

2017 Activities Guide

TO ALL THINGS PARKS & RECREATION!!



Independence Parks & Recreation Department

*Recreation Office/ Falcon Civic Center/ 1305 5th Avenue NE, Independence
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A Special Thank You

Every year dozens of volunteers with varying talents share their time helping to provide better parks and great coaches for our youth sports activities. On behalf of the Parks & Recreation Dept.

THANK YOU for making our

parks and youth programs/leagues a success. If you have any hidden talents that can be shared through coaching youth, supervising activities, or improving our parks, please phone the Independence Parks & Recreation Department at 319-334-6711 and thanks in advance for volunteering!

IPRD

Stay Connected...

There are many ways to connect with us and to stay up-to-date on the latest parks and recreation news, programs, events & more...

- **City Website:** www.independenciaia.com
- **Facebook:** independence parks & recreation department
- **Monthly E-Newsletters:** Call the Independence Parks & Recreation Department @ 319-334-6711 to be added to the distribution list (Coming in early summer of 2017)
- **Phone:** Call us at the Independence Parks & Recreation Department @ 319-334-6711 or 319-334-2606
- **Visit:** Stop by and see us at the Falcon Civic Center at 1305 5th Avenue NE, Independence, Iowa



Parks & Recreation Department

Parks & Recreation Offices

Falcon Civic Center, 1305 5th Ave NE, Independence
319-334-6711

Office Hours: 8am– 4pm (M-F)

- Bob Beatty, Parks & Recreation Director**
- Chris Anderson, Parks Superintendent**
- Angie Kiler, Program & Aquatics Coordinator**
- Brian Gipper, Maintenance**
- Jared Zebuhr, River’sEDGE Manager**
- Judy Harris, Administrative Assistant**

The Independence Parks & Recreation Staff is dedicated to provide the best programming and amenities to this community.

Independence Aquatic Center

602 5th Avenue SE, Independence
319-334-7464 (During Pool Months Only)

River’sEDGE Sport & Fitness

206 2nd Avenue, SW, Independence
319-332-1525 (Closed 7/16– 9/4)

Mission Statement

The Independence Parks & Recreation Department is a team of professionals committed to facilitating the growth and development of recreational opportunities, as well as managing the care and upkeep of park land in the Independence area. Through continued efforts, we will promote and improve our present activities and facilities to enrich the quality of life and pride in our community.

Independence City Council

- Mayor: Bonita Davis**
- City Manager: Al Roder**
- City Clerk: Jeena Lynch**

City Council Members

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| Donald Brown | Michael Lenis |
| Jon Holland | Debra Hanna |
| Austin Grover | Robert Hill |
| Dennis Vaughn | |

Independence City Council Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month at Independence City Hall. The City Council Meetings are broadcast on Independence Light, Power and Telecommunications Channel 9 at 6:30pm on those evenings.



Seated (Left to Right): Donald Brown, Mayor Bonita Davis, Michael Lenius

Standing (Left to Right): Jon Holland, Debra Hanna, Austin Grover, Robert Hill, Dennis Vaughn

Public Works Council Committee

(Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks, Riverfront/ Storm Water Sanitation, Parks & Recreation)

Members:

Don Brown & Austin Grover

A Message from the Director:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers, members of this community, city employees, and sponsors that have made this past year successful. This Department continues its focus of offering better services, increased recreational opportunities, and improved amenities. The Parks & Recreation Department is forever changing with new facilities, amenities, programs, and ideas for the future, and your input is very important to us.

The last 15 years we have seen vast improvement throughout our Park System. The Parks Department has added and/or replaced:

- 6 playgrounds
- 11 new shelters, including a band shell
- 9 hole disc golf course
- 3 sand volleyball courts
- 45 new benches & 80 new picnic tables
- Orchard Field with new little league diamond



located north of Lion's Field

- New trails include east and west 939 trail, River Walk Trail, RV Park Trail, 17th Ave Trail, Triangle Park Trail, the Trail leading to 3 Elms Park Road, and paving parts of Liberty Trail
 - The Department has acquired or developed 5 new parks (45 acres) including River Walk Parks, RV Park, Skate Park, Triangle Park, Knott's Landing, 3 other FEMA buyout properties
 - Our most recent purchase was a large portion of the old Independence HS property that will be the new home of the Aquatic Center in 2017. This property has also hosted the East Iowa Storm semi pro football team and local soccer teams throughout the Cedar Valley with plenty of room for future development
 - River'sEDGE continues to serve the community through programming, classes, and services
- This last year we added an ADA sidewalk into the Baseball/ Softball Complex from the west gate, a new backstop, the new dugouts, and fencing on Field 1. This was the last original backstop from 1980. The Falcon Civic Center Gym floor was renovated and all new LED lighting was installed. The Aquatic Center began construction and is slated to open June 2017.

This rapid expansion of the Parks & Recreation Department has left us with many needs. In order for our department to continue to expand while maintaining the infrastructure in place we need help. We are in need of volunteers to adopt flower beds, help with recreation programs, and ideas for the future. We are also in need of donations to sustain programs such as Branching Out, Community Re-Leaf, the Community Orchard project, and new Aquatic Center. We want to include everyone in making Independence a great place to live.

Thank you for your support,
Bob Beatty, Director



Ways to Register

DROP OFF Drop off the completed registration form (located in the back of this Activities Guide) with payment to the Falcon Civic Center.

MAIL-IN Completed registration forms with payment may also be mailed to the Independence Parks & Recreation Department's office which is located at the Falcon Civic Center.

The Falcon Civic Center is located at 1305 5th Ave NE, Independence, IA 50644

**Visit Parks & Recreation @
www.independenceia.com**

Volunteer Coaches **NEEDED!!**

Many of our youth recreation programs & leagues utilize volunteer parents/ adults to serve as coaches. These volunteer coaches are key to making many of our programs a success. Without the generous spirit & time commitment by volunteers, these programs would not be possible. Volunteer Coaches are expected to be a positive role model for players, parents, & spectators. They teach & stress age appropriate skills & fundamentals. They promote good sportsmanship & fairness at all times. If you would like to become a volunteer coach, please mark it on your child's registration form or contact us at 319-334-6711. There may be times we are unable to fill these positions, at those times parents may be asked to assist with filling those vacancies.

Employment Opportunities

The Independence Parks & Recreation Department is looking for people who like to work with children and adults in recreational type settings as well as those who enjoy working outdoors beautifying the Independence City Parks. We have a variety of part-time and seasonal positions open throughout the year.

- City Parks Maintenance/ Mowing/ Trimming
- Parks & Facilities Landscape Maintenance
- Oakwood Cemetery Maintenance/ Mowing/ Trimming
- Baseball/ Softball Complex & Ball Fields Maintenance
- Lifeguards/ Swim Lesson Instructors/ Water Slide Attendants
- Aquatic Center Admissions Receptionist
- Officials for Football/ Basketball/ Baseball & Softball
- K-2nd Grade Recreation Activity Helpers
- Falcon Civic Center Front Desk Receptionists
- River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness Facility Supervisors/ Front Desk Receptionists
- Youth Program Supervisors
- Fitness Class Instructors
- Concessions Attendant (Baseball/ Softball Complex & NEW Aquatic Center)



The Independence Parks & Recreation Department is an EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. To apply for a position with our Department, stop by to fill out an application at: **Falcon Civic Center, 1305 5th Ave NE, Independence, Iowa 50644.** Our application is also available online at www.independenceia.com

Friends of Independence Parks & Recreation

There are countless ways to get involved with the Independence Parks & Recreation Dept...

- Donate empty pots and containers for the Greenhouse
- Donate perennials/ flowers to be placed throughout the parks system
- Volunteer to plant, weed, mulch and water new trees and bushes in the parks
- Help wrap gifts and shop with the children at the Annual "Just for Kids" Holiday Store
- Donate wrapping supplies and/or baked goods to the Annual "Just for Kids" Holiday Store
- Volunteer to help with the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick, the MLB Pitch, Hit and Run, the MLB Jr. Homerun Derby, and Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championships Competitions
- Volunteer to help at the Independence Swim Team's Home Swim Meets in the NEW Independence Aquatic Center
- Adopt-A-Flowerbed within the parks system and maintain it thru the year
- Pick up trash and/or fallen branches in the city parks
- Donate used sports equipment to be re-purposed for use by area youth
- Volunteer to take admission to ball tournaments held at the Independence Baseball/ Softball Complex



We do our best to run our programs and classes on the dates, days, times, and locations that are advertised in this Activities Guide. However, due to new classes offered, low or late registrations, weather related cancellations, gym or facility availability, and special events, we do reserve the right to change the dates, days, times and/or locations programs offered by the IPRD.

Team Assignment Policy

To assign teams fairly and randomly, volunteer coaches may pick ONE assistant. If a program needs more than two coaches per team, Independence Parks & Recreation will assign the additional assistants from names of volunteers appearing on the registration forms. You will be notified of your team assignment by your assigned coach or mailed the information directly from the Parks & Recreation Department. Children will be randomly assigned to teams. Children living in the same household will be placed on the same team if they are in the same division.

Attention! Active Participants

Participants in any Independence Parks & Recreation program assume responsibility for any risk by participation in said activity or facility. Many programs involve body contact, substantial physical exertion, emotional stress, and/or use of equipment which represents a certain inherent risk to users. It is recommended you check with your physician prior to participating.

Correspondence:

Beginning in May, you may be added to an email list where a NEW monthly e-newsletter will be emailed directly to you the first week of each month. These newsletters have registration deadline reminders, upcoming programs, park news, and more. If you would like to be placed on this email list, please contact the IPRD at 319-334-6711 or email Angie @ angieiprd@indytel.com

All Fees Due in Full at Time of Registration

We accept cash or check only. **The opportunity for us to accept credit/ debit cards is coming soon!!!** Please make checks payable to: Independence Parks & Recreation Department. A minimum fee of \$5 per participant may be charge d to all program/ class fees paid after the last registration deadline posted. Registrations for Programs/ Classes held at River'sEDGE are accepted at River 'sEDGE; registra-tions for everything else are accepted at the Falcon Civic Center.

Financial Assistance Options

It is our goal to ensure that every child who would like to, has the opportunity to participate in the programs/ leagues we offer. If you express a financial need and qualify under the State of Iowa Income Guidelines, you may be eligible for assistance. Please complete and submit the Financial Assistance Form (available at the Falcon Civic Center) along with a copy of the previous year's income tax return to the Independence Parks & Recreation Director for approval. Approval takes place Monday– Friday from 8:00-3:30pm and will take at least one business day to process.

Refund Policy

- **Option 1:** Refunds will be given to an individual who cancels from a program, league, class, or activity prior to the start date; however a minimum \$5.00 processing fee will be charged. NO re-funds will be given once the program, league, class or activity has begun.
Refund checks will be issued and mailed from City Hall. Checks are mailed out twice per month, immediate refunds will not be given.
- **Option 2:** You may choose to take a credit for the program, to be used towards your next Parks & Recreation program, class, or membership.

In-Sufficient Funds Policy

A courtesy call to the individual explaining that their check was returned to us due to in-sufficient funds and request they submit cash, money order or a certified check for the amount of the returned check plus the \$4 bank fee within 2 days of the call. After 2 days, without payment, the matter will be handled by City Hall and additional fees will be incurred.

Insurance Information

Individual accident liability insurance is NOT provided by the Independence Parks & Recreation Dept.

Americans w/ Disabilities Act (ADA)

If you require special assistance to participate in our programs or to use our facilities, please call 319-334-2606.

Weather Related Cancellations

IPRD reserves the right to modify, postpone, or cancel programs we offer due to weather condi-tions, equipment malfunction, lack of enrollment, and/or other circumstances. Our intention is that all programs will be held unless weather conditions dictate otherwise. Parents are asked to pick up their child immediately when in-climate weather develops. The Parks & Recreation Staff will con-tact volunteer coaches by 3:00pm on the day of the program when activities are cancelled. Coach-es are responsible for contacting their players. **Please Note: It is our policy that if school is can-celled due to winter weather, then youth classes will also be cancelled. If the school lets out early then the cancellation of youth programs will be discretionary. If the Falcon Civic Center/ River'sEDGE is open then adult classes will run per the class instructor.**



Sizes Available:

- Youth X-Small (limited)
- Youth Small (6-8)
- Youth Med. (10-12)
- Youth Large (14-16)
- Youth XL
- Adult Small
- Adult Medium
- Adult Large
- Adult X-Large
- Adult XX-Large

***Don't forget to mark the size!!
Thank you!!***

Photo Policy

Photos are occasionally taken of participants in our programs, classes, or activities and of people enjoying our parks. Please be aware that these photos may be used in future programs, brochures, websites, fliers, or news releases. Parents are welcome to share photos of their child participating in any of our recreational programs or activities at their own discretion. Photos may be used in various Independence Parks & Recreation publications and marketing materials.

Philosophy of Programming

The youth sports programs offered by the IPRD for children in Kindergarten– 2nd grade are focused on basic fundamentals and sport specific skills development. Participants will be taught the basic skills for the sport; however skills challenges and/ or competitions may be incorporated into the program to foster an understanding of team play. Scores will not be kept and the importance of learning the rules of the game, teamwork, having fun, and physical fitness will be the goals. ***Parents are encouraged to participate with their children.*** Our sports programs for youth in 3rd & 4th grades begins to move towards a more competitive level of play. All IPRD Programs will emphasize the fundamentals of the sport, provide equal playing time, and teach the value of teamwork and good sportsmanship. Participants are placed on teams at this level and because of that ***Volunteer Coaches are NEEDED!!***

The sports programs we offer for youth in 5th, 6th & 7th grades has transitioned to competitive play. While we continue to emphasize the fundamentals and equal playing time some programs will be tailored to exclusive travel which exposes participants to other competitive teams outside of Independence.

Good Sportsmanship Required

All participants in Independence Parks & Recreation Programs, including players, parents, spectators, coaches and officials will treat each other with courtesy and respect at all times, NO exceptions!! With Independence Parks & Recreation... Good Sportsmanship is not only expected, it is **REQUIRED!!**

REGISTER EARLY!!!

Nothing hurts a program more than missed deadlines. Please register early to ensure we have adequate numbers to hold our programs, so you or your child have the opportunity to participate in the desired activity. Registering before the deadline also helps ensure that we have enough time to order any necessary equipment or supplies for the program. We cannot guarantee there will be any openings after the deadline has passed. Once a program is full or max limit is met, participants may choose to be placed on a waiting list.

Falcon Civic Center

The Falcon Civic Center is a valuable asset to the Independence community. The building is home to the Independence Parks & Recreation Department Offices. It offers: men's & women's locker rooms, dry sauna, two racquetball courts, weight room (including cardio equipment, weight machines and free weights), gym with 6 basketball hoops, two meeting rooms, a kitchen and more! This facility is available to rent for a variety of special events.

Contact Information:

Falcon Civic Center
1305 5th Ave, NE

Independence, Iowa 50644

Phone: 319-334-6711 or 319-334-2606

Fax: 319-334-2148

Email: Parks & Recreation Director

bobiprd@indytel.com

Program & Aquatics Coordinator

angieiprd@indytel.com

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Independence Parks & Recreation Department

FCC Hours

November 1st– March 31st (Winter Hours)

Monday– Thursday	5:00am– 9:00pm
Friday	5:00am– 8:00pm
Saturday	8:00am– 4:00pm
Sunday	12:00pm– 4:00pm

April 1st– May 31st (Spring Hours)

Monday– Thursday	5:00am– 9:00pm
Friday	5:00am– 8:00pm
Saturday	10:00am– 4:00pm
Sunday	Closed

June 1st– August 31st (Summer Hours)

Monday-Thursday	5:00am– 7:00pm
Friday	5:00am– 6:00pm
Saturday	12:00pm– 4:00pm
Sunday	Closed

September 1st– Oct. 31st (Fall Hours)

Monday– Thursday	5:00am– 9:00pm
Friday	5:00am– 8:00pm
Saturday	12:00pm– 4:00pm
Sunday	Closed

FCC Usage Fees

FCC Memberships include usage of the weight room, gym, sauna, locker rooms, foosball, and pool tables. **Senior Citizen Rate, you must be at least 60 years old.**

Membership Fees

One Year Membership (from date of purchase)

Family	\$165.00
Adult	\$125.00
Student (Elementary– College)	\$100.00
Senior Citizen (60 yrs & above)	\$100.00

6 Month Membership (from date of purchase)

Family	\$100.00
Adult	\$80.00
Student (Elementary– College)	\$65.00
Senior Citizen (60 yrs & above)	\$65.00

3 Month Membership (from date of purchase)

Family	\$60.00
Adult	\$50.00
Student (Elementary– College)	\$40.00
Senior Citizen (60 yrs & above)	\$40.00

Daily Admission

Adult	\$3.00
Student (Elementary– College)	\$2.00
Senior Citizen (60 yrs & above)	\$2.00
Walking in the Gym	\$.50

Gift Certificates

- Gift Certificates to the Falcon Civic Center, River’sEDGE, and/or the New Aquatic Center are available for purchase in any amount and make a wonderful gift. Gift Certificates may not be redeemed for cash, but can be applied to any admission, membership, program, or class. Please stop in and let us help make your special occasion shopping easy and unique!! Gift Certificates are available for purchase at the FCC during normal business hours. River’sEDGE gift certificates may be purchased at River’sEDGE. Watch Facebook for Specials offered for the Falcon Civic Center, River’sEDGE & the Independence Aquatic Center!!

Supervision

Children under 7 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian at all times. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

NO Street Shoes

All of our patrons are asked to bring a change of shoes before using our weight room or gym. We ask this in an effort to cut down on wear and tear on the gym floor,, weight and cardio machines.

SAUNA Usage

Must be at least 18 yrs old to use the sauna at the FCC. We will not allow anyone under the age of 18 or anyone currently in High School to use the sauna at any time. If you have questions concerning sauna usage, please call the Director at 319-334-6711.

Weight Room RULES

1. Must be in at least 9th– 12th grade to enter and use the weight room ALONE.
2. No One under 14 years of age is allowed in the weight room without an ADULT.
3. Anyone 14 years of age, but not in high school, is allowed in the weight room to use the weight equipment with 1-on-1 direct supervision, but is not allowed to use the cardio equipment.

Lockers Available for Rent

Locker Rental is available at the FCC, please inquire at the front desk.

Holiday Hours

Our Facilities are CLOSED on the following days in observance of the Holidays listed:

- New Year’s Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Friday after Thanksgiving- 10am– 8pm
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day

NO SMOKING/ NO WEAPONS

Pursuant of the Iowa Smokefree Air Act.

For more information or to register a complaint call 1-888-944-2247 or visit

www.IowaSmokefreeAir.gov

WEAPONS are NOT ALLOWED in our facilities.

GYM Usage

Our 5,625 sq. foot gym is typically open whenever the FCC is open. However, throughout the year, we do hold fitness classes, youth programs, sport practices, special events, as well as rent the space out for meetings and family gatherings. Due to that, the gym may be closed at various times during the week/ weekends throughout the year especially in the late Fall and Winter. If you would like the most up-to-date notice of days the gym is closed to the public, please feel free to call the FCC at 319-334-6711 prior to coming out.

Registrations for most of the programs, leagues, and classes offered through the IPRD are accepted at the FCC. For your convenience, all registrations for programs held at River’sEDGE will be accepted at River’sEDGE ONLY!!

The FCC provides the opportunity for those looking for a room to rent for a family gathering, retirement party, business/ training meeting, and more.

We have 8' long, round tables, and folding chairs available for your use. Our kitchen is also available to you. Call the FCC at 319-334-6711 Monday- Friday between 8am- 4pm to book your rental. Rentals may ONLY be scheduled during normal hours.

Birthday Party Rentals

The FCC Gym is available for you to rent for birthday parties!! Sports equipment is available upon request from the front desk. Parties will only be scheduled during regular hours of operation on Saturdays year round and on Sundays in November– March. The Birthday Party Rentals are a total of 2 1/2 hours and include sole use of the gym and kitchen, the cost is \$65. Tables and chairs may be set up in the gym for a place to open gifts and eat. Call the FCC M-F between 8am-4pm to book your rental.



Large Meeting Room

	Profit	Non- Profit
First 3 Hours	\$40	\$20
Each Additional Hour	\$20	\$15
Maximum Daily Rental	\$70	\$55

Note: Maximum Capacity is 49



Small Meeting Room

	Profit	Non-Profit
First 3 Hours	\$15	\$10
Each Additional Hour	\$10	\$7.50
Maximum Daily Rental	\$35	\$30

Note: Maximum Capacity is 10



Gym

	Profit	Non-Profit
First 3 Hours	\$175	\$100
Each Additional Hour	\$45	\$35
Maximum Daily Rental	\$275	\$150

Note: Maximum Capacity is 275

Alcohol is not allowed in the Falcon Civic Center.



thank you!

We would like to take this opportunity to THANK YOU for taking the time to look through our 2017 Activities Guide. We would love to hear your ideas for special events, classes, leagues, etc... Contact us at 319-334-6711 or via email at angieiprd@indytel.com or bobiprd@indytel.com

River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness

River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness is a 19,000 sq ft multi-purpose facility owned by the City of Independence and operated by the Independence Parks & Recreation Department. This facility is a wonderful and valuable tool for a community this size. It features five indoor batting cages with a wide variety of pitching/ hitting machines, golf simulators, golf cages, and a hunting simulator available for you to rent. This facility also features 3 bags courts, a shuffleboard court, foosball table, ping pong table, and an indoor walking track. We also have two rooms available to rent for birthday parties, graduation parties, small wedding receptions, class reunions, etc... A variety of beverages including alcohol are available at this facility.

River'sEDGE Contact Information

206 2nd Avenue SW
Independence, IA 50644

Phone: 319-332-1525

Email: riversedge.saf@gmail.com

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River's EDGE Sport & Fitness

River'sEDGE HOURS: 319-332-1525

(Hours may vary slightly month to month)

Monday- Friday 3:30pm- 9:00pm

Saturday 10:00am- 5:00pm

Sunday 12:00pm- 6:00pm

July 16th- September 4th Closed

**** Watch for varied hours for early outs and holiday hours****

Admission: Everyone pays the \$1 admission

Adult \$1.00

Student \$1.00

Walking \$1.00

Rental Fees: Phone: 319-332-1525

Batting Cage	1/2 hour	\$3.00 (includes balls and protective equipment)
	1 hour	\$4.00 (includes balls and protective equipment)
Batting Cage w/ machine	1/2 hour	\$5.00 (includes the above and machine)
	1 hour	\$7.00 (includes the above and machine)
Shuffleboard Court	1 hour	\$1.00 (includes equipment)
Bags Court	1 hour	\$1.00 (includes equipment)
Hunting Simulator	1/2 hour	\$4.00 (includes equipment)
	1 hour	\$7.00 (includes equipment)
Golf Cages	1/2 hour	\$2.00 (includes 4 doz. practice balls)
(must bring own clubs)	1 hour	\$3.00 (includes 4 doz. practice balls)
Golf Simulator	1 hour	\$8.00 (plus \$5.00 per additional person)
(must bring own clubs)		

Pitching Machine Choices:

Cage 1: ATEC (top load, auto pitch, baseball only)

Cage 2: Iron Mike (top load, auto pitch, baseball & softball)

Cage 3: 3-wheeled Hack Attack Softball & 3-wheeled Hack Attack Baseball (manual feed)

Cage 4: Bulldog & Jugs (manual feed, baseball & softball)

Cage 5: Backyard Bullpen- a teaching tool for pitchers. [Visit jugssports.com/.../backyard-bullpen](http://Visit.jugssports.com/.../backyard-bullpen)

Additional Portable Options: Bulldog single wheel baseball or softball, Jugs single wheel baseball or Jugs single wheel softball (manual), 10" high School regulation pitching mound, softball pitching mats, 2 Jugs soft toss machines baseball/softball, ATEC soft toss machine baseball/softball (auto), dodge balls

*Gift Certificates Available!!! Purchase at the River'sEDGE front counter-
Watch for SPECIAL OFFERS on Facebook!!*

River'sEDGE Room Rentals

319-332-1525 to Reserve

The ***River'sEDGE DUGOUT Room*** located in the SE corner of River'sEDGE. This space is a smaller room available to rent for birthday parties, pre-wedding parties, small meetings, etc... The maximum capacity is 40 people w/ tables and chairs or 70 people for assembly. Rental Rates: \$30 for 3 hours + \$1 admission (One time fee charged per person who participates in any of the additional party options w/ fees (batting cages, shuffleboard, bags courts, golf/ hunting simulator, walking track, rhino skin dodge balls). Renters are responsible for all set-up, tear-down & clean-up.

The ***River'sEDGE MULTI-PURPOSE Room*** located on the south end of River'sEDGE with own handicap accessible entrance door on the southwest end of River'sEDGE. This is a large 3,300 sq ft room with own restrooms, television, DVD, and alcohol sales available. This space is available to rent for small wedding receptions, class/ family reunions, graduations, large meetings, etc... The maximum capacity is 200 people with tables and chairs or 300 people for assembly. This room costs \$200 to rent per day and alcohol sales is available. Alcohol is brought in and served by the IPRD staff only. Outside alcohol may NOT be brought into the building. If you would like to set-up the day prior to your event, you will be charged an additional \$50. Renters are responsible for all set-up, tear-down & clean-up.

Call River'sEDGE Manager, Jared Zebuhr, at 319-332-1525 to book your rental or answer any of your questions!!!

Jared is typically available Monday- Friday from 1:00-9:00pm. If you miss him, feel free to leave a message and he will return your call as soon as possible.

Come and try us out!!!

River'sEDGE

Golf Simulator Membership

Membership for UNLIMITED Golf Simulator Use offered through April 2017 at River'sEDGE!!!

Cost: ONLY \$65

All tee times must be reserved ahead of time by calling 319-332-1525. Max reservation is 2 hours daily



If you are a high school or college baseball, softball or golf coach (current or retired) and would be interested in offering clinics or camps at River'sEDGE, please contact Jared @ 319-332-1525.

Indoor Kickers 4 & 5 year old Soccer

Ages 4 & 5 years old

This coed indoor soccer program includes very basic instruction of soccer through a variety of games. This is a great opportunity for the kids to get up and do some running around this winter.

Registration accepted at the Falcon Civic Center through Thursday, January 5th or until the maximum class limit of 20 participants is met.

Volunteer Helpers are NEEDED!!

Fee: \$16 per child includes a t-shirt

Days/ Dates: Thursdays @ 5:15-6pm on 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26

Location: Falcon Civic Center Gym

Indoor Kickball

Grades Coed 1st & 2nd

Kickball is a game having rules similar to baseball but played with a large ball that is rolled toward home plate instead of pitched, and kicked instead of batted. Games are played every meeting for FUN competition. This is NOT an instructional program. We will take a maximum of 20 kids. Register at the Falcon Civic Center prior to the 1st day, once the maximum class limit is met, we will no longer accept any registrations.

Fee: \$12 per child

Days/ Dates: Thursdays @ 4:15-5pm on 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23

Location: Falcon Civic Center Gym

Dodge Ball

Grades Coed 3rd, 4th & 5th

Games will be played every meeting for fun competition. This is not an instructional program, it is an opportunity for kids to play dodge ball. Participants need to wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothes. We will only accept a maximum of 20 kids. Register at the Falcon Civic Center by the 1st day we meet, registration will close once the maximum is reached.

Fee: \$12 per child

Days/ Dates: Tuesdays 4:15-4:45pm on 2/7-2/28

Location: River'sEDGE

Coed Wiffleball

Ages 4, 5 & 6 years old

This coed program is designed specifically for boys and girls to have fun while learning and playing the game of wiffleball (indoor t-ball). There is a maximum class limit of 20 participants.

Registration accepted at the Falcon Civic Center through Thursday, March 9th or once the max limit is met.

Volunteer Helpers are NEEDED!!

Fee: \$16 per child includes a t-shirt

Days/ Dates: Thursdays @ 5:15-6pm (3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30)

Location: Falcon Civic Center Gym

Spring Training @ RE

Grades Boys 2nd & 3rd grade/ Girls 2nd & 3rd grade

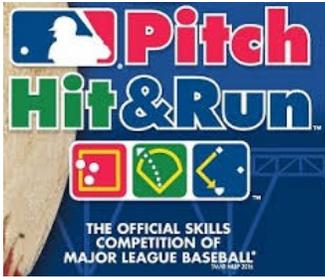
The Independence Parks & Recreation Staff is offering Spring Training Camps for all Independence Boys & Girls currently in 2nd or 3rd grades. Stations will be set-up to be used to improve basic baseball/ softball technique (i.e. live hitting (in the cages, soft toss, and tees), throwing, catching, fielding. Meets Thursdays on March 16, March 23 & March 30 from 3:45-4:45pm (Boys) & 5-6pm (Girls). This is a 3 week training camp that meets once per week for one hour each of the 3 dates. The cost for this Spring Training Camp is \$25 per individual and that fee will include a coupon for 1 free batting cage rental at River'sEDGE. There is a maximum of 15 participants for the baseball camp and 15 participants for the softball camp.

Volunteer Helpers are NEEDED!!

Fee: \$25 per child includes a coupon for 1 free batting cage rental at River'sEDGE

Days/ Dates: Boys Thursday 3:45- 4:45pm Girls- Thursdays 5- 6pm

Location: River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness (206 2nd Ave SW, Independence)



Ages 7-14 years old
Area youth are invited to compete in our local MLB PitchHit&Run Competition and NEW for 2017 a JR. Home Run Derby!!! All boys

and girls between the ages of 7-14 years old (Age determined as of July 2017) are eligible to compete. The competition will run with boys competing against boys and girls competing against girls in each of the four divisions (7/8, 9/10, 11/12,

13/14). This grass-roots program is designed to provide youngsters with an opportunity to compete;



FREE of charge, in a competition that recognizes individual excellence in core baseball skills.

Fee: FREE

Day/ Time: Sunday, April 30th at 2pm

Location: Baseball/ Softball Complex

Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championships

Ages 7- 14 years old

The Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championships are open to ALL GIRLS & BOYS between the ages

of 7-14 years old. The meet will run with boys competing against boys and girls competing against girls in each of the four divisions (7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14). Age divisions are determined by the child's age as of December 31st, 2017. It is very important to register in the correct age division or you may be disqualified in the State Meet. Pre-Registration is encouraged, however, we will gladly accept registrations at the track on the day of the event. This is a FREE event for all kids who would like to participate.



Fee: FREE

Day/ Time: TBD

Location: Independence High School All Weather Track

Main's Peak Performance Tae Kwon Do

All Ages

Main's Peak Performance TaeKwonDo (TKD) offers classes at River'sEDGE (entrance door on the SW end of building) on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday evenings. Tim Main is a Black Belt in TaeKwonDo (TKD) and has been teaching TKD for 39 years in the Independence area. TKD offers conditioning, self-defense, and each individual a great opportunity to promote self-discipline and self-esteem. He teaches children nurturing and self-confidence. We also strive to involve students with a sense of community service. The fee is due by the 5th day of each month payable at River'sEDGE. For more information on Youth classes as well as classes for adults, contact Tim Main at 319-361-3190 or visit their Facebook page: [Main's Peak Performance of Independence Iowa](#).

Fee: \$30 per month for 1 child, \$50 per month for 2 children, \$70 per month for 3 children from the same family.

Days/Dates: M/T/TH @ 4:45-6pm

Runs continuously on a monthly basis.

Additional classes offered on Fridays during tournament season.

Location: River'sEDGE (206 2nd Ave, SW, Indee)

Coed T-Ball League

Ages Coed 4 years old by 4/15/17 & those entering Kindergarten 2017-18 school year

In this league, the boys and girls who will turn 4 years old by April 15th, 2017 (NO Exceptions!) and those girls and boys who will enter Kindergarten in the 2017-18 school year, will be taught the skills needed to play the game of T-ball. The focus will be on teaching the children proper throwing, catching, and hitting a ball off of the tee. Having fun will be emphasized! Practice times and locations are set by our volunteer coaches. Games are played in the outfields at the Baseball/ Softball Complex. Register at the Falcon Civic Center by April 15th and payment is due in full at the time you register.

Volunteer Coaches are NEEDED!!!

Fee: \$28 per child includes a team shirt

Days/ Dates: Games will be played on Fridays around 5:15pm and the season will run 5/19-

6/16 (Practices arranged by volunteer coaches)

Location: Baseball/ Softball Complex

Boys Coach-Pitch League

Ages Kindergarten & 1st grade (2016-17 school year)

Boys currently in Kindergarten and 1st grade (2016-17 school year) are eligible to play in this league. The boys will be pitched to by the volunteer coaches. Coaches will work on proper fielding, throwing, catching and hitting technique. Games are played on the ball fields at the Baseball/ Softball Complex. Register at the Falcon Civic Center by April 15th and payment is due in full at the time of registration. **Volunteer Coaches are**

NEEDED!!!

Fee: \$28 per boy includes team shirt

Days & Dates: Games will be played on Fridays after 6pm and the season will run 5/19- 6/16 (Practices arranged by volunteer coaches)

Location: Baseball/ Softball Complex



Girls Coach-Pitch League

Ages Kindergarten & 1st grade (2016-17 school year)

Girls who are currently in Kindergarten and 1st grade (2016-17 school year) are eligible to play. The volunteer coaches will pitch to the girls in this league and continue to teach the girls proper fielding, throwing, catching, positions, and hitting technique. Games are played on the ball fields at the Baseball/ Softball Complex. Register at the Falcon Civic Center by April 15th and payment is due at the time of registration.

Volunteer Coaches are NEEDED!!!

Fee: \$28 per girl includes a team shirt

Days & Dates: Games will be played on Fridays after 6pm and the season will run 5/19- 6/16 (Practices arranged by volunteer coaches)

Location: Baseball/ Softball Complex

Girls MINORS League

Ages 2nd & 3rd Grade (2016-17 school year)

Coaches will work on proper positioning, fielding techniques, hitting, throwing, and catching with the girls. The girls will hit off of the pitching machine in this league. Register at the Falcon Civic Center by April 15th, and payment is due in full at the time of registration. **Volunteer**

Coaches are NEEDED!!

Fee: \$38 per girl includes a team shirt and team visor

Days & Dates: Games will be played on Mondays & Wednesdays after 5pm and the season will run 5/ 15- 6/21 (Practices arranged by volunteer coaches)

Location: Baseball/ Softball Complex



Boys MINORS League

Ages 2nd & 3rd Grade (2016-17 school year)

Boys will be hitting off of a pitching machine in this league. Coaches will continue to work on proper technique within the game of baseball. Register at the Falcon Civic Center by April 15th and payment is due in full at the time of registration. **Volunteer Coaches are NEEDED!!!**

Fee: \$38 per boy includes a team shirt and team baseball cap

Days & Dates: Games will be played on Tuesdays & Thursdays after 5pm and the season will run 5/ 16– 6/22 (Practices arranged by volunteer coaches)

Location: Baseball/ Softball Complex

Boys MAJORS League

Ages 4th, 5th & 6th Grade (2016-17 school year)

Boys participating in this league will pitch regulation baseballs to each other. Coaches will work with the boys on enhancement and improvement of skills involved in the game of baseball. Register at the Falcon Civic Center by April 15th and payment is due in full at the time of registration. **Volunteer Coaches are NEEDED!!**

Fee: \$45 per boy includes a team shirt with number on back and team baseball cap

Days & Dates: Games will be played on Tuesdays & Thursdays after 5pm and the season will run 5/ 16– 6/22 (Practices arranged by volunteer coaches)

Location: Baseball/ Softball Complex

Fall 2017... Watch for Try-out Information on 2018 River'sEDGE Tournament Teams for each age group 10U and up.

Girls MAJORS League

Ages 4th, 5th & 6th Grade (2016-17 school year)

All Girls currently in 4th, 5th and 6th grade (2016-17 school year) are eligible to play. The girls in this league will pitch to each other. Overall enhancement and improvement in the skills used in the game of softball will be the focus. Register at the Falcon Civic Center by April 15th and payment is due in full at time of registration. **Volunteer Coaches are NEEDED!!**

Fee: \$45 per girl includes a team shirt with a number on the back and team visor

Days & Dates: Games will be played on Mondays & Wednesdays after 5pm and the season will run 5/ 15– 6/21 (Practices arranged by volunteer coaches)

Location: Baseball/ Softball Complex

IPRD & River'sEDGE Baseball & Softball League Information:

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer coach, please contact the IPRD@ 319-334-6711 or mark "Yes, I will coach" on your child's registration form. Register by the April 15th Deadline!! The IPRD has the final say on which team your child will be placed on. Those who register after the April 15th deadline will be placed on the team with the least amount of players. To ensure that your child is able to fully participate, please have them registered in the time frame we allotted.

Team Assignment Policy

To assign teams fairly and randomly, volunteer coaches may pick ONE assistant. If a program needs more than two coaches per team, IPRD will assign the additional assistants from names of volunteers appearing on the registration forms. You will be notified of your team assignment by your assigned coach or mailed the information directly from the IPRD. Children will be randomly assigned to teams. Children living in the same household will be placed on the same team if they are in the same division.

River'sEDGE 5th Grade Travel Softball Team

Ages 5th Grade (2016-17 school year)

All Girls must be registered for and play IPRD Girls Majors League in order to **TRY-OUT** for this River'sEDGE Travel Softball Team. This league plays a shortened scheduled typically playing games prior to and again after the IPRD Girls Majors Season. Due to a limited schedule, typically we run on up to 12 player roster. This league will only run if we have volunteers willing to coach. Try-out date to be determined. The registration deadline is April 8th at the Falcon Civic Center. Payment is due in full at the time of registration.

Fee: \$65 per Girl includes a River'sEDGE Jersey with number on the back and a River'sEDGE visor

Days & Dates: Games will be played

outside of the Monday & Wednesday Majors Schedule. Exact Dates & Times will be determined. (Practices arranged by volunteer coaches)

Location: Home games played at the Baseball/ Softball Complex



River'sEDGE 6th Grade Travel Softball League

Ages 6th Grade (2016-17 school year)

Girls who participate in this competitive travel softball league will be sponsored by **River'sEDGE**. Games typically begin mid May and end in July. Girls will play games throughout NE Iowa. **Volunteer Coaches are NEEDED!!** If you are interested in coaching this team, please contact Bob @ 319-334-6711 or email bobiprd@indytel.com. The registration deadline is April 1st at the Falcon Civic Center. Payment is due in full at the time of registration.

Fee: \$80 per Girl includes a River'sEDGE sleeveless softball Jersey with number on the back and a River'sEDGE visor

Days & Dates: Games will be played throughout NE Iowa Exact Dates & Times

will be determined.

(Practices arranged by volunteer coaches)

Location: Home games played at the Baseball/ Softball Complex

River'sEDGE 5th Grade Travel Baseball Team

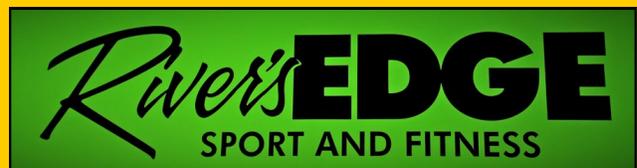
Ages 5th Grade (2016-17 school year)

All Boys must be registered for and play IPRD Boys Majors League in order to **TRY-OUT** for this River'sEDGE Travel Baseball Team. This league plays a shortened scheduled typically playing games prior to and again after the IPRD Boys Majors Season. Due to the limited schedule, typically we run on a up to 12 player roster. This league will only run if we have volunteers willing to coach. Try-out date to be determined. The registration deadline is April 8th at the Falcon Civic Center. Payment is due in full at the time of registration.

Fee: \$65 per Boy includes a River'sEDGE Jersey with number on the back and a River'sEDGE baseball cap

Days & Dates: Games will be played outside of the Tuesday & Thursday Majors Schedule. Exact Dates & Times will be determined. (Practices arranged by volunteer coaches)

Location: Home games played at the Baseball/ Softball Complex



River'sEDGE 6th Grade Baseball Travel League

Ages 6th grade (2016-17 school year)

- If numbers warrant it, teams will be divided into a USSSA/ Tournament Team and an IBL Team.
- Boys participating in this competitive travel baseball league will be sponsored by River'sEDGE.
- Games typically begin late April and end in July. **Volunteer Coaches are NEEDED!!** If you are interested in coaching this team, please contact Bob @ 319-334-6711 or email bobiprd@indytel.com. The registration deadline is April 1st at the Falcon Civic Center. Payment is due in full at the time of registration.
- Fee: \$80 per Boy includes a River'sEDGE Jersey with number on the back and a River'sEDGE baseball cap**
- Days & Dates: Games will be played within the Iowa Baseball League and the PONY League. Exact Dates & Times will be determined. (Practices arranged by volunteer coaches)**
- Location: Home games played at the Baseball/ Softball Complex**

River'sEDGE 7th Grade Travel Baseball League

Ages 7th Grade (2016-17 school year)

We are offering a travel baseball league for boys **currently** in 7th grade (2016-17 school year). Boys participating in this competitive travel baseball league will be sponsored by River'sEDGE. Games will begin early May and end in July. Games will be played on weekday nights and weekends within the PONY League and misc. tournaments. **Volunteer Coaches are NEEDED!!** If you are interested in coaching this team, please contact Bob @ 319-334-6711 or email bobiprd@indytel.com. The registration deadline is April 1st at the Falcon Civic Center. Payment is due in full at the time of registration.

Fee: \$80 per Boy includes a River'sEDGE Jersey with number on the back and a baseball cap

Days & Dates: Games will be played within the PONY League and misc. tournaments. Exact Dates & Times will be determined. (Practices arranged by volunteer coaches)

Location: Home games played at the Baseball/ Softball Complex

Independence 7th Grade Travel Softball League

Ages 7th Grade (2016-17 school year)

- In conjunction with Independence Community Schools, we are offering a competitive travel team to girls **currently** in 7th grade (2016-17 school year). The coach for the girls in this league will be hired by the Independence Community School District and the team will be bused to away games by the Independence School as well. Games will typically be played weekday mornings vs. WAMAC and other school sponsored teams. beginning in June. The registration deadline is May 6th at the Falcon Civic Center. Payment is due in full at the time of registration.
- Fee: \$70 per Girl includes an Independence Mustang softball Jersey with number on the back and matching visor**
- Days & Dates: Games will typically be played weekday mornings vs. WAMAC and other school sponsored teams. Exact Dates & Times will be determined. (Practices arranged by the hired coach)**
- Location: Home games played at the Baseball/ Softball Complex**

Pre-Season Baseball Workouts for 5th, 6th & 7th Grade Boys typically begin the 1st Monday of February at River'sEDGE.

River'sEDGE Hitting Clinics 5th, 6th & 7th Grade Boys

Cost: \$25/ Register at River'sEDGE (12 max per session)

Instructor: Mark Torgerson/ Session 1: Tuesdays, 1/17 & 1/24 @ 5:30pm and Saturdays, 1/21 & 1/28 @ 10am/ Session 2: Thursdays, 1/19 & 1/26 @ 5:30pm and Saturdays, 1/21 & 1/28 @ 8:30am/ Proper technique and drills will be performed which breakdown the swing.

Please watch for information on events such as: camps, clinics, and demo days offered at River'sEDGE on the IPRD & River'sEDGE Facebook pages, monthly IPRD Recreation Newsletter, ILP&T Community Event Channel, the Independence Bulletin Journal newspaper, in the schools, and on the City of Independence website @ <http://www.independenceia.com/>

If you are a high school or college baseball, softball or golf coach (current or retired) and would be interested in offering clinics or camps at River'sEDGE, please contact Jared @ 319-332-1525.

YOUTH SPORTS

Just for Kix Dance

Ages Pre-School- High School

Just For Kix is an established dance program offering a respectful, friendly training experience. Classes are held at River'sEDGE on Tuesdays from 4-9pm. To join email: independence_ia@justforkix or call Liz Opitz @ 712-223-0388. Learn more about Just For Kix by visiting: JustForKix.com/danceclasses

Tumbling for Tots

Ages 2-6 years old

This class is offered at Davis Gymnastics Studio located on Main Street, Independence and introduces children to tumbling. The instructor, Becki Davis (319-610-1551), will place your child in the appropriate time slot according to their age/ ability. Payment is due by the 1st class period of the month and is accepted at River'sEDGE.

Fee: \$16 per child per month

Days/ Dates: Thursdays- times are arranged by Instructor

Payment accepted at River'sEDGE

If you have ideas or suggestions for specific fitness classes/ programs for people of all ages that you would like to see offered at the Falcon Civic Center and/or the River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness, please feel free to contact one of the following staff:

Parks & Recreation Director (bobiprd@indytel.com) or call 319-334-6711

Program Coordinator (angieiprd@indytel.com) or call 319-334-6711

River'sEDGE Manager (riversedge.saf@gmail.com) or call 319-332-1525

We are always looking for qualified instructors to teach new classes/ programs, if you are qualified or know someone who is, please let us know. Thank you.



The Independence Parks & Recreation Department with Tim Reed State Farm Insurance will host the local competition for the **2017 NFL Punt, Pass & Kick**. This competition is open to all boys and girls between the ages of 6-15 years old (Age determined as of December 31st, 2017). This competition is FREE to all participants. Participants may register and compete in only one local competi-

tion. **No Football shoes or cleats of any form are allowed. No bare feet either.** Each participant will be allowed ONE Punt, ONE Pass, and ONE Placekick as part of his/ her competition. Scores are based on distance and accuracy. Contact the IPRD @ 319-334-6711 for more details.

Event: Held on Saturday, September 2nd at 9:00am on Lyle Leinbaugh Football Field, Home of the Independence Mustangs.

1st & 2nd Grade Flag Football

Ages Coed 1st & 2nd Grade

In this league, games will be played on Thursday evenings during this program. Our volunteer coaches will be expected to run their own practices with their team through the season. All 1st & 2nd grade players will be placed on teams and assigned to volunteer coaches. **Volunteer**

Coaches are NEEDED!!! Coaches are allowed on the field and coaches will referee their own games. The league fee includes 5 games + team practices through the season as well as a team shirt for your child to wear to games. Register at the Falcon Civic Center by September 1st and payment is due in full at the time of registration.

Fee: \$25 per child includes team shirt
Days & Dates: Games will be played on Thursday evenings (9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19) beginning at 5:30pm (Practices arranged by the volunteer coach)
Location: Fields are located on the outfields at the Baseball/ Softball Complex

3rd & 4th Grade Flag Football

Ages Coed 3rd & 4th Grade

This League is open to all Boys & Girls currently in 3rd & 4th grade. Participants will be divided into a combined 3rd/4th grade division and then placed on teams and assigned volunteer coaches. **Volunteer Coaches are NEEDED!!!** Games will be played on Saturday mornings for 6 weeks. The registration deadline is September 1st, full payment is due at time of registration. Practices are arranged by the volunteer coaches and the coaches will contact the players about practice times, dates and locations.

Fee: \$37 per child includes team jersey
Days & Dates: Games will be played on Saturday mornings (Times will be determined once we know the number of teams we will have) and will run 9/16– 10/21 (Practices arranged by the volunteer coaches)
Location: Fields are located on the outfields at the Baseball/ Softball Complex

The IPRD Staff reserves the right to cancel, postpone, or modify programs, activities, and locations due to weather conditions, equipment malfunction, lack of enrollment or other foreseen circumstances.

5th & 6th Grade Flag Football

Ages Coed 5th & 6th grade

This league is open to those boys and girls who would like to play flag football. Participants will be divided into a combined 5th/6th grade division and then placed onto teams and assigned volunteer coaches. The 5th & 6th Grade Flag Football League will meet for a total of 5-6 weeks with games played on Saturday Mornings. The Registration Deadline is September 1st at the Falcon Civic Center, full payment is due at the time of registration. **Volunteer**

Coaches are NEEDED!!! Practices are arranged by the volunteer coaches, and then the coaches will contact their players/parents and let them know the days, times and location of each of their practices.

PLEASE NOTE: We do work with YSF Independence 5th & 6th Grade Tackle Football

program to make it possible for kids who would like to play both flag and tackle may do so.

Fee: \$37 per child includes team jersey
Days & Dates: Games will be played on Saturday mornings (Times will be determined once we know the number of teams we will have) and will run 9/16– 10/21 (Practices arranged by the volunteer coaches)

Location: Fields are located on the outfields at the Baseball/ Softball Complex

Parents' Responsibility:

Be a Good Example

Parents, it is YOUR responsibility to set a good example for your children. You must make a serious effort to provide positive support as a spectator or coach. Your child will learn from you as you demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect for all players and coaches.



Independence Mustang YSF 5th & 6th TACKLE Football

The 5th & 6th grade tackle football program is a privately run organization by parents of players sponsored by the Youth Sports Foundation. The program

is open to any child in 5th or 6th grade who would like to play. **Registration is typically held in February and practices begin early August.** Games are



played on Sunday afternoons within their designated conference. **Please watch for fliers from the YSF organization sent home with the students for additional information.** LIKE the Independence Mustang 5th & 6th Grade Tackle Football page @ www.facebook.com/IndeeYSFootball to stay up to date on their information.

We hire Flag Football Referees!!
Call 319-334-6711 if you are interested or would like more information.

Photo Policy

Photos are occasionally taken of participants in our programs, classes, or activities. Please be aware that these photos may be used in future programs, brochures, websites, social media, fliers, or news releases. Parents are welcome to share photos of their child participating in any of our recreational programs or activities at their own discretion. Photos may be used in various Independence Parks & Recreation publications and marketing materials. If you have pictures you would like to share, please email angieiprd@indytel.com.

Kindergarten- 2nd Grade Basketball Instructional Camp

Ages Coed Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade

These instructional clinics are being offered to girls and boys in Kindergarten– 2nd grade. Children will be taught proper techniques used in the game of basketball. Through repetition, the children will work on proper shooting form, dribbling, passing, jump stops, pivots, and lay-ups all with the instruction from the Independence High School Coaching Staff & Volunteers. Due to space, we will accept a maximum of 36 total kids for this camp. The deadline will be determined once the dates are scheduled with payment due in full at the time of registration. Parents, if you are interested in becoming a future volunteer 3rd/ 4th grade basketball coach, these clinics would be beneficial for you to attend.

Fee: \$25 per child includes an Independence Mustang Basketball Shirt at conclusion of the camp

Days & Dates: Typically in October, exact dates, times (2 Saturday Mornings– Hour & 1/2 sessions)

Locations will be determined once coordinated with the Independence High School Basketball Program.



Times, dates, and gym locations of 3rd & 4th grade Basketball Leagues are subject to change at the discretion of the Independence Parks & Recreation Department.

3rd Grade Girls Basketball

Ages 3rd Grade

The Independence Parks & Recreation Department will coordinate the schedule for 3rd Grade Girls Basketball. Depending on numbers, the girls will be placed on 3rd Grade Girls Basketball Teams and register the team(s) in the Tri-Rivers Youth Travel Basketball League. Games typically begin 1st Saturday of November and continue until Christmas. Due to having to purchase a uniform jersey for each girl, the fee for this league is \$35. **VOLUNTEER COACHES**

are NEEDED! The registration deadline for this program is October 15th. Registration is accepted at the Falcon Civic Center and payment is due in full at the time of registration. Practices will be arranged by volunteer coaches.

4th Grade Girls Basketball

4th Grade Girls who want to play are now included in the Independence Club Basketball System. Please contact the Independence High School Girls Basketball Coach for information.

3rd & 4th Grade Boys Basketball

Ages 3rd & 4th Grade

The IPRD is offering a youth basketball league for Boys in 3rd & 4th grade. Players will be divided into teams of combined 3rd & 4th graders. Teams will be scheduled to play 5-on-5 games. The fee for this league is \$35 per boy. **VOLUNTEER COACHES are NEEDED.** The registration deadline for this program is October 23rd. Registration is accepted at the Falcon Civic Center and payment is due in full at the time of registration. Practices will be arranged by the volunteer coaches in this league. Games are played on Saturdays and typically the boys will begin at 9:00am.

Fee: \$35 per boy includes a Team Shirt

Days & Dates: Saturday Mornings (11/11–12/16) Location: Falcon Civic Center Gym or West Elementary Gym

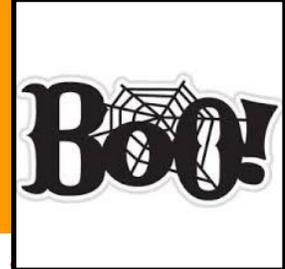
HIRING Youth Basketball League Supervisor, basketball officials, and basketball scorekeepers; please contact the IPRD @ 319-334-6711 or email bobiprd@indytel.com if interested.

HALLOWEEN BOO BASH

Ages: All Welcome

The Independence Public Library with the Falcon Civic Center are brewing up fun for families from 5:00-6:30 pm. All ages can enjoy games, stories, crafts, snacks, and a photo booth to celebrate Halloween. Wear your costume and stop in at the Falcon Civic Center for what is sure to be a SPOOKtacular good time....all ghouls, ghosts & goblins are welcome!

Typically held the Friday prior to Halloween. More details to come!!! Call the Independence Public Library at 319-334-2470, or find us on either [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#)!



YOUTH EVENTS

Letters to Santa

- The Independence Parks & Recreation Department has placed a very special mailbox at the Falcon Civic Center for children to send their "Letters to Santa" at the North Pole. All letters need to have a legible return address on them so Santa may write a letter and send it back to the children. Parents/ children may also mail your letters to the following address and we will personally make sure they get to the North Pole:

Santa Claus
c/o Falcon Civic Center
1305 5th Avenue NE
Independence, Iowa 50644

The mailbox will be at the Falcon Civic Center and "Letters to Santa" will be accepted from December 1st- 17th.



20th ANNUAL "Just for Kids" Holiday Store Special Event

Believe it or not... we have offered this very special event every December for the last 20 years!!! We are celebrating the 20th Year Right!!! Join us at the **Falcon Civic Center on Saturday, December 9th, 2017 from 10am- 1pm for our 20th Annual "Just for Kids" Holiday Store.** We have set aside this day for children of all ages to get their holiday shopping for family members, teachers, friends, etc... DONE before the Holiday. Vendors will be on hand to sell small items for between \$.50- \$5.00 to the children. Volunteer elves may be available to assist the children with shopping, so parents don't know what they bought for them. All gifts will be wrapped by our special volunteer elf wrappers and ready to be taken home and placed under the tree. Donated holiday goodies will be available (while supplies last) free of charge for adults and children to enjoy while they are at the "store". Santa and Mrs. Claus will be here to visit and sing songs! If you have never made it out to experience this event, please stop by. It is a true expression of the Holiday Spirit!! I am always looking for wonderful individuals to volunteer for this SPECIAL holiday event. We will need helpers to assist the children with shopping, wrap gifts, donate wrapping supplies, and baked items. Please contact Angie at 319-334-6711 or email angieprd@indytel.com if you would like to join in the holiday spirit by volunteering or donating. Happy Holidays!!!



Has it been a **LONG Christmas Break?**
Are you looking for something **FUN?**
Grab a Friend & throw some **BAGS!!!**

2nd Annual Youth Christmas Break Bags Tournament

When: Friday, December 29th @ River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness
Registration & Warm-Up: 12:30pm on 12/29 at River'sEDGE (Pre-registration is strongly encourages and may be done by calling River'sEDGE @ 319-332-1525)

Tournament Play begins at 1:00pm

Cost: \$5.00 per team of 2 players (18 years and under)

Teams will be bracketed upon registration (Trophies/ Medals will be awarded to the TOP 3 Finishing Teams)

Double-Elimination Tournament w/ an 0-2 Single-Elimination Bracket
(Toilet Bowl Trophy awarded to the Winners)

Teams will officiate and score their own games!!

Concessions will be available... including Pizza!!

The 17ft projection screen will be tuned in on College Football Bowl Games while you play!! Yes... I said 17ft!!!

If you have any questions, please call River'sEDGE @ 319-332-1525

FRIDAY
JANUARY 27TH
BAGS TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER
INDEPENDENCE
K-9 UNIT



Officer Chris Cass & K-9 Tyton

SILENT AUCTION • RAFFLES • DOOR PRIZES

- Registration & Warm-up: 5:30pm on the day of the tournament or you may pre-register by calling River'sEDGE at 319-332-1525
- Cost: \$10 per team (2 players)
- Tournament Start Time: 6:00pm
- Teams will be bracketed upon registration; pay back will be 50% of the registrations brought in to the TOP 3 TEAMS
- Double Elimination Tournament with a 0-2 Single Elimination Bracket (Registration Fee Paid Back to the Winner!)
- Teams officiate own games
- The televisions will be on and the bar will be set up with \$2 cans for sale during the tournament.




K-9 UNIT
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River'sEDGE Friday Night Bags Tournaments

2 Person Friday Night Bags Tournaments are offered at River'sEDGE on the following Friday nights: 1/13, 1/27 (Independence K-9 Unit Fundraiser), 2/10, 2/24 (River'sEDGE Baseball/ Softball Teams Fundraiser) , 3/10, & 3/24 (Final Large Cash Pay-out Tournament). Registration & Warm-up is 5:30pm on the day of the tournament or you may pre-register by calling River'sEDGE at 332-1525. The cost is \$12 per 2 person team (unless otherwise posted). Start time is 6:00pm at River'sEDGE. These are double elimination tournaments (32 teams max capacity) with an 0-2 single elimination bracket where your registration fee paid back to the winner. Teams will be bracketed upon registration; pay back will be over 50% of the registrations brought in to the top 3 teams. The more teams that play... the more money awarded!! Teams must play in at least 1 regular tournament during the year in order to play in the final Big Pay-Out Tournament on 3/24. Teams will officiate and score their own games!! \$2 cans and concessions sold!!! Recently a 15ft Projection Screen has been added for viewing games while you play!!

AM Step Class

Men & Women of All Skill Levels

This is a 45 minute class which consists of a warm-up, flexibility component, and cool down. This is a combination class, we will not exclusively use the bench and will incorporate a variety of other activities as well. Our goal is to provide a wonderful cardiovascular workout and an inviting atmosphere to meet new people. *We recommend that you visit your physician before beginning this or any fitness program.* Class

runs continually through the year. Instructor: Jane Buls. Register at the Falcon Civic Center. Fee: \$25 per month or \$3.00 drop-in Days & Dates: Monday, Wednesday, Friday @ 5:45– 6:30am (Year round)

Location: Falcon Civic Center Gym
'Low Impact' Boot Camp

Women & Men of all fitness levels

This class is designed to help you build muscle and burn calories. This class is great for the beginner but can be modified to fit everyone's fitness needs. Watch Facebook and the City of Independence website for details.

Main's Peak Performance TKD

Main's Peak Performance TaeKwonDo is offering classes at River'sEDGE!! Mr. Tim Main is a black belt in TKD and been teaching TKD for 38 years in the Independence area. TaeKwonDo offers conditioning, self-defense, and each individual a great opportunity to promote self-discipline and self-esteem. Adult Instruction is available by calling the Instructor, Tim Main @ 319-361-3190.

Weight Loss Challenge

We are working with our Fitness Instructors to Challenge YOU to a Weight Loss Competition!!
We are still working out the details and once it is all figured out, we will advertise via social media, the city website, Independence Bulletin Journal Newspaper, informational fliers in each of our facilities, as well as word of mouth.
Lots of FUN and Lose Weight... WIN, WIN!!



Give ROC FIT a TRY!!! Classes are offered on 6 week sessions throughout the year. ROC FIT is a program designed to train an individual of any age, male or female, regardless of athletic ability transforming them into a high level athlete. It is an awesome class and our Instructor, Tiffany Thoma Mangrich (319-404-5453) does a wonderful job coaching us!!

If it is new to you, we will teach you and get you feeling great! Always encouraging people! Let's get signed up, get strong and feel alive!!

<http://roctrainingcenter.com/>

Fee: \$150 per 6 week session/ drops \$25 each week if you can't commit to 6 weeks

Days & Dates: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday @ 4:30am or 7:30pm/
6 week sessions year round (2 FREE Trial Classes are offered prior to the beginning of each 6 week session)

Location: River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness

A variety of 'Get Fit' Classes are offered throughout the year at the Falcon Civic Center and River'sEDGE; including: Pilates, High Intensity Interval Training and Tai Chi. As classes are offered, we will relay that information via social media, newspaper, websites, email, ILPT television channel 9, and fliers at the Falcon Civic Center and River'sEDGE. Please watch for further details as we will keep you posted.

Racquetball, Wally Ball, Pickle Ball

Racquetball/ Wally Courts are available to rent at the Falcon Civic Center anytime the FCC is open.

Rental Fees:

Members of the FCC	\$3 per hour
Non-Members of the FCC	\$4 per hour + daily admission

** Punch Cards: 10 punches (1 punch= 1 hour) for \$20**

In 2017, we will be refinishing the two racquetball courts at the Falcon Civic Center and then lining them for racquetball, wally ball, & PICKLE BALL!!! We will keep you posted!!!

FYI... Community Member, Mr. Paul Brown, painted a pickle ball court on the concrete basketball court at Teacher's Park. Must supply own equipment. Thank You Mr. Brown!!!

Nothing kills a program QUICKER than.... a missed DEADLINE!!!

Registration Deadlines are set by the IPRD Staff in order to insure proper time to order and receive equipment, advertise, and determine the amount of interest in order to run. If you don't register by the deadline, there is a possibility the program or league may be Cancelled, dates may be changed, or registration may be closed. PLEASE REGISTER BY THE DEADLINE!!!!

Adult Coed Softball League

This league was designed for adults who are looking for some fun and friendly competition while playing softball. The teams consist of men and women on the field. Teams will be scheduled to play as well as umpire. Open to all men and women at least 18 years of age. The women will hit a 12" yellow softball and men will hit a 14" softball in this league. Game balls will be provided by the IPRD. Managers must register as a team with a sponsor and/or team name. The fee for this league is \$225 per team which includes the \$100 refundable umpire deposit which will be returned at the end of the season if your team umpires when scheduled. Register at the Falcon Civic Center by July 19th. Please Note: Days, times and dates of this league are subject to change at the discretion of the IPRD.

Fee: \$125 per team + \$100 ump deposit
Days & Dates: Wednesdays beginning at 6:30pm/ League Play begins 7/26
Location: Baseball/ Softball Complex

Adult Flag Football

This league is an opportunity for you to grab some friends and play flag football. Teams need to consist of adults at least 18 years of age. All games will be played at the Independence Baseball/ Softball Complex on Monday evenings. Games will be played rain or shine. The cost for this league is \$75 per team, register at the Falcon Civic Center by August 28th.

Fee: \$125 per team + \$100 ump deposit
Days & Dates: Wednesdays beginning at 6:30pm/ League Play begins 7/26
Location: Baseball/ Softball Complex
Dates: Games begin on 8/29 and the season typically lasts 6-8 weeks. Games are played on Monday evenings from 6-9pm at the Independence Baseball/ Softball Complex

Annual Fall Craft & Vendor Show

Our Annual **Fall Craft & Vendor Show** will be held on **Saturday, October 14 from 9am-3pm at the Falcon Civic Center.**

Admission is **FREE** and homemade concessions will be sold. Everyone is Welcome to attend! The fee for a booth at the Craft & Vendor Show is \$30 which includes an 8'x8' booth space, one 8' foot table and 2 folding chairs. One additional table costs \$7.50 if needed.

Please Note: No one is put in the show until payment w/ the signed agreement has been received. Temporary Sales Tax Permits are not available, crafters/ vendors must have a permanent sales tax number through the Iowa Department of Revenue.

Reminder to Falcon Civic Center Patrons:

We will set-up for the Annual Fall Craft & Vendor Show on Friday, October 13. Only the weight room will be open to public use on Friday, October 13 & Saturday, October 14. If interested in a booth space, please contact

Angie at 319-334-2606 or email angieiprd@indytel.com.

Thank you!!!



ADULT EVENTS

Tournament Anyone???

The **OPTIONS** are **ENDLESS...** If you have a team, company, or just a group of friends and are looking to organize/ host a kickball, soft-ball, baseball, flag football, golf simulator, bags, shuffleboard, basketball, or big ball tournament...

WE HAVE THE FACILITY FOR YOU!!!

Contact 319-334-6711 or email Bob at boblprd@indytel.com.



LOST or STOLEN ITEMS:

The Parks & Recreation Department is not responsible for personal equipment, clothes, etc... that may be unfortunately lost or stolen during participation in any rental or sponsored activity at any of our IPRD run facilities (Aquatic Center, Baseball/ Softball Complex, Falcon Civic Center, River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness, RV Campground, River Walk Band Shell or city parks).

However, please contact our office at 319-334-6711 concerning lost items, as many times they are turned in by others. Stolen items may be reported to the Independence Police Department.

NEW Independence Aquatic Center Amenities Include:

8,565 SQ FT OF SURFACE AREA, 2 TOWER WATER SLIDES, FLOATABLE WATER WALK, ZERO DEPTH ENTRY WITH SLIDE AND WATER FEATURES, 1 METER DIVING BOARD, 6 RACING LANES, PARTY SHELTER, DROP SLIDE, ADA LIFT, NEW BATH HOUSE WITH CONCESSIONS

Aquatic Center Hours of Operation

Anticipated Season: May 27– August 20, 2017

Monday– Friday

Open Swim 12pm- 6:00pm

Open Swim 6:30- 8:00pm

Saturday & Sunday

Open Swim 12pm– 6pm

Daily Admission Fees:

Adult	\$3.00
Student (5-18 years of age)	\$2.00
Youth (under 5 years of age)	\$1.00



NO REFUNDS, EVEN IF AQUATIC CENTER CLOSES EARLY!!

Purchase Aquatic Center Season Passes at the Falcon Civic Center from April 1- May 26 and at the Aquatic Center as of May 27, 2017.

WITHIN CITY LIMITS RATE

(Determined by valid driver's license)

Family	\$95.00
Adult	\$65.00
Student (5-18 yrs of age)	\$60.00
Youth (under 5 yrs of age)	\$40.00
Senior Citizen (60 yrs or older)	\$60.00

OUT OF CITY LIMITS RATE

Family	\$105.00
Adult	\$75.00
Student (5– 18 years of age)	\$70.00
Youth (under 5 yrs of age)	\$50.00
Senior Citizen (60 yrs or older)	\$70.00

Family Aquatic Center Season Pass

Requirements:

- 1. Family Members defined as those claimed on your taxes & reside at the same address.**
- 2. You may add 1 day-care provider/ babysitter to your family pool membership for an additional \$10.**

2017 Independence Aquatic Center Season

Barring potential set backs, we are anticipating the NEW Aquatic Center's Season to run Saturday, May 27th- Sunday, August 20th.

PARKS & RECREATION

DIRECTOR:

Bob Beatty bobiprd@indytel.com

AQUATICS COORDINATOR:

Angie Kiler angieiprd@indytel.com

Physical Address:

**Independence Aquatic Center
601 5th Avenue SE
Independence, Iowa 50644**

Phone #: 319-334-7464

Aquatic Center Closure Information may be obtained by calling the Aquatic Center @ 319-334-7464 or the Parks & Rec Dept. @ 319-334-6711. Information will also be posted on the city website @ www.independenceia.com and the IPRD Facebook page.

Aquatic Center Closure Policies- The Aquatic Center may CLOSE early for any one or more of the following reasons:

- 1. Air temperature falls below 70 degrees and/ or less than 20 swimmers for 2 hours.**
- 2. Threatening weather in the area.**
- 3. Scheduled special events, for example home swim meets.**

PARTY SHELTER RENTALS

Have a Pool Party!!

Aquatic Center Shelter Rental

The shelter at the NEW Independence Aquatic Center is available to RENT for your party during scheduled Open Swims. WE provide the shelter. YOU supply the cake, ice cream, presents, and party guests. Food and drink, other than cake and ice cream, must be purchased at the concession stand. Reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance by contacting the Independence Aquatic Center at 319-334-7464.

Shelter Rental Fee: \$25 for 2 hours/ Any Open Swim/ does not include admission into the Aquatic Center/ Non-swimmers must pay \$1.00

Admission. **ALCOHOL IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE AQUATIC CENTER!!!**

Our Shelter is also available to rent as a cabana!!

\$10 per hour / Any Open Swim

AQUATICS

NEW PRIVATE SWIM LESSON FORMAT!!!

We will be handling PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS in a NEW way for the 2017

Aquatic Season. Private Swim Lessons are available for those children and adults who prefer a 1-on-1 teaching atmosphere. Once the Lifeguards for the 2017 season are hired, a list of those Lifeguards choosing to teach private swim lessons will be compiled with their contact information. That contact list will be available at the Falcon Civic Center and at the Aquatic Center for you to pick up. You may choose a Private Swim Lesson Instructor from that list, contact them and schedule the lessons with the Instructor you chose. Once your 1st lesson is scheduled, you will need to pay a one time \$15 per student to the Independence Parks & Recreation Department or the Independence Aquatic Center. This \$15 fee covers the student's pool usage time. Private Swim Lesson Instructors will determine their own fees.



Independence Swim Team

The 2017 Season is going to be a BIG one for the Independence Swim Team!!!! We will be in a NEW facility this season!! All of our home meets will be sanctioned due to our pool lanes now meeting regulation guidelines. We are thrilled and are looking forward to an exciting season!! We also be voting on a NEW name for the Independence Swim Team, more details to come... The Independence Swim Team is open to all children between the ages of 6-18 years old and the Swim Team season will run June– July 2017. All swimming abilities may participate, however all interested swim team participants must be able to swim 25 meters without stopping and unassisted. Participants will have the opportunity to swim against teams from other communities. Swim Team members will be bussed to out of town meets. Swim Team practices are held on weekdays in the early mornings through the season. Swim meets are scheduled throughout the week as well as some weekends during the season. We NEED to have MANY Volunteers in order to run successfully, especially this year as we adjust to the new facility and rules from Iowa Swimming Inc. If you would like to become a swim team official/ judge or volunteer to help with Independence Swim Team, please contact 319-334-6711 or email bobiprd@indytel.com. All registrations for Swim Team will be accepted at the Falcon Civic Center beginning on April 1. A Swim Team? Parent Information meeting will be scheduled by our 2017 Swim Team Coaches in May. The exact time, date and time of this meeting will be announced.

Fee: \$45 payable to the IPRD + \$38 payable to Iowa Swimming Incorporated (ISI).

In order to jump off of the diving board during open swim at the Aquatic Center, you must be able to demonstrate the ability to swim 25 meters without stopping while using the proper American Crawl Stroke technique.

Adult Lap Swim

Adult Lap may be done Monday– Sunday during Open Swim hours. One lane will be open when the Aquatic Center is open.

Swimming is a form of exercise that uses almost every muscle in the body without stress on your joints. Swimming improves cardiovascular endurance, as well as tones and strengthens the body.

LEARN TO SAVE LIVES

The NEW Independence Aquatic Center is looking to hire responsible and hardworking certified lifeguards for the 2017 season. Applications are available at the Falcon Civic Center and at www.independenceia.com. The City of Independence is an equal opportunity employer.

Lifeguard Training Classes @ UNI Wellness & Recreation Center/ Dates are all weekends/ Times: Friday 4-10pm, Saturday 8am– 8pm, Sunday 8am– 6pm/ Cost: \$195 per person, Must be 15 years of age before the end of the class
 Section 1: March 3rd– 5th
 Section 6: March 31st– April 2nd
 Section 11: April 21st– 23rd
 Section 16: May 12th– 14th
 Section 22: May 19th– 21st



Re-Certification Classes @ UNI Wellness & Recreation Center/ Cost: \$110
 Section 4: January 29th/ Sunday 8am– 8pm
 Section 22: February 26th/ Sunday 8am– 8pm
 Section 21: May 6th/ Saturday/ 8am– 8pm
Water Safety Instructor (WSI) @ UNI Wellness & Recreation Center/ Dates are all weekends/ Times: Friday 4-10pm, Saturday 8am– 8pm, Sunday 8am– 6pm/ Cost: \$205, Must be 16 years of age before the end of this class
 Section 7: March 3rd– 5th
 Section 14: March 12th– 14th

If you would like to become a certified lifeguard and are looking for classes, you may contact the American Red Cross, Grant Wood Area Chapter at 319-393-3500 or visit their website at www.redcross.org/ia/cedar-rapids

Independence Aquatic Center *Swim Lesson Instruction*

Group Swim Lesson Instruction

Our swim lessons are designed by our staff to help promote water safety for our participants at a young age. It is our hope that participants meet with success early and often in our swim lesson programs and develop a love and respect for the water. Competitive oriented skills have been moved to the more advanced groups. Should lessons need to be cancelled for the day due to the weather, we have scheduled 2 make-up dates if needed. The Aquatic Staff will do everything possible to see that at least 8 lessons are held, but we cannot control the weather.

PARENT & CHILD LESSONS

Infant & Toddler classes are designed for children 1 year– 3 years old

- Parents must be prepared to accompany the child in the water
- Infant and Toddler classes are designed to orientate the child to the water, develop basic swimming skills, and to help parents learn how to work with their child in the water

FEE: \$25 per child w/ parent

***DATES: June 12th– June 22nd/ M– TH/
6-6:25pm/ Make-ups (if needed): June 16th
& 23rd/ 15 Students max limit***

PRE-SCHOOL LESSONS

Pre-School classes are designed for children 4 to 5 years old

- Pre-School Classes are designed to orientate the child to water, develop basic swimming skills, and become more confident and independent in the water
- Parents are not allowed in the water during class times, however they may sit near the class for the child’s comfort and security

FEE: \$25 per child

DATES: 3 Groups per Session 1 (6/12-6/22)

***GROUP 1A: June 12th– June 22nd/ M– TH/
6-6:25pm/ Make-ups (if needed): June 16th
& 23rd/ 10 students max***

***GROUP 1B: June 12th– June 22nd/ M–TH/
6-6:25pm/ Make-ups (if needed): June 16th
& 23rd/ 10 students max***

***GROUP 1C: June 12th– June 22nd/ M– TH/ 6
-6:25pm/ Make-up (if needed): June 16th &
23rd/ 10 students max***

DATES: 3 Groups per Session 2 (7/10- 7/20)

***GROUP 2A: July 10th– 20th/ M-TH/ 6-
6:25pm/ Make-ups (if needed): July 14th &
21st/ 10 students max***

***GROUP 2B: July 10th– 20th/ M-TH/ 6-
6:25pm/ Make-ups (if needed): July 14th &
21st/ 10 students max***

***GROUP 2C: July 10th– 20th/ M– TH/ 6-
6:25pm/ Make-ups (if needed): July 14th &
21st/ 10 students max limit***

Group Swim Lessons are filled on a 1st Come– 1st Serve Basis at the Falcon Civic Center. Registrations will not be accepted without full payment in hand. Swim Lesson Registration BEGINS on April 1st at Falcon Civic Center located at 1305 5th Ave NE Independence, Iowa 50644.

The Falcon Civic Hours in April are:

Monday-Thursday: 5am-9pm, Friday: 5am-8pm and Saturday: 10am-4pm, Closed Sundays.

Registration for all swim lessons will be done at the Falcon Civic Center ONLY!!

Swim Lessons Registrations will NOT be accepted at the Independence Aquatic Center.

Independence Aquatic Center Swim Lesson Instruction cont...

SCHOOL AGE LESSONS

School Age lessons are designed for children who have passed Pre-School Lessons and are 6 years of age and older. Students progress through the levels at their own pace, mastering the skills in one level before advancing to the next. These lessons are designed to give students a positive learning experience.

- **Level 1:** This class is focused on water orientation and helping students enjoy the aquatic environment. There will be an introduction to kicking on front and back. This level is for those who have passed Pre-School Lessons.
- **Level 2:** This class is focused on helping students become more independent in the aquatic environment. There will be introduction to freestyle and backstroke. This level is for those who have passed Level 1.
- **Level 3:** Students will be introduced to more advanced freestyle skills; as well as an introduction to elementary backstroke. Students will be introduced to deep water. This level is for those who have passed Level 2.
- **Level 4:** Students will work on refining skills for freestyle and backstroke. Students will be introduced to breaststroke, sidestroke, and diving boards. This level is for those who have passed Level 3.
- **Level 5:** Students will work on refining all skills for elementary backstroke, sidestroke, and breaststroke. There will be an introduction to flip turns and diving. This level is for those who have passed Level 4.
- **Level 6:** Students will work on refining all swimming skills. There will be an intro to basic swimming conditioning and developing endurance. This level is for those who have passed Level 5.

FEE: \$30 per child

10 Students Max Limit per Time/ Level

- **Classes are \$40 minutes/ M- TH**
- **Advanced registration is required for all classes**
- **Registration is accepted at the Falcon Civic Center beginning on April 1st**

Session: June 19- 29

Time:	8:45am	9:30am	10:15am
Dates:	6/19-6/29	6/19-6/29	6/19-6/29
Make-Ups:	Session 1: Fridays 6/23 & 6/30		
Level 1:	Lv11	Lv12	Lv13
Level 2:	Lv21	Lv22	Lv23
Level 3:	Lv31	Lv32	Lv33
Level 4:	Lv41	Lv42	Lv43
Level 5:	Lv51	Lv52	Lv53
Level 6:	Lv61	Lv62	Lv63

All children registered in group swim lessons will be tested on the 1st day of class to make sure they have been placed in the correct level. If they have not, the child will be moved into the correct level at the same time slot and session.

Hundreds of volunteers have given thousands of hours to help make the programs, classes, clinics, leagues, & events we offer what they are TODAY. This TRIBUTE PAGE recognizes the efforts of each volunteer in at least one area where they have helped over the past year. The Independence Parks & Recreation Dept. would be unable to offer the programs and events we do without people like YOU and We Thank You!! Please know that your time, talents, efforts, and dedication is deeply and greatly appreciated each and every year.



On behalf of the IPRD, we would like to take this opportunity to apologize in advance if we inadvertently left anyone off this list. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

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Huge Thanks to ALL of our 2016 Little League Sponsors:

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- Kegler, Kegler & Arend Family Dentistry
- Independence Veterinary Clinic, Inc.
- Spahn & Rose Lumber
- Edward Jones Investments
- Home Indeed
- Wilson Art Thru Photography
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Girls Coach-Pitch

- Greenley Development
- Investment Center
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Boys Coach-Pitch

- Independence Plumbing, Heating & Cooling
- Dairy Queen
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Girls Minors

- Signs and More
- Security State Bank
- Edward Jones Investments
- Investment Center
- 3 Teams sponsored by Jesup Community

Boys Minors

- BHHS One Realty Centre– Kari Kremer
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- Pipestone Veterinary Clinic of Iowa
- Larson Construction Co., Inc.
- Wendy Troutman, D.D.S., P.C.
- 3 Teams sponsored by Jesup Community

Girls Majors

- Independence Veterinary Clinic, Inc.
- Roberts & Eddy, P.C.
- Medical Associates of Independence
- First Family Chiropractic
- Home Indeed
- 3 Teams sponsored by Jesup Community

Boys Majors

- Banklowa
- BHHS One Realty Centre
- Okoboji Grill
- American Family Insurance– John Evers Agency
- Boubin Tire Co.
- Tim Reed State Farm Agency
- 1 Team sponsored by Jesup Community
- 1 Team sponsored by Walker Community

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- Buchanan County Health Center
- Home Indeed
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- BHHC One Realty Centre
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- Independence Light & Power Telecommunications
- Ridihalgh, Fuelling, Snitker, Weber & Co., P.C.
- Spahn & Rose Lumber
- Signs & More
- Wendy Troutman, D.D.S.
- Re/max Independence Realty
- WCF Financial Bank
- Tim Reed State Farm Agency
- River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness
- Security State Bank
- Kegler, Kegler & Arend Family Dentistry
- Denny's Pumpkin Patch, Independence
- Independence Bulletin Journal Newspapers
- Shoppers Reminder & Winthrop News
- Independence Community Schools (including St. Johns)

- Independence Chamber of Commerce
- Waste Management
- Vern's True Value
- Indee Go Healthy
- Black Hawk Gaming Association
- Buchanan County Community Foundation
- Community Attraction & Tourism
- Buchanan County Health Trust

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- Sponsor a 2017 Little League Team
- Sponsor a soft toss mat, bench, sign on walking track, TV, or batting cages at River'sEDGE
- Help purchase Swim Team Ribbons
- Donate wrapping supplies or treats to the 20th Annual "Just for Kids" Holiday Store
- Sponsor advertising in the 2018 IPRD Activities Guide
- Banner on outfield fence at the Complex
- A Hole on the River Walk Parks Disc Golf Course

CITY PARKS

The Independence Parks & Recreation Department is responsible for the upkeep of 22 park areas throughout the City of Independence. These parks have a variety of amenities to enjoy including: basketball courts, open air shelters, band shell, picnic areas with tables and grills, playgrounds, boat and fishing access, softball and baseball fields, tennis courts, sand volleyball courts, horseshoe courts, disc golf course, batting cages, trails, skate park, RV camping, and more.

BATHING BEACH PARK

This park sits along the Wapsipinicon River and is part of River Walk Parks. It features boat access and a dock, fishing access, a playground, open air shelter with electricity and picnic tables, swings, restrooms, and memorial park benches.

BRIMMER PARK

Located on 1st St East, this park boasts an outstanding view of the historic Mill and Dam on the Wapsipinicon River. Features include benches, sidewalk, and easy access to main street shopping.

5th WARD PARK

This Ward Park is located on the NW side of Independence. The amenities include: playground, swings, two open air shelters with picnic tables, concrete basketball court with Goalsetter hoops, restrooms, and open green space.

1st WARD PARK

This Ward Park sits a block east of the Buchanan County Courthouse. The amenities include a playground, swings, backstop w/ open green space, grills, restrooms, and 3 open air shelters with picnic tables.

4th WARD PARK

This Ward Park is the former home of Washington Emerson Elementary and is located in the NE part of town one block off of Highway 150. The amenities for this park include a basketball court with 2 Goalsetter Hoops, two open air shelters with picnic tables, a practice ball diamond, swings, and restrooms.

JAYCEE PARK

This park sits just off of 1st St on the far east side of town. The features include a tennis court, playground, open air shelter with picnic tables, restroom, and grill.

KNOTT'S LANDING

Named after the former Flood Plain and Building Inspector, Mr. Greg Knott. This Park sits along the Wapsipinicon River in the SW part of town. This park has boat access to the lower portion of the river and remains a popular canoe starting point. There is also fishing access and the upper viewing deck gives visitors a quiet place to enjoy a peaceful environment and great spot to watch for bald eagles.

LIBERTY PARK

This park sits on 1st St West across from the historic Wapsipinicon Mill. This viewing park includes a pavilion designed to imitate the Mill and the Declaration of Independence is enshrined within, little free library and memorial benches.

LIBERTY TRAIL/ American Trotter's Trail

Liberty Trail connects with the American Trotter's Trail and is located in the SW part of town and borders the Independence Jr/Sr High School Campus. The nature trail runs north and south from 1st St to Bland Blvd and east and west from 10th Ave to Iowa Ave. This trail has been partially paved with lights and memorial benches, a little free library, and is a peaceful place to walk or run.

MALONE CREEK PARK

This FEMA buyout property sits along the creek in the NE section of town. A backstop has been installed, bases added and it now serves as a Little League practice area.

ORCHARD PARK

This park sits just off of Highway 150 in the SE part of town. It is bordered by the Wapsipinicon River on the west. Features include the Lion's baseball field complete with a new backstop and a concrete bleacher pad. It is also home to the Orchard Little League Field, 2 batting cages, bull pens, soft toss stations, a maintenance garage, concessions stand, the Community Orchard, restroom, and rentable Community Gardens.

RIVER WALK PARKS

The Independence River Walk Parks is a community participation project funded and constructed locally. The River Walk Parks connect Brimmer Park, Teacher’s Park, and Bathing Beach Park. This park area includes: a concrete trail along the Wapsipinicon River, river access, boat dock, memorial benches, beautiful river scenery, nostalgic lighting, open air picnic shelters, community band shell, a playground, open green spaces, sand volleyball courts, horseshoe courts, basketball court/ pickle ball court, little free library, and a 9 hole disc golf course. It is also the host site for several city wide celebrations and events.

RV PARK & CAMPGROUND

The Independence RV Park & Campground is located on Highway 150 along the Wapsipinicon River. The campground amenities include: men’s and women’s restroom and shower facilities, open air picnic shelter with electricity, concrete walking trail, playground, swings, fishing/ canoe access, little free library, 42 sites with water, sewer, electricity, and cable. Each site includes a picnic table, and fire ring.

SKATE PARK

The City of Independence offers a Skate Park to accommodate the community. The Skate Park is an all concrete park with bowls, grid boxes, rails, skate stairs, and ramps. Rules are posted at the Skate Park. The Skate Park is open from Dawn– Dusk.

TEACHER’S PARK

Teacher’s Park is supported by the Teacher’s Park Association. This park is located in the heart of River Walk Parks. Amenities include a concrete basketball court with 2 Goalsetter hoops/ pickle ball court, open air picnic shelter, park benches, horseshoe courts, and three sand volleyball courts with lights.

3rd WARD PARK

This Ward Park is located in the SW part of town. Amenities include two tennis courts, basketball court with 2 Goalsetter hoops, swings, 2 open air picnic shelters, little free library, and restrooms.

TRIANGLE PARK

Triangle Park is one of the newer additions to the Independence Parks system. This park is located along Highway 20 in the Pines Addition to SW Independence. Amenities in this park include a stocked pond open to public fishing, memorial park benches, and an asphalt walking trail around the perimeter providing a safe and scenic place to walk, run, walk your dog, or ride your bike.

VETERAN’S PARK

Veteran’s Park is located along the Wapsipinicon River and north of the Mill in the NW part of town. The amenities include a gazebo, memorial park benches, picnic tables, nostalgic lighting, and military artillery from the past.

DOROTHIE B. YUNDT MEMORIAL PARK

This park was established in 1993, named after Dorothie B. Yundt, sits along the Wapsipinicon River in the SE part of Independence. Along with fishing access, access to feed the ducks, benches allow for a relaxing setting.

TREE FACTS:

- ** One TREE produces 260 pounds of oxygen each year.
- ** Two mature TREES provide enough oxygen for a family of four.
- ** One TREE can absorb as much oxygen in one year as one car can produce driving 26,000 miles.
- ** One acre of TREES removes up to 2.6 tons of carbon dioxide each year.

Help STOP

Vandalism!!!

**PLEASE call the Independence
Police Department @
319-334-2520 and**

REPORT VANDALISM!!!

CITY PARKS

Baseball/ Softball Complex

The Independence Baseball/ Softball Complex is located at 2020 Three Elms Park Road in Independence. This facility consists of 4 ball fields, a concession stand, men’s and women’s restrooms, a machine shed, 4 batting cages, and off street parking. This facility is home to the entire IPRD Little League Program (encompassing over 500 participants), Youth Travel Baseball/ Softball, Youth and Adult Softball and Baseball Tournaments, Adult Slow-Pitch Softball Leagues, Men’s Flag Football League, and all of the IPRD Youth Flag Football Leagues. Many changes and improvements have been done at the Complex over the past year. Come on out and see what has all been done!!!



Orchard Park

This park sits just off of HWY 150 in the SW section of Independence. It is bordered by the Wapsipinicon River to the west and Hwy 150 to the east. Features in this park area include **Lion’s Field**, which is home to our 6th & 7th grade baseball teams as well as a practice field for youth and adults. Lion’s Field has seen improvements over the past few years, including: new dugouts, new backstop, concrete bleacher pad, a bike rack, a mobile concessions stand, and garage for field maintenance tools. **Orchard Field** is located in this park as well, it has become a wonderful practice field as well as an overflow field for 6th & 7th grade softball teams. There is electricity in this park, 2 batting cages, 2 bull pens, and soft toss nets. **Orchard Park** is home to the **Community Orchard** and our rentable **Community Gardens**.



City Parks w/ Amenities

City Parks	Backstop	Ball Diamonds	Band Shell	Basketball Court	Batting Cage	Boat/ Canoe Access	Disc Golf	Fishing Access	Orchard/ Gardens	Grill	Horseshoes	Outdoor Pool	Greenhouse	Picnic Tables/ Benches	Playground	Restroom	RV/ Tent Camping	Sand Volleyball	Shelters	Shelter Electricity	Showers	Sidewalks/Trails	Tennis Court		
Bathing Beach Park																									
Brimmer Park																									
Complex																									
5th Ward Park																									
1st Ward Park																									
4th Ward Park																									
Jaycee Park																									
Knott's Landing																									
Liberty Park																									
Liberty/ Trotter Trail																									
Malone Creek Park																									
Orchard Park																									
River Walk Parks																									
RV Park																									
Skate Park																									
Aquatic Center																									
Teachers Park																									
3rd Ward Park																									
Triangle Park																									
Veterans Park																									
Yundt Park																									

CITY PARKS MAP



City Park Addresses

CITY PARKS

<u>Name of Park</u>	<u>Park Address</u>
1. Bathing Beach Park	Corner of 6th St & Center Ave NE
2. Brimmer Park	100 1st St. East
3. Independence Baseball/ Softball Complex	2020 Three Elms Park Road
4. 5th Ward Park	3rd St & 6th Ave NW
5. 1st Ward Park	2nd St & 6th Ave NE
6. 4th Ward Park	6th St & 3rd Ave NE
7. Jaycee Park	1100 1st Street East
8. Knott's Landing	Lover's Lane Blvd SW
9. Liberty Park	1st St West
10. Liberty Trail/ American Trotter Trail	East of & connected to Independence School Campus SW
11. Malone Creek Park	2nd St & 9th Ave NE
12. Orchard Park	8th St SE (Behind Dairy Queen)
13. River Walk Parks	Wapsipinicon River's Edge NE
14. RV Park & Campground	8th St & 3rd Ave SE
15. Skate Park	1305 5th Ave NE
16. Independence Aquatic Center	601 5th Ave SE
17. Teacher's Park	5th St & Corrine Ave NE
18. 3rd Ward Park	6th St & 3rd Ave SW
19. Triangle Park	6th Ave SW
20. Veteran's Park	2nd Ave NW
21. Dorothe B. Yundt Memorial Park	3rd St SE
22. River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness	206 2nd Ave SW (on the map)
23. Falcon Civic Center/ Greenhouse	1305 5th Avenue NE (on the map)

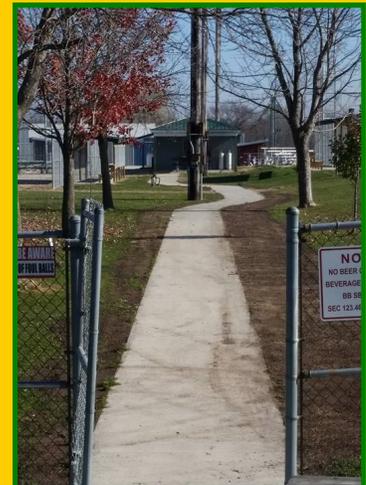
Numbers correspond to the numbers on map.

Other Park Areas not listed on either the map or Park Amenities Table

1. Freeman Park	7th Ave NW
2. Lone Oak Park	3rd St & 4th Ave NW
3. Hulse Detention Pond	16th St & North Ridge Ct NE
4. Flag Pole Corner Park	Corner of 1st St & 3rd Ave SE

2016 Improvements

- New backstop, dugouts, side fencing on Field 1, Parks Staff
- Added concrete sidewalk from west gate to concessions stand, Custom Concrete
- Started construction on the New Aquatic Center
- Planted 114 trees and 52 bushes, Branching Out Program
- Planted 24 fruit trees and 35 fruit bushes, Community Orchard
- Purchased 14 acres from the Independence High School for the NEW Aquatic Center
- Added 200 Perch to Triangle Pond
- Added railing and hand rails to multi-purpose room entry, River'sEDGE
- Gym floor renovation, Falcon Civic Center
- LED lighting in the gym, Falcon Civic Center
- New Precor AMT, Falcon Civic Center
- New Lifecore Row Machine, Falcon Civic Center
- LED lighting replacement, River Walk Parks Trail
- Men's Shower renovation, Falcon Civic Center



2015 Improvements

- Parks Department Greenhouse (26'x28'), Parks Staff, Hotel/ Motel
- New backstop F2, Baseball/ Softball Complex
- New Home & Visitor Dugouts F2, Baseball/ Softball Complex
- Added compost bins, Community Orchard
- 3 wheeled baseball pitching machine, River'sEDGE
- ADA accessible sidewalk west gate, Baseball/ Softball Complex
- Planted 16 more trees to the Orchard
- Renovated infield F4, Baseball/ Softball



- Complex
- Renovated dugouts F4, Baseball/ Softball Complex
- Passed 3 million dollar bond referendum for Aquatic Center
- Launched new city website
- Poured bleacher pad F2 Complex
- Poured pads for the disc golf course
- Added electricity to the complex maintenance shed
- Added electricity to maintenance shed at Lion's Field
- Added fish in the spring
- Placed mobile concessions stand at Orchard Park
- Added electricity to the concession stand at



2014 Improvements

- Opened River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness
- Paved Liberty Trail 2nd Street to 7th St SW
- Replaced Lion's Field Backstop, D&N Fence
- Poured concrete bleacher pad, Orchard Field, IPRD Employees
- Poured bleacher pad Lion's Field, IPRD Employees
- Placed 1 bike rack Lion's Field, Indee Go Healthy, IPRD Employees
- Maintenance Shed placed in Orchard Park, Zeiser
- Awarded Hotel/ Motel Grant for 2nd Golf Simulator at River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness
- Planted 57 trees and 42 shrubs as part of the Branching Out Program, IPRD Employees
- Purchased mobile concessions stand to serve Lion's & Orchard Field
- Remodeled storage room at River'sEDGE and created the Dug-out Room, IPRD Employees
- Awarded a Blackhawk Gaming grant for tables and chairs for River'sEDGE multi-purpose room



- Added 100 bass, 200 bluegill, 100 red-eared sunfish, and 200 perch to Triangle Park, IPRD Employees
- Added 9 Disc Golf baskets in River Walk Parks, IPRD Staff
- Added 3 bike racks in Teacher's Park, Indee Go Healthy, IPRD Staff
- Added 1 bike rack to Bathing Beach Park near playground, Indee Go Healthy, IPRD Staff
- Added 1 bike rack to Triangle Park, Indee Go Healthy, IPRD Staff
- Replaced complex concessions stand roof, Shannon Construction
- Added 25 trees & 10 bushes as Phase IV of Community Orchard, George Hood Estate, IPRD Staff
- Added water hydrant near Lion's & Orchard Field



- Added water hydrant to Community Garden area, Indee Go Healthy
- Added electricity to bandshell block shelters, IL&P
- Added fishing structure to Triangle Pond, IPRD Staff

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2013 Improvements

- Began construction on River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness, Larson Construction, IPRD Employees
- Painted and caulked the main pool vessel, HAAG Painting, City of Independence
- Awarded RJ McElroy Grant for golf simulator for River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness
- Awarded Hotel/Motel tax for baseball/softball cages at River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness
- Built 6 raised garden beds for phase 1 of the Community Garden Project, IPRD Employees
- Two new basketball hoops 5th Ward Park, IPRD Employees
- Added 1 memorial bench to Triangle Park trail, IPRD Employees
- Added 2 memorial benches to Bathing Beach Park, IPRD Employees
- Added 1 memorial bench to Yundt Park, IPRD Employees
- Added 150 channel catfish to Triangle Park pond, Iowa DNR
- Soffit repairs to 5th Ward Park shelter, IPRD Employees
- Field 3 bleacher pad expansion, IPRD Employees
- Renovated old bleacher set for Lion's Field, IPRD Employees
- Replaced bullpen mounds both home and visitor on baseball field, IPRD Employees
- Replaced decking on 6th St SW bridge to Liberty Trail
- Chip sealed RV Park road, City of Independence
- New 2-5 year old playground RV Park, IPRD Employees
- Added new swing set RV Park, IPRD Employees
 - Planted 89 trees and 42 shrubs for the "Branching Out" and Community Re-leaf programs, Mid American Energy and IPRD Employees
 - Planted 17 trees and 7 bushes as Phase 3 of the Community Orchard, IPRD Employees, Mid American Energy, George Hood Estate



RV Campground & Rentals

The Independence RV Park & Campground is located on HWY 150 in Independence, Iowa. The RV Park & Campground season runs from April 1st- November 1st. Reservations may be made by calling the RV Park Hosts at 319-440-0472 during the season or by calling the Parks & Recreation Director at 319-334-6711 through the off-season. We keep a number of our sites available on a 1st Come- 1st Serve basis to help accommodate unexpected travelers. Our campground amenities include: men's and women's shower/ restroom facilities, picnic shelter with electricity, concrete walking/ biking trail, a little free library, 2-5 yr. old playground, swings, primitive camping available, 42 sites with cable, sewer, water, electricity and each include a picnic table and fire pit. This campground is conveniently located near the NEW Independence Aquatic Center, river access for canoes and fishing, public 18 hole golf course, Hardware Store, Grocery Store, Community Orchard, Community Gardens, and a variety of Restaurants within the community. The Independence RV Campground address is: 301 8th St SE , Independence, Iowa 50644

Independence RV Campground Rental Rates

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
30 AMP	\$19.50	\$97.50	\$290
Senior (60 yrs^)	\$18.50	\$92.50	\$280
50 AMP	\$21.50	\$105	\$305
Senor (60 yrs^)	\$20.50	\$100	\$295
Tent Sites	\$7 per day- 4 consecutive day limit		



CITY PARKS/ RENTALS

**Independence Park Shelter
Rental Policies**

All of our open air park shelters throughout Independence are open to the public and we do NOT take reservations for these.

We suggest that if you would like to plan a gathering in a park, arrive early to the shelter and place a sign that states your name and the time you will be using it. It has been our experience that people are usually pretty respectful.



Photo Policy

Photos are occasionally taken of participants in our programs, classes, or activities. Please be aware that these photos may be used in future programs, brochures, websites, social media, fliers, or news releases. Parents are welcome to share photos of their child participating in any of our recreational programs or activities at their own discretion. Photos may be used in various Independence Parks & Recreation publications and marketing materials. If you have pictures you would like to share, please email angieiprd@indytel.com.



River Walk Band Shell

The River Walk Band Shell offers a beautiful setting for outdoor weddings, renewal ceremonies, and family gatherings. A variety of community groups host many wonderful special events at this location, including: the Independence Day Celebration, Brew-B-Q, Chamber of Commerce Live @ 5 Events, Community Band, and Indee Cruisemeisters.

We DO take reservations for the Community Band Shell.

This facility is located in River Walk Parks along the Wapsipinicon River and reservations are handled by the Independence Parks & Recreation Department. The Director may be reached by calling 319-334-6711 or via email at bobiprd@indytel.com. Electricity and restrooms are accessible in the Band Shell.

River Walk Band Shell Rental Fees:

Fee Schedule	Non-Profit	Profit
Electricity per day	\$25.00	\$25.00
Restroom Usage per day	\$10.00	\$15.00
Band Shell Rental	\$25.00	\$45.00
Minimum Usage Fee	\$50.00	\$70.00
Maximum Daily Fee	\$60.00	\$85.00

Band Shell Rental + Electricity (if needed) + Restroom (if needed)= Total Fee Due

In effect 2017, there will be a Community Event Fee charged at the rate of \$25.00 per day.



IPRD Adopt-A-Flowerbed

Goals & Objectives: Approximately 7 years ago, the IPRD launched the Adopt-A-Park program to give individuals, businesses, and groups the credit they deserve for helping keep Independence beautiful. We have recently renamed this program and it is now called **ADOPT-A-FLOWERBED**. The Adopt-A-Flowerbed program serves as a way to allow those same people the opportunity to help maintain landscape flowerbeds within the parks system. Currently the IPRD maintains 46 flowerbeds throughout the City and 13 of those are currently adopted.

General Guidelines: The Adopt-A-Flowerbed program allows individuals, community groups, clubs, or organizations to assume the responsibility for performing one or more of the following activities: weeding, planting, trimming, mulching, landscape maintenance, and trash removal. These activities will enhance the environment, beautify the City and help instill community pride.

Brimmer Park

Around Flag Pole H&R Block

1st Ward Park:

SW Corner Kelly's Heroes

4th Ward Park:

NE Corner Mike & Julie Lenius

SW Corner Jacobs Family

NW x2 Corner Mike & Julie Lenius

SE Corner Mike & Julie Lenius

Freeman Park:

West Side Lion's Club

North Side Lion's Club

Liberty Park:

SW & NE Corners Team Horn

SW & NE Sides Team Horn

3rd Ward Park:

SW Corner Bob & Jen Beatty Family

Veteran's Park

Around the gazebo Darrell E. Davis Adult Daycare

N & S of steps Farmer's Market

If you are interested in adopting one of the many flowerbeds available, please contact the IPRD @ 319-334-6711 or email bobiprd@indytel.com

Thank you to all those who have already adopted landscapes and the time and effort you have put forth in helping your community.

We greatly appreciate it!!!

Community Re-Leaf Program

The IPRD launched this program as a way to get community members, organizations, and businesses involved in **TREE** planting within the Independence parks system.

Through donations, the Community Re-Leaf program will plant **TREES** to lower the carbon footprint and help make Independence a greener community. For each \$5.00 donation to the program, a **TREE** will be planted in your name and mulched with a **TREE** protector. The IPRD will keep track of all of the donors and list them each year in this IPRD Activities Guide. Due to **TREE** planting and ordering restrictions all plantings will be one to two years behind. So a donation today means the **TREE** is ordered in the fall of 2017 and planted in the spring of 2018. The type of **TREES** and location will be based on need and will be selected by Parks & Recreation personnel. Thus far, since inception, 51 trees have been sponsored and planted within the parks system. Please call the IPRD Director at 319-334-6711 or email bobiprd@indytel.com if you would like to become a donor.

COMMUNITY RE-LEAF YEAR over YEAR

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Recognition</u>	<u># of TREES</u>
Bob & Jenny Beatty	Beatty Family	16
Danny & Sue Johnson	Kelly's Heroes	12
George Hood Estate	George Hood	10
Karl & Lori Kurt	The Kurt Family	8
Alysen Lange	Alysen Lange	8
Ethel Sperfslage	Ethel Sperfslage	5
Wapsi Warriors 4H Club	Wapsi Warriors 4H	4
The Arend Family	Jr. & Fran Wendling	2
Tom & Sharon Ciesielski	Jr. & Fran Wendling	2
Kate & Roger Barloon	Barloon Family	2



COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE

The IPRD is excited about our Greenhouse!! It is located just west of the Falcon Civic Center and north of the Skate Park. This greenhouse allows the Parks Department the ability to enhance the park system with plantings in both spring and fall. It also gives staff the ability to increase the growing season for trees, perennials, orchard trees and bushes, and community gardens plantings. The goal is to produce plantings each year to aid in the ascetics and produce a consistent variety of plantings from seeds, root stock, and saplings. We will take donations of plants, trees, and pots. Call 319-334-6711 to arrange a drop off time. If you have questions about the Greenhouse, would like to volunteer or donate, please feel free to call Bob @ 319-334-6711 or email bobiprd@indytel.com. Let's Go GREEN... HOUSE :)



Branching Out Program

In an effort to make Independence a greener City to live, play, and grow the IPRD began the Branching Out Program. The original goal of the program was to replenish the aging population of trees within the City Parks. Thus far all of the trees planted have been planted on site. Planting the trees on site saves on the future costs of moving trees and possible damage to the trees during transplantation.

Project at a Glance:

Mid American Energy, George Hood Estate, Parks & Streets Personnel, City of Independence

Location: City of Independence Parks System

Time Frame: 2008-Present

Project Cost since 2008: \$6996.00

Funding:

Mid American Energy \$5335.00 (Grant)

George Hood Estate \$745.00

Community Re-Leaf \$345.00

Parks & Recreation \$571.00

Cost Breakdown: \$5438.00

We need volunteers to help water trees within the Parks System. Call 319-334-6711

Size & Scope

Since 2008:	1435 Trees Planted
Since 2009:	551 Shrubs/ Bushes Planted
2008:	124 trees * 17 locations
2009:	200 trees * 22 locations
2010:	246 Trees & 121 shrubs * 28 locations
2011:	244 Trees & 155 bushes/shrubs * 20 locations
2012:	297 Trees & 40 bushes/shrubs * 29 locations
2013:	89 Trees & 43 bushes/shrubs * 7 locations
2014:	57 Trees & 42 bushes/shrubs * 9 locations
2015:	121 Trees & 140 bushes/ shrubs * 12 locations
2016:	114 Trees & 52 bushes/ shrubs * 6 locations

Species Planted

- Green Ash ('08 only)
- Techny Arborvitae
- Service Berry
- Black Cherry
- Nanking Cherry
- Redosier Dogwood
- Common Purple Lilac
- Crimson King Maple
- Rubrum Maple
- Silver Maple
- Sugar Maple
- Pin Oak
- Red Oak
- Swamp White Oak
- American Plum
- White Pine
- Red Pine
- Black Hills Spruce
- Colorado Spruce
- Norway Spruce
- White Spruce
- Common Ninebark
- American Linden
- Cleveland Select Pear
- Purple fountain grass
- Purple Plum
- Flowering Crab Apple
- Yoshino Cherry
- Eastern Red Buds
- Prairie Fire Crab Apple

Community Gardens

The IPRD has raised garden plots available for rent. The raised gardens are located behind Lion's Field on the north half of the Community Orchard. Rent will be for one season with yearly rental rights to those whom rented the prior year. We currently have 6 plots available with the ability to build more. All rentals come with access to water and compost area.

Cost: \$15.00 2017 growing season

RULES:

- Garden must be planted by June 1, 2016
- Keep trash picked up
- Pick only your crops unless permission is granted by other renters
- If your plot becomes unkempt you will be given a one week notice to clean up, after that time it may be tilled in
- You are responsible for locking water and may not give access to anyone that does not have a plot
- No fertilizers, insecticides, or weed repellants that will in any way affect other plots
- All composting material will be placed in appropriate spot
- Tall crops will not be planted to shade other plots
- All vine crops will be kept within the garden plot
- All crops will be removed and site cleaned up at the end of the season

A rental agreement with waiver must be signed prior to the plot being assigned to the renter. All rental agreements are available at the Falcon Civic Center during normal business hours.



The Perennial Divide Program

The Perennial Divide Program began in 2016. Each year the IPRD will accept all types of perennial plants from community members during the spring and fall, when you may be dividing or changing the landscapes of your home or business. All varieties of plants are welcome, including perennial flowers, bulbs, ground covers, ornamental grasses and shrubs. NO donations is too small!! The Independence Parks System is vast and this program helps with beautification and enhancement of public land through the donation of perennial plants that may otherwise be taken to the compost dump. The Community Greenhouse will serve as the base for this program. Please contact Bob @ 319-334-6711 with any questions.

RULES:

- **Drop off plants in the Community Greenhouse anytime**
- **All plants should be labeled or identified when dropped off**
- **Plants will be potted to grow in the greenhouse or may be planted immediately depending on several conditions**

We also accept donations of all pots. Pots may be dropped off at:

**The Community Greenhouse
1305 5th Avenue NE
Independence, Iowa 50644**

(located to the west of the FCC)



OUTDOOR PARKS PROGRAMS

Community Orchard

The City of Independence Parks Department took barren park land and transformed it into our **Community Orchard**. After more than three years in the planning and clean-up phases, we began the planting phase in 2010, thus far planting more than 180 fruit bearing trees and 300 fruit bearing bushes. In 2015, we added rentable Community Gardens as part of the Community Orchard.

Funding/ Project Partners: Community Orchard has been funded, in part, by a grant from the Mid American Energy Trees Please! Program, the George Hood Estate, and the IPRD.

Project Costs since 2009: \$5335.00

Funding Breakdown:

Mid American Energy	\$2,782.00
George Hood Estate	\$748.00
IPRD	\$105.00
Wal-Mart	\$50.00

Cost Breakdown:

Tree Costs	\$4930.00
Equipment	\$405.00

PROJECT AT A GLANCE:

Location: South and West of Lion’s Field along the Wapsipinicon River

Time Frame:

- 2008- Planning and clean-up
- 2009- Clean-up and Orchard layout
- 2010– Phase I- Planted 39 trees/ 100 bushes
- 2011– Phase II- Planted 43 trees/ 125 bushes
- 2012– Phase III- Planted 22 trees/ 10 bushes
- 2013– Phase IV- Planted 17 trees/ 7 bushes
- 2014– Phase V- Planted 25 Trees/ 10 bushes
- 2015– Phase VI- Planted 16 Trees/ 10 bushes
- 2016– Phase VII– Planted 18 trees/ 39 bushes

Size & Scope: To produce a fun family orientated activity within the City of Independence by planting a variety of fruit bearing trees for future harvest by community members. To further facilitate the picking and promoting a family environment all of the trees being planted are the semi dwarf variety with an expected height of 9-12 feet.

Varieties Planted: Black Chokeberry, Blackberry bushes, Raspberry bushes, Honey Crisp Apple trees, Jonathan Apple trees, Mesabi Cherry trees, Summer Crisp Pear trees, McKay Peach trees, Luscious Pear trees, Nanking Cherry bushes, Mount Royal Plum trees, McIntosh Apple trees, Sweet Sixteen Apple trees, Contender Peach trees, Apricot trees, Bailey Hardy Peach trees, Wolf River Apple trees, Montgomery Cherry trees, Reliance Peach trees



All of the fruit from the trees and bushes in the Community Orchard is available for the public to pick and eat.
 (Please be patient for optimal ripeness!!)
ENJOY!!

The crops grown in the raised Community Gardens are NOT for public picking. These gardens are rented and the crops are property of the renters. Please respect that.
 Thank you.

Many Ways to Support the IPRD...

For more information about SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, please contact IPRD @ 319-334-6711.

IPRD 2018 Activities Guide

The IPRD would like to invite area businesses to place an advertisement/ coupon in our 2018 Activities Guide to All Things Parks & Rec. Advertisements run in three sizes ranging in price from \$50.00- \$125.00.

Ball Fields- Outfield Banner

1st Year Cost: \$225.00 (includes sign/design costs)
Additional Year: \$100.00
Size: 4' x 6'
Placement: Complex or Orchard Park

Little League Team Sponsor

Cost: \$100.00 per team
Leagues Available: T-Ball, Coach-Pitch, Minors, Majors

River'sEDGE Walking Track Logo

1st Year Cost: \$75.00 (includes sign/ design costs)
Additional Year: \$50.00
Size: 18" x 30"
Placement: River'sEDGE Walking Track

River'sEDGE Batting Cage Sponsor

One Time Cost: \$500.00 for the life of the pad (Includes name on donor board and logo on the batting cage pad)
Size: 3' x 4'
Placement: River'sEDGE Batting Cage

River'sEDGE or FCC Television Sponsor

One Time Cost: varies according to size of TV (includes sign/design costs)
Size: 12" x 12"
Placement: River'sEDGE or FCC

River Walk Parks Disc Golf Sponsorship

One Time Cost: \$250.00 per hole
Cost includes: Sponsorship sign, concrete pad, hole description
Placement: River Walk Parks, Independence

Independence Aquatic Center

One Time Cost: \$500.00 for name acknowledgement
Placement: Independence Aquatic Center



If you have additional sponsorship ideas or suggestions to help support the IPRD that you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact the Independence Parks & Recreation Director @ 319-334-6711 or email bobiprd@indytel.com

Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome and appreciated.

Thank You



Youth Activities Registration Form

Make checks payable: Independence Parks & Rec. (A minimum \$5.00 late fee will be charged to all registrations received after the deadline)
At this time; we are unable to accept credit or debit cards for payment.

Parent Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____ Emergency _____

YES, I would like to be a volunteer coach. (My Name: _____ Name of Child I would like to coach: _____)

NO, I will not be able to coach or help with any of the programs I just listed below.

Participant Name

Last Name	First Name	M/F	Age	Grade	Activity Name	T-Shirt Size	Fees
						Yth or Adult / S M L	
						Yth or Adult / S M L	
						Yth or Adult / S M L	
						Yth or Adult / S M L	

Office Only: Date Received _____ Staff Initial _____ Total Paid _____

* Please circle above Youth or Adult (Youth or Adult Sizes) and also circle S, M, or L (Small, Medium or Large) for each child.

Please only fill in Email Address if you would like the latest IPRD information sent to you via email: _____

WAIVER FOR PARTICIPANT: I agree to assume full responsibility for any risk implicit or direct by participating in any activity for facility. The City of Independence does not provide individual, team, or group accident insurance for participants in Parks & Recreation activities. The individual mentioned above has my permission to participate. I also give permission for any photos of participants taken during the program to be used for future Department promotional materials.

Name _____ Date _____

Swimming Pool Activities Registration Form

Make checks payable to: Independence Parks & Recreation
We only accept Swimming Lessons & Swim Team registrations on this form!!

Adult Name Last _____ First _____ Initial _____

Address _____ Apt. # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone #'s Home _____ Cell _____ Emergency _____

Email _____

Participant Name

Last Name	First Name	M/F	Swimming Lessons Session/Time/Level	Age	Fees

Office Only: Date Rcvd _____ Staff Initial _____ Total Paid _____

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