

Independence Parks & Recreation Department



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2016 Activities Brochure

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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 programs. On behalf of the Parks & Recreation Department **THANK YOU** for making our parks and youth programs 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!

Independence City Council

Mayor: Bonita Davis
City Manager: Al Roder
City Clerk: Jeena Lynch
City Council Members



Don Brown	Dustin Dallenbach	
Austin Grover	Robert Hill	
Jon Holland	Mike Lenius	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.

City of Independence Quick Reference Phone Numbers

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY	CALL 911		
City Hall	319-334-2780	Falcon Civic Center	319-334-2606
Independence Parks & Rec.	319-334-6711	Streets Department	319-334-4210
Waste Water	319-334-3750	Fire Department	319-334-3404
Independence Light & Power	319-332-0100	Police Department	319-334-2520
Independence Public Library	319-334-2470	Independence Airport	319-334-4000
Independence Swimming Pool	319-334-7464	Chamber of Commerce	319-334-7178
River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness	319-332-1525	RV Park Campground	319-440-0472

Parks & Recreation Department Staff

Bob Beatty, Parks & Recreation Director
15 years of Service

Chris Anderson, Parks Superintendent
38 years of Service

Angie Kiler, Program & Aquatics Coordinator
18 years of Service

Brian Gipper, Maintenance
4 years of Service

Jared Zebuhr, River'sEDGE Manager
1 year of Service

Judy Harris, Secretary
7 years of Service



The Independence Parks & Recreation Staff is dedicated to provide the best programming and amenities to this community. Our office is located at the Falcon Civic Center (1305 5th Ave NE, Independence 50644) and our phone number is 319-334-6711.

City of Independence Website

<http://www.independeinceia.com>

Facebook Pages



The Independence Parks & Recreation Department has a Facebook Page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/indeeparksandrec> or log in to Facebook and search **Independence Parks & Recreation Department**.

The River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness has a Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/riversedgesportfitness or log in to Facebook and search **River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness**.

We would love for you to like us and invite your friends and family to like us as well. We use this social media to relay information about upcoming programs, classes and leagues, post pictures of progress going on in the Parks & Recreation Department and at River'sEDGE as well as pictures of people participating in the programs we offer, cancellations and postponement information and we share information from other groups within the City of Independence on our page as well.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee



Burt VanHorn **Bill Lake**
Bill Versluis **Carol Kieler**
The Independence Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee holds monthly meetings on the Wednesdays following the first

City Council Meeting of the month. All meetings are open to the public and are held at 5pm in the small meeting room at the Falcon Civic Center or the Dugout Room at River'sEDGE. If you would like to address the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee or become involved with this Committee, please call the Parks & Recreation Director @ 319-334-6711 by Thursdays before each meeting to be placed on the agenda.

On behalf of the Independence Parks & Recreation Department, we would like to take this opportunity to THANK YOU for taking the time to look through our 2016 Activities Brochure. We are continuously working to provide and improve the variety of facilities, programs, leagues, classes, clinics, and special events we offer to the youth and adults in this community and the surrounding. 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



Photo Release

Please note that photographs may be taken during program activities and special events which may be used for future promotional materials including the City website and/or the Independence Parks & Recreation Department Facebook page. We will happily to accept pictures of people participating in the programs, leagues, classes and events we offer. If you have pictures you would like to share, please email angieiprd@indytel.com. FYI... We schedule a professional photographer to take Little League pictures only.



Mission Statement

<http://www.independenceia.com>

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.



Director's Message

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 fifteen years, we have seen vast improvement throughout our Park system. The Parks Department has added or replaced six playgrounds, added eleven new shelters including a band shell, added three sand volleyball courts, forty-five new benches, seventy new picnic tables, and Orchard Field (the 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 Avenue Trail, Triangle Park Trail, the trail leading to the Complex road and paving parts of Liberty Trail in 2014. The Department has acquired or developed five new parks (30 acres) including River Walk Parks, RV Park, Skate Park, Triangle Park, Knott's Landing, and three other FEMA buyout properties. River'sEDGE continues to serve the community through programming, classes, and services.

This last year we added a nine hole disc golf course to River Walk Parks, field 2 dugout, backstop, and fencing replacement at the Complex, and the addition of the greenhouse (through a grant) to aid in the beautification of the overall parks system. The Aquatic Center took a huge step forward to a May of 2017 opening.

The rapid expansion of the Parks and 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 the New Aquatic Center. We want to include everyone in making Independence a great place to live.

Thank you for your support,

Bob Beatty, Director



Philosophy of Programming

1. The sports programs offered by the Independence Parks & Recreation Department for children under the age of 8 years old are focused on basic fundamentals and sport specific skill development. Participants will be taught the basic skills for the sport; however skills challenges and/ or games 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 welcome and encouraged to participate in these programs with their children. If you have any questions about our children's sports programs, please feel free to contact the Independence Parks & Recreation Program Coordinator by calling 319-334-6711 or via email at angieiprd@indytel.com.
2. Our sports programs for youth in 3rd & 4th grades begins to move towards a more competitive level of play. All Parks & Recreation Programs will above all 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!!*** If you are interested in becoming a volunteer coach, please contact the Independence Parks & Recreation Department at 319-334-6711 or via email bobiprd@indytel.com.
3. 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. At this level some teams will begin to play WaMaC conference schools and towns throughout NE Iowa.

Expectations of Volunteer Coaches

The Independence Parks & Recreation Department is extremely fortunate to have such an overwhelming number of good volunteer coaches for the leagues and programs we offer.

The following is a list of expectations we have for all of the volunteers we have coaching the youth within this Department:

1. **Be a Positive Role Model** for the participants, parents, spectators and officials.
2. Teach age appropriate basic fundamentals and skills of the sport to the kids you are coaching.
3. Conduct 2 productive practices per week prior to their 1st games of the season.
4. Conduct 1 productive practice per week once the game season has begun and through the remainder of the season.
5. Promote and demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
6. Promote fairness regardless of individual skill or experience.

Code of Conduct

All participants are EXPECTED to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times while participating, watching, or attending any program or activity sponsored and/or run by the Independence Parks & Recreation Department.

We will:

- **Show respect to all other participants, coaches, officials, program staff and supervisors.**
- **Take direction from program staff, coaches, and supervisors.**
- **Refrain from using abusive and/or foul language.**
- **Refrain from causing bodily harm to self, others, or staff and supervisors.**
- **Refrain from damaging equipment, supplies, and facilities.**
- **Always practice and exhibit GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.**





Join In & Become Involved Today...

We NEED You... To Become a Volunteer Coach

The success of many of our programs is due to our amazing volunteer coaches. If you would like to make a special and positive impact on our youth, please contact our office at 319-334-6711. For your convenience, you may also mark "YES, I WILL COACH" on your child's registration form. All of our programs rely to some extent on volunteer coaches and we do our best to find the volunteer coaches for the programs we offer. Despite our best efforts, there may be some times we are unable to fill these positions, at those times parents may be asked to assist with filling those vacancies.



Your HELP is INVALUABLE!!!

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

- Donate empty pots and containers for the greenhouse
- Volunteer to plant, weed, mulch and water new trees and bushes in the parks
- Help wrap gifts and shop with the children at the "Just for Kids" Holiday Store
- Donate wrapping supplies and/or baked goods to the "Just for Kids" Holiday Store
- Volunteer to help with the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick and/or the Scotts Pitch, Hit and Run Competitions
- Volunteer to help at the Independence Swim Team's Home Swim Meets
- Adopt a landscape/ flowerbed within the parks system and maintain it thru the year
- Pick up trash and/or fallen branches in the city parks



Paid Employment Opportunities

The Independence Parks & Recreation Department is looking for people who like to work with children and adults in recreational type settings. We have a variety of part-time/ seasonal positions open throughout the year. All of the following positions are paid positions:



- Parks Maintenance/ Mowing/ Trimming
- Landscape Maintenance
- Complex & Field Maintenance
- Lifeguards/ Swim Lesson Instructors
- Water Aerobic Instructors
- Officials for Football/ Basketball/ Baseball & Softball
- Falcon Civic Center Front Desk Receptionists
- River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness Facility Supervisor/ Manager
- River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness Front Desk Receptionists
- Youth Program Supervisors
- Program and Class Instructors (Fitness and Recreation)
- Concessions Workers

Thank you for all you do!!!!

On behalf of the Independence Parks & Recreation Dept, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the following employees: Ed Miller, Lucas Corbett, and Bonnie Schoenfield who have been dedicated and valuable employees with this department for 5+ years.

The Independence Parks & Recreation Dept. 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 Avenue NE
Independence, Iowa 50644**



Where we advertise

The Independence Parks & Recreation Department advertises upcoming programs, leagues, classes, and special events in the following mediums:

- On the City of Independence website at <http://www.independenceia.com>
- Daily Updates posted on the Independence Parks & Recreation Department's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/#!/indeeparksandrec
- Updates on River'sEDGE Facebook page: www.facebook.com/riversedgesportfitness
- Informational/ Promotional fliers distributed in the Independence Community Schools and occasionally in surrounding school districts
- Fliers and general information is available at the Falcon Civic Center located at 1305 5th Avenue NE, Independence
- Independence Light & Power, Telecommunications Community Events Calendar on cable channel 9
- "Park It Here" weekly informational column in the Independence Bulletin Journal Newspaper
- Special Events are run on Smith D & L's electronic sign (located on Main Street, Independence)
- Independence Parks & Recreation Department Monthly Recreation Newsletter
- Via email at angieiprd@indytel.com (write your email address on your registration form or email the Program Coordinator at the above email address and the Independence Parks & Recreation Monthly Newsletter will be sent directly to your computer)
- Fitness Classes and Special Events are posted on the Independence Chamber of Commerce Website: www.indycommerce.com
- This entire 2016 Independence Parks & Recreation Activities Brochure in PDF form is on the NEW City of Independence website: www.independenceia.com



Registration is EASY!!!

Coming Soon... Register on the city website @ www.independenceia.com

DROP OFF COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM

Drop off the completed registration form (located on the back of this brochure) with payment to the Falcon Civic Center. The Falcon Civic Center is located at 1305 5th Avenue NE, Independence.

Please Note: Some of the programs/ special events require parents to fill out additional registration forms due to our occasional affiliation with other organizations.

MAIL-IN COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM

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.

Our mailing address is: Falcon Civic Center
1305 5th Avenue NE
Independence, Iowa 50644

Registrations for most of the programs, leagues, and classes offered through the Independence Parks & Recreation Department are accepted at the Falcon Civic Center.

For your convenience, all registrations for programs held at River'sEDGE will be accepted at River'sEDGE ONLY!!

PLEASE NOTE:

This brochure is divided by facilities and programs are listed according to the facilities where they are held. For example: All the baseball/ softball league information is in the Complex Section of this brochure because that is where those games are played.



Registration Information

<http://www.independenceia.com>

All Fees Due in Full at Time of Registration

We accept cash or check only. Please make checks payable to: Independence Parks & Recreation Dept. A minimum fee of \$5 per participant may be charge to all program/ class fees paid after the last registration deadline posted. All program/ class registrations are accepted at the Falcon Civic Center and/or River'sEDGE.

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 7:30-3:30pm and will take at least one business day to process. **Please Note: Financial Assistance is not available for Private Swimming Lessons or any adult programs we offer.**

Refund Policy

Option 1: Refunds will be given to anyone who cancels from a program, league, class, or activity prior to the start date; however a minimum \$5 processing fee will be charged. NO refunds 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 Department.

Program Changes

The Independence Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to modify, postpone, or cancel programs, classes, leagues, and special events we offer due to weather conditions, equipment malfunction, lack of enrollment, and/or other foreseen and unforeseen circumstances.

Americans w/ Disabilities Act (ADA)

If you require special assistance to participate in our programs or to use



Weather Related Cancellation Info.

our facilities, please call the Falcon Civic Center @319-334-2606.

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 contact coaches by 3:00pm on the day of the program when activities are cancelled. Coaches are then responsible for contacting each of their players. Please wait to be called. **Please Note: It is our policy that if school is cancelled 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 is open then all adult programs will run.**

Outdoor Swimming Pool Closing Due to In-Climate Weather:

Pool Closure information including swimming lessons cancellations will be posted on the front door of the Pool's guard house, recorded as a message on the Pool's answering machine @ 319-334-7464, posted on Facebook, on the city website <http://www.independenceia.com>, and available by calling the Falcon Civic Center @ 319-334-2606.

T-Shirt/ Jersey Information

- Youth X-Small
 - 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!!**

Falcon Civic Center Facility Description/Hours & Fees

The Falcon Civic Center is a valuable asset to the Independence community. The building alone offers: a women’s locker room & a men’s locker room, a 15 person dry sauna, 2 racquetball courts, weight room with; cardio equipment, weight machines and free weights, a gym with 6 hoops, 2 meeting rooms, a kitchen and more! This facility is also available to rent for special events.

FCC Hours of Operation

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

<u>Holiday Hours</u>	
January 1st (New Year’s Day)	Closed
May 30th (Memorial Day)	Closed
July 4th (Independence Day)	Closed
September 5th (Labor Day)	Closed
November 24th (Thanksgiving)	Closed
November 25th	10am– 8pm
December 24th (Christmas Eve)	Closed
December 25th (Christmas)	Closed

Falcon Civic Center Usage Fees

All Falcon Civic Center Memberships include usage of the weight room, gym, sauna, locker room, shower facilities, foosball, and pool tables. **In order to receive the 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

Contact Information

Mailing Address: Falcon Civic Center
1305 5th Avenue NE
Independence, Iowa 50644

Phone: 319-334-2606 or 319-334-6711
Fax: 319-334-2148
Email: Park s & Recreation Director
bobiprd@indytel.com
Program & Aquatics Coordinator
angieiprd@indytel.com



Falcon Civic Center Information

Supervision

Unfortunately, the Falcon Civic Center is NOT staffed to provide individual child supervision at this time. Please do not drop young children off and leave them unattended. 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, due to debris being brought in from the outside. Thank you for your cooperation.

SAUNA Usage

You must be at least 18 years of age to use the sauna at the Falcon Civic Center. 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 Independence Parks & Recreation 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.
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 Falcon Civic Center, please inquire at the front desk. For the use of the locker, the lessee agrees to pay the Falcon Civic Center the sum of \$5.00 quarterly (3 months) or \$17.50 for 1 year. The lessee shall furnish the lock in which to deem their property locked against theft. The locker room rental form is available at the front desk at the Falcon Civic Center.



NO SMOKING

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 the Falcon Civic Center.

Gift Certificates

Gift Certificates to use at the Independence Swimming Pool, Falcon Civic Center, and River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness are available in any amount and are a great idea for holidays or birthdays. 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 Falcon Civic Center during normal business hours. River'sEDGE gift certificates may be purchased at River'sEDGE.

Visit us @

<http://www.independenceia.com/>

GYM Usage

Our 5,625 sq. foot gym is typically open whenever the Falcon Civic Center 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. We do post when the gym will be closed on the calendar at the front desk as well as in the monthly Recreation Newsletter and on Facebook. If you would like to receive the most up-to-date notice of days the gym is closed to the public, please feel free to call the Falcon Civic Center at 319-334-2606 prior to coming out. Thank you!



The Falcon Civic Center provides a variety of options for those looking for a room to rent for family gatherings, birthday parties, retirement parties, business meetings, and much more.

We have 8' long tables, round tables, and folding chairs available to use. Our kitchen is also available for you to keep food and drink on hand for your event. Call the

Falcon Civic Center at 319-334-2606

Monday- Friday between 8am- 4pm to

book your rental. Falcon Civic Center

Rentals may ONLY be scheduled during normal operating hours. *In order to receive the Non-Profit Rental Rates, you*

must be a registered non-profit organization; for example: churches, schools, city government, booster clubs, etc...



Birthday Party Rentals

The Falcon Civic Center Gym is available for you to rent for birthday parties!! Sports equipment is available upon request from the front desk. The sports equipment we have available includes: foam soccer balls, orange cones to mark goals, junior sized basketballs, whiffle ball and bat with bases, foam footballs, and a kickball. Two designated basketball hoops may be lowered for small children to play basketball on. Party goers may also bring roller skates/ rollerblades in for skating. *Due to safety concerns; skating is not to be intermixed with other activities, i.e. basketball, football, etc...* 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 Falcon Civic Center 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

Gymnasium

	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.



Call the Falcon Civic Center at 319-334-2606 between 8:30-4:00pm to book your rental. If you call before or after the hours listed above, NO PROBLEM... just leave your name and a daytime phone number you can be reached at and we would be happy to call you back.





Programs held at the Falcon Civic Center

Indoor Kickers 4 & 5 year old Soccer

This indoor soccer program is open to girls and boys 4 or 5 years old. This is a great opportunity for the kids to get up and do some running around this winter. Due to limited gym space, there is a maximum class limit of 20 participants per session. The cost is \$16 per session which includes a t-shirt for your child to keep. Registration will be taken at the Falcon Civic Center through Thursday, January 14th at the Falcon Civic Center.

Session 1: Meets 1/14-2/4 on Thursdays from 5:15-6pm in the Falcon Civic Center Gym

Session 2: Meets 1/14-2/4 on Thursdays from 6:15-7pm in the Falcon Civic Center Gym

Indoor Kickball for 1st & 2nd graders

Kickball is defined as a children's 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, it is an opportunity to play kickball. The cost is \$12 per child, we need a minimum of 10 kids and will take a maximum of 20 kids. Register at the Falcon Civic Center prior to the 1st day, registration will close once the maximum is reached. Don't wait until the last minute to register for this program- Space is Limited & it fills quickly!

Meets 2/4- 2/25 on Thursdays from 4:15-5pm in the Falcon Civic Center Gym

Youth Wiffleball

This program is designed specifically for boys and girls 4-6 years old to have fun while learning and playing the game of wiffleball (indoor t-ball). It is also a wonderful opportunity for the children to get up and moving around as well as increase their excitement about the upcoming summer t-ball season. Due to limited gym space, there is a maximum class limit of 20 participants per session offered. The cost is \$16 per child includes a t-shirt for your child to keep. Registration accepted at the Falcon Civic Center and payment is due in full at the time of registration. The registration deadline for this program is Thursday, March 3rd.

Session 1: Meets 3/3- 3/24 on Thursdays from 5:15-6pm in the Falcon Civic Center Gym

Session 2: Meets 3/3- 3/24 on Thursdays from 6:15-7pm in the Falcon Civic Center Gym

Itty Bitty Kindergarten Basketball

This instructional program is open to all girls and boys in Kindergarten who would like to learn the proper techniques used in the game of basketball. The children will work on proper shooting, dribbling, passing, jump stops, pivots, and lay-ups all with the instruction from the Independence High School Coaching Staff & Volunteers. The fee is \$25 per child which includes a 27" rubber basketball for your child to keep. The registration deadline for this program is Tuesday, October 25th with payment due in full at the time of registration. This is the 1st day of the program and we will not accept any registrations after October 25th. Parent Volunteers are encouraged to assist with this program. Come out on the floor with your child if you would like to help.



Dates: This program runs 10/25- 11/15 on Tuesdays @ 5:15 and will last 45minutes- 1 hour each Tuesday at the Falcon Civic Center Gym

Mini Dribblers 1st Grade Basketball

This youth basketball program is open to all boys and girls in the 1st grade. We will continue to focus on the proper techniques involved in the game of basketball. The children will improve their shooting, passing, jump stops, pump fakes, pivots, and lay-ups through repetition. The Independence High School Basketball Coaching Staff & Volunteers will be the instructors for this program. A variety of skills challenges may be incorporated into this program.

The cost is \$25 per child for 4 one hour group sessions, this fee includes a 27" rubber basketball for your child to keep. The registration deadline is Thursday, October 27th with payment due in full at the time of registration.

Please Note: Thursday, October 27th is the 1st night of the program and we will not accept any registrations after that date. Parent Volunteers are encouraged to assist with this program. Come out on the floor with your child if you would like to help.

Dates: This program runs 10/27-11/17 on Thursdays from 5-6pm at the Falcon Civic Center Gym



Big Shooters 2nd Grade Basketball

All girls and boys in the 2nd grade may participate in this youth basketball program. The Independence High School Basketball Coaching Staff &



Volunteers will continue to teach the children all aspects of the game as well as begin to combine those various aspects. Aspects include shooting, passing, defense, dribbling, and lay-ups. A variety of skills challenges will be incorporated throughout this program. The cost for this program is \$25 per child for 4 one hour group sessions, this fee includes a 27" rubber basketball for your child to keep. All registrations are accepted at the Falcon Civic Center. The registration deadline is Thursday, October 27th with payment due in full at the time of registration. **Please Note:** Thursday, October 27th is the 1st night of the program and we will not accept any registrations after that date.

Dates: This program runs 10/27-11/17 on Thursdays from 6:15-7:15pm at the Falcon Civic Center Gym

3rd & 4th Grade Girls Basketball

The Independence Parks & Recreation Department is offering youth basketball leagues for girls in 3rd or 4th grade. Players will be divided into teams of combined 3rd & 4th grade girls. Our goal is for teams to play 5-on5 games through the season, depending on our numbers of participants, we may look at playing 4on4 games as a possibility. The fee for this league is \$35 per child. **VOLUNTEER COACHES are NEEDED.** If interested in coaching, contact the Independence Parks & Recreation Department @ 319-334-6711 or email angieiprd@indytel.com The registration deadline for this program is Monday, October 24th. 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 girls will begin around 11am.

League: 3rd & 4th Grade Girls will play games from 11/12-12/17 on Saturdays at the Falcon Civic Center Gym or West Elementary Gym

3rd & 4th Grade Boys Basketball

The Independence Parks & Recreation Department is offering youth basketball leagues for boys in 3rd & 4th grade. Players will be divided into teams of



combined 3rd & 4th graders. Teams will be scheduled to play 5-on5 games. The fee for this league is \$35 per child. **VOLUNTEER COACHES are NEEDED.** If interested in coaching, contact the Independence Parks & Recreation Department @ 319-334-6711 or email angieiprd@indytel.com

The registration deadline for this program is Monday, October 24th. 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.

League: 3rd & 4th Grade Boys will play games from 11/12-12/17 on Saturdays at the Falcon Civic Center Gym or West Elementary Gym

If you would like to become a Youth Basketball League Supervisor, basketball official, or a basketball scorekeeper; please contact the Independence Parks & Recreation Department @ 319-334-6711 or email angieiprd@indytel.com.

Open Wallyball & Racquetball

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 are available:

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

AM Adult Step Aerobics

Janet Buls is the instructor for this Step Aerobics Class which is offered year round in the gym at the Falcon Civic Center. Class meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings from 5:45-6:45am and is open to women and men of all skill levels. Always consult your physician before beginning any exercise activity. Register at the Falcon Civic Center. Payment Options Available:

	Members	Non-Members
Daily	\$2.50	\$3.00
Monthly	\$22.50	\$28.00



A variety of adult fitness classes are offered throughout the year at the Falcon Civic Center; including but not limited to: Beginning Step, High Intensity Interval Training, Tai Chi, Power & Core Express, and Boot Camp. Our goal is to come up with a fitness calendar for the entire year. Once that is accomplished, we will release it to the public via social media (Facebook), 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.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Weight Loss Challenge

The IPRD is Challenging you... to lose weight with us!! Grab a partner and register at the Falcon Civic Center. The cost is \$5 per person (\$10 per team of 2 people). Initial weigh-in for the 45 Day Weight Loss Challenge is Monday, 1/11 or Tuesday, 1/12 and final weigh-in is Wednesday, 2/24 or Thursday, 2/25. Everyone must weigh in at the Falcon Civic Center between 6am-9pm. Partners do not need to weigh in at the same time. Cash Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams who have lost the largest percentage of combined weight. We are offering an optional membership for Non-members of the Falcon Civic Center for the duration of the program: \$25 per person. We are also offering an unlimited walking pass for the Falcon Civic Center and River'sEDGE for \$15 per person for the duration of the program.



Fall Craft & Vendor Show



Our **Fall Craft & Vendor Show** will be held on **Saturday, October 15 from 9am-3pm at the Falcon Civic Center.**

Admission is FREE and home-made concessions will be sold. Everyone is Welcome to attend! The fee for a booth 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. Reminder to Falcon Civic Center Patrons: We will set-up for the Fall Craft & Vendor Show on Friday, October 14. Only the weight room will be open to public use on Friday, October 14 & Saturday, October 15. If interested in a booth space, please contact Angie at 319-334-2606 or email angieiprd@indytel.com.

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.

"Just for Kids" Holiday Store

Join us at the **Falcon Civic Center on Saturday, December 10th, 2016 from 10am- 1pm for our 19th Annual "Just for Kids" Holiday Store.** We have set

aside this day for children of all ages to get their holiday shopping done. Crafters will be on hand to sell small items for between \$.50- \$5.00 to the children. Parents should have a list ready and a little money in their pockets. Volunteers may be available to assist the children with shopping. All gifts will be wrapped or gift bagged by our special volunteer wrappers and ready to be taken home and placed under the tree. FREE holiday snacks and goodies will be available (while supplies last) for adults and children to enjoy while they are at the "store". Hey Kids!!! Santa and Mrs. Claus will be here too! Don't forget to say "Hi"! 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; such as empty boxes of all shapes and sizes, wrapping paper, tissue paper, gift bags, tape, ribbons, bows and gift tags, and/or donate baked items. Please contact Angie at 319-334-2606 if you would like to join in the holiday spirit by volunteering or donating. Thank you all & Happy Holidays!!!
Reminder to FCC Patrons: We will set-up for the "Just for Kids" Holiday Store on Friday, December 9. Only the weight room will be open to public use on Friday, Dec. 9 & Saturday, Dec. 10. 3rd & 4th Grade Basketball Games will be played at West Gym on Saturday, Dec. 10th due to the Holiday Store at the FCC.



River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness

is located at 206 2nd Ave SW, Independence

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 valuable tool for a community this size and 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, fooseball 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.



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River'sEDGE HOURS: 319-332-1525

(Hours may vary slightly month to month)

Monday- Friday	3:30pm- 9pm
Saturday	11am- 5pm
Sunday	12pm- 5pm
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

River'sEDGE Room Rentals

Call 319-332-1525 to Reserve

The **River'sEDGE DUGOUT Room**- smaller room available to rent for birthday parties, pre-wedding parties, small meetings, etc... is located in the SE corner of River'sEDGE. Max Capacity



is 40 people w/ tables and chairs & 70 people for assembly. Rental Rates: \$25 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, etc.)

The **River'sEDGE MULTI-PURPOSE Room**-

large 3,300 sq ft room with restrooms, own entrance, televisions, DVD, and alcohol is available to be sold. This room is available to rent for small wedding receptions, re-unions, graduations, large meetings, graduation parties, etc... It is located on the south end of River'sEDGE. Max Capacity is 200 people w/ tables and chairs/ 300 people for assembly. This room costs \$200 to rent per day and alcohol is available, brought in and served by the IPRD staff.



If you or your business would like to donate to River'sEDGE or have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Independence Parks & Recreation Director, Bob Beatty, at 319-334-6711 or email bobiprd@indytel.com. Thank you!

River'sEDGE Rental Fees:

Phone: 319-332-1525

Batting Cage	1/2 hour	\$2.00 (includes balls and protective equipment)
	1 hour	\$3.00 (includes balls and protective equipment)
Batting Cage w/ machine	1/2 hour	\$4.00 (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 (must bring own clubs)	1/2 hour	\$2.00 (includes 4 doz. practice balls)
	1 hour	\$3.00 (includes 4 doz. practice balls)
Golf Simulator (must bring own clubs)	Per Hour	\$8.00 (plus \$5.00 per additional person)

Pitching Machine Choices:

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

Cage 2: Batting Tutor Softball (top load, auto pitch, softball only)

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

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

Additional 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), rhino skin dodge balls

FCC Classes/ Events & River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness

Register at River'sEDGE for all programs/ events offered at River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness!



Programs at River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness

Main's Peak Performance TaeKwonDo

Main's Peak Performance TaeKwonDo is offering classes in the River'sEDGE Multi-Purpose Room (entrance door on the SW end of River'sEDGE) on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evenings from 4:45-6pm. Additional classes offered on Fridays during tournament season. Tim Main is a Black Belt in TaeKwonDo and has been teaching TKD for 30+ years in the Independence area. TKD offers conditioning, self-defense, and each individual a great opportunity to promote self-discipline and self-esteem. The program that we offer teaches children nurturing and self-confidence. We also strive to involve students with a sense of community service. The cost is \$30 per month for 1 child, \$50 per month for 2 children, and \$70 per month for 3 children from the same family. 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.

Friday Night Bags Tournaments

2 Person Friday Night Bags Tournaments are offered at River'sEDGE on the following Friday nights: 1/8, 1/22 (Fire Dept. Fundraiser), 2/5, 2/19, 3/4 (Aquatics Center Fundraiser), & 3/18 (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 \$10 per 2 person team. Start time is 6:00pm at River'sEDGE. This is a double elimination tournament (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 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 3/18. Teams will officiate their own game and Have Fun!! \$2 cans sold & we hope to see you there!!!



Tumbling for Tots

This class is offered at River'sEDGE located at 206 2nd Ave SW, Independence in the 3,300 sq ft Multi-Purpose room. The instructor will introduce children 2-6 years old to tumbling. The goal of this class will be to increase large motor skills, balance, coordination, and agility. Several tumbling skills will be taught in accordance with age and experience. Children should wear comfortable clothing and parents are welcome to stay and watch the class. The cost is \$16 per child per month and classes are offered throughout the year. This class meets on Thursdays beginning at 5pm. Registrations will be accepted on a 1st come/1st serve basis and registrations will not be accepted without full payment in hand. The instructor, Becki Davis, 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. For your convenience, you may register at either the Falcon Civic Center or River'sEDGE during regular business hours. Our instructor for this class is Becki Davis and she may be reached by calling 319-610-1551.

Davis Gymnastic Classes Becki Davis also runs Davis Gymnastics at River'sEDGE on Thursdays. Please call her at 319-610-1551 for all the details.

Just For Kix Dance Classes

Just For Kix is an established dance program offering a respectful, friendly training experience. Dance Classes offered for Pre-school thru High School ages.

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Ballet Class to come...

Why dance at Just For Kix?

- Proven dance technique with a teamwork focus
- A perfect balance of fun and learning
- Quality at an economical price
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Classes are held at River'sEDGE Dugout Room located in the SE corner of River'sEDGE. (enter in the main door of River'sEDGE for this class) on Mondays from 4-9pm. To join the Independence Just For Kix email: independence_ia@justforkix or call Liz Opitz @ 712-223-0388. Learn more about Just For Kix by visiting: JustForKix.com/danceclasses



3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Dodge Ball

Games will be played every meeting for fun competition. Teams will continually change throughout this program. 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 provide the rhino skin foam dodge balls and space. This program is open to 3rd-5th grade boys and girls. The cost is \$12 per child. 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.

Session 1: Meets 2/2-2/23 on Tuesdays from 4:15-4:45pm at River'sEDGE (206 2nd Ave SW, Indee)

2nd, 3rd & 4th grade Baseball Spring Training Camp

The Independence Parks & Recreation Staff is offering a Spring Training Camp for all Independence Boys currently in 2nd, 3rd or 4th grades. Stations will be set-up to be used to improve basic baseball technique (i.e. live hitting (in the cages, soft toss, and tees), pitching/ catching, fielding). Session will meet at River'sEDGE located at 206 2nd Ave SW in Independence on Tuesdays from March 29- April 19 from 3:45-4:45pm. All participants must be picked up from the River'sEDGE at 4:45pm. This is a 4 week training camp that meets once per week for one hour each of the 4 dates. The cost for this Spring Training Camp is \$30 per individual and that fee will include a coupon for 1 free batting cage rental at River'sEDGE. There is a maximum of 20 participants for this camp. Register at River'sEDGE.

2nd/3rd/4th Grade Session: Meets 3/29-4/18 on Tuesdays from 3:45-4:45pm at River'sEDGE

Boys 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th grade Hitting Clinics taught by Mark Torgerson: Session 1 begins 1/18 & Session 2 begins 1/21.

Watch for information on special events such as: camps, clinics, leagues, demo days, and tournaments offered at River'sEDGE on the IPRD & River'sEDGE Facebook pages, monthly IPRD Recreation Newsletter, ILP&T Community Event Channel, the Independence Bulletin Journal, in the schools, and on the City of Independence website @

<http://www.independenceia.com/>

Independence Swimming Pool

The Independence Swimming Pool is an outdoor 330,000 gallon rectangular heated pool with 2 diving boards. We also have a waterslide and a separate zero depth baby pool with a water feature. The Independence Swimming Pool is located at 609 5th St SE in Independence, Iowa.

**Thank you Independence!!!
We will have a NEW Independence
Swimming Pool in the Summer of 2017!!!**

Donate

Over 5 years for the

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Assist to reach the goal with your

Tax deductible donations to

Enrich or community.

Find pledge forms at:

- IndeePoolDonations @gmail.com
- <http://www.independenceia.com>
- BankIowa & Security State Bank & the FCC

Summer Employment Opportunities!

We are accepting applications for certified lifeguards for the 2016 Pool Season. If you are a certified lifeguard and are seeking summer employment, please contact the Independence Parks & Recreation Director, Bob Beatty, at 319-334-6711 or email bobiprd@indytel.com. Applications are available at the Falcon Civic Center. The City of Independence is an equal opportunity employer. *If you would like to become a certified lifeguard, please contact the American Red Cross, Grant Wood Area Chapter at 319-393-3500 or visit their website at www.redcross.org/ia/cedar-rapids*

**2016 Independence Outdoor
Swimming Pool Season**

Saturday, May 28th- Sunday, August 21st

In order to jump off of the diving board during open swim at the pool, you must be able to demonstrate the ability to swim across and back in the 10 foot using the proper American Crawl Stroke technique. In order to go down the slide without a parent, you must be 48" tall.



Swimming

<http://www.independenceia.com>

Pool Hours of Operation

Season: May 28– August 21, 2016

Monday– Friday

Adult Lap 11am– 12pm
 Open Swim 12pm– 6pm
 Adult Lap 6-7:30pm
 Family Hour 6:30-7:30pm

Saturday & Sunday

Adult Lap 11am– 12pm
 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
 Lap Swim \$1.00

NO REFUNDS, EVEN IF THE POOL CLOSES EARLY!!

Season Pool Passes

Purchase pool passes at the Falcon Civic Center from Friday, April 1– Friday, May 27 and at the Pool as of May 28, 2016

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

Family Season Pool Pass Requirements:

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

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR: Bob Beatty
AQUATICS CORDINATOR: Angie Kiler

Pool Address: Independence Swimming Pool
609 5th St SE
Independence, Iowa 50644

Phone Number: 319-334-7464
Pool Manager & Assistant Manager will be determined once the summer pool employees have been hired.

Outdoor Swimming Pool Closing

Pool Closure Information may be obtained by calling the Pool @ 319-334-7464 or the Falcon Civic Center @ 319-334-2606. Information will also be posted on the NEW City of Independence website <http://www.independenceia.com> and the Independence Parks & Recreation Department Facebook page.

Pool Closure Policies – The swimming pool may close early for any one or more of the following reasons:

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

Please ask us about our financial assistance options we have available.

Swimming Pool Rental Info...

Make that special day even more special with a **POOL PARTY** at the Independence Outdoor Swimming Pool!!! It is a great idea for birthday parties, team parties, family gatherings, church groups, or other special celebrations. The Independence Swimming Pool may be rented from 7:30-9pm Monday-Friday or from 6-7:30pm Saturday-Sunday. Call the Aquatics Coordinator at 319-334-6711 (September- May) or the Independence Swimming Pool Manager at 319-334-7464 (May-August) to schedule your **POOL PARTY!!** *Please Note:* All pool parties need to be booked 2 weeks in advance, so the appropriate amount of lifeguards may be scheduled. NO Pool Rentals may be made after Sunday, August 14, 2016. **ALCOHOL IS NOT ALLOWED AT POOL PARTIES.**

Number in Attendance

	Fee (main pool only)	Fee (main pool & slide)
1-50 people	\$75	\$100
51-100 people	\$85	\$110
101-150 people	\$95	\$120
151-200 people	\$105	\$130

Parent and Child Aquatics

The age group for the American Red Cross Parent and Child Aquatics offered through the Independence Swimming Pool is 24 months– 36 months old and requires parent/ adult accompaniment in the water. Parent and Child Aquatics helps young children get ready to swim by emphasizing fun in the water. Parents and children participate in several guided practice sessions that help children learn elementary skills, including water entry, bubble blowing, front kicking, back floating, underwater exploration and more. Classes meet 8 times on Monday–Thursday at 6-6:30pm and the cost is \$20 per child. Make-ups will be held on Fridays if necessary. Class size is limited to 6 children and 6 parents per session. Once a child can perform basic skills without parental assistance, they may begin the Preschool Aquatics.

Level 1: Children learn the basics through fun activities, such as blowing bubbles and playing with water toys.

Level 2: Parents work with their children to practice floating, kicking, and swimming back to the side of the pool.

Session/Level	Dates	Days	Time
1/PC1a or PC1b	6/13-6/23	M-TH	6-6:30pm
2/PC2a or PC2b	6/27-7/7	M-TH	6-6:30pm

Make-up Dates:

Session 1: Fridays 6/17 & 6/24

Session 2: Fridays 7/1 & 7/8

Swim Lesson Cancellation Info.

Swim Lessons cancellations will be posted on the front door of the pool's guard house, recorded on the Swimming Pool's answering machine @ 319-334-7464, and available by calling the Falcon Civic Center @ 319-334-6711.



In case of questionable weather, please call the Pool or Falcon Civic Center before you make the trip in.

All children registered in swimming 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.

Preschool Aquatics

The American Red Cross Preschool Aquatics swim lessons are open to children 4 and 5 years of age. Children learn water safety, survival skills, and foundational swimming concepts in a safe and fun environment. Skills are age appropriate, allowing students to achieve success on a regular basis. In this course the children are grouped according to skill levels. Parents are not allowed in the water during class time, however they may sit near the class for the child's comfort and security. Classes will meet for 8 times on Monday- Thursday from 6-6:30pm and the fee is \$23 per child. Make-ups will be held on Fridays if necessary. Class size is limited to 8 children per session and per level.

Level 1: Helps children become comfortable in water and basic water safety

Level 2: Builds on Level 1 and introduces fundamental skills, such as kicking

Level 3: Focuses on coordinating arm and leg movements and improving upon skills learned in Levels 1 and 2

Session/Level	Dates	Days	Time
1/L1, L2, L3	6/6-6/16	M-TH	6-6:30pm
<i>Make-Up Dates: Fridays 6/10 & 6/17</i>			
2/L1, L2, L3	6/20-6/30	M-TH	6-6:30pm
<i>Make-Up Dates: Fridays 6/24 & 7/1</i>			
3/L1, L2, L3	7/5-7/15	M-TH	6-6:30pm
<i>Make-Up Date: Fridays 7/8 & 7/15</i>			

Swim Lesson Classes 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 Friday, 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 swimming pool.





Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Lessons

The American Red Cross 6-level Learn-to-Swim program is unlike anything offered by other swim programs. The program is designed for children over 6 years all the way up to adults. Students progress through the levels at their own pace, mastering the skills in one level before advancing to the next. Each level of Learn-to-Swim includes training in basic water safety and helping others in an emergency, in addition to stroke development. These lessons are designed to give students a positive learning experience. Classes meet Monday- Thursday, 8:45am, 9:30am, or 10:15am for 45 minutes each. Make-ups will be on Fridays if necessary. The cost for these lessons is \$26 per child. Class size is limited to 8 children per session/ per level. Registration for all swim lessons must be done at the Falcon Civic Center.



Level 1: Introduction to water skills: helps students feel comfortable in the water and enjoy the water safely.

Level 2: Fundamental Aquatics Skills: gives students success with fundamental skills

Level 3: Stroke Development: builds on the skills in Level 2 by providing additional guided practice.

Level 4: Stroke Improvement: develops confidence in the strokes learned and to improve other aquatics skills

Level 5: Stroke Refinement: provides further coordination and refinement of strokes

Level 6: Swimming and Skill Proficiency: refines the strokes so students swim them with ease, efficiency, power and smoothness over greater distances. Level 6 is designed with "menu" options. Each of these options focus on preparing students to participate in more advanced courses, such as Water Safety Instructor and Lifeguard Training. These options include: Personal Water Safety, Lifeguard Readiness, Fundamentals of Diving, and Fitness Swimming.

Private Swim Lessons

Private Swim Lessons are available for those children and adults who prefer a 1-on-1 teaching situation. Ten half hour lessons are scheduled by the instructor at the convenience of the instructor and the student. Registration for all private swim lessons must be done at the Falcon Civic Center. The fee for Private Swim Lessons is \$65.00. We will accept a maximum of 150 total privates, any registrations for privates over 150 will be put on a waiting list and added pending approval from the Independence Swimming Pool Manager. If you would like to request a specific instructor for your child's private swim lessons, please write the lifeguard's name on your child's registration form. Please Note: Your child will NOT be registered for Private Swim Lessons until payment has been made in full at the Falcon Civic Center. There is NO discount available for Private Swim Lessons.



Adult Lap Swim

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. We offer two times throughout the day for adults to enjoy the pool with other adults. Adult Lap is Monday-Friday from 11-12pm and 6-7:30pm as well as Saturday-Sunday from 11-12pm. The cost is \$1 per person per time without a pool pass or free with a pool pass.

Water Aerobics

Swimmers and non-swimmers benefit from this water fitness class that improves circulation, strength, and flexibility without the impact of land aerobics. Class will meet at the Independence Swimming Pool at various times July-August. Exact class dates, times, and fees for this fitness class will be determined by the lifeguard instructors this summer. Participants must be at least 16 years of age and must sign an activity waiver form in order to participate. Registration will be accepted at the Independence Swimming Pool.

Session:

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Time:	8:45am	9:30am	10:15am	8:45am	9:30am	10:15am
Dates:	6/6-6/16	6/6-6/16	6/6-6/16	6/20-6/30	6/20-6/30	6/20-6/30
Make-Ups:	Session 1: Fridays 6/10 & 6/17			Session 2: Fridays 6/24 & 7/1		
Level 1:	Lv11	Lv12	Lv13	Lv14	Lv15	Lv16
Level 2:	Lv21	Lv22	Lv23	Lv24	Lv25	Lv26
Level 3:	Lv31	Lv32	Lv33	Lv34	Lv35	Lv36
Level 4:	Lv41	Lv42	Lv43	Lv44	Lv45	Lv46
Level 5:	Lv51	Lv52	Lv53	Lv54	Lv55	Lv56
Level 6:	Lv61	Lv62	Lv63	Lv64	Lv65	Lv66

Independence Swim Team

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 2016. All swimming abilities may participate, however all interested swim team participants must be able to swim 25 yards 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. This program NEEDS help from parents and other volunteers in order to run successfully each year. If you would like to become a swim team official/ judge or volunteer to help with Independence Swim Team, please contact Angie or Bob @ 319-334-6711 or email angieiprd@indytel.com. All registrations for Swim Team will be accepted at the Falcon Civic Center beginning on Friday, April 1st, 2016. An annual Swim Team meeting will be scheduled by our 2016 Swim Team Coaches in late May. The exact time, date and time of this meeting will be announced and information mailed out to past participants in early May. **The fee to participate in Swim Team is \$35 payable to the IPRD + a fee due and payable to Iowa Swimming Incorporated (ISI).**

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. Features include **Lion's Field**, which is home to our 6th & 7th grade baseball teams. Lion's Field has seen improvements over the past few years, including: new dug-outs, new backstop, concrete bleacher pad, a bike rack, a mobile concessions stand, and garage for field maintenance tools. **Orchard Little League Field** is also 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 (recently re-done Fall 2015), and soft toss nets. Orchard Park is home to the **Community Orchard** and our rentable **Community Gardens**.



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 fall, come out and see what has been done!!!





Leagues at the Baseball/ Softball Complex

Coed T-Ball League

In this league, the boys and girls who will turn 4 years old by April 15th, 2016 and those girls and boys who will enter Kindergarten in the 2016-17 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 9" Easton Incredi-ball off of the tee. Having fun will be emphasized! Practice times and locations are set by our volunteer coaches, they typically begin practices 2 weeks prior to their first game and continue through the season. Games are played on painted t-ball fields located in the outfield grass at the Independence Baseball/ Softball Complex. The cost is \$25 per child and that fee will include a team shirt for your child to keep. Register at the Falcon Civic Center by Friday, April 15th and payment is due in full at the time you register. ***We will not make any exceptions to the age requirement for this league.***



Season: Games will run from 5/20– 6/24 played on Fridays from 5:15-6pm at the Independence Baseball/ Softball Complex

Girls Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Coach-Pitch League

In this league, the GIRLS who are **currently** in Kindergarten and 1st grade (**2015-16 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. The girls will be using an 11" Easton Incredi-ball in this league. Practice times and locations will be arranged by our volunteer coaches. Practices typically begin 2 weeks prior to their first game and continue through the season. All games are played on the ball fields at the Independence Baseball/ Softball Complex. The cost is \$28 per girl and that fee will include a team shirt for your child to keep. Register at the Falcon Civic Center by Friday, April 15th and payment is due at the time of registration.



Season: Games will run from 5/20– 6/24 played on Fridays from 6pm and later at the Independence Baseball/ Softball Complex

Boys Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Coach-Pitch League

In this league, the Boys who are **currently** in Kindergarten and 1st grade (**2015-16 school year**) are eligible to play in this league. The boys will be pitched to by the volunteer coaches in this league. Coaches will work on proper fielding, throwing, catching and hitting technique. The boys will be using a 9" Easton Incredi-ball in this league. Practice times and locations will be arranged by our volunteer coaches. Practices typically begin 2 weeks prior to the 1st game and continue through the season. Games are played on the ball fields at the Independence Baseball/ Softball Complex. The cost is \$28 per boy and that fee includes a team shirt for your child to keep. Register at the Falcon Civic Center by Friday, April 15th and payment is due in full at the time of registration.



Season: Games will run from 5/20– 6/24 played on Fridays from 6pm and later at the Independence Baseball/ Softball Complex

Girls 2nd & 3rd Grade MINORS League

This league is open to all girls **currently** in 2nd and 3rd grade (**2015-16 school year**). Coaches will work on proper positioning, fielding techniques, hitting, throwing, and catching with the girls. The girls participating in this league will be hitting 12" JUGS Softee machine pitch softballs off of the pitching machine set at approximately 35 mph and at a distance of 40ft from home plate. One umpire will be scheduled to call the game and feed the pitching machine. Practice times and locations will be arranged by the volunteer coaches with practices typically beginning 2 weeks prior to the 1st game and continuing through the season. The cost is \$35 per girl and that fee includes a team shirt and visor for your child to keep. Register at the Falcon Civic Center by Friday, April 15th, and payment is due in full at the time of registration.



Season: Games will run from 5/16-6/22 (make-ups may be played during the last week of June) played on Mondays and Wednesdays after 5pm at the Independence Baseball/ Softball Complex.

Register your child according to the grade they are CURRENTLY in, this 2015-16 school year.

Boys 2nd & 3rd Grade MINORS League

This league is open to all boys **currently** in 2nd and 3rd grade **(2015-16 school year)**. The boys participating in this league will be hitting 9" JUGS Pearl machine pitch baseballs off



the pitching machine set at approximately 35mph and at a distance of 40ft from home plate. Live pitching may be introduced as the season progresses. One umpire will be scheduled per game to call the game and feed the pitching machine. Coaches will continue to work on proper technique within the game of baseball. Practice times and locations will be arranged and scheduled by the volunteer coaches. Practices typically begin 2 weeks prior to the first game and will continue through the season. The cost is \$35 per boy and that fee includes a team shirt and a team baseball cap for your child to keep. Register at the Falcon Civic Center by Friday, April 15th and payment is due in full at the time of registration.

Season: Games will run from 5/17-6/23 played on Tuesdays and Thursdays after 5pm at the Independence Baseball/ Softball Complex.

**IPRD LITTLE LEAGUE DEADLINE:
Friday, April 15th!!!**

Girls 4th/5th/6th Grade MAJORS League



In this league, all girls **currently** in 4th, 5th and 6th grade **(2015-16 school year)** are eligible to play. The girls in this league will pitch regulation 12" yellow

softballs to each other. Overall enhancement and improvement in the skills used in the game of softball will be the focus. Practice times and locations will be scheduled and arranged by the volunteer coaches. Practices typically begin 2 weeks prior to the first scheduled game and will continue through the season. The cost is \$40 per girl, the fee includes a team shirts w/ a number on the back and a visor for your child to keep. Register at the Falcon Civic Center by Friday, April 15th and payment is due in full at time of registration.

Season: Games will run from 5/16-6/22 played on Mondays and Wednesdays after 5pm at the Independence Baseball/ Softball Complex and Orchard Field (if needed).

Boys 4th/5th/6th Grade MAJORS League

This league is open to all boys **currently** in 4th, 5th & 6th grade **(2015-16 school year)**.



The boys participating in this league will pitch regulation 9" seamed baseballs. Coaches will work with the boys on enhancement and improvement of skills involved in the game of baseball. Practice times and locations will be arranged and scheduled by our volunteer coaches. Practices typically begin 2 weeks prior to the first game and will continue through the season. The cost is \$40 per boy and that fee includes a team shirt w/ number and a team baseball cap for your child to keep. Register at the Falcon Civic Center by Friday, April 15th and payment is due in full at the time of registration.

Season: Games will run from 5/17-6/23 played on Tuesdays and Thursdays after 5pm at the Independence Baseball/ Softball Complex and Orchard Field (if needed).

IPRD Little League Valuable Information:

- Volunteer Coaches are NEEDED for all of our T-Ball, Coach-Pitch, Minors and Majors Leagues, if you are interested in becoming a volunteer coach, please contact the Independence Parks & Recreation Department @ 319-334-6711 or email angieiprd@indytel.com or mark "Yes" on your child's registration form.
- Register by the April 15th Deadline!! The Independence Parks & Recreation Department has the final say on which team your child will be placed on if you register them after the April 15th Deadline.
- As we strive to ensure fairness throughout the leagues we offer, any registration brought in 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 signed up in the time frame we have allotted. Early sign-up is a MUST!!!
- We would like to restrict the requests to only those absolutely necessary in an effort to make the Little League Teams as balanced as possible and provide competitive leagues that are fun for all the kids involved.



Youth Summer Travel Baseball/ Softball Leagues

River'sEDGE 5th Grade Travel Baseball

We are offering a travel baseball league for boys currently in 5th grade **(2015-16 school year)**. All boys must be registered and play IPRD Boys Majors League in order to **TRY-OUT** for this travel team.



This league plays a shortened schedule typically playing games prior to and again after the Boys Majors season. Due to the low amount of games, typically we run on a 12 player roster. Cost is \$65 and registration fee includes a River'sEDGE jersey and hat. 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.

River'sEDGE 6th Grade Travel Baseball



We are offering a travel baseball league for boys **currently** in 6th grade **(2015-16 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 will begin late April and end in July. Games will be played on weekday nights and weekends within the Iowa Baseball League and the PONY League. The fee is \$75 per boy, this fee includes a River'sEDGE baseball jersey w/ number and baseball cap. 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.

River'sEDGE 7th Grade Travel Baseball

We are offering a travel baseball league for boys **currently** in 7th grade **(2015-16 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. The fee is \$75 per boy, this includes a River'sEDGE baseball jersey w/ number and baseball cap. 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 8th at the Falcon Civic Center. Payment is due in full at the time of registration.



River'sEDGE 6th Grade Travel Softball

We are offering a travel softball league for girls currently in 6th grade **(2015-16 school year)**. Girls who participate in this competitive travel softball league will be sponsored by **River'sEDGE**. Games will begin mid May and end in July. Games will be played on weekday nights and weekends. The fee is \$75 per girl, this includes a River'sEDGE sleeveless softball jersey w/ number and matching visor. Girls will play games throughout NE Iowa and 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 8th at the Falcon Civic Center. Payment is due in full at the time of registration.



7th Grade Travel Softball



In conjunction with Independence Community Schools, we are offering a competitive travel team to girls **currently** in 7th grade **(2015-16 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. This team will predominately play games weekday mornings vs. WAMAC and other school sponsored teams beginning in June. The fee is \$65 per girl, this includes an Independence Mustang jersey w/ number and matching visor. The registration deadline is May 6th at the Falcon Civic Center. Payment is due in full at the time of registration.

Volunteer Coaches are NEEDED for these TEAMS!!!

If interested, please contact Bob @ 319-334-6711 or via email at bobiprd@indytel.com

For Your Information... A variety of baseball/ softball related clinics, camps, 1-on-1 instruction, leagues, and demo days are offered at River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness in December– April.

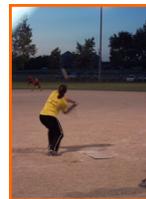
These include, but are not limited to: **Softball Pitching Clinics, Baseball Hitting Clinics** taught by Mark Torgerson: Session 1 begins 1/18 & Session 2 begins 1/21, **Baseball Pitching Clinics** taught by Coach Travis Walker (Independence Mustangs Baseball) on January 31st from 5:15-6:45pm. Register at River'sEDGE.

Watch for information on all of these special events on the IPRD & River'sEDGE Facebook pages, monthly IPRD Recreation Newsletter, ILP&T Community Event Channel, the Independence Bulletin Journal, in the schools, and on the City of Independence website @ <http://www.independenceia.com/>

Information may also be obtained by calling River'sEDGE @ 319-332-1525.

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 5 men and 5 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 and not currently participating in a high school sport. The women will hit a 12" yellow softball and men will hit a 14" softball in this league. Balls will be provided by the Independence Parks & Recreation Department. 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 6th. **NO METAL SPIKES ARE ALLOWED TO BE WORN IN THIS LEAGUE!!** Please Note: Days, times and dates of this league are subject to change at the discretion of the Independence Parks & Recreation Department. **League: Begins on 7/13, games played on Wednesday evenings after 6pm at the Independence Baseball/ Softball Complex**



PitchHit&Run presented by SCOTTS



Area youth are invited to compete in our local PitchHit&Run presented by SCOTTS Competition. All boys and girls between the ages of 7-14 years old (Age determined as of July 2016) 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 grassroots 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.

7-14 yr olds: Event is 4/30 on Saturday at 9am at the Independence Baseball/ Softball Complex

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

Registration Deadlines are set by the Independence Parks & Recreation Staff in order to insure proper time to order and receive equipment, advertise, and determine the amount of interest in order to run it. 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 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 and not currently participating in a high school sport. 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 Monday, August 22nd.



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

Adult & Youth Tournaments

If you have a team and are looking to organize/ host a kickball, softball, baseball, flag football, or big ball tournament... we have the facility for you!!! Please contact 319-334-6711 or email bobiprd@indytel.com.



Youth Flag Football Leagues held at the Baseball/ Softball Complex



The Independence Parks & Recreation Department with Tim Reed State Farm Insurance will host the local competition for the **2016 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, 2016). This competition is FREE to all participants. Participants may register and compete in only one local competition. **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 10th at 9:00am on Lyle Leinbaugh Field, Home of the Independence Mustangs.



1st & 2nd Grade Flag Football

This program is offered to all boys and girls in 1st and 2nd grade. 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. Coaches are allowed on the field and coaches will referee their own games. The fee for this program is \$25 per child for 5 games + team practices through the season. This fee also includes a team shirt for your child to wear to games. Register at the Falcon Civic Center by Thursday, September 1st and payment is due in full at the time of registration. Volunteer Coaches are needed for this program, if interested, please contact 319-334-6711 or email angieiprd@indytel.com.

League: Games will be played on Thursday evenings beginning at 5:30pm at the Independence Baseball/ Softball Complex and the season will run September 15th– October 13th.



Volunteer Coaches are NEEDED for these Flag Football Teams!!

If interested, please contact Angie or Bob @ 319-334-6711 or via email at

bobiprd@indytel.com
angieiprd@indytel.com

3rd & 4th Grade Flag Football

The 3rd & 4th Grade Flag Football 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 onto teams and assigned volunteer coaches. This Flag Football League will play games for 6 weeks with games played on Saturday mornings. The fee for this program is \$37.00 per participant which includes a football team shirt for your child to keep. The registration deadline is Thursday, September 1st, shirt size, parental signature and full payment is due at the time of registration. Practices are arranged by the volunteer coaches and the coaches will contact the players about practice times, dates and locations.



Dates: Games will be played on Saturday Mornings (Times will be determined once we know the number of teams we will have) from September 17– October 22nd at the Independence 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.



5th & 6th Grade FLAG Football

We offering a flag football league to the 5th & 6th graders this year. This league is open to those children who are currently in 5th or 6th grade and 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 at the Independence Baseball/ Softball Complex. The cost to participate is \$37 per participant which includes a team shirt for your child to keep. The Registration Deadline is September 1st at the Falcon Civic Center and parental signature, shirt size, and full payment is due at the time of registration. 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.* **VOLUNTEER COACHES are NEEDED** to coach the teams in this league. If interested, please contact the Independence Parks & Recreation Department @ 319-334-6711 or email bobiprd@indytel.com
Dates: Games will run 9/17-10/22 on Saturday mornings at the Independence Baseball/ Softball Complex

Volunteer Flag Football Coaches are NEEDED!!
PAID Football Referee Positions are available!!
Call 319-334-6711 if you are interested or would like more information.
Thank you

Watch for information on Youth Tackle Football for 5th & 6th graders, offered through the Youth Sports Foundation, in early February. Information will be distributed from the YSF not from the Independence Parks & Recreation Department

Independence Mustang YSF 5th & 6th Grade TACKLE Football Program

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 person 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/IndeeYSFfootball to stay up to date on their information.



Photo Release

Please note that photographs may be taken during program activities and special events which may be used for current & future promotional materials including on the City website and/or the Independence Parks & Recreation Department & River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness Facebook pages. We will happily to accept pictures of people participating in the programs, leagues, classes and events we offer. If you have pictures you would like to share, please email angieiprd@indytel.com.
FYI... We schedule a professional photographer to take Little League pictures only.

The Independence Parks & Recreation 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.



CITY PARKS

The Independence Parks & Recreation Department is responsible for the upkeep of 21 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 with lighted walkway, 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 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, 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, 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 access, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, benches allow for a relaxing setting.



**Help STOP Vandalism!!!
PLEASE call the Independence
Police Department @
319-334-2520 and
REPORT VANDALISM!!!**





City Parks w/ Amenities

<http://www.independenceia.com>

City Parks	Backstop	Ball Diamonds	Band Shell	Basketball Court	Batting Cage	Boat Access	Disc Golf	Fishing Access	Orchard	Grill	Horseshoes	Outdoor Pool	Park Benches	Picnic Tables	Playground	Restroom	RV/ Tent Camping	Sand Volleyball	Shelters	Shelter Electricity	Showers	Sidewalks/Trails	Tennis Court		
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City Parks w/ Amenities & Map





City Park Addresses & Park Improvements

City Park Addresses

Name of Park	Park Address
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. Outdoor Swimming Pool	609 5th St 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)

Numbers correspond to the numbers on page 31.

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
5. Falcon Civic Center	1305 5th Avenue NE (on the map)



Park Improvements...

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
[Visit us @ www.independenceia.com/](http://www.independenceia.com/)
- 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 Lions
- Added a 3rd bags court at River'sEDGE



2014 Improvements



- Opened River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness
- Paved Liberty Trail 2nd Street to 7th Street 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 Dugout 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



2013 Improvements

- Added electricity to band-shell block shelters, IL&P
- Added fishing structure to Triangle Pond, IPRD Staff
- 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





Park Improvements & RV Campground

2012 Improvements

- Built the home and visitor dugouts on Orchard Field, IPRD Employees
- New outfield fence installed on Orchard Field, D&N Fencing
- Built the visitors dugout on Lion's Field, Donated by Ron Hearn In Memory of Don & Ruth Hearn, IPRD Employees
- Refurbished bleacher set on Orchard Field, Buchanan County Fair Grounds, IPRD Employees
- Seeded Orchard Field outfield, Independence Community School District, IPRD Employees
- Completed Phase 1 of the baseball field backstop extension, D&N Fencing
- Completed Phase 1 of the Field 3 backstop extension, D & N Fencing
- Phase 1 Field 3 bleacher pad poured, City of Independence, Street Department Employees
- Epoxy painted Complex restroom floors, IPRD Employees
- Added washed rock chips to concessions area, IPRD Employees
- Extended grass east of Field 2, IPRD Employees
- Planted 275 trees and 70 shrubs for the Branching Out and Community Re-Leaf programs, Mid American Energy, George R. Hood Estate
- Added information display case at the RV Park, Hotel/ Motel Tax Funding
- Repaired roof of River'sEDGE building, Hotel/ Motel Tax Funding
- Added gutter to west side of RV Park Shower House, City of Independence
- Added one memorial bench to Bathing Beach Park, IPRD Employees
- Added 2 memorial benches to Triangle Park, IPRD Employees
- Leveled and seeded east half of band shell block, IPRD Employees, Tom Crawford, Burco Farms, Scott Excavating
- Added one memorial bench to Veteran's Park, IPRD Employees
- Added accessible chair lift to the swimming pool, IPRD Employees

RV Park & 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 Falcon Civic Center at 319-334-2606 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 facilities, picnic shelter with electricity, concrete walking/ biking trail, a 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 Independence Outdoor Swimming Pool, River Access, 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	\$95	\$285
Senior (60 yrs[^])	\$18	\$90	\$275
50 AMP	\$21	\$102.50	\$300
Senior (60 yrs[^])	\$20	\$97.50	\$290
Tent Sites	\$7 per day- 4 consecutive day limit		

We look forward to having you stay with us:)



River Walk Band Shell Rentals

The River Walk Band Shell offers a beautiful setting for outdoor weddings 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 and reservations are handled by the Independence Parks & Recreation Director. He may be reached by calling the Falcon Civic Center @ 319-334-2606. Electricity and restrooms are accessible in the Community Band Shell.

Community Band Shell Rental Fees:

Fee Schedule	Non-Profit	Profit
Electricity per day	\$25.00	\$25.00
Restroom Usage per day	\$10.00	\$15.00
<u>Band Shell Rental</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>	<u>\$45.00</u>
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

Independence Park Shelter Rental Policies

All of our park shelters throughout Independence are open to the public and at this time, 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.



IPRD

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. The planting will be done in phases due to cost, with the initial goal being 100 or more trees making up the orchard. 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, Raspberry, Apple (Honey Crisp, Jonathan, McIntosh, Sweet 16), Cherry, Pear (Summer Crisp, Luscious), Peach, Plum and Apricot.

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 136 fruit bearing trees and 250 fruit bearing bushes. In 2015, we added rentable Community Gardens as part of the Community Orchard and we had 3 of our 6 available raised garden rented.

Funding: Community Orchard has been funded, in part, by a grant from Mid American Energy Trees Please! Program, the George Hood Estate, and the Parks & Recreation Department.

Project Costs since 2009: \$3,685.00

Funding Breakdown:

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

Cost Breakdown:

Tree Costs	\$3,580.00
Equipment	\$105.00

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/ 9 varieties
- 2011– Phase II- Planted 43 trees/ 125 bushes/ 11 varieties
- 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

Community Orchard Size & Scope Varieties Planted since 2010



Programs held in Parks/ **Community Betterment Projects**

Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championships



The Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championships are open to ALL GIRLS & BOYS between the ages of 7-14 years old. NEW in 2016, this event has expanded to include 7 & 8 year olds. 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, 2016. 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. **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** All 1st Place Finishers will qualify for the State Meet which will be held on Saturday, June 11th, 2016 in Marshalltown, Iowa. **7-14 yr olds: Event is 5/1 on Sunday at 1pm at the Independence High School All Weather Track**



THANKS!!!!

Thank you to Jenny Beatty for all of the wonderful pictures from the 2015 local LHIK Track Meet as well as the State Track Championships. We had 5 kids participate in the state meet. 1st Picture: 3 of the 4 members of the 1990 4x100M Relay State Qualifiers: Bob Beatty, Karl Kiler & Chad Beatty (Missing: Chris Hoover) standing behind their sons, the 2015 4x100M LHIK Track Championships 3rd Place Finishers: Drew Beatty, Chase Kiler, Jake & Josh Beatty

Fitness Classes in the Parks...

In the past, we have advertised a few fitness classes that were offered in the Independence City Parks, including a Boot Camp— Outdoors Class and a Stroller Moms Class. Our goal is to continue to offer outdoor fitness classes this summer. Once classes and instructors have been determined, informational fliers will be available at the Falcon Civic Center, on the Independence Parks & Recreation Department Facebook Page, River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness Facebook Page, in the Independence Bulletin Journal Newspaper, on the City of Independence website, and the Independence Chamber of Commerce Community Calendar. Information may also be obtained by calling 319-334-6711. Please let us know if you are an instructor and would like to teach a class in the park. Thank You!!

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 Parks & Recreation Department run facilities (Swimming Pool, Baseball/ Softball Complex, Falcon Civic Center, River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness, RV Campground, band shell or parks). However, please contact our office at 319-334-2606 concerning lost items, as many times they are turned in by others. Stolen items may be reported to the Independence Police Department.

Photo Release...

Please note that photographs may be taken during program activities and special events which may be used for current & future promotional materials including on the City of Independence website and/or the Independence Parks & Recreation Department & River'sEDGE Sport & Fitness Facebook pages, as well as in this brochure. We will happily to accept pictures of people participating in the programs, leagues, classes and events we offer. If you have pictures you would like to share, please email angieiprd@indytel.com or tag Independence Parks & Recreation Department on Facebook. **FYI... IPRD schedules a professional photographer to take Little League pictures only.**

Adopt-A-Park

In 2011, the Independence Parks & Recreation Department launched the Adopt-A-Park program to give individuals, businesses, and groups the credit they deserve for helping keep Independence Parks beautiful. The program serves as a way also to allow those same people the opportunity to help maintain landscape flowerbeds within the parks system. Currently the Department maintains 46 flower beds/ landscapes throughout the City and 13 of those are currently adopted.



1st Ward Park:

SW Corner Kelly's Heroes

4th Ward Park:

NE Corner Mike & Julie Lenius

SE Corner Mike & Julie Lenius

NW x2 Corners Mike & Julie Lenius

4th Ward Park:

SW Corner Jacobs Family

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

If you are interested in adopting one of the many landscape flowerbeds available, please contact the Independence Parks & Recreation Department at 319-334-6711, email

bobiprd@indytel.com or stop out to the Falcon

Civic Center to pick up an application. Thank you to all of the individuals, families, and groups that have already adopted landscapes and the time and effort you have put forth in helping your community. We greatly appreciate it!!!

Community Greenhouse

The greenhouse has been built and is located just west of the Falcon Civic Center. This greenhouse will allow the Parks Department to enhance the park system with planting in both spring and fall. It will give 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.

Branching Out Program

In an effort to make Independence a greener City to live, play, and grow the Independence Parks & Recreation Department began the Branching Out Program in the spring of 2008. 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 (placed in their permanent location). 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

Project Partners:

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

Location: City of Independence Park Areas

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

Time Frame: 2008-Present

Project Cost since 2008: \$5,256.00

Funding: Mid American Energy \$3,835.00

George Hood Estate \$645.00

Community Re-Leaf \$255.00

Parks & Recreation \$521.00

Cost Breakdown: Tree Costs- \$4,735.00

How can you help?

We need volunteers to help water trees within the Parks System (call 319-334-6711 to see if any trees have been planted in your area).





Community Betterment Projects

Community Gardens

In the spring of 2015, the Independence Parks & Recreation Department built raised garden plots which are available for rent. The raised gardens are located behind Lion's Field on the north half of the Community Orchard. Rent is 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. In 2015, 3 of 6 plots were rented. All rentals come with access to water and compost area.



Cost: \$15.00 2016 growing season

RULES:

- Garden must be planted by June 1, 2016
- Keep trash picked up
- Pick only your crops unless permission is granted
- If your plot becomes unkempt you will be given one week's notice to clean up, after that time it may be tilled in
- You are responsible for locking water and 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.

Community Re-Leaf Program

The Independence Parks & Recreation Department has launched this program as a way to get community members, organizations, and businesses involved in tree planting within the Independence Parks system. Through



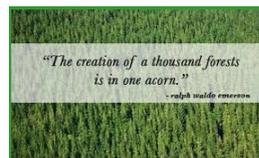
donations, the Community Re-Leaf program will plant trees to lower the carbon footprint and help make Independence a greener community. For each \$5.00 donation to the program, a tree will be planted in your name and mulched with a tree protector. The Independence Parks & Recreation Department will keep track of all of the donors and list them each year in this IPRD Activities Brochure. 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 2016 and planted in the spring of 2017. 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 Independence Parks & Recreation Director at 319-334-6711 or email bobiprd@indytel.com if you would like to become a donor. *When is the best time to plant a tree? 20 years ago... When is the 2nd best time to plant a tree? TODAY!!!*

COMMUNITY RE-LEAF YEAR over YEAR

Donor	Name of Recognition	# of Trees Supported
Danny & Sue Johnson	Kelly's Heroes	12
Bob Beatty	Bob & Jenny Beatty	12
Ethel Sperflage	Ethel Sperflage	5
Wapsi Warriors 4H Club	Wapsi Warriors 4H Club	4
Karl & Lori Kurt	The Kurt Family	8
Alysen Lange	Alysen Lange	4
The Arend Family	Jr. & Fran Wendling	2
Tom & Sharon Ciesielski	Jr. & Fran Wendling	2
Kate & Roger Barloon	Barloon Family	2
		<u>51 total trees</u>

WATCH FOR...

The Perennial Divide Program!!



More Information to Come...;)

Sponsorship Opportunities

<http://www.independenceia.com>

Independence Parks & Recreation Department Activities Brochure Sponsor

The Parks & Recreation Department would like to invite area businesses to place an advertisement/ coupon in our 2017 Activities Brochure. The Brochure appearance will continue that of a magazine format. There are three sizes to choose from ranging in price from \$50.00- \$125.00. There will be 800 copies of the Brochure distributed to various places in the community and to each child in the Independence/ St. John School District grades K-5. The deadline for advertisements is December 1st, 2016.

For more information, please contact the Independence Parks & Recreation Department @ 319-334-6711.

Complex Outfield Banner

1st Year Cost: \$225.00
(includes sign/design costs)

Additional Year: \$100.00

Size: 4' x 6'

Placement: Complex or Orchard Park

For more information, please contact the Independence Parks & Recreation Department @ 319-334-6711.



Little League Team Sponsor

Cost: \$100.00 per team

Leagues Available to Sponsor Team in are:
T-Ball/ Coach-Pitch/ Minors/ Majors/
River'sEDGE Travel Teams

For more information, please contact the Independence Parks & Recreation Department @ 319-334-6711



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

For more information, please contact the Independence Parks & Recreation Department @ 319-334-6711.



If you have additional sponsorship opportunities 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 are always welcome and appreciated.



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

For more information, please contact the Independence Parks & Recreation Department @ 319-334-6711.



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 Falcon Civic Center

For more information, please contact the Independence Parks & Recreation Department @ 319-334-6711.



River Walk Parks Disc Golf Sponsorship

One Time Cost: \$250.00 per hole

Cost includes: Sponsorship sign, concrete pad, hole description

Course to be completed in 2015

Placement: River Walk Parks, Independence

For more information, please contact the Independence Parks & Recreation Department @ 319-334-6711.



Independence Swimming Pool Donor Brick and/or Donor Wall (donation split over 5 years)

One Time Cost: \$500.00 for name on a donor brick
\$501.00 + for name on donor wall

Placement: Bricks and wall plaque to be added to the New Independence Swimming Pool in 2017

For more information, please contact the Independence Parks & Recreation Department @ 319-334-6711.



Independence Municipal Swimming Pool Project

Donate
Over 5 years for the
New swimming pool.
Assist to reach the goal with your
Tax deductible donations to
Enrich our community.



Committee Members:

Brad Kegler, Sue Johnson,
Heather Meador, Theresa Mueller,
Katie Perry, Shannon Lake,
Amy Marlow, Norma Gates,
Gina Homan, Danny Johnson,
Nate Whited, Heidi Shannon,
Tricia Beatty, Ben Lange,
Amanda Coonrad, Angie Kiler,
Bob Beatty

Sponsorship/ Pledge Form below:



Dive In, Make a Splash!!

Donor Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Acknowledgement Information

Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgements: _____

Pledge/ Donation Information

Type: Monetary In-Kind (see below)

I (we) pledge to donate a total of \$ _____ to be paid as follows:

- Now, thank you for your donation \$ _____ Monthly, for _____ months.
- \$ _____ Quarterly, for _____ quarters.
- \$ _____ Yearly, for a maximum of 5 years.

Payment Method: cash check financial instrument other, describe _____

* Anticipated payment start date: _____

Our gift will be matched by (company/ family/ foundation) _____

For In-kind donations, please describe _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

- I (we) wish to have our gift remain anonymous
- I (we) wish to be acknowledged publicly for our donation

Please make checks, corporate matches, or other gifts payable to: **City of Independence**

Memo: Pool Fund

Direct Donations may be sent to Banklowa, where an account has been established.

Banklowa
230 1st Street East
Independence, Iowa 50644



Independence Parks & Recreation Dept. Volunteer Recognition

Nothing is Stronger than the HEART of a Volunteer!!!

Hundreds of volunteers have given thousands of hours to help make the programs and 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. Thank you ALL once again!! The Independence Parks & Recreation Department would not be able to offer the programs and events we do without people like YOU!! Please know that your time, talents, efforts, and dedication is deeply and greatly appreciated.



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

2015 Volunteers

Danny Johnson****	Bill Hansen	Sara Sargent	Mark Toale
Karl Kiler*****	Jordan Payne	Adam Trumblee*	Josh Hinde
Jon Reeg*	Jason Penner**	Jason Kitner*	Melanie Bergman
Chase Kiler*	Jared Donnelly*	Tony Cahalan*	Robbie Rouse
Margie Nagl	Chad Ronnebaum	Matt Myers	Kevin Tudor
Drew Beatty	Josh Christian	Emily Myers	Carrie Hamilton
Marcus Beatty	Scott Clendenen	Paul Tilton	Charity Erdelt
Chad Beatty*****	Jake VanScoyoc	Terri Kayser	Michael Doyle
Jake Beatty	Andrew Bieber	Torie Bolender	Scott Kleve
Josh Beatty	Brian Bailey*	Jim Arnold	Robert Hearn
Mike Ridder***	Nate Kremer*	Josh Arnold	Brian Eddy*
Terry Weber***	Casey Mergen	Jill Johnson	Tim Homan
Jeff Rummel	Josh Troutman	Kari Kremer	Jenny Beatty
Madi Rummel	Ben Donnelly*	Matt Goldenstein	Julie Lenius
Dick Straw**	Jason Gonzalez**	Rachel Goldenstein*	Nikki Kitner
Jake Crawford	Tim Tudor	Steve Posey	Justin Beatty
Mason Wood	Barry Hoover***	Jenny Posey	Brad Kegler
Bob Beatty*****	Tim Reed State Farm	Jason Gleiter	Amy Marlow
Cassidy Martinson	Insurance Employees	Gabe Hepke	Theresa Mueller
Haylee Lau	Independence High School	Gina Homan*	Katie Perry
Albert Snyder	Silver Cord Students	Cheri Koth	Sue Johnson
Steve Cusher	Nicole Johnson	Leonard Schmidt	Ben Lange
Tristan Ludwig	Danielle Frank	Megan Brown	Norma Gates
Brittany Larsen	Rick Alber*	Shawn Brown	Tricia Beatty*
Zach Osborne*	Jon Carey*	Rick Wendling**	Heidi Shannon
Rick Wendling	Kerri Anton	Karla Kleve	Aaron Haas
Matthew Osborne	Adam Kuhse*	Cole Trimble	Karl Kurt
Jason Decker*	Jennifer Simmons	John Greiner	Todd Lamphier
Travis Schellhorn*	Katie Kuhse	Katie Bailey	Erik Bohlken
Bryan Palmer**	Jennifer Fisher	Emily Hookom*	Randy Toale
Dave Wilson***	Garry Anderson**	Wesley Hookom	Heather Meador
Woody Robinson***	Matt Fuelling*	Krista Birchard	Shannon Lake
Dan Wheelock*	Jeremy Wieland	Ashley Youngs	Nate Whited
Peyton Nolting	Mark McGarvey*	Samatha Birchard	Amanda Coonrad
Cody VanDerMolen**	Travis Ferris	Dawn Vargason	Nick Steger
Raymond Fish	Chelsey Hettinger	Troy Vargason	Spencer Pink
Brian Reidy*	Steve Preuss	Elmay Butters	Zach Harris
Ryan Decker*	Carrie Koch	Allison Anderson	Christian Harris
Matt Kremoges*	Lara Spece	Jodi Ridder	Cyrus Butters
Blake Johnson	Jennifer Stull	Mike Hamilton	Cliff Baldwin
Jerry Yearous	Heather Johnson	Angie Kiler	Sean Geertsema
	Scott Frye	Nikki Sidles	Paul Brown
	Kelly Post	Kevin Sidles*	Tyler Reeder

A Huge Thank you to ALL of our 2015 Little League Sponsors:

T-Ball Coed (10 Teams)

- Andy’s Barber Shop
- D&S Portables Inc.
- Jen’s Tiny Tots
- Tim Reed State Farm Insurance Agency
- Edward Jones
- Subway
- Greenley Development
- Puffett Chiropractic
- Independence Plumbing, Heating & Cooling Inc.
- Bill’s Pizza & Smokehouse

Girls Coach-Pitch (6 Teams)

- Signs & More, LLC
- Community Motor Co., Inc.
- Wilson Art Thru Photography
- Just for Kix
- Fusion Premier– Kari Kremer Broker/Manager
- RJS Welding

Boys Coach-Pitch (8 Teams)

- Fusion Premier– Kari Kremer Broker/ Manager
- Burco Sales
- Wendy J. Troutman, D.D.S.
- Franck Pride
- Pipestone Veterinary Clinic
- Re/Max Independence Realty
- Consolidated Energy Co.
- Tim Reed State Farm Insurance Agency

Girls Minors (8 Teams)

- Edward Jones
- Medical Associates of Independence
- Iowa Strength
- Tim Reed State Farm Insurance Agency
- Security State Bank
- 3 Teams sponsored by Jesup Community

Boys Minors (8 Teams)

- Fusion Premier– Kari Kremer Broker/ Manager
- Pinicon Ford Lincoln Inc.
- Spahn & Rose Lumber Co.
- Community Motor Co., Inc.
- Denton Castings Company, Inc.
- Banklowa
- 2 Team sponsored by Jesup Community

Girls Majors (7 Teams)

- Collins Construction
- Family First Chiropractic
- Independence Veterinary Clinic, Inc., Dr. Carrie Hamilton
- Larson Construction Co., Inc.
- Snow Engineering, Inc.
- 2 Teams sponsored by Jesup Community

Boys Majors (8 Teams)

- American Family Insurance– John Evers Agency
- Bachman Tool & Die Co.
- C&B Drywall
- Roberts & Eddy, P.C.
- Tim Reed State Farm Insurance Agency
- Consolidated Energy Co.
- 2 Teams sponsored by Jesup Community

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Business Support:

- Tim Reed State Farm Insurance
- River’sEDGE Sport & Fitness
- Security State Bank
- Banklowa
- Kegler, Kegler & Arend PC
- Denny’s Punkin Patch, Independence
- Independence Bulletin Journal
- Independence Community Schools
- Independence Chamber of Commerce
- Waste Management
- Dunlap Motors and Chevy Youth Baseball
- Vern’s True Value
- Sign’s & More LLC
- Okoboji Grill
- Indee Go Healthy
- Re/Max Independence Realty– Curt Martin
- Fusion Premier– Kari Kremer Broker Manager
- Ridihalgh,Fuelling, Snitker, Weber & Co. CPAs

Sponsorship Opportunities:

- Sponsor a 2016 T-Ball or 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 19th Annual “Just for Kids” Holiday Store
- Sponsor advertising in the 2017 Activities Brochure
- Banner on outfield fence at the Complex
- A Hole on the NEW Disc Golf Course

If you would like to become a sponsor, please contact the Independence Parks & Recreation Director @ 319-334-6711 or email bobiprd@indytel.com

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

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 times, we are unable to accept credit or debit cards.

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 & Privates 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	Privates Instructor	Age	Fees
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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

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