

WINTER 2022

CITY OF 
Willmar
PARKS & RECREATION

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Youth Wrestling Season

The youth wrestling season will start on Monday, January 3rd and will run through the NYWA State tournament in April. Practices will be held at the Willmar Senior High in the wrestling room. Please wear wrestling gym attire. A detailed practice schedule is available on the wrestling webpage on the school district's website.



Wrestlers enrolled in this class will gain experience and learn the basic techniques instructed in this Cardinal Wrestling Program. Students will be encouraged to compete when the athlete, parents and coaches feel it is appropriate. There will be no wrestling Thursday, January 6th, Monday, January 10th, and February 21st.

Grades K-2
Mondays, January 3-March 28

6-7:30PM
 Willmar Senior High
 Wrestling Room
 \$45
 Singlet deposit: \$30 (*refunded at the end of season if singlet is returned in proper condition*)
 Checks will be cashed after May 6th

Grades 3-6
Mondays & Thursdays
January 3-March 31

6-7:30PM
 Willmar Senior High
 Wrestling Room
 \$65
 Singlet deposit: \$30 (*refunded at the end of season if singlet is returned in proper condition*)
 Checks will be cashed after May 6th

Little Cardinal Basketball FUNDamentals

Join us for a 5 week program to learn the fundamentals of basketball! This program is designed to help teach youth, grades K-5 learn the basics of basketball, such as dribbling, passing, shooting and defense.

Grades K-5
Mondays and Thursdays, January 10-February 10

K-2 6-7PM • 3-5 7:15-8:15PM
 \$42
 Lakeland Elementary



Winter Tennis

Come and join us on Sunday's January 30-February 27 at the Willmar City Auditorium for tennis! This program is designed for participants in Kindergarten through 4th Grade to improve hand-eye coordination with smaller courts and slower balls. Students will learn the basic fundamentals of tennis. A tennis racket can be purchased at an additional cost of \$15. Participants in Grades 5-12 will work on serve and volley techniques and single and double strategies will be taught. If you would like to purchase a racket from us please call 320-235-1454.

Grades K-4

3-4PM

\$25

Grades 5-8

4-5PM

\$25

Grades 9-12

5-6PM

**Open gym with ball machines
for boys and girls**

\$25

U6 Soccer

This is a program to introduce littles to the fundamentals of soccer. The program is for development of soccer skills to match the physical, cognitive and social level of the U6 player. Wear athletic shorts and t-shirt, tennis shoes and bring a water bottle. Shin guards optional. Limited space.

Ages 4-6

(as of September 2021)

Mondays and Thursdays,

February 7-March 3

4-5 PM

\$40

City Auditorium

U8 Soccer

This is a program to introduce littles to the fundamentals of soccer. The program is for development of soccer skills to match the physical, cognitive and social level of the U8 player. Wear athletic shorts and t-shirt, tennis shoes and bring a water bottle. Shin guards optional. Limited space.

1st-3rd Grade

Mondays and Thursdays,

February 7-March 3

5-6 PM

\$40

City Auditorium

Indoor Soccer

Indoor Soccer will be played at the City Auditorium for a four week session. Each session kids will work on skills and drills and play a scrimmage to apply what they have learned. Limited space.

Grades K-5
Sundays, March 6-27
 2-3:30PM
 \$30
 City Auditorium

Looking Ahead!

Spring Soccer Returning on the NEW Turf Fields!

Dates and times are yet to be determined! Check our Facebook page for more details!

Baseball

Tryouts will be Saturday, April 9th at the Willmar Senior High School. Tryouts are used only to create even teams. There will be a \$10 fee at the door payable to Willmar Baseball Association to cover the cost of tryouts. All players, whether Rec Players or Traveling baseball must go through the tryouts to be placed on a team. For Rec Players a hat and jersey will be provided. Pants can be bought on Rambow.com using code WPRBB. Pants from previous years are fine to use.

Game days vary on grade, practice times and days are decided by the coach.

Grades 3 & 4:
Tuesday/Thursday
Grades 5 & 6:
Monday/Wednesday
Grades 7-9:
Tuesday/Thursday
 Games will start the week of June 13, practice will start before.
 \$44

Willmar Baseball Association Open Gym

Baseball open gym will begin on Sunday's in January 2022, this is open to ALL youth baseball players eligible to play for the Willmar Baseball Association and Rec Baseball (Willmar student, or live within the Willmar School District). All open gyms will be on Sundays as listed on the website willmarbaseball.com and are subject to change. Space will be limited this year so please register ASAP.

Please pre-register on willmarbaseball.com to secure your spot.



Summer Softball

Summer Fastpitch softball will start this spring! Practice dates and times will be determined by coaches. 10U and 12U must attend tryouts. We will have 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U/18U teams.

Please check our Facebook page for more details in the coming months, more details and registration to come soon!

Softball - Open Gym

Join us for open gym Saturdays! Come and go as you want. Bring your glove, helmet and bat! Parks and Recreation will provide hitting tees, bases and softballs.

**Saturdays, March 5-26
9-11AM**

\$12

Willmar Senior High School
Gym

Softball - Tryouts

Parks & Rec and Willmar Softball Association are partnering together for tryouts which will be held on Sunday, March 20th at Willmar Senior High School. All players must go through tryouts and will be placed on either a Recreational or Traveling team. Times are subject to change. Please register on RecDesk.

10U 12-1:30PM

12U 2-3:30PM

\$10

Willmar Senior High School

HELP WANTED

Looking for a Summer Job?

Willmar Parks & Rec has multiple opportunities for summer employment! Find the right fit for you and apply today!

- **Lifeguards**
- **Concession Attendants**
- **Summer Rec Staff**
- **Lead Rec Staff**
- **Umpires**

For more information and an application, check out the city website at willmarmn.gov

Co-Ed Softball

The league will play on Wednesday nights and have two divisions of play: Competitive and Recreational. Teams cannot have more men than women on the field at any one time.

May 25-August 3

6:15-10:15PM

\$300

Swansson Yellow
and Red Fields

Church League Softball

The league will play on Thursday nights and have three divisions of play, Gold, Silver and Bronze.

May 26- August 4

6:15-10:15PM

\$300

Swansson Yellow
and Red Fields

Men's Softball

The league will play on Monday nights and have three divisions of play, Gold, Silver and Bronze.

May 9-August 8

6:15-10:15PM

\$300

Swansson Yellow
and Red Fields

Men's Spring Basketball League

Get a team together and hit the gym for this six-week, officiated basketball league.

**Wednesdays,
March 16- April 27**

6:15-10:15PM

\$235

City Auditorium

Women's Spring Volleyball

Get a team of six together to play in either of Power or Semi-Power women's volleyball league this spring.

Thursdays, March 10- April 28

6:15-10:15PM

\$135

City Auditorium

Co-Ed Spring Volleyball

Get a team of six together, three men and three women to play in either the Gold or Silver Co-Ed volleyball league this spring.

Mondays, March 7- April 25

6:15-10:15PM

\$135

City Auditorium

Recreation and Events Center Coming September 2022



Open Events at the Arena

Open Skating Sunday Nights

January 2 - February 20

6:30-8:30PM

\$3/per person-pay at the door

\$2/Skate Rental-pay at the door

Saturday Open Curling for Kids & Adults

Ages 8-80

Certified instructors on hand to help you learn.

Saturdays, January 8, 29, February 12, 19, 26 & March 5

6-9PM

\$3/per person-pay at door

Adaptive/Open Curling

All ages and abilities are encouraged to try the age-old sport of curling in this adaptive setting. Thursdays, January 6-March 10.

4-5PM

\$3/per person-pay at the door

Ice Rinks

Sharpen your skates and enjoy the beautiful Minnesota winter.

The ice rinks at Hilltop and Garfield are open. The Garfield warming house is open Mondays and Thursdays from 5-8PM and Saturdays and Sundays from 1-6PM weather permitting.

***Rinks will close under extreme cold weather
or unsafe ice conditions.***

Woodshop

Looking for a place to make items from wood, do wood carving, joinery, carpentry and woodturning? Check out the Community Center Woodshop! You must reserve your time in the woodshop (minimum of 1 hour in advance) by calling 320-262-5288 or visiting www.willmarmngov and click on Community Center and go to the woodshop portion of the site.



Memberships start at \$60/year.

Daily pass for \$5

Open Monday-Friday 8AM-4:30PM

Monday evenings 5-7PM, must call by Friday before 4:30PM to RSVP
Willmar Community Center

Lutheran Social Service Dining Program

Meet new friends while enjoying a hot and nutritious lunch at the Willmar Community Center. Lunch is available for curbside pick-up or dine- in Monday-Friday between 11:30AM-12:30PM. Please call to order your meal and reserve your spot at 320-262-5288 by noon the day before. This program is for those who are 60 years and up. A \$5.00 contribution for each meal is suggested.

For meal menus, visit www.willmarmn.gov and click on Community Center or find Willmar Community Center on Facebook.

Monday-Friday

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Willmar Community Center



Live Entertainment Wednesdays

The Willmar Senior Club invites you to come and enjoy some classic tunes with them! Put on your toe tappin' shoes for an afternoon of music! Refreshments to follow. See activity schedule for performance schedule.

Wednesdays

2:00PM

Free Will Donation

Willmar Community Center

Afternoon of Dancing!

The Willmar Senior Club invite you to come enjoy a live band and dance the afternoon away to classic tunes. Sit and enjoy the music or dance all afternoon. Refreshments will be served. See activity schedule or Facebook for performance schedule.

Fridays

1-4PM

\$2 Non-Dancers \$7-Dancers

Willmar Community Center

Willmar Community Center Card Playing Days

Whether you are a card shark or just wanting to learn, come spend an afternoon meeting others, having fun and playing cards.

Mondays - Bridge

Tuesday/Thursdays - Hand & Foot

Wednesdays/Fridays - Whist

12:30-4PM

Free

Willmar Community Center

How to be a "Grand" Grandparent

Come join us for this informative session on how to make better relationships with your grandkids!

Wednesday, January 26

12:30-1:30PM

Free

Willmar Community Center

Hearty Party

Calling all ages who want to enjoy some Valentine's fun! Meet us at the Willmar Community Center for stations including a craft, games, and more. This is a free event co-hosted with Willmar ECFE & the Community Center.

Tuesday, February 8

2:30-4PM

Free will offering

Willmar Community Center

Aging Wisely *Finding "new" Confidence & Purpose.*

Join us for sharing and learning to make the most of the challenges of aging with a renewed purpose!

Topics:

- Discussing aging concerns
- Eating more healthy foods
- Experiencing and expressing more joy
- Promoting safety at home
- Decluttering
- Family Discussions
- Moving

Reasons to attend:

- To socialize
- To learn
- For support!
- And for resources

January 6th: Ellie Knutson, Knutson Counseling- Good mental health strategies as we age.

February 2nd: Vicki & Mary Ellen, Caretakers- Living with a family member with dementia.

March 3rd: Chris Radel, Willmar Municipal Utilities- Energy Efficiency and ways to cut energy costs.

April 7th: Bailey Wiczek, Catholic United Financial, Estate planning, proper use of wills, reducing probate, what is a trust, taxes and fees to avoid, protect and passing along assets.

1st Thursday of the month

1:30-3:30PM

Free

Willmar Community Center

Farkle Fridays

A classic dice game to reach 10,000 points! Snacks and refreshments served. All ages and skills welcome!

Fridays

12:30-4:30PM

Free

Willmar Community Center

Video Game Tournaments

Are you up for a gaming challenge with some of the best in Kandiyohi County? Different games and systems featured monthly! Games featured include: Super Smash Brothers, Mortal Kombat, Brawlhalla and Mario Kart! See monthly calendar for tournament dates.

Free

Willmar Community Center



Veteran's Coffee Social

Informal coffee gathering with others who have served our country both in times of war and peace. Military service required. Spouses are welcome. Extended invitation to all firefighters, police officers, and rescue squad members.

1st & 3rd Mondays of each month • 9:30-11AM • Free

Willmar Community Center

All Things Board Games

Join us for an afternoon of board games! We have a wide variety of games, ranging from classics like Yahtzee or Monopoly, to fan favorites like Catan or Carcassonne. If there are games you would like to learn, we can show you how to play! See monthly calendar for meeting dates.

Free

Willmar Community Center

S.A.I.L. Exercise Class

The SAIL (Staying Active & Independent for Life) program relies upon weight training and balance exercises to protect against fractures cause by osteoporosis by increasing muscular strength, balance and bone density. All skill levels welcome.

Tuesdays and Thursdays

10:15-11:15AM

Free

Willmar Community Center

Community Center Crafts

Unleash your creative side with our craft programs offered throughout each month! Crafts are able to meet the levels of all craft skills! Crafts range from Pour Painting and guided paint classes, Origami, Holiday themed projects, DIY take home crafts, and more! See activity calendar for monthly craft projects and check our Facebook page or website for more information.

Cost Varies

Willmar Community Center

Willmar Senior Club

The Willmar Area Seniors Club has several activities for enjoyment. From live music, games and cards, and seasonal parties. We, of course, enjoy socializing and coffee time with others. This club is a great way to stay involved, meet new people, and enjoy an afternoon with friends! We encourage you to join!

Wednesday Meetings

2-3PM

Membership:

\$15/year, \$10 yearly dues

Willmar Community Center

Check Mates Chess Club

Join our chess club! Whether you are advanced, just starting or simply interested in learning the game, we would love to see you there! Club meets on Mondays at 6:00pm. Call 262-5288 with questions.

Mondays

6-8PM

Willmar Community Center

Puzzle Exchange

Check out a puzzle from our exchange shelves! We have over 200 puzzles to select from, varying in piece numbers, sizes, difficulty, and themes.

Monday-Friday

8AM-4:30PM

Free

Willmar Community Center

Community BINGO Nights

Come out for a fun night of BINGO Fun! Win prizes, make friends, and have fun! \$3.00 per person- all ages are welcome to attend!

4th Tuesday of each month

5:00PM - 7:00PM

Willmar Community Center

Tour of Asia Cooking Class

A new class at the Willmar Community Center! Riley, a Culinary graduate from St. Paul College, will be hosting a cooking class once a month in the main room of the Willmar Community Center. Riley is taking this class on a tour of Asia and showing you how to make different meals she's experienced while traveling abroad. Some dishes will be familiar, like the Japanese sushi roll, some will be brand new like the Vietnamese street food Bahn Mi. Most materials will be provided to the class with the chance to take your creations home along with a brand new recipe! Check our Facebook and Instagram sites, Parks and Rec. website, or join the cooking Class Email list for updates and reminders!

See Activity Calendar for dates, times, and costs
Willmar Community Center

Conversational English

Hosted by Riley Kennedy, a TEFL certified teacher with 3 years teaching English in Beijing, China. This class is great for adults of all nationalities looking to improve their English speaking ability. The class will focus on correct and clear pronunciation, casual conversations and work-place interactions. Classes will be 45 minutes long, take place over zoom, and all materials will be provided over google forms. Scan QR code or visit Willmar parks and rec. website to set up your lesson.

Mondays
offered from 3-5PM

Wednesdays
offered from 1-4PM

Fridays
offered from 1-4PM

Free
Willmar Community Center

Gentle Beginners Yoga

A gentle and relaxing class focused on beginner level sequences and positions that meet each participant's skill level and ability. This class will leave you feeling stretched and in the right head-space to take on the day. Yoga participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing, and bring yoga mat.

Mondays at 2PM • Wednesdays at 10 AM • Fridays at 10AM
\$5/day or \$12 for a 5 punch card
Willmar Community Center

Community Kids

Join us every Wednesday starting January 5th for Community Kids! Each Wednesday at 4pm we will host a different activity for students K-5th grade. Activities will range from crafty science to simple creative snacks! Please register 1 week in advance. <https://willmar-parksandrec.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=101>

Cost \$5.00/week
Any questions, please contact Britta at bdiem@willmarmn.gov or calling 262-5288

**Wednesdays Starting Jan. 5
4:00PM - 5:00PM**
Willmar Community Center

Mocktail Making Class

Learn how to make a fun cocktail without the alcohol! This class will feature several fun, new beverage recipes to enjoy at home or a party! Be sure to check our Facebook page ad website for more details!

**Saturday, January 8
2PM**
Cost is yet to be determined
Willmar Community Center



Let's Draw Art Club

Let's learn to draw! Join Riley Monday afternoons at 4pm as she walks the class through basic drawing techniques! Classes will vary from week to week but will go over techniques like shading, perspective, expressions, how clothes/fabric should fall, and much more!

Some materials will be provided to the class, but feel free to bring your own sketchbook and pencils! Please Register in advance. Walk-in's will be welcome as long as we have supplies!

Please call 320-262-5288 to register.

Or register at:

<https://willmarparksandrec.recdesk.com/Community/Program?category=5>

**Mondays starting Jan. 10
4-5PM**
\$5/class or \$15 for 4 classes
Willmar Community Center

Classes To Look For This Winter!

Woodworking 101: Charcuterie Cutting Board

Come solo and make friends or invite a buddy to sign up with you! Come for Date Night or buy a ticket for someone as a gift! This class size is limited and is great for anyone hoping to get a little taste of woodworking! The cutting boards will be made of walnut, maple, and approximately 10" x 15". During this class, you will learn how to safely use a variety of tools including; jointer, planer, table saw, chop saw, router, and sander.



Evening 1: Safety demonstrations will be given on the various machines. Each participant getting some practice time on using the equipment. We will learn the steps to "squaring up the stock", jointing & planing the material, ripping stock to rough size, gluing and clamping, planing down the board to finished size.

Evening 2: Cutting the board to finished size, routing the edges, sanding, applying a food safe finish! Take completed board home and impress your family and friends!

***All materials, tools, hardware,
and safety equipment are provided!
Call 262-5288 for more details
and look for class dates this February!***

Bucket Beats!

Come learn fun rhythms and patterns in this bucket drumming class. Drum to classic songs like "Yachty Yack", "Hit the Road Jack", "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" to name a few! This class does not require any music skill or the ability to read music! Stay tuned to our Facebook page for class date and times!





Rent the Willmar Community Center

***Looking for a space to hold
your next event?***

**The Willmar Community Center
is the perfect venue!**

It is great for holding:

Family Reunions • Birthday Parties
Wedding Receptions • Graduation Parties
Company Meetings and Trainings, and
Bridal/Baby Showers!

**Contact us today to make your reservation
at 262-5288 or bdiem@willmarmn.gov**

Willmar Community Center Facility rates:

Sunshine room (holds 30 people): \$60 (+\$20/hour staff)
Burlington Northern/Selvig Rooms: \$100 (+\$20/hour staff)