

Parks & Recreation



August - December 2022 Program & Event Guide [f](#) [i](#)



"Promoting Community Wellness"

About

From the Superintendent

The need and desire for active and passive recreation over the last year has made Auburn Parks and Recreation Department's goal to assist the growing needs of our community more important than ever. We have recently conducted a comprehensive 5-year Master Plan that has helped us understand the needs of our current community. Upon receiving the study's results, the Department is excited to further explore and implement ideas set forth by this plan that will drive us into the future direction of our parks.

In addition to preparing for the future during this upcoming year, we will not lose sight of the community's needs for programming and leisure opportunities and will continue to provide educational and engaging programs and events to Auburn's residents.



Eric Ditmars
Auburn Parks and Recreation Superintendent

Program Registration

Head over to our website (auburnin.recdesk.com) and click on the Programs tab to see all available programs and events for 2022. To register, click the green "Register Now" button next to the program you are interested in attending and follow the prompts.

Payment & Refund Policy

Payments for programs and events must be received 5 days prior to the scheduled program. No refunds will be given unless program or event is cancelled by department. We can accept credit card (Visa, Mastercard, or Discover), exact cash, or a check. Credit card payments are subject to a 1.66% fee.

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Youth Programs

Pop Ups in the Park: Sand Art

August 9 | 6:00 p.m. | Forrest Park

August 23 | 6:00 p.m. | Riley Park

\$5/child per session

Mix and match colors of sand to fill up a keepsake bottle of your own design!

Pop Ups in the Park:

Clay Nature Pressings

September 6 | 6:00 p.m.

Eckhart Park | \$5/child

Find nature around the park and make your own pressings that can be taken home with you!

Kids' Free Flow Painting

September 16 | 5:30 p.m.

Parks Office | \$10/child

Leave the mess with us and create a pour painting masterpiece!

Kids' Pumpkin Pour Painting

October 4 | 5:30 p.m.

Parks Office | \$10/child

Pour paint a festival pumpkin to keep on display all month!

Princess Cocoa Party

November 11 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Rieke Lodge | \$20/child; \$10/adult

Enjoy a meet and greet with two princesses, photo opportunities, gift bags, and refreshments.

Kids' Free Flow Painting

November 22 | 5:30 p.m.

Parks Office | \$10/child

Create a colorful canvas at our last children's pour painting of the year!



Adult Programs

PAINTING WITH SHERIAN

Join our talented artist Sherian for step-by-step instructions in creating unique works of art. Pour painting is great for people of all artistic abilities and makes for a great date night, family outing, or friends' night out activity!

Chain Pull
September 9 | 6:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Office
\$20/person

Pumpkins
October 14 | 6:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Office
\$20/person

Wooden Ornaments
November 18 | 6:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Office
\$20/person

Magnets
December 16 | 6:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Office
\$20/person

Hiking Club

Join Bill Ward from the DeKalb County Soil & Water Conservation District for free educational walks around DeKalb County.

September 22 | 5:00 p.m.
Hague Nature Center at Eckhart Park

September 29 | 5:00 p.m.
Fox Fire Woods - ACRES Land Trust

October 6 | 5:00 p.m.
Tom and Jane Dustin, Robert C. and Rosella C. Johnson and Whitehurst Nature Preserves - ACRES Land Trust

October 13 | 5:00 p.m.
Don Lash Trail

DIY Fall Wreath

August 26 | 6:00 p.m.
Rieke Lodge | \$20/person
Create a festive fall wreath during this step-by-step class.



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Pizza & Games

August 17 | 12:00 p.m.

Rieke Lodge | Free!

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Trivia

November 9 | 12:00 p.m.

Rieke Lodge | Free!

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Family History

September 14 | 12:00 p.m.

Willennar Genealogy Center | \$5/person

Sponsored by Auburn Village

Wood Slice

Christmas Ornaments

December 14 | 12:00 p.m.

Rieke Lodge | \$5/person

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Films & Friends

October 12 | 12:00 p.m.

Astral at Auburn | Free!

Sponsored by Astral at Auburn



Special Events

Fishing Derby

August 6 | 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Rieke Park Pond | Free!

Sponsored by Beber's Shot & Sinker

Kids 17 & under are invited to participate in our annual Fishing Derby and compete for longest, shortest, and most fish caught!

Parents/guardians are welcome to attend and help out. Ages 18+ must have a valid fishing license to compete.



Heroes Night

Hang with the Heroes

August 12 | 6:30 p.m.

Eckhart Park | Free!

Spend time with Auburn's heroes - the police and fire department! See their vehicles, learn about their jobs, see a K9 demonstration, and more!

Superhero Movie Night

August 12 | 8:30 p.m.

Eckhart Park | Free!

In partnership with the Eckhart Public Library, join us for a free showing of a community-selected movie. BYO blankets and chairs.





Something Strange in Eckhart Park

October 21-23 & 28-30

7-9 PM | Eckhart Park | Free!



Halloween Movie in the Park

October 7 | 7:30 p.m.

Eckhart Park | Free!

In partnership with with the Eckhart Public Library, join us for a viewing of "Ghostbusters."

Hunt for the Great Pumpkin

October 28 | 6:30 p.m.

Carr Field | \$8/child

Search Carr Field for pumpkin shaped eggs filled with candy, toys, and other great prizes!

Halloween Walk

Costume Contest

October 21 | 6:15 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Office | Free!

Come out to the Halloween Walk early and participate in our annual costume contest! No pre-registration required.

NORTH POLE SANTA STROLL

DECEMBER 2-4 & 9-11 | 6-8 PM

ECKHART PARK | FREE!



Santa Paws in the Park

December 15 | 6:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Office | Free!

Bring your pup to meet Santa! You are encouraged to bring a canned or dry food donation for the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Breakfast with Santa

December 18 | 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Rieke Lodge | \$15/person

Enjoy a breakfast spread and a meet and greet with Santa and Mrs. Claus!





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**2022
SCHEDULE**

- Jan 7** Customer Appreciation Day: T-Shirt
- Feb 4** Winter Festival: Ice Sculptures
- Mar 4** St Patrick's Pub Crawl
- Apr 1** Easter Egg Fun
- May 6** Green Thumb Garden
- June 3** Love Your Neighbor Luau
- July 1** Patriotic Celebration
- Aug 5** Street Chalk Art Contest
- Sept 2** ACD Festival Cruise In
- Oct 7** Pumpkin Festival: Pumpkin Carving
- Nov 4** Chocolate & Wine Tour
- Dec 2** Ugly Sweater Night & Caroling





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Do you have a business that you'd like to promote? The Eckhart Park Disc Golf Course is currently seeking sponsors for the signage displayed around the course. For more information, call the Parks Department at (260) 925-2997 or email at parcs@ci.auburn.in.us.

Want to volunteer?

Auburn Parks and Recreation is actively seeking volunteers to help with community events and programs!

Stay up to date with available opportunities by joining our Volunteer Facebook Group. Access the group by scanning the QR code below!





We want to hear from you!

Call Us: (260) 925-2997

Email Us: parcs@ci.auburn.in.us

Visit Us: 1500 South Cedar Street

Office Hours

7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday

Stay updated on all Parks events by visiting the Auburn Parks and Recreation Facebook and Instagram pages, as well as downloading the City of Auburn app

