



# Springfield Summer Recreation

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Springfield Public Schools



## May 26- June 26, 2026

(Registration due by Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>)

Hello! I wanted to introduce myself before the summer, as some of you may not know me. I am Jena Veenstra, and I am the new Summer Recreation Coordinator at Springfield Public Schools. I have been in Springfield for 14 years and have taught multiple grade levels, but I currently teach 2nd Grade. I am excited to add Summer Recreation Coordinator to my resume, as I love seeing children be out and about and trying new things. I hope this year's classes have something for everyone, but if you have any ideas for new classes, please send recommendations to the email below. I would love to hear your ideas!

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [jena.veenstra@springfield.mntm.org](mailto:jena.veenstra@springfield.mntm.org)

*Summer Recreation activities are designed to give children a non-competitive, supervised opportunity to participate in fun events of their interests.*

Visit our website and under the "Community" tab and follow us on Facebook @springfieldcomm

### To Register:

**This year, we will be offering online registration and payment. Scan the QR code on the registration form to register and pay online!**

To pay online, you will be directed to Infinite Campus, Parent Link. From there, you will need to sign in and then click on the three lines in the top left corner. In the dropdown, you will see fees. Click on fees, and at the bottom of the page, click on optional payments. From there, all of the summer recreation classes are listed at the bottom of the list. Find the courses your child would like to participate in and click "Add to Cart." When all the courses have been added to your cart, scroll back to the top of the page and click on the cart icon. Here you can enter your payment information, and when finished, select submit payment.

**OR**

Mark the activities on the registration form in the correct age group, total the amount due, and **send your signed registration form with payment to your Elementary School Office in an envelope marked "Summer Rec" by Monday, May 4, 2026.** Make checks payable to: Springfield Public School. (Checks will not be cashed until after May 30<sup>th</sup>.)

**The number of participants registered and paid for by the May 4th deadline will determine if the activity will be held or cut!** (If your activity is cut, you will be notified and you will receive your payment back.)

## **Behavior Guidelines & Expectations**

- **Respect each other** – this includes, but is not limited to, teachers, coaches, helpers & students (zero tolerance of violence!)
- **Respect the school, equipment, and playing fields**
- **Use appropriate language**

## **Discipline Policy**

- First offense – verbal warning
- Second offense – parents will be notified & child will sit out the remainder of that day's particular activity
- Third offense – parents will be notified & child will be expelled from **ALL** activities for the rest of the Summer Recreation schedule

### **Questions?**

Email: Jena Veenstra, Summer Recreation Director  
[jena.veenstra@springfield.mntm.org](mailto:jena.veenstra@springfield.mntm.org)

### **Need help paying for Summer Rec?**

Many initiatives are offered through our **Brown County Area United Way**. One of the long standing programs has been the Youth Activities Scholarship Program. Young people ages 4-18 whose family income is insufficient to meet the activity and equipment fees are eligible. Call United Way of Brown County 507-354-6512 for more information or visit: <https://www.uwbrowncounty.org/scholarship-application>  
Your application is confidential.

## **2026 Summer Meal Program Information**

The school is again offering a Summer Food Service Program, with meals beginning after Memorial Day!

**Start Date:** Tuesday, May 26th, 2026



**When:** Monday- Thursdays throughout the summer

**Time:** Lunches can be picked up between 11 AM and 12:30 PM

**\*\* All meals will be grab-and-go\*\***

**\*There will be no dine-in option\***

**Where:** Springfield Public Schools Cafeteria, please enter the cafeteria doors on the West side of the building.

**Who:** Children 18 years and under

Meals will include breakfast and lunch, packaged together. An extra meal for Friday will be sent home with the Thursday pick-up.

**Please watch for additional information and the link for the 2026 Summer Meal Pick-Up Form.**

## Summer Recreation Activities


**Grade level listed as the grade your child is currently in during the 2025-2026 School Year.**


### Weekly Courses:

**Wiggles n' Giggles** – Tuesdays, May 26, June 2, 9, & 16, 9-10 am. For PS – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Elementary Classroom. Students will have fun & learn through a variety of outdoor activities. Ms. Berends, Instructor. Registration fee: \$20.

**Nature Class** – Tuesdays, May 26, June 2, 9, & 16, 10-11 am. For PS – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Elementary Room. Learn, explore, and enjoy all things nature! Ms. Berends, Instructor. Registration fee: \$20.

**Awesome Crafts!** – Mondays, June 1, 8, 15 & 22, 9-10 am for grades 2-6; and 10-11 am for PS – 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Elementary Classroom. *Awesome Crafts* is for boys and girls! Make some really neat crafts! All supplies included. Ms. Tews, Instructor. Registration fee: \$20 (PS-1); \$25 (gr. 2-6).

 **Cooking FUNdamentals**– Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, & 22, 11-12 pm for 3rd-6th grade. High School Foods Lab. Learn how to make your own lunch and snacks by learning basic cooking skills. Kathy Marks, Instructor. Registration fee: \$30

 **Sign Language**– Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 26-June 25, 9-10 am for 3rd-6th grade. Elementary Classroom. Have fun learning SEE (Signing Exact English). The goal is to learn conversational signs and important features of signing! Shirley Smith, Instructor. Registration fee: \$20.


**Games Galore!** - Thursdays, May 28, June 4, 11, 18, & 25, 9-10 am. Depending on numbers, students will be split into two groups by age: PS (entering Kindergarten this fall) – grade 2 and grades 3-6 Elem. Classroom. Games will be played inside and outside, and will include large muscle activities and board games to allow students a morning of playing fun games! Registration fee: \$15.

**Tennis** – Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 26 – June 25, 10-11 am for boys and girls in 3rd-6th grade. Riverside Tennis Courts. Learn the basics of the game and enjoy playing tennis with others! Bring your own racket. Registration fee: \$20.

**”Beach” Volleyball** – Mondays, June 1, 8, 15 & 22, 10-11 am for boys and girls in grades 4-6. Riverside Park, Sand VB Court. Students must wear tennis shoes. Enjoy an hour each week playing VB outside! Registration fee: \$15.



**Junior Golf Clinic**–Wednesdays, May 27, June 3, 10 & 17. Students finishing kindergarten will have an abbreviated session from 8:15-8:45 a.m., while the students in grades 1-3 will meet from 9:00-10:00 a.m., and grades 4-6 from 10:15-11:15 a.m. Springfield Golf Course. Students will learn everything from short game to full shots as well as the rules and etiquette of golf. Students should bring their own clubs if available. If not, additional sets will be made available for practice and play. The clinic will include a series of 4 lessons on the putting green, range, and golf course. Class size is limited. Mr. Kuehn, Instructor. Registration fee: \$25 (kindergarten) and \$50 (grades 1-6). These fees include range balls, green fees, and a meal on the final day.

 **Flag Football** –Mondays and Wednesdays, May 27– June 24, 11-12 pm. Sticker Field. Students will be separated into two groups: Grades 3 & 4 and Grades 5 & 6, when possible. Registration fee: \$20.




**Soccer** –Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 26- June 25, 11-12 pm. For boys and girls currently in grades 2-6. Sticker Field. If there is enough interest, the class will be split by age into 2 groups. Registration fee: \$20.





**Dice Baseball** – Tuesdays, May 26- June 25th, 10-12 pm for 3rd-6th grade. Elementary Classroom. Are you interested in replaying the 2025 MLB season through a Baseball Simulation Game (APBA Baseball – <https://apbagames.com/baseball-game>)? Players play according to their statistical abilities combined with the luck of the dice roll. You will learn to keep statistics and will play each other in a 3-game series as scheduled with other participants. Each player will choose their team of choice (We will have a random lottery selection). Darren Olson, Commissioner - Registration Fee: \$20

## One Day Courses:


 **Balloon Twisting Academy**- Friday, June 12, 11-12 pm for students 1st-4th grade. Elem. STEAM Lab. The balloon twisting academy is a unique experience that will have your kiddo twisting and creating their own balloon animals. Instead of just watching someone else twist balloons, your child will actually learn how to do it themselves! Michelle Berberich, Totally Twisted, Instructor. Registration fee: \$20

**“Home Alone” Safety Workshop** – sponsored by Springfield Ambulance & Police Departments. Friday, June 5, 9-10:30 am. An important workshop for those who are currently in 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Elem. Classroom. An Officer will teach essential information if you are home alone this summer. Do you answer the phone? What do you say? Do you answer the door? Who to go to for help, important phone numbers; what are your family's rules?; etc. Students will also learn basic first aid and hands-only CPR! Participants will bring information home to help families make their own individual “home alone” plan. FREE class.

 **Beads and Keychains** – Wednesday, June 3, 9-10 am for grades 2-6. Elem. Classroom. Join in on the fun of making unique keychains and beaded crafts. Ms. Tews, Instructor. Registration fee: \$10.

 **Flower Pot Gardens** –Thursday, May 28, 9-9:45 am for grades K-6. School Greenhouse. Join others in planting your own container flower garden. Bring your own flower pot filled with potting soil! Flowers will be provided. Ms. Berends, Instructor. Registration fee: \$10.

**Babysitting Clinic** – Wednesday, May 27, 9-12 pm. Participants must be 11 years old or older. STEAM Lab. This interactive course prepares participants for the various situations they may encounter while caring for a child. The class teaches simple care, like feeding and changing, to basic first aid. Students are tested on all the information presented at the clinic and will receive a certificate of participation. Ms. Berends, Instructor. Registration fee: \$25.

 **Baking Fun**- Wednesday, June 24, 10-11:30 pm for grades 3-6th. HS Foods Lab. Learn some baking basics and create your own dessert through this one-day experience. Kathy Marks, Instructor. Registration fee: \$15

## 3-Day Experience:

**4-H Garden Science Explorers Day Camp**– Monday-Wednesday, June 15, 16,17 from 9-12 pm for students in grades K-6. Brown’s Park (weather permitting) OR Elementary Classroom. Join us for a hands-on STEM adventure exploring the science of soil, plants, and crops! Through experiments, outdoor exploration, and creative problem-solving, participants will build curiosity about the natural world and agriculture around them. Snacks will be provided. Please bring water, sunscreen, bug spray, and dress appropriately for the outdoors! Madeline Clarke, Extension Educator, Instructor. Registration fee: \$20.

## 3-Week Experience:

**Summer STEAM Academy- “Real-life Survival Skills”**- June 1st-18th, Monday- Thursdays 12:30-1:45 in Elementary STEAM Lab for 2nd-5th Grade. Over the course of the 3-week experience, students will have an opportunity to create, build, test, and analyze in a variety of situations. Within the experience, students will explore a variety of STEAM concepts and will challenge their minds to find solutions to real-world problems. This class will create a unique forum for your child to stay engaged with peers and staff throughout the summer. Mrs. Smith, Instructor. FREE class \*\*Max of 30 students\*\*

### A Few Reminders:



#### Weather Related Announcements

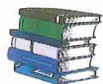
Posted on website: [www.springfield.mntm.org](http://www.springfield.mntm.org)  
and Facebook: @springfieldcommed

Children need to wear sunscreen & bring a water bottle to all activities!



## Additional Activities in Our Community

Watch the *Springfield Advance-Press* for more information.



### Summer Reading Program: UNEarth a Story,

*Public Library.* Reading Program registration begins May 21. Call 723-3510 for more details.

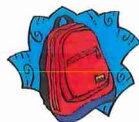
Weekly Story Hour on Tuesdays at 10 AM, unless there is special programming. On these days, Story Hour will be at 9:30 AM.

- Tuesday, June 2nd at 10:30 AM- The Flyers Comedy Show
- Tuesday, June 9th at 9:30-11:30 AM- Dinosaur STEM Program
- Tuesday, June 16th at 10:30 AM- Jeffers Petroglyphs Presentation
- Thursday, June 26th at 6:45 PM Riffin Griffin Band at Riverside Park
- Tuesday, June 30th at 10 AM- Mixed Nuts Comedy Show

Swimming Lesson Registration- Watch *Springfield Advance-Press* for more information.



### Back to School Dates



- ✓ **Jumpstart**- August 3rd-13th, 2026
  - o Watch your mail for further information
- ✓ **Kindergarten Camp** – August 10 & 11th, 2026
- ✓ **Open House**- August 19th, 2026
- ✓ **School Starts** – Monday, August 24th, 2026



## Springfield Public Schools Early Learning Programs

# SUMMER 2026

## EARLY LEARNING ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAYS — MAY 27 — JUNE 24 • 9:30–10:30 am

### Springfield Park Locations

Participants: Kids 0 years old—3<sup>rd</sup> grade (Must be accompanied by an adult)

No charge    Pre-registration isn't necessary  
Come & go as your schedule permits



Each session will include creative activities, games, stories and treats

**Week #1:** Wednesday, May 27 at Browns Park—How Does Your Garden Grow?



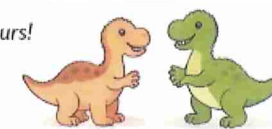
**Week #2:** Wednesday, June 3 at Riverside Park—Let's Go Camping!



**Week #3:** Wednesday, June 10 at Browns Park—Outdoor Artists—Color Your World & Sensory Fun



**Week #4:** Wednesday, June 17 at North Park—Dinosaurs! Dinosaurs!



**Week #5:** Wednesday, June 24 at Riverside Park—Celebrate America!



**Summer Swimming Party**— To Be arranged. More details will be announced.

**Free swimming admission** at the Springfield Swimming Pool.

Watch for the Early Learning Staff in the Riverside Days parade on June 26.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Pre-register now for Springfield Community Theatre's summer residency of **TWICE UPON A TIME** brought to you by Storybook Theatre. Walk-ins will also be accepted the day of auditions, but pre-registration is appreciated for planning purposes!



### About Storybook Theatre's *Twice Upon a Time*

What happens when a beloved fairytale world is rewritten before your eyes?

Storybook Theatre invites audiences to step into a magical whirlwind with *Twice Upon a*

*Time* – their **first-ever original production** – where the pages of The Storybook have been stolen, and “happily ever after” is suddenly up for debate.

In this playful, fast-paced adventure, **Rip Van Winkle** has been guarding The Storybook for far too long – until he wakes to discover it's vanished. With the fairytale world turning upside down, Rip sets off with the Seven Dwarfs to restore what's been lost and set the stories right. Along the way, they encounter a parade of familiar faces, from **Mother Goose and the residents of the Shoe Inn** to the **Evil Queen and her band of Bad Apples**, **Captain Hook and the Pirates of Neverland**, and the **Fairy Godmother** with the young royals of **Pixie Dust's School for Girls and Boys**.

What if Captain Hook traded swordplay for crocheting? What if Jack and Jill refused to climb the hill? And what if Sleeping Beauty could no longer sleep? With laughter, heart, and plenty of surprises, *Twice Upon a Time* asks: **Can Rip and his friends return The Storybook to its rightful place before the endings are changed forever?**

The audition for Storybook Theatre's production of will be held on **MONDAY JUNE 15, 2026 AT 12:30 P.M. AT SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**. Students entering grades 1st through 12th are welcome to audition. All students will be cast to appear in the show with the Storybook Theatre Tour Actor/Director. Students wishing to audition must arrive by the scheduled starting time and stay for the entire two-hour session. The first rehearsal begins approximately 15-minutes after the audition. **No advance preparation is necessary!**

**Rehearsals will be conducted MONDAY-THURSDAY, JUNE 15-18, FROM 12:30 PM TO 4:45 PM AND SATURDAY, JUNE 20th FROM 11:30-3:00. NO REHEARSALS ON FRIDAY, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>**. Although not all cast members will be needed at every session, those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week and be able to attend all rehearsals required for their role and be available for all scheduled performances. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be distributed at the conclusion of the audition. Cast members scheduled for the full 4 hours and 15 minutes will be asked to bring a snack to be eaten during the 15-minute break between sessions.

**Two performances will be held on Saturday, June 20 at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at Springfield's Performing Arts Auditorium. Tickets will be sold at the door.**

Storybook Theatre is a professional touring theatre company serving the Twin Cities Metro Area in Minnesota, bringing extraordinary theatrical experiences that educate, challenge, and inspire young artists through summer and school year programs. The residency Springfield is made possible by Springfield Community Theatre with help from the Pieschel Family Foundation.

For any questions, please contact Katie Mueller, [kmueller@icloud.com](mailto:kmueller@icloud.com) or 507-227-2890.



# May 26th - June 26th, 2026- Summer Recreation

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 24	25 <b>Memorial Day</b>	26 Wiggles & Giggles: 9-10 Sign Language: 9-10 Nature Class: 10-11 Tennis: 10-11 Dice Baseball 10-12 Soccer: 11-12	27 Golf: 8:15-8:45 (K) Golf: 9-10 (1-3 gr.) Babysitting Clinic: 9-12 Golf: 10:15-11:15 (4-6 gr) Flag Football: 11-12	28 Games Galore: 9-10 Flower Pot Garden: 9-9:45 Sign Language: 9-10 Tennis: 10-11 Dice Baseball 10-12 Soccer: 11-12	29	30
31 STEAM Academy Week (Mon-Thurs)	June 1 Awesome Crafts: 9-10 (2-6 gr) Awesome Crafts: 10-11 (PS-1) Beach VB: 10-11 Flag Football: 11-12 Cooking FUNdamentals: 11-12	2 Wiggles & Giggles: 9-10 Sign Language 9-10 Nature Class: 10-11 Tennis: 10-11 Dice Baseball 10-12 Soccer: 11-12	3 Golf: 8:15-8:45 (K) Golf: 9-10 (1-3 gr.) Bead and Keychains: 9-10 Golf: 10:15-11:15 (4-6 gr) Flag Football: 11-12	4 Games Galore: 9-10 Sign Language: 9-10 Tennis: 10-11 Dice Baseball 10-12 Soccer: 11-12	5 Home Alone Workshop 9-10:30 AM	6
7 STEAM Academy Week (Mon-Thurs)	8 Awesome Crafts: 9-10 (2-6 gr) Awesome Crafts: 10-11 (PS-1) Beach VB: 10-11 Flag Football: 11-12 Cooking FUNdamentals: 11-12	9 Wiggles & Giggles: 9-10 Sign Language: 9-10 Nature Class: 10-11 Tennis: 10-11 Dice Baseball 10-12 Soccer: 11-12	10 Golf: 8:15-8:45 (K) Golf: 9-10 (1-3 gr.) Golf: 10:15-11:15 (4-6 gr) Flag Football: 11-12	11 Games Galore: 9-10 Sign Language: 9-10 Tennis: 10-11 Dice Baseball 10-12 Soccer: 11-12	12 Balloon Twisting Academy 11-12	13
14 STEAM Academy Week (Mon-Thurs)  Storybook Theater Week (Mon-Sat, no class on Friday)	15 Awesome Crafts: 9-10 (2-6 gr) 4H Garden Explorers: 9-12 Awesome Crafts: 10-11 (PS-1) Beach VB: 10-11 Flag Football: 11-12 Cooking FUNdamentals: 11-12	16 Wiggles & Giggles: 9-10 Sign Language: 9-10 4H Garden Explorers: 9-12 Nature Class: 10-11 Tennis: 10-11 Dice Baseball 10-12 Soccer: 11-12	17 Golf: 8:15-8:45 (K) Golf: 9-10 (1-3 gr.) 4H Garden Explorers: 9-12 Golf: 10:15-11:15 (4-6 gr.) Flag Football: 11-12	18 Games Galore: 9-10 Sign Language: 9-10 Tennis: 10-11 Dice Baseball 10-12 Soccer: 11-12	19 <b>Juneteenth</b>	20
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# Registration Form for 2026 Springfield Summer Recreation - Due May 4<sup>th</sup>

(Return to your Elementary Office in an envelope marked "Summer Rec" with payment by May 4<sup>th</sup>, Checks payable to Springfield Public Schools, or Register ONLINE with the QR Code below)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (Class updates will be emailed)

Emergency Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

"My child has permission to participate in the 2026 Springfield Summer Recreation Program, at his/her own risk. Springfield Public Schools, the director and/or coaches will not be held responsible for accidents. I have read & agreed to the discipline policy."

**Parent Signature Required:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Weekly Camps:

- \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Wiggles and Giggles (PS-2)
- \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Nature Class (PS-2)
- \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Awesome Crafts (PS-1)
- \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Awesome Crafts (2-6)
- \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ Cooking FUNdamentals (3-6)
- \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Sign Language (3-6)
- \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Games Galore (PS-6)
- \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Tennis (3-6)
- \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ "Beach" Volleyball (3-6)
- \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Golf Clinic (Kindergarten)
- \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Golf Clinic (1-6)
- \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Flag Football (3-6)
- \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Soccer (2-6)
- \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dice Baseball (3-6)

## One-Day Camps:

- \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Balloon Twisting Academy (1-4)
- FREE \_\_\_\_\_ Home Alone (4-6)
- \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Beads and Keychains (3-6)
- \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Flowerpot Gardens (K-6)
- \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Babysitting Clinic (11+ years old)  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Baking Fun (3-6)
- 3-Day Experience:**
- \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ 4H Garden Science Explorers (K-6)
- 3-Week Experience:**
- FREE \_\_\_\_\_ STEAM Academy (2-6)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Amount Enclosed**  
(non-refundable, unless class is canceled due to low enrollment)

**Would you rather register and pay online?  
Scan the QR Code!**

