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2021 PROGRAM GUIDE





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Functions

The purpose of the El Paso Parks and Recreation Department is to create an environment responsive to the needs, desires, and interests of the participants.

Join an Activity

Opportunities for leisure activities are secured in a variety of ways by the individual, either through their own initiative or through organized programs and educational sessions.

DIRECTORS NOTE

Colton Scott

Director of Parks & Recreation

Dear Community,

This past year has definitely been a year unlike any other! I am extremely excited that the state is opening and all of our programs will be in full swing for the 2021/2022 school year. This past year has given us the opportunity to take a step back and look at how we can improve our parks and our recreation programs. I feel that our parks are a huge part of our community. No matter the time of day, you can almost always find kids on the playground, families having a picnic in the park or basketball games happening at Cornbelt. I am sure many of you have seen the improvements that are taking place around town and that is for you to all enjoy. I am very excited for the tennis courts, pickleball courts and resurfaced basketball court to be packed in the near future.

Please continue to follow us on Facebook and on our website to find information on futures programs. As always, please reach out if you ever have any questions, comments or suggestions. I continue to thank you all for your continued support of El Paso Parks and Recreation.

Colton Scott



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PARKS



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Bike Trail & Walking Path

Includes a 5.4-mile walking and bike trail that extends from 1.5 miles north of El Paso to South Pointe Park and bisects the community.

Corn Belt Park

This park offers basketball courts, a small playground area, and a sheltered picnic area.

Jefferson Park (Library Park)

This park offers a children's playground, picnic tables, shelter, and an outdoor stage.

South Pointe Park is a 40 acre recreation park located on the south edge of El Paso. This park offers a variety of facilities:

- Baseball diamonds
- Basketball courts
- Fishing pond
- Frisbee golf course
- Olympic-sized swimming pool
- Pickleball courts (two)
- Picnic shelters
- Playground
- Sand volleyball courts (two)
- Softball diamonds
- Tennis courts (two)

The park also has a Community Center available for wedding receptions and other gatherings.



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All registration fees are subject to change

Youth Activities

The El Paso Parks and Recreation Department offers a great deal of youth programs. These programs are designed to instill leadership, teamwork, and responsibility amongst our youth. We offer in-house programs such as baseball, softball, basketball and volleyball that are structured for the participant to learn the basics of the sport while having a fun time doing so. We also offer a variety of travel programs that include basketball, volleyball and soccer. These programs are designed for the participant who is looking for a more competitive program.

WINTER

Basketball

Biddy Basketball is for children that are in Pre-K through Second Grade for the 2021-22 school year. This program is an instructional camp that focuses on learning the fundamentals of basketball through drills, interactive games, and skill training. The camp will take place on Saturdays in the months of January and February. The deadline to register for Biddy Basketball is at the end of November. The camp schedule, rules, and other information will be issued in mid-December. **Registration fees are \$40.00**

In-house Basketball is for children that are in Third Grade and Fourth Grade for the 2020-21 school year. This program features assigned teams, one or two practices per week, and games on Saturdays. The deadline to register for In-house basketball is at the end of November. The roster, game schedule, practice schedule, and rules will be issued in mid-December. The games will take place in January and February. **Registrations fees are \$45.00**

The **Travel Basketball** program is more competitive than our in-house league. Travel Basketball is for athletes that are in fifth grade and sixth grade. This program features two or three practices per week and one or two games per week. The deadline to register for Travel Basketball is early November. The fee will be determined once more information and guidelines are released. Games are played throughout the Central Illinois region.



Travel Volleyball

In addition to our in-house Volleyball program, we also offer a Travel Volleyball program that is structured for more competitive play. 5th and 6th Grade girls are eligible to register for the Travel Volleyball program in November. This program features two or three practices per week and one or two games per week. The season will begin in January and conclude the first week of March. Games are played throughout the Central Illinois area. **Registration fees will be set closer to registration.**

Father-Daughter Dance

Fathers, here is your chance to take your favorite girl(s) out for a night of fun and dancing! This promises to be a night to remember, full of fun, music, games, and plenty of dancing! Enjoy pizza, treats, refreshments, and a photo booth! All of the girls will bring home a special gift!

The Father-Daughter Dance will take place in the El Paso Community Building in late-February from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. The registration deadline is set for mid-February. You must register as a couple. **The fee for a couple is \$25.00 and there is a \$5.00 fee for any additional daughters.** This event will be run yearly, the Friday after Valentine's Day.

This special event is for daughters that are 12 years old and under and all of the daughters must be accompanied by a caregiver.



All registration fees are subject to change.

Jump-n-Jive Dance Class

Looking for a way to keep your young ones active?

Kids Dance Fitness classes are now being offered by El Paso Parks and Recreation. Dance fitness is a high energy class for kids that gets them moving with cardio/strength moves choreographed to age appropriate music. Participants get to groove along with the instructor in easy-to-follow dance moves and interactive fitness games. Dance Fitness gives kids an outlet for their energy and helps with coordination, balance, and motor skills. Best of all, it's makes dance and exercise FUN!

This program normally runs from early March to mid-April. **The fee is \$30.00 per participant.**

3-5 yr. old Tiny Tot Dance Fitness (Class Max 12) 5:45PM - 6:15PM

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6-8 yr. old Tiny Tot Dance Fitness (Class Max 15) 6:45PM - 7:15PM

6-8 yr. old Tiny Tot Dance Fitness (Class Max 15) 7:15PM - 7:45PM

SPRING

Travel Soccer

Travel Soccer is being offered for soccer players that are looking for a higher level of competition and an advanced playing situation. This program is designed to give the soccer players from El Paso-Gridley the opportunity to play against other quality teams from the surrounding area. This program competes in the Inter-Community Soccer League which is structured to be more competitive than the El Paso Parks & Recreation In House Soccer program.

The age groups are based of your child's birth year:

2012- U9 2011 - U10 2010 - U11 2009 - U12 2008 - U13 2007 - U14

Travel Soccer is for athletes that are 18 years old and younger. This program features assigned teams, one or two practices per week, and games on Saturdays. The deadline to register for Travel Soccer is late-February. The season runs from late-March to late-May. The fee is \$105.00 per player. Each player will receive a jersey that must be turned in at the end of the season. There will be a \$25 charge to your account for all jerseys that are not returned at the end of the season. (All fees are subject to change)

In-House Soccer

El Paso Recreation offers In-House Soccer for the Pre-Kindergarten age (*must be four years old*) through 4th Grade. The program is eligible for registration in early August and the roster, game schedule, practice schedule, and rules will be issued after the registration deadline. The games will begin mid-August and end in late-September. This program features assigned teams, one or two practices per week, and one game per week.



SUMMER

Baseball

El Paso Recreation offers our baseball program from the Pre-Kindergarten (must be four years old) age through the 7th Grade. The program is eligible for registration in February and begins in May with practices for each grade level. All practices are conducted here in El Paso with game locations being determined by grade level. Each participant will receive a T-Shirt and a hat for the baseball season.

Age groups and leagues are as follows:

Pre-K - Kindergarten Tee-ball (Boys & Girls)
1st and 2nd Grade Instructional (Boys & Girls)
3rd and 4th Grade (Boys)
5th, 6th, 7th Grade (Boys)



Tee-ball

Tee-ball will consist of approximately 10 boys and girls per team. Coaches will be on the field for guidance and assistance. Games will be played on Dairy Queen Field in El Paso from mid-May to late June. Games will be played on Thursday or Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Teams will play six games. The deadline to register is early May. **The fee is \$35.00 per player.**

Instructional

Instructional baseball for boys and girls will consist of just El Paso teams, if we can acquire enough participants. If we do not, we will join up in a league with Hudson and Minonk. The deadline to register is early May. All of the games will be at Dairy Queen Field in El Paso. In this league the coaches pitch to the boys and girls. Games will run from mid-May through late-June. There will be a total of 6 games and they will take place on Thursday or Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. **The fee is \$40.00 per player.**

8U Travel Baseball

8U Travel Baseball is for children that are eight years old (as of April 30, 2021) and younger. This program features a pitching machine, assigned teams, one or two practices per week, and one or two games per week. The deadline to register for 8U Travel Baseball is on February 8, 2021. The roster, game schedule, practice schedule, and rules will be issued in late-April. The games begin on Mid-May through late June. **The fee is \$60.00 per player. The registration fee will cover their jersey and hat.**

10U, 12U, 14U Travel Baseball

Travel Baseball is for children that are 14 years old (as of April 30, 2021) and younger. This program features assigned teams, one or two practices per week, and one or two games per week. The deadline to register for Travel Baseball is early February. The roster, game schedule, practice schedule, and rules will be issued in late-April. The games begin Mid-May through late June. **The fee is \$90.00 per player. The registration fee will include their jersey and hat.**

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Softball

El Paso Recreation offers our softball program from the Pre-Kindergarten (must be four years old) age through 8th Grade (14U). The program is eligible for registration in February and begins in May with practices for each grade level. All practices are conducted here in El Paso with game locations being determined by grade level. Each participant will receive T-Shirt and hat for the softball season. Age groups and leagues are as follows:

Pre-K - Kindergarten Tee-ball (Boys & Girls)
1st and 2nd Grade Instructional (Boys & Girls)

Tee-ball

Tee-ball will consist of approximately 10 boys and girls per team. Coaches will be on the field for guidance and assistance. Games will be played on Dairy Queen Field in El Paso from mid-May through late-June. Games will be played on Thursday or Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Teams will play six games. The deadline to register is early April. **The fee is \$35.00 per player.**

Instructional

Instructional baseball for boys and girls will consist of just El Paso teams, if we can acquire enough participants. If we do not, we will join up in a league with Hudson and Minonk. The deadline to register is early April. All of the games will be at Dairy Queen Field in El Paso. In this league the coaches pitch to the boys and girls. Games will run from mid-May through late-June. There will be a total of 6 games and they will take place on Thursday or Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. **The fee is \$40.00 per player.**

8U Travel Softball

8U Travel Softball is for children that are eight years old (as of April 30, 2021) and younger. This program features a pitching machine, assigned team, one or two practices per week, and one or two games per week. The deadline to register for 8U Travel Softball is early February. The roster, game schedule, practice schedule, and rules will be issued in late-April. The games begin in early May and end in late June. **The fee is \$60.00 per player. The registration fee will cover their jersey and hat.**

10U, 12U, 14U Travel Softball

Travel Softball is for children that are 14 years old (as of April 30, 2021) and younger. This program features assigned teams, one or two practices per week, and one or two games per week. The deadline to register for Travel Softball is early February. The roster, game schedule, practice schedule, and rules will be issued in late-April. The games begin early May and end late June. **The fee is \$90.00 per player. The registration fee will include their jersey and hat.**

Tractor Show & Car Cruise-In

The Tractor Show & Car Cruise-In will take place every June at South Pointe Park. All are welcome to bring their favorite tractors, car, truck or antique to show it off! This event is completely free to all spectators and participants. Donation boxes will be set up around the park and all money will go towards a charity at the end of the event. The park will be packed with fun activities and delicious foods for all to enjoy.



FALL

In-House Soccer

For the Pre-Kindergarten age (*must be four years old*) through 4th Grade.

The program is eligible for registration in early August and the roster, game schedule, practice schedule, and rules will be issued after the registration deadline. The games will begin mid-August and end in late-September. This program features assigned teams, one or two practices per week, and one game per week.

All practices and games will be played in El Paso at South Pointe Park. Features assigned teams, one or two practices per week, and one game per week.

The fee for each player is \$35.00 and they will receive a T-Shirt for the soccer season.

Travel Soccer

Offered for soccer players that are looking for a higher level of competition and an advanced playing situation. Designed to give the soccer players from El Paso-Gridley the opportunity to play against other quality teams from the surrounding area. This program competes in the Inter-Community Soccer League which is structured to be more competitive than the El Paso Parks & Recreation In House Soccer program.

For athletes that are in junior high school and younger. Features assigned teams, one or two practices per week, and games on Saturdays. The deadline to register for Travel Soccer is early August. **The fee is \$117.50 per player.**

Thanks to Gravel Lane Design, the jerseys are furnished and must be returned at the end of the season.

In-House Volleyball

In-House Volleyball is for children that will be in first Grade through fourth grade. This program features assigned teams, one or two practices per week, and games on Saturdays. The deadline to register for In House Volleyball is mid-September. The roster, game schedule, practice schedule, and rules will be issued in late-September. The games will begin in October and end in mid-November. **The fee is \$49.00 for each player.**

Adult Activities

Browse a variety of adult activities including basketball, softball, tennis, volleyball, and Dance Fitness.

Fitness Classes

El Paso Recreation offers several Fitness Classes with fun energetic instructors!

Water Aerobics

Join Water Aerobics

Join our instructors as they lead a water aerobics program, which offers physical benefits comparable to swimming, while incorporating resistance training more than normal aerobics.

Health Advantages

These fun-filled classes are great for your health. Soothe those aching joints in warm water and have loads of fun in the process! Water aerobics is good for the heart, weight loss, arthritis, and other ailments.

Program Information

Dates: June 24-July 29 **Days:** Thursdays beginning at the end of June **Time:** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM **Cost:** \$40

Dance Fitness

Dance Fitness is perfect for everybody and every body! Each class is designed to bring people together to sweat it on. Our instructor will take the "work" out of workout by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. Once the Latin and world rhythms take over, you'll see why Dance Fitness classes are often called exercise in disguise. The benefits include: a total workout, combining all elements of fitness (cardio, muscle conditioning, balance, and flexibility), boosted energy, and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class.

All of the classes take place in the El Paso Community Building on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. The registration fees are based on a six-week session period and a free seventh week is also included! There will be two sessions for this program. Session 1 will run from early February - mid-March and session 2 will run from late March - early May.

One class per week/: \$50.00 **Two classes per week:** \$65.00



Basketball

Drop-in men's basketball is conducted on Monday and Thursday nights during the fall, winter, and spring. The games are held at the Centennial School gym: *(Pending gym availability, this program will begin in the fall of 2021)*

Date: Monday Nights **Time:** 8:30 pm **Fees:** Individual: \$31.00 **Drop-in Fee:** \$2.00



Men's Basketball League


Do you still have something left to prove? If so, sign up for the competitive Adult Basketball League. To participate in this program you must be 18 years old or older and no longer enrolled in high school. The regular season will be played between April and mid-May with the playoffs to take place during the following two weeks. Teams must be registered by early March. All of the games will be played in the Centennial School gym on Wednesday evenings.

The anticipated time-slots will be for games to tip-off at 6:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 8:00 PM, and 9:00 PM. Depending on the number of teams registered, we may host competitions on two different days during the week. **The fee for a team is \$400.00 and there is a \$53.00 free agent fee. Reversible team jerseys can be purchased for \$20.00. You may use your El Paso Parks & Recreation Adult Basketball League jersey from past years. Each team may roster up to 10 players.**

If enough participants are interested, we will have the following leagues/activities available:

Tennis

Join a Tennis League



Are you interested in playing tennis, but have no one to play with? South Pointe Park is considering offering an adult mixed (men's and women's) doubles tennis league. The matches will be determined on a weekly basis by the number of participants available. This event will be totally free for participants. All that the participants will need to bring is their racket and a new can of tennis balls. *For more questions or to get registered please contact us at (309) 527-4250.*



Pickleball


Join a Pickleball league

Are you interested in trying pickleball, but have no one to play with? South Pointe Park is considering offering an adult mixed (men's and women's) doubles pickleball league on our brand new courts. The matches will be determined on a weekly basis by the number of participants available.

For more questions or to get registered please contact El Paso Recreation at (309) 527-4250.

Volleyball

Sand Volleyball League



El Paso Recreation is currently looking for teams to participate in a six-on-six sand volleyball league during the summer months. *If you have any questions, please contact El Paso Recreation at (309) 527-4250.*



PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

We offer a range of senior citizen programs to help establish a healthy and active lifestyle. Jill Wilson leads the “Movers and Shakers” program as well as all of our senior trips. Register for the class or any trip and I think you will agree that Jill does a fantastic job!

Movers and Shakers

Join Our Exercise Program

Join our instructor as she leads a program aimed at developing muscular endurance as well as strength and improved balance. If you have any questions, please contact El Paso Recreation at (309) 527-4250.

Health Advantages

In general, healthy people as old as 90 years of age can reduce their tendency to fall by up to 50% through exercise and balance training. While bone fragility presents one challenge for older individuals, the corollary component of that risk is that most fractures occur due to a fall. A lack of strength and balance makes it more likely that an older person will fall and break a bone or injure a joint. It is possible for seniors to improve their muscle strength and balance to help prevent falls. Integrating balance training and functional training, developing core strength, and generally remaining active can help improve muscle strength, develop reaction time and increased mobility, and provide a better sense of balance and coordination.

Additional Benefits

These benefits are also a foundation for increased physical activity, which can: Enhance general fitness • Reduce bone loss by conserving remaining bone tissue • Reduce pain and risk of injury

Trips & Outings

El Paso Recreation takes numerous trips and outings aimed for the enjoyment of our senior citizens. Some of the events include going to:

Movies

Plays and concerts in the Bloomington-Normal area

Potlucks

Quilting events

Additional Information

If you are interested in getting a monthly schedule of events and outings please contact El Paso Recreation at (309) 527-4250.



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SOUTH POINTE POOL

The pool WILL NOT open if the temperature does not reach 70 degrees at the time of opening.
 The pool WILL NOT open during inclement weather.
 The pool WILL close early due to weather and low attendance.

Pool Hours

Monday - Saturday

12:00 (noon) - 7:00 PM

Sunday

12:00 (noon) - 5:00 PM

Note: Children under 8-years-old must be accompanied by an adult.

Daily Admission

Consumer	Fee (per person)
Individuals	\$4.00
2 & Under	Free
3-5 Year olds	\$1.00

Families (*immediate family members only*) \$10.00 (per family)



Season Passes

Consumer	Individual Passes Fee (Per Person)	Family Passes Fee (Up to 5 members)
Residents	\$65.00	\$115.00
Nonresidents	\$80.00	\$140.00
	Family Passes Fee (Up to 6 members)	Family Passes Fee (Up to 7 members)
Residents	\$135.00	\$155.00
Nonresidents	\$160.00	\$180.00
	Family Passes Fee (Up to 8 members)	
Residents	\$175.00	
Nonresidents	\$200.00	



Definition of a Family

Family passes may be purchased for the immediate family only. This means a mother, father, and children, all living in the same household. Children must be under 21 years of age, unless they are a full-time student. Stepchildren may be included only if they reside with the family member purchasing the pass. Grandparents, grandchildren, cousins, neighbors, children you babysit for, couples living together, and fiancées are not eligible.

Pool Party Rentals

Rent the Pool

Date: Any day

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Minimum of 1.5 hours.

Fees: \$100 for 1.5 hours

Fees: \$125 for 2 hours



Additional Information

Arrangements are to be finalized two weeks prior to the event and must be approved by the Recreation Supervisor, Colton Scott. For more information about pool party rentals, please contact El Paso Recreation at (309) 527-4250.

Swim Lessons

Swim Lessons are run by the El Paso Olympians Swim Team.

For more information about signing up for swim lessons please visit the El Paso Olympians Swim Team website at <http://www.elpasoolympians.com>



Tournaments

Heller Tournaments

Hellerstores.com Classic Brackets

- Girls' Brackets

To be published when available.

- Boy's Brackets

To be published when available.



JANUARY

Tournament Information

Our annual Hellerstores.com Classic basketball tournament brings in elite competition from the Central Illinois area. The format in this year's tournament will guarantee each team two games.

Trophies will be awarded for the first and second place finishers. Each year, tournament T-Shirts are available as well as a concession stand. Each team will play at least one game during the week with the tournament finishing on the Saturday of the same week.

Tournament Dates

Girls' 5th and 6th Grade Hellerstores.com Classic: Late November-early December

Boy's 5th and 6th Grade Hellerstores.com Classic: Early January-mid-January

For More Information

Our tournaments are aimed to make a positive experience for our young people through competition. Please contact El Paso Recreation at (309) 527-4250 if you have any questions or concerns.

Baseball/ Softball Tournaments

Online Program Registration

Follow links listed on the El Paso, Illinois website. Under the Parks and Recreation tab.

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El Paso
SummerFest
Sponsored by
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& El Paso Involvement Committee (EPIC)

Saturday, June 26th

South Pointe Park

10:00am-2:00pm

TRACTOR SHOW & CAR CRUISE-IN



*Clubs Attending: Mid State Cruisers and the
Mid-West Loud N Proud*

Food Stands

Glitter Tattoos

Kiddie Tractor Pulls

Inflatable Games & More!

Families are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs

Donations accepted and will benefit St.
Jude Children's Research Hospital



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THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR PROUD SPONSORS FOR HELPING US THROUGHOUT THE YEAR! YOUR GENEROSITY ALLOWS US TO PURCHASE NEW EQUIPMENT FOR YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS,
PUT ON THE FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE AND HOMETOWN DAYS,
AND SO MUCH MORE! WE LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING
WITH YOU ALL IN THE FUTURE!



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