answer phones and provide program support.

R.E.A.P.
R.E.A.P. (Restore, Educate, and Preserve) is a volunteer group dedicated to restoring your natural areas to their native state and maintaining their integrity for future generations. Land management activities include collecting and sowing native seed, restoring trails with wood chips, removing invasive brush and monitoring water quality and plant and animal species.

Museum Docents
Docents lead group tours through the Museum. Flexible hours and training are provided. A willingness to help keep history alive is the only requirement.

Adult Center
Assist with regular activities at the Adult Center in the Lincoln Center or join a volunteer group such as the Craft Club.
DONATIONS & DEDICATIONS

Tree & Park Bench Dedications
Dedicate an existing park bench, donate a new one or plant a tree with a donor recognition plaque to remember loved ones, to recognize special people, to celebrate a marriage, birth of a child, special anniversary or simply because you love trees.

Tree sponsors can select the type of tree to be planted from a variety of tree species suitable for planting by the Park District, depending on the season. The Park District will work with tree sponsors to choose the parks and specific planting sites for the trees. For more information, visit dgparks.org.

Shade Trees
Commonly taller than 50 feet at maturity, these trees cast cool shade, provide wildlife habitats and contribute an array of fall color to our autumn season. Examples include: Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Ohio Buckeye, Northern Catalpa, Kentucky Coffee Tree and American Basswood. Spring planting only: Red Oak, Bur Oak and Swamp White Oak.

Ornamental Trees
Intermediate in size, most ornamentals reach a height of 15 to 30 feet. They contribute interest to the landscape through flower, fruit, fall color and form. Examples include: Serviceberry, Blue Beech, Crabapple and Hophornbeam. Spring planting only: Black Alder, River Birch and Red Bud.

Conifers
These cone-bearing trees often grow to heights greater than 50 feet and have needles, some on their twigs singularly or in groups. Most are evergreen, but some drop their needles in the fall. All evergreens transplant best in spring. Examples include: Ponderosa Pine, Eastern White Pine, Bald Cypress (Deciduous), Norway Spruce, White Spruce, Green Spruce and Douglas Fir.

The Grove Foundation
The Grove Foundation for Recreation is a not-for-profit organization registered with the State of Illinois. The foundation has been supporting the Downers Grove community since 1991 by providing financial support for educational, recreational and social programs.

Help create a stronger and more viable community to live, work and play. Your donations help support programs, special events, beautification of parks and facilities and enhanced services to the community. As a government agency, Downers Grove Park District relies both on tax-payer dollars and program fees; however, in order to increase our ability to provide high-quality services and facilities without increasing fees or raising taxes, we rely on the generosity of friends like you. Please make a donation today to help continue the programs that impact you, your family and your community for many generations to come.

To make a donation, visit thegrovefoundation.org.

Memorials
Make a contribution in memory of a loved one. Your memorial gift will go a long way in supporting the work of the Grove Foundation and the Park District. The Foundation will work with you to carry out your wishes. For more information, please contact us: info@thegrovefoundation.org.

Tax Deductible Contributions
All donations are tax deductible under the full extent of state and federal laws. Please refer to IRS publication 526 for specific information. Need a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization EIN for tax records? No problem. The Grove Foundation for Recreation is our non-profit partner that will accept your donation on our behalf and restrict the funds for use in Park District initiatives.
Recreation GUIDELINES

Code of Conduct
To ensure an enjoyable and safe program for all participants, the Park District has developed the following behavior code.

Participants must:
• Show respect to all participants and staff
• Refrain from using foul language
• Refrain from causing bodily harm
• Show respect to equipment, supplies and facilities
• Additional rules are developed for specific programs as deemed necessary by the staff

Discipline
The Park District applies a caring, positive approach to discipline. Rules are reviewed with participants and staff is willing to work with parents to develop behavior modification programs as necessary. The Park District reserves the right to dismiss a participant whose behavior creates an unsafe environment.

For Your Safety
In the event of a serious accident or illness, it is the Park District’s policy to contact the fire department for emergency first aid and transportation to the hospital. Preschool-age children enrolled in Park District programs are not released from a class to anyone other than a parent or guardian unless advance written notification is given to the instructor.

Insurance
The Park District carries no medical insurance and assumes no liability for personal injuries or loss of personal property while attending Park District activities. A participant’s policy must cover any medical cost incurred.

Photography
Photos and video footage are periodically taken of people participating in Downers Grove Park District programs, events and activities, attending a class or event, or using District facilities or property. Please be aware that by registering for a program or class, participating in an activity, attending an event, or using District facilities or property, you authorize the District to use these photos and video footage for promotional purposes in District publications, advertising, marketing materials, brochures, event flyers, social media (including Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter and other social media sites operated by the District) and the District’s website without additional prior notice or permission and without any compensation to you. All photos and videos are property of the District.

Board of Park COMMISSIONERS
Since the Park District was established, it has been fortunate to enlist the dedication and expertise of numerous volunteers. At the center of this volunteer effort are the Park Commissioners. Residents of the Park District elect a non-partisan, five-member Board of Park Commissioners to govern the District. The Park Board determines the priorities and defines policies for financing, governance, operation and administration of the Park District. Board members are elected to serve unsalaried, overlapping four-year terms.

Visit us at dgparks.org to:
• Email a board member directly
• View the calendar of events
• Podcasts & webcasts, budgets, FOIA and rep

Our Mission
Enriching our community through natural area preservation and exceptional recreation, parks, and facilities that inspire memorable experiences.

Our Vision
To be the community resource encouraging PLAY for L.I.F.E.
L- Leadership. I - Imagination. F- Fulfillment. E- Enjoyment

Our Values

RESIDENT GRANT PROGRAMS
Residents unable to participate due to financial reasons may qualify for a partial waiver of program fees. For more information, call 630.960.7500.
What is SEASPAR?
SEASPAR is recognized as a special recreation association by the Illinois Association of Park Districts and is an extension of the services of its member entities. It is governed by a Board of Directors which represents each of these eleven member entities. SEASPAR’s goal is to provide a wide variety of programs and services for individuals with all types of disabilities and of all ages.

For more information, visit seaspar.org or call 630.960.7600.

Americans with Disabilities Act
The Downers Grove Park District is committed to accessibility for individuals with disabilities and strives to provide equal, integrated participation in all programs, activities and services. The Park District’s policy is to reasonably accommodate all qualified program applicants in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). We welcome the questions, comments and concerns of interested community members regarding park district ADA compliance. To arrange for auxiliary aids or accommodations enabling individuals with disabilities to participate in Park District public meetings, or to request publications in a special format (such as CD or large print), contact the Park District by calling 630.960.7500.

Inclusive Recreation Programs
In a continuing effort to meet the needs of residents with special needs, SEASPAR and Downers Grove Park District provide inclusive recreation services. This means that individuals with disabilities are able to participate in programs offered by the Park District. This inclusive recreation environment provides residents with disabilities greater choices for their leisure and allows all residents to learn about one another as they participate together. Let the Park District and SEASPAR know of your special needs and interests so we can be prepared to provide you with appropriate services.

ADA Transition Plan
The Downers Grove Park District has completed an ADA Transition Plan to serve as a roadmap in improving accessibility to parks and facilities throughout the District. Currently the District manages 24 playgrounds featuring ADA-compliant equipment for children ages 5 to 12.

Special Recreation
SEASPAR offers a wide variety of year-round recreational opportunities for all ages, including:

• Physical Fitness
• Creative Programs
• Social Activities
• Trips and Community Outings
• Day Camps
• Adapted Sports
• Special Olympics Athlete Training
• Adult Day Program
• Stroke Support Group
• Drop In Center
• Multi-Sensory Room

Special Recreation
SEASPAR (the South East Association for Special Parks and Recreation) provides recreational programs and services for individuals with disabilities served by the Downers Grove Park District and eleven other communities.

Home Front Health
SEASPAR is proud to partner with the Downers Grove Park District to offer the Home Front Health program for veterans who have a disability rating of 10% or higher. Home Front Health combines program elements to meet the physical, emotional, and the social health needs of veterans, and is free to join.

SEASPAR
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Downers Grove, IL 60515

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SEASPAR.org
GREEN INITIATIVES

**Prescribed Grazing**
A team of natural lawnmowers, goats from Vegetation Solutions, travel to the Park District whenever there is a need to remove invasive plant species without the need for chemicals. The goats have previously helped clear invasive species at the Belmont Prairie Buffer and at Patriots Park. The goats are protected by an electrified fence when they are working.

**Driving Range Shelter Solar Panels**
20 solar panels on the roof of the heated driving range shelter have been installed to generate energy that will offset the cost of the shelter’s LED lights and infrared heaters. The solar panels do not power the lights and heaters directly, but rather they add energy back to the electrical grid, which results in credits that are applied to our electrical usage.

**Prescribed Burns**
Prescribed burning is a land management tool that maintains the health of prairies and oak woods. Non-native and invasive plants are typically killed by fire, while the desirable native species of plants survive. Native plants, adapted to regular burning, not only survive periodic fires but benefit from them. In addition to controlling non-native and invasive plants, controlled burning reduces dead vegetation build-up, recycles nutrients back to the soil, and promotes the regeneration and germination of native plants and seeds.

**Shoe Recycling**
Recycle your old shoes (any style) by dropping them into the green bin at Downers Grove Recreation Center. Old shoes are collected by USAgain for recycling. Old ice skates, roller blades or anything that is considered footwear can be recycled, too.

**Christmas Tree Recycling Program**
The Downers Grove Park District hosts two drop-off sites for residents who would like to recycle their Christmas trees between December and January each year. Trees are turned into wood chips, which will be used as mulch within parks and landscaping projects. Locations are:

- Whitlock Park, located at 40th Street and Fairview Avenue, in the parking lot off of Fairview.
- McCollum Park, located at 6801 S. Main Street, in the north parking lot off of 67th Street.
Connect With THE COMMUNITY

The Downers Grove Park District is proud to offer community events and recreation programs that promote fun, healthy and active lifestyles to participants of all ages. Our partnerships help to generate more visibility for your brand and provide opportunities to connect with targeted audiences in the community through pre-event promotions and onsite engagement.

ANNUAL PARTICIPATION

- 25,000+ Event Attendees
- 56,500+ Program Participants
- 35,000+ Rounds of Golf
- 150,000+ Fitness Center Visitors

ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

- 5,800+ Facebook Followers
- 1,250+ Twitter Fans
- 161,500+ Website Visitors
- 6,200+ Email Subscribers

SIGNATURE EVENTS

- Summer Concert Series
- Golf Tournaments
- BBQ Bolt Run/Walk
- Harvest Fest

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES!

In addition to event partnerships, the Downers Grove Park District also offers advertising opportunities for local businesses to engage with the community.

- Reach over 7,200 sports-focused visitors at outdoor athletic fields
- Connect with 35,000 golfers at the Downers Grove Golf Club
- Gain exposure to 150,000+ visitors and families at the Recreation Center
- Advertise to 23,300 households through the seasonal Recreation Guide
YOUR HEALTHY CONNECTION

Member Benefits:

- 40+ Cardio Machines & Free Weights
- Newly Updated Locker Rooms
- 3-lane Indoor Track
- Free Weights
- Steam Rooms & Towel Service
- Exclusive Member Events
- Reduced Rates on Personal Training, Premier & Group Fitness Classes
- Equipment Orientations

Membership Rates available at 4500Fitness.org
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