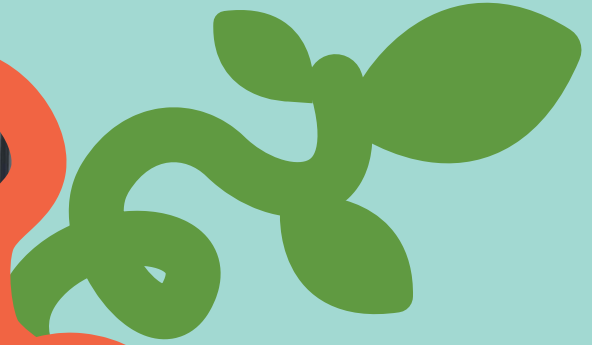


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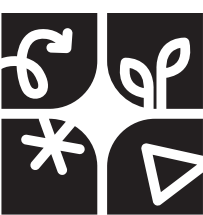
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**River Valley  
Special Rec.**

Represented Park Districts:  
Bourbonnais Township,  
Kankakee Valley, & Limestone





# River Valley Special Rec.

River Valley Special Rec provides inclusive, community-based recreation opportunities for individuals with disabilities and special needs. In partnership with the Bourbonnais Township Park District, Kankakee Valley Park District, and Limestone Park District, we offer year-round programs that promote recreation, connection, personal growth, and belonging. Our mission is simple—“Fun Included”—ensuring every participant and family experiences joy, inclusion, and meaningful opportunities to thrive.

### Contact Us

**Address:** 1335 E Broadway St Bradley, IL 60915  
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**Office Hours:** Mon.-Fri. 9:00 AM-1:00 PM  
**E-mail:** [info@rivervalleysra.com](mailto:info@rivervalleysra.com)  
**Website:** [rivervalleysra.com](http://rivervalleysra.com)  
**Social:** Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

### Emergency Contact & Program Cell Phone Policy

Cell phone numbers are to be used for emergencies only. Per our policy, these phones will only be on a half hour before a program until the end of the program. If you need to reach our staff between the hours of 9:00am and 1:00pm, Monday - Friday, please call our office.

#### Emergency Contacts

Emily Ramirez, Director of Programming  
Cell: 815-351-9411

Special Olympics & Adult Day Program  
Cell: 779-401-0540

All Other Programs  
Cell: 779-401-0578

### Thank You, Program Staff!

Our programs wouldn't be possible without the passion, dedication, and commitment of our incredible program staff. Our program staff members work tirelessly to create safe, fun, and enriching experiences for all of our participants—thank you for all that you do!

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### Program Icon Key

Easily spot program features using these icons.

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River Valley Special Rec suggests bringing additional spending money.
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Program does NOT meet at River Valley Special Rec office.
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River Valley Special Rec will provide transportation to the program destination.
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Program involves a meal.
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Program meets over multiple sessions.
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Special Olympics forms required via the COE Portal

# A Letter from the Executive Director

### Dear River Valley Special Rec Families and Participants,

As I reflect on this past summer, I am reminded that recreation is about so much more than the activities on our calendar. It is about the friendships formed on a bus ride, the confidence gained from trying something new, the excitement of cheering on teammates, and the joy of being part of a community where everyone belongs.

This summer was filled with those meaningful moments. Participants enjoyed new experiences, including our first trip to a Toby Keith Tribute Concert at CD&ME and an afternoon movie outing at Hollywood Boulevard. It was wonderful to see participants step outside their comfort zones, share laughs with friends, and create memories that will last long after the season has ended.

Alongside these new adventures, we continued many of our favorite traditions, including trips to Indiana Beach, Pizza Tours, the 4th of July Dance, and our End of Summer Dance. We were also thrilled to welcome participants to our Camp SOAR Summer Camp for teens and celebrate the accomplishments of our River Valley athletes at the Special Olympics Summer Games. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, determination, and success both on and off the field.

As we head into fall, we are excited to continue creating opportunities for fun, friendship, and personal growth. New programs such as Adopt a Plant, our Teen Only trip to We Rock the Spectrum, and Breakfast Travelers will give participants even more chances to learn new skills, explore the community, and connect with friends. We are also grateful to the River Valley Special Recreation Foundation for purchasing a new vehicle for our agency, helping us provide transportation for the programs, trips, and community experiences that mean so much to our participants.

Thank you to our participants, families, staff, volunteers, member districts, and community partners for making River Valley Special Rec such a special place. Your support helps create a welcoming environment where everyone can grow, connect, and thrive. We look forward to another season filled with recreation, friendship, and unforgettable memories.



With gratitude,  
Kristin Giacchino,  
Executive Director  
River Valley Special Rec

### Meet Our Team

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## River Valley Special Recreation Foundation

The River Valley Special Recreation Foundation (RVS RF) is a 501(c)(3) **nonprofit dedicated to supporting River Valley Special Rec’s mission** of providing inclusive recreational opportunities for people with disabilities.

The Foundation raises funds year-round through volunteer-led events and the generosity of our donors. These funds help provide in-district participant scholarships, support capital improvement projects, and offset program costs—ensuring recreation remains accessible to all.

### Members

Peggy King • Rose Gianotti • Gary Dupuis • Brian Hebert • Ross Bruni

### Donate Now

Consider making a secure online donation to RVS RF by scanning the QR code with your phone:

Scan to Donate



## Scholarships

Every resident should have the opportunity to participate in our programs. Our Fee Assistance Program helps residents facing financial hardship access recreational opportunities through partial funding, delayed payment plans, and scholarships funded by the River Valley Special Recreation Foundation (RVS RF). Please note, scholarships are available for in-district residents only. An application can be found on our website.

## Association Members and Representatives

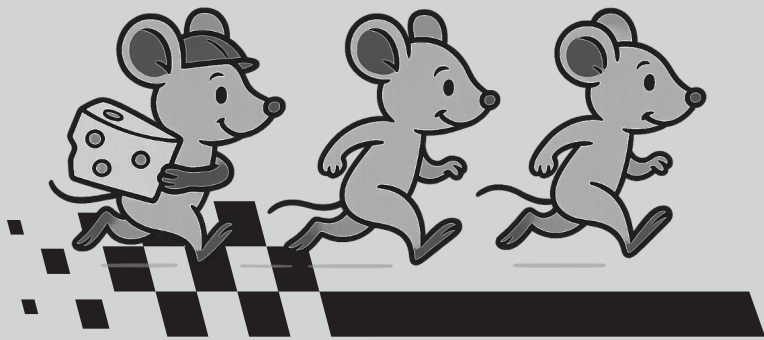
Bourbonnais Township Park District: Peggy King and Tim McThenia

Kankakee Valley Park District: Ross Bruni

Limestone Park District: Doug Krippel

River Valley Special Rec Board Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM at our office. The public is invited to attend.

# 10TH ANNUAL G R E A T MOUSE R A C E



## Sat., Nov. 7th

**Bill Spriggs Civic Auditorium**  
803 S 8th Ave,  
Kankakee, IL 60901

Choose your champion mouse and cheer them on at this fun-filled event supporting River Valley Special Recreation Foundation!

For tickets and more info, contact us at 815-933-7336 or [info@rivervalleysra.com](mailto:info@rivervalleysra.com).

Details will be posted to [rivervalleysra.com](http://rivervalleysra.com).



## Registration

River Valley Special Rec offers priority registration for in-district families. Registration for all programming is processed in the order it is received and placement in a program is not guaranteed.

**In-District Registration: Opens Wednesday, August 19th at 9:00 AM**

**Out-of-District Registration: Opens Wednesday, August 26th at 9:00 AM**

In-district families will receive an email with a password to access early registration. If you do not receive the email, please call our office at (815) 933-7336 or email [info@rivervalleysra.com](mailto:info@rivervalleysra.com) to obtain the password. In-district residents live within the boundaries of Bourbonnais, Kankakee, and Limestone Park Districts. Residency may be verified by a current utility bill or driver’s license.

There are 3 ways you can register for River Valley Special Rec programs:

1. Online at [rivervalleysra.com](http://rivervalleysra.com). Scan the QR code (right) to create your account today and register. If you are new to River Valley Special Rec and would like assistance setting up your online account, please contact us at (815) 933-7336 or [info@rivervalleysra.com](mailto:info@rivervalleysra.com).
2. In-person at our office: 1335 East Broadway St Bradley, IL 60915
3. By mail using the registration form on page 14.

Scan to Register



## Program Fees

**Resident Fees:** Resident rates are charged to those who reside in the boundaries of Bourbonnais, Kankakee, and Limestone Park Districts. This is based on your household’s taxing bodies.

**Non-Resident Fees:** Non-residents are still welcome to register for programs and will be charged an additional amount (25%-40% more than the resident rate).

## Payment and Refund Policies

### Payment Policy

River Valley Special Rec offers two convenient payment options for program registration:

- Option 1: Pay in Full: Full payment is made at the time of registration.
- Option 2: 50% Payment Plan: Must be paid by Credit, Debit, or ACH. Pay 50% at registration. The remaining 50% is automatically charged 45 days later.

### Accepted Payment Methods:

Cash or Check: Must be received within 7 days of registration. For 50% plans, the remaining balance can be paid in advance and must be received at least 24 hours before the scheduled auto-payment.

Credit, Debit, or ACH: Required for 50% payment plans. The remaining balance is automatically pulled 45 days after the first payment.

Failure to submit payment on time may result in removal from the program. Financial assistance may be available. (See page 3 for details.)

### Refund Policy

All refunds are issued as a credit to the participant’s account. Households with a balance will have the refund automatically applied to the existing balance. Full refunds may be provided if requested at least 7 days prior to the program start date, unless River Valley Special Rec has already incurred expenses related to the program (tickets, staffing, etc.) No refunds will be issued if a participant cancels out of a program and the agency has incurred costs due to purchase of tickets, rentals, deposits, staffing, etc. Credits will not be issued for missed sessions or programs due to illness, injury, or travel.

Refunds after a program begins may be granted in the following situations:

1. Cancellation of a program or event by River Valley Special Rec due to low enrollment;
2. Medical reasons upon presentation of a doctor’s request;
3. The participant moves from the area.

All refunds will be pro-rated based on dates of cancellation. To request a refund, please complete and submit a “Refund Request Form” found on our website: [rivervalleysra.com](http://rivervalleysra.com).

# Programs for All Ages

Note: Children 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult.

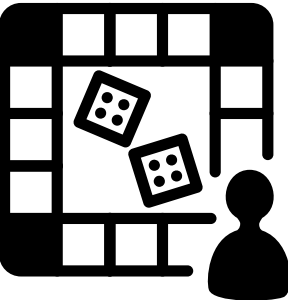
## Bowling

**Ages:** 6 & up      **Min/Max:** 10 to 20  
**Day:** Sat.      **Time:** 9:00-10:00 AM OR 10:15-11:15 AM  
**Dates:** Session 1: 9/12-10/24,  
Session 2: 11/7-12/19, Off 11/28  
**Location:** Brookmont Bowling  
**Fees:** \$80 in district/ \$110 out of district

Start your Saturday with strikes, spares, and fun! Join us for a morning bowling program designed for all skill levels. Participants can sign up for one or both sessions to enjoy friendly competition, socialization, and plenty of bowling fun!

## Social Circle

**Ages:** 6 & up      **Min/Max:** 8 to 16  
**Day:** Mon.      **Time:** 5:30-6:30 PM  
**Dates:** 9/14-10/5      **Location:** Kankakee Library  
**Fees:** \$35 in district/ \$45 out of district



Join us for Social Circle at the Kankakee Library! We'll meet on the first floor to play games, socialize with friends, and enjoy everything the library has to offer. It's a great way to connect, have fun, and build community in a friendly space.

## Sunday Morning Movies

**Ages:** 6 & up      **Min/Max:** 6 to 12  
**Day:** Sun.      **Time:** TBD  
**Dates:** 10/4, 11/15, 12/20      **Location:** TBD  
**Fees:** \$17 in district/ \$22 out of district

Join us for a relaxing Sunday morning movie outing! Enjoy a great film with friends in a fun and comfortable setting. Your fee includes the movie ticket; please bring money for snacks. Movie titles and locations will be announced the week of each outing. **Please register separately for each date you plan to attend.** Please note, this program is staffed at a 1:6 ratio.

## Karate

**Ages:** 6 & up      **Min/Max:** 8 to 20  
**Day:** Fri.      **Time:** 3:15-4:00 PM  
**Dates:** Session 1: 9/11-10/16,  
Session 2: 11/6-12/18 Off 11/27  
**Location:** Tri-Star Martial Arts  
**Fees:** \$65 in district, \$80 out of district

Kick, punch, and have fun while learning karate skills with friends! Participants can sign up for one or both Friday sessions to build confidence, improve coordination, and stay active. New students must contact Tri-Star Martial Arts to purchase a uniform separately from the program fee.

## Harvest Moon Dance

**Ages:** 6 & up      **Min/Max:** 40 to 80  
**Day:** Thu.      **Time:** 6:00-7:30 PM  
**Dates:** 10/1      **Location:** Willowhaven  
**Fees:** \$12 in district/ \$16 out of district

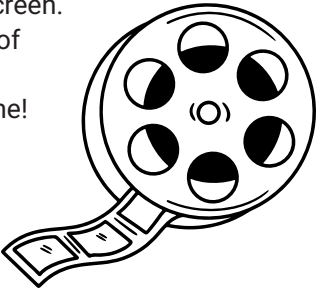
Celebrate the season at our Harvest Moon Dance! Enjoy an evening of music, dancing, and festive fun with friends. Take a relaxing hayride, make memories under the autumn sky, and warm up with delicious hot cocoa, cider, or specialty latte options available from the Brew Head Coffee Truck. This discounted fee is made possible thanks to the support of the RVSRF.



## Taste of a Movie: Hotel Transylvania

**Ages:** 6 & up      **Min/Max:** 8 to 16  
**Day:** Thu.      **Time:** 5:30-7:30 PM  
**Dates:** 10/8      **Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** \$25 in district/ \$35 out of district

Join us for A Taste of Hotel Transylvania! Sit back, relax, and enjoy the movie while sampling a variety of fun, themed snacks inspired by the characters and scenes on screen. It's the perfect combination of laughs, treats, and movie magic for a spooktacular time!



## Halloween BINGO

**Ages:** 6 & up      **Min/Max:** 10 to 40  
**Day:** Tue.      **Time:** 6:00-7:30 PM  
**Dates:** 10/27      **Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** \$15 in district/ \$19 out of district

Get ready for a spooktacular Halloween Bingo! Come dressed in your favorite costume, enjoy exciting rounds of Bingo, and compete for fun Halloween-themed prizes. Participants will also get to create their own delicious dirt dessert cup for a sweet and spooky treat.



## Crafting Through the Holidays

**Ages:** 6 & up      **Min/Max:** 6 to 12  
**Day:** Thu.      **Time:** 6:00-7:00 PM  
**Dates:** 10/15, 11/19, 12/10      **Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** \$11 in district/ \$15 out of district

Join us for Crafting Through the Holidays, a festive three-part craft series celebrating Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas! Each session will feature a fun, themed project to spark creativity and holiday spirit. **Please register separately for each date you plan to attend.**

## Open Gym

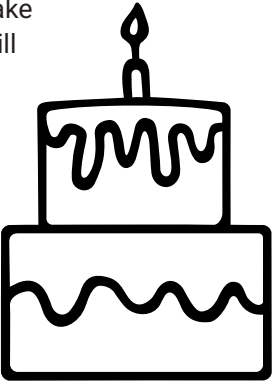
**Ages:** 6 & up      **Min/Max:** 6 to 24  
**Day:** Thu.      **Time:** 3:00-5:00 PM  
**Dates:** 11/12      **Location:** KVPD Rec Center  
**Fees:** \$10 in district/ \$13 out of district

Join us for an Open Gym program filled with fun, movement, and friendly competition! Participants can enjoy a variety of activities including volleyball, basketball, kickball, and more. Come stay for the entire time or just pop in for an hour to play, socialize, and enjoy the company in a welcoming environment.

## Cake Decorating for the Holiday

**Ages:** 6 & up      **Min/Max:** 6 to 12  
**Day:** Mon.      **Time:** 5:30-7:30 PM  
**Dates:** 11/23      **Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** \$47 in district / \$60 out of district

Join us for a sweet Thanksgiving Cake Decorating program! Participants will choose from three delicious cake flavors, learn simple decorating techniques, and create their own festive design. Once finished, you'll take your cake home to share and enjoy with family during the holiday festivities!





Starbucks Holiday BINGO

**Ages:** 6 & up      **Min/Max:** 10 to 40  
**Day:** Wed.      **Time:** 6:00-7:30 PM  
**Dates:** 12/2      **Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** \$11 in district/\$15 out of district



Join us for a festive Starbucks-sponsored Holiday Bingo! Enjoy an afternoon of fun, friendly competition, and a delicious Starbucks holiday treat. Play for your chance to win exciting prizes, including Starbucks cups, while celebrating the season with friends.

Rocking Around the Christmas Tree Dance

**Ages:** 6 & up      **Min/Max:** 40 to 120  
**Day:** Thu.      **Time:** 6:30-8:00 PM  
**Dates:** 12/17      **Location:** Civic Auditorium  
**Fees:** \$18 in person/ \$25 out of district

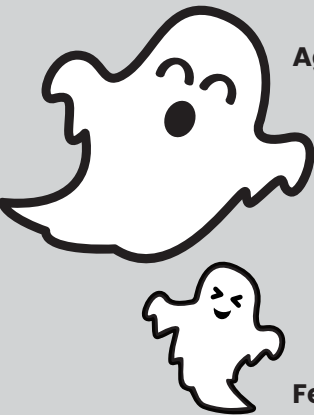
Get ready to rock around the Christmas tree at this holly-jolly winter dance! We'll be decking the halls with music, games, and nonstop holiday cheer. So come "tree-mendously" dressed for fun as we jingle, mingle, and rock around the clock. Build your own nacho masterpiece at our nacho bar and keep the good times "pinning" for more. It's sure to be a "tree-rific" night full of festive beats and merry memories!

Sensory-Friendly Dinner with Santa

**Ages:** 6 & up      **Min/Max:** 12 to 60  
**Day:** Thu.      **Time:** 6:00-8:00 PM      **Dates:** 12/10  
**Location:** Civic Auditorium  
**Fees:** \$20 in district/ \$24 out of district per participant. Additional family members may join for dinner for \$8 in district / \$10 out of district per person.

Join us as we partner with KVPD for a Sensory-Friendly Dinner with Santa! This holiday event is designed to provide a comfortable and inclusive experience for people with sensory sensitivities and their families. Enjoy dinner with Santa, a photo opportunity, holiday crafts, and a special gift for each participant. Cost is \$20/ \$24 per participant and \$8/ \$10 for parents/ guests who wish to eat.

Trunk or Treat Family Event



**Ages:** ALL AGES  
**Min/Max:** 20 to 75  
**Day:** Thu.  
**Dates:** 10/22  
**Time:** 5:00-7:00 PM  
(Drop In Anytime During Event Hours)  
**Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** Free

Dress up, bring a candy bag, and join us for a fun night of Trunk or Treating. Visit our community partners at our outdoor Trunk or Treat before coming indoors for snacks, spooky crafts, games, and more!

Drop in any time during event hours, **staff supervision is not provided.** If you or someone you know would like to decorate a trunk and/or pass out candy, please scan the QR code below for more information.

This free program is made possible thanks to the support of the RVSRF.

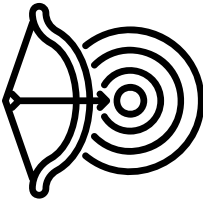
Register your vehicle for the Trunk or Treat here.



Adult Programs

Archery with Camp Shaw

**Ages:** 21 & up      **Min/Max:** 6 to 12  
**Day:** Wed.      **Time:** 5:00-6:00 PM  
**Dates:** 9/9-9/30      **Location:** Camp Shaw-Waw-Nas-See  
**Fees:** \$70 in district/ \$90 out of district



Learn the fundamentals of archery in a fun and supportive setting! Participants will practice safe shooting techniques, develop archery skills, and enjoy hands-on instruction suitable for a variety of experience levels. This program is outside, so please dress for the weather.

Rocket Pro Wrestling

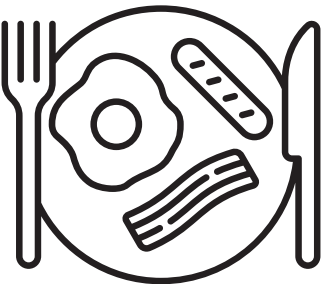
**Ages:** 21 & up      **Min/Max:** 8 to 12  
**Day:** Sat.      **Time:** 2:15-9:15 PM  
**Dates:** 10/3      **Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** \$70 in district/ \$90 out of district

Get ready for an action-packed night at Rocket Pro Wrestling's Halloween Darkness Falls event! Enjoy exciting matches, spooky surprises, and high-energy entertainment. Participants should bring cash for concessions. Don't miss this thrilling Halloween experience!

Tai-Chi and Breakfast

**Ages:** 21 & up      **Min/Max:** 8 to 16  
**Day:** Sat.      **Time:** 9:30-11:00 AM  
**Dates:** 10/10      **Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** \$14 in district/ \$18 out of district

Start your day feeling refreshed at Tai Chi & Breakfast! Enjoy a relaxing Tai Chi class designed to promote balance, flexibility, and wellness, then unwind with friends while enjoying a selection of light breakfast options. It's a great way to stay active and begin your morning on a positive note. This discounted fee is made possible thanks to the support of the RVSRF.



Scarecrow Walk and Jaenicke's

**Ages:** 21 & up      **Min/Max:** 8 to 12  
**Day:** Tue.      **Time:** 5:00-7:00 PM  
**Dates:** 9/22      **Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** \$25 in district/ \$32 out of district

Take a fun fall adventure with our Scarecrow Walk and Jaenicke's outing! We'll start by exploring the BTPD scarecrows and enjoying a festive fall walk, then head over to Jaenicke's for dinner. Your meal is included in the program fee, but please bring extra money if you'd like to purchase additional items.



Breakfast Travelers

**Ages:** 21 & up      **Min/Max:** 8 to 12  
**Day:** Wed.      **Time:** 9:00-11:00 AM  
**Dates:** 10/7, 11/18, 12/9      **Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** \$30 in district/ \$39 out of district

Start your morning off right with our Breakfast Travelers Program! We'll visit different breakfast spots around town each week for a fun and relaxing way to connect with friends and enjoy a great meal. Breakfast is included with each outing. **Please register separately for each date you plan to attend.** Join us for one breakfast or all three and enjoy a delicious start to your day!

10/7: Honey and Toast  
11/18: Family House  
12-9: Berry and Butter Cafe



## Bengtson's Pumpkin Farm

**Ages:** 21 & up    **Min/Max:** 8 to 12        
**Day:** Wed.    **Time:** 10:00 AM-4:00 PM  
**Dates:** 10/14    **Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** \$85 in district/ \$110 out of district

Join us for a fun-filled trip to Bengtson's Pumpkin Farm! Enjoy a day of seasonal excitement with farm rides, delicious food, and plenty of pumpkins to explore. Lunch is included in the program fee, but please bring money for pumpkins and souvenirs. It's the perfect fall adventure with friends!



## Listen and Play with Bess Jess

**Ages:** 21 & up    **Min/Max:** 8 to 12      
**Day:** Fri.    **Time:** 10:00-11:30 AM  
**Dates:** 11/6, 11/13, 11/20    **Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** \$20 in district, \$25 out of district

Tune in and turn up the fun at Listen & Play Fridays! Participants will gather each week to listen to Bess Jess from Milner Media on the radio while enjoying games, activities, and time with friends. The fun culminates in a special final session when Bess Jess visits the office in person to meet participants and join the celebration!

## Holiday Shopping & Dinner

**Ages:** 21 & up    **Min/Max:** 8 to 12        
**Day:** Tue., Sat.    **Time:** 3:30-8:00 PM, 1:30-6:00 PM  
**Dates:** 12/1, 12/12    **Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** \$50 in district/ \$65 out of district

Join us for a festive Christmas shopping trip! Check off your gift list, hunt for holiday bargains, and enjoy time with friends before gathering for a delicious dinner. Dinner is included. Bring your Christmas list and spending money. Register for either date.

## Santa's UNO Show Down

**Ages:** 21 & up    **Min/Max:** 8 to 20  
**Day:** Tue.    **Time:** 5:30-7:00 PM  
**Dates:** 12/8    **Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** \$13 in district/ \$17 out of district

Join us for the Santa UNO Showdown! Enjoy a festive evening of friendly competition, holiday cheer, and plenty of UNO action. Gather with friends, enjoy holiday treats, and see who will come out on top as the UNO champion!

## Adopt A Plant

**Ages:** 21 & up    **Min/Max:** 8 to 24  
**Day:** Wed.    **Time:** 5:30-6:30 PM  
**Dates:** 11/18    **Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** \$35 out of district/ \$40 in district

Do you love plants, or like the idea of having something to care for, but aren't ready for the commitment of a pet? Our Adopt a Plant Program is perfect for you! You'll learn about different types of plants and how to best care for your specific plant. At the end, you'll get to choose your plant, give it a name, and take it home to grow and enjoy!

## Tour of Lights

**Ages:** 21 & up    **Min/Max:** 8 to 12       
**Day:** Tue.    **Time:** 5:30-8:30 PM  
**Dates:** 12/15    **Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** \$24 in district/ \$30 out of district

Enjoy a magical evening on our Tour of Lights! Hop on the bus as we travel north to explore beautifully decorated neighborhoods filled with festive holiday displays. A sack dinner will be provided, including Uncrustables, chips, and a cookie to enjoy along the way.



# Adult Day Programs

## Travel Tuesday

**Ages:** 21 & up    **Min/Max:** 6 to 12        
**Day:** Tue.    **Time:** 9:00 AM-3:00 PM  
**Dates:** Session 1: 9/8-10/20  
Session 2: 11/3-12/15 OFF 11/24  
**Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** Session 1: \$420 in district, \$490 out of district  
Session 2: \$360 in district, \$420 out of district

Join us each week for a new adventure! Travel Tuesday gives participants the opportunity to explore local restaurants, parks, shops, and other exciting destinations while building independence and social skills in a supportive setting. The program fee includes lunch.



## Club Monday

**Ages:** 21 & up    **Min/Max:** 6 to 12  
**Day:** Mon.    **Time:** 9:00 AM-3:00 PM  
**Dates:** Session 1: 9/14-10/19  
Session 2: 11/2-12/14 OFF 11/23  
**Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** Each session: \$222 in district, \$278 out of district

## Club Thursday

**Ages:** 21 & up    **Min/Max:** 6 to 12  
**Day:** Thu.    **Time:** 9:00 AM-3:00 PM  
**Dates:** Session 1: 9/10-10/22  
Session 2: 11/5-12/17 OFF 11/26  
**Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** Session 1 Fees: \$259 in district, \$322 out of district  
Session 2 Fees: \$222 in district, \$276 out of district

Spend the day building friendships, self-esteem, and exploring various recreational activities. Our day program emphasizes leisure and fun, while also teaching life skills such as preparing a menu and making a well-balanced meal. Lunch will be provided at each session. This discounted fee is made possible thanks to the support of the RVSF.



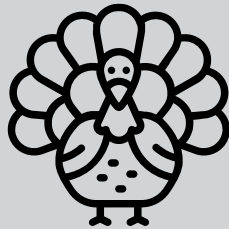


# Youth Programs

## Turkey Trot & Treats

**Ages:** 6-12      **Min/Max:** 6 to 16  
**Day:** Mon.      **Time:** 5:00-6:30 PM  
**Dates:** 11/9      **Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** \$12 in district/\$16 out of district

Join us for Turkey Trot & Treats, a fun-filled youth program celebrating the season of gratitude! Participants will take part in a thankful scavenger hunt as they search for hidden paper turkeys and complete simple prompts along the way. We'll wrap up the evening with a cozy snack and time to relax with friends.



## Parents' Night Out: Santa's Workshop

**Ages:** 6-12      **Min/Max:** 6 to 16  
**Day:** Mon.      **Time:** 5:00-7:00 PM  
**Dates:** 12/21      **Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** \$17 in district/ \$22 out of district

Need time to finish your holiday shopping? Drop your little ones off for a festive evening of fun while you check gifts off your list! Children will enjoy supervised Christmas-themed games, crafts, and activities. We'll also serve a kid-friendly dinner of mac and cheese and chicken nuggets!



# Teen Programs

## We Rock the Spectrum Day Trip

**Ages:** 13-21      **Min/Max:** 6 to 16  
**Day:** Mon.      **Time:** 8:30 AM-2:30 PM  
**Dates:** 11/23      **Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** \$55 in district/ \$70 out of district

Join us for a teen day trip! We'll head to We Rock the Spectrum in Shorewood for inclusive, high-energy play and sensory fun. Afterward, we'll enjoy a group meal at Portillo's to relax and hang out together. Transportation and supervision provided. This discounted fee is made possible thanks to the support of the RVSRF.



## Jingle Bell Olympics

**Ages:** 13-21      **Min/Max:** 6 to 16  
**Day:** Mon.      **Time:** 5:30-7:00 PM  
**Dates:** 12/14      **Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** \$8 in district/ \$11 out of district

Join us for Jingle Bell Olympics, a festive holiday program filled with fun, silly, and active winter-themed games! Participants will compete in friendly "Olympic" style challenges, team relays, and holiday activities while celebrating the season together. A snack will be provided.

# Special Olympics & Rec Sports



## Special Olympics Basketball

**Ages:** 16 & up      **Min/Max:** 8 to 13  
**Day:** Practices on Mon.      **Time:** 5:30-6:30 PM  
**Dates:** 11/9-1/11      **Location:** Adventure Commons  
**Fees:** \$150 in district, \$210 out of district

Get ready for an exciting and competitive basketball season! Athletes will participate in approximately 8–10 practices from November through January as they develop their skills, build teamwork, and prepare for competition.

The season will include 3–5 regular-season games, followed by a Regional Tournament. Athletes who qualify for the State Tournament will have additional practices scheduled, and a separate state tournament fee will apply.

All athletes must be cleared and have current paperwork approved through the Special Olympics Portal before participating. Join us for a fun and rewarding season of basketball competition! This discounted fee is made possible thanks to the support of the RVSRF.

## Special Olympic Policies and Requirements

**Attendance:** By signing up for these programs athletes must be committed and will be expected to attend a minimum of 70% of scheduled practices.

**Special Olympics COE Portal:** To compete in Special Olympics sports, athletes must have a COE Portal account with Special Olympics. This free online portal requires two forms to be completed by the athlete and/or parent/guardian: the Athlete Acknowledgement Form and the Health History Form. Please contact our office if you need help setting up your account or have questions about form expiration dates.

**Important:** Forms must be completed by the deadlines set by Special Olympics Illinois. If they are not submitted on time, your athlete will be removed from the team without a refund.

**Additional Fees:** Should your athlete advance to state, an additional state fee will be applied to your account and must be paid prior to attending state.

**Transportation:** Transportation may be offered for games but is not guaranteed.

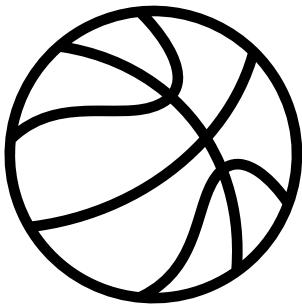
## Recreational Basketball

**Ages:** 14 & up      **Min/Max:** 8 to 16  
**Day:** Practices on Mon.      **Time:** 5:30-6:30 PM  
**Dates:** 11/9-12/17      **Location:** Adventure Commons  
**Fees:** \$40 in district/ \$52 out of district

Looking for a fun, laid-back way to enjoy basketball this winter? Join our Recreational Basketball program! This low-key team is all about staying active, building friendships, learning the game, and having fun in a supportive environment. Athletes will participate in four practices focused on skill development, teamwork, and friendly competition.

The highlight of the season will be a Battle of the Badge game on December 17th, where athletes will take on local law enforcement in a fun-filled exhibition game! After the game, we'll celebrate the season with pizza, dessert, and an awards ceremony recognizing each athlete's hard work and accomplishments.

Whether you're new to basketball or just looking for a fun way to play, this is the perfect opportunity to get in the game!



# Overnight Adventure: Aikman Wildlife Adventure Over Night Trip

**Ages:** 21 & up     **Min/Max:** 6 to 12  
**Day:** Wed.-Thu.     **Time:** 1:00 PM-5:00 PM  
**Dates:** 10/28-10/29     **Location:** RVSRA Office  
**Fees:** \$310 in district/ \$400 out of district



Join us for an exciting overnight adventure to Arcola, Illinois! This fun-filled getaway includes a stay at a local hotel, a round of mini golf at Percadia Mini Golf, and a visit to Aikman Wildlife Adventure, where participants will enjoy a safari-style drive-through experience and an up-close meet-and-greet with a variety of animals from around the world.

Before heading home, we'll gather for a delicious buffet-style lunch at Yoder's Kitchen. All meals are included in the trip fee. Participants are encouraged to bring additional spending money for souvenirs, snacks, or other personal purchases.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to explore, discover amazing wildlife, and make lasting memories with friends!



### APPLICATION REQUIRED

This overnight trip is not first-come, first-served. Participants must complete an application to be considered for placement. Submitting an application does not guarantee participation. All applicants must meet River Valley Special Rec's essential eligibility requirements and demonstrate readiness for an overnight experience. Priority will be given to in-district residents. Applications will be accepted through September 2nd.

Please note: Staff will not be able to assist with overnight trip application completion during in-district registration on August 19th. Staff are happy to assist with the application process outside of that date.

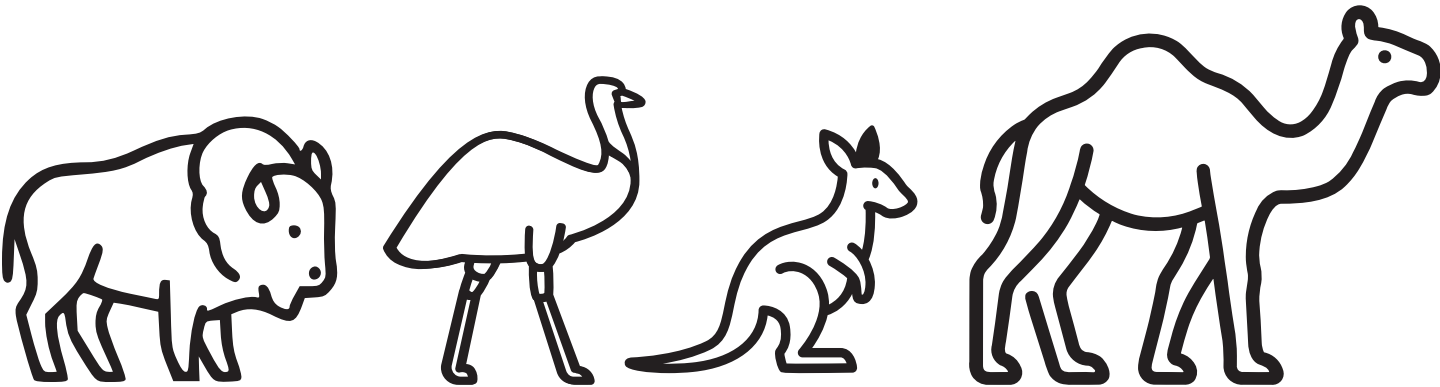
For questions about eligibility or the application process, please contact the RVSRA office. Staff are happy to help.

**Important Overnight Information:** Participants and staff will be housed in separate rooms. To participate, individuals must demonstrate the ability to:

- Remain safe and independent during overnight hours
- Manage personal care with minimal staff assistance
- Follow all overnight expectations and RVSRA's Code of Conduct

To access the application or for more information, scan the QR code to the right.

Scan here to apply.



## Mail-In Registration Form: Fall 2026

Please fill in the form completely for processing or register online at [rivervalleysra.com](http://rivervalleysra.com). Mail or drop off the form and payment to the River Valley Special Rec office at 1335 E. Broadway, Bradley.

**Questions?** Please contact us at (815) 933-7336 or [info@rivervalleysra.com](mailto:info@rivervalleysra.com). This form is not a receipt. Listing programs on this form does not guarantee placement. To confirm your participant's current program registrations, please log in to their UltraCamp account or contact our office at 815-933-7336.

|                          |               |            |      |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------|------|
| Participant's Name:      | Age:          | Birthdate: |      |
| Address:                 | City:         | State:     | ZIP: |
| Email:                   | T-Shirt Size: |            |      |
| Parent/ Guardian 1 Name: |               |            |      |
| Primary #                | Work #        | Home #     |      |
| Parent/ Guardian 2 Name: |               |            |      |
| Primary #                | Work #        | Home #     |      |

This registration form must be signed before individuals can participate in programs. Checks can be made payable to "River Valley Special Rec". Financial support may be available (see page 3).

### River Valley Special Rec Waiver & Release of All Claims

We want the participants in our programs to be aware, in advance, that when they participate in an activity including high risk activities such as, but not limited to: swimming, horseback riding, rock or wall climbing, there is a natural element of risk of injury which each participant must assume. I (my child) recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury and I (my child) agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, including death, damages or loss which I (my child) may sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with such program(s). I (my child) agree to waive and relinquish all claims I (my child) may have as a result of participating in the programs) against the River Valley Special Recreation Association (R.V.S.R.A.), the Bourbonnais Township, Kankakee Valley and Limestone Township Park Districts and their officers, agents, servants and employees. I (my child) do hereby fully release and discharge R.V.S.R.A. and the Park Districts it represents and their officers, servants and employees from any and all claims from injuries, including death, damage and loss which I (my child) may have or which may occur to me (my child) on account of my (my child's) participation in the program. I (my child) further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the River Valley Special Rec and the above-named Park District and their officers, agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries, including death, damages and losses sustained by me (my child) and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the activities of the programs. I further understand and agree that the terms such as "participation," "programs" and "activities," referred to in the Agreement, include all exercises and physical movements of any nature while I am participating in these programs and further include the provision of or failure to provide proper instructions of supervision, the use and adjustment of any and all machinery, equipment, and apparatus, and anything related to my (my child's) use of services, facilities, or premises involved in these programs, and transportation to and from any events. In the event of any emergency, I authorize R.V.S.R.A. officials to secure from any licensed hospital, physician and/or medical personnel any treatment deemed necessary for me or my minor child's/ward's immediate care and agree that I will be responsible for payment of any and all medical services rendered. I have read and fully understand the above Program Details, Waiver and Release of all claims and permission to secure treatment. If registering by fax, your facsimile signature shall substitute for and have the same legal effect as an original form signature.

Please sign and date:

|                                                             |      |
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| Signature of participant (if age18) or guardian's signature | Date |
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| Program Name | Fee | Program Name | Fee |
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You can also register now online at [rivervalleysra.com](http://rivervalleysra.com)



# Program Policies

## All Program Policies

### Absences

When a participant cannot attend an activity, families should notify River Valley Special Rec. We are unable to offer credits for participants’ absences. The number of staff hired for a program is based on perfect attendance. Help us avoid unnecessary expenses by advising us if a participant will be absent. For special events, this allows those on the waiting list to attend and ensures that no tickets are wasted. We realize that last-minute absences may not allow for notice; however, we appreciate your assistance and cooperation.

### ADA Statement

River Valley Special Rec is committed to accessibility for all individuals with disabilities, and strives to comply with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act by providing reasonable accommodations for all individuals. Please advise our office of any special assistance or accommodation required to participate in programs. Parents/guardians should be aware that programs are staffed at a 4:1 ratio and some activities may not be appropriate or adaptable for all participants.

### Essential Eligibility Guidelines

To ensure safety and a positive experience, participants should be able to use the restroom on their own, move independently, feed themselves, and follow staff instructions. Participants needing extra support may bring a 1:1 aide—please notify the office in advance. There is no additional cost for the aide, except for any program-related expenses. For questions about participants’ eligibility or accommodations, contact our office.

### Signing In/ Out at Programs

Authorized individuals and/or participants are required to sign in upon arrival and sign out before leaving or when picking up the participant. For participants requiring an authorized pickup, please ensure your authorized pickup list is current in UltraCamp or contact our office for assistance.

Note: River Valley Special Rec staff are not responsible for supervision of participants prior to the start of the program.

### Code of Conduct

Participants, staff, volunteers, and parents are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times. The following guidelines have been developed to make River Valley Special Rec’s programs safe and enjoyable for everyone. Additional rules may be developed for particular programs and events as staff deems necessary.

- Show respect to all participants, staff, and public.
- Listen to and comply with staff direction and program rules.
- Allow others in the program and those at public facilities to enjoy the activity without disruption.
- Refrain from using foul language or other offensive behavior such as rude gestures, sexually explicit language, or inappropriate touching.
- Refrain from causing bodily harm or aggressive physical contact.
- Show respect to equipment, supplies, and facilities.

### Discipline

River Valley Special Rec applies a caring, positive approach to discipline. When Code of Conduct expectations are not met, staff will attempt reasonable accommodations to minimize future risks and help the participant to meet behavior expectations. However, when accommodations are attempted and are unsuccessful, or when unsafe or otherwise inappropriate behavior occurs, River Valley Special Rec reserves the right to dismiss a participant whose behavior continues to be unsafe or otherwise inappropriate or whose behavior endangers the safety of him/herself or others.

### Participant Supervision

Program drop-off begins 15 minutes prior to the scheduled program start time. Participants should not be dropped off earlier unless prior arrangements have been made with River Valley Special Rec. If a participant is dropped off before the designated drop-off time, the parent/guardian/group home staff may be contacted. After one warning, a \$10 fee will be applied for every 15 minutes a participant is dropped off early. A notice will be sent to the parent/guardian indicating the fee charged to the account. If a participant has not been picked up at the scheduled program end time, the parent/guardian/group home staff will be contacted. After a 15-minute wait period, emergency contacts will be called. After one warning, a \$10 fee will be applied for every 15 minutes that a participant is picked up late. A notice will be sent to the parent/guardian indicating the fee charged to the account.

### Loss or Theft

Label all items brought to programs with the participant's name. Any electronic communication device or adaptive equipment must be checked in with a staff member upon arrival at the program. Participants are encouraged not to bring items of value. River Valley Special Rec is not responsible for theft or loss of personal belongings.

### Medication Dispensing

If your participant will be taking medication during River Valley Special Rec programs, it is required that you complete both the Permission to Dispense Medication – Waiver and Release of All Claims form and the Medication Dispensing Information form on UltraCamp. All medication must be delivered directly to the River Valley Special Rec office—not to program sites—in the original prescription bottle or in clearly labeled containers that include the participant’s name, medication name, dosage, and the time it should be administered. In addition, we ask that you verbally communicate any specific medication instructions to agency staff to ensure the safe and accurate dispensing of all medications.

Note: Any medication changes made must be updated by the parent/ guardian in the participant’s UltraCamp account. River Valley Special Rec staff cannot accept medication that is not listed in the participant’s account. For assistance with this, please call our office.

### Program Cancellations

- A program may be canceled if the program minimum enrollment is not met.
- Programs may be canceled due to inclement weather or other emergencies. River Valley Special Rec will either reschedule the program or issue a prorated credit to the participant’s account.
- Staff will attempt to reach all participants to inform them of any cancellation or change in programming.
- If a participant cannot attend a program, they cannot send a substitute in their place.

### Wellness Guidelines

In consideration of other participants and staff, and to prevent the spread of contagious illnesses, it is required that participants refrain from attending programs when any of the following conditions exist:

- Fever of 100.4° or higher within the last 24 hours.
- Vomiting within the last 24 hours.
- Persistent diarrhea in conjunction with other symptoms.
- Contagious rash or a rash of unknown origin.
- Persistent cough and/or cold symptoms.
- Eye infections or discharge from the eye.
- Symptoms of mumps, measles, chicken pox, strep throat, flu, impetigo, or Coxsackievirus.
- Fatigue due to illness that hinders participation in a program.
- Runny nose with yellow or green discharge.
- Lice or mites.

Please notify River Valley Special Rec if the participant contracts any contagious illness that will affect attendance at a program. Participants should return to programs at the doctor's recommendation, or, if not under a doctor's care, when the symptoms have clearly passed. For everyone's safety, if a participant is exhibiting symptoms of illness during a program, they will be removed from the group and an approved adult will be required to pick them up.

### Weather/Emergency Cancellations

Programs and special events may be canceled due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. If a program is canceled or an outdoor program is moved indoors, staff attempt to reach all participants to inform them of the change. Programs canceled due to inclement weather or other emergency may be rescheduled; otherwise, a refund will be issued in the form of a credit on the participant’s account.

### Severe Fall Weather Guidelines for Canceling Programs

- Outdoor programs: A temperature of 0 degrees or lower or wind chill of -10 degrees or less.
- Indoor programs: A temperature of -10 degrees or wind chill of -20 degrees or less.
- All programs (including indoor) are canceled during snowstorm or blizzard situations when driving restrictions and emergency accident plans are in effect (e.g., winter storm or blizzard warnings).

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| Category       | Program                                  | Date(s)     | Day  | Page |
|----------------|------------------------------------------|-------------|------|------|
| Adult Day      | Travel Tuesday: Session 1                | 9/8-10/20   | Tue. | 10   |
| Adult          | Archery                                  | 9/9-9/30    | Wed. | 8    |
| Adult Day      | Club Thursday: Session 1                 | 9/10-10/22  | Thu. | 10   |
| All Age        | Karate: Session 1                        | 9/11-10/16  | Fri. | 5    |
| All Age        | Bowling: Session 1                       | 9/12-10/24  | Sat. | 5    |
| Adult Day      | Club Monday: Session 1                   | 9/14-10/19  | Mon. | 10   |
| All Age        | Social Circle                            | 9/14-10/5   | Mon. | 5    |
| Adult          | Scarecrow Walk and Jaenicke's            | 9/22        | Tue. | 8    |
| All Age        | Harvest Moon Dance                       | 10/1        | Thu. | 5    |
| Adult          | Rocket Pro Wrestling                     | 10/3        | Sat. | 8    |
| All Age        | Sunday Morning Movies                    | 10/4        | Sun. | 5    |
| Adult          | Breakfast Travelers: Honey and Toast     | 10/7        | Wed. | 8    |
| All Age        | Taste of a Movie-Hotel Transylvania      | 10/8        | Thu. | 6    |
| Adult          | Tai-Chi and Breakfast                    | 10/10       | Sat. | 8    |
| Adult          | Bengtson's Pumpkin Farm                  | 10/14       | Wed. | 9    |
| All Age        | Crafting Through the Holidays: Halloween | 10/15       | Thu. | 6    |
| Family Fun     | Trunk or Treat Family Event              | 10/22       | Thu. | 7    |
| All Age        | Halloween BINGO                          | 10/27       | Tue. | 6    |
| Overnight Trip | Aikmen Wildlife Adventure Overnight Trip | 10/28-10/29 | Wed. | 13   |
| Adult Day      | Club Monday: Session 2                   | 11/2-12/14  | Mon. | 10   |
| Adult Day      | Travel Tuesday: Session 2                | 11/3-12/15  | Tue. | 10   |
| Adult Day      | Club Thursday: Session 2                 | 11/5-12/17  | Thu. | 10   |
| All Age        | Karate: Session 2                        | 11/6-12/18  | Fri. | 5    |
| Adult          | Listen and Play with Bess Jess           | 11/6-11/20  | Fri. | 9    |

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| All Age          | Bowling: Session 2                          | 11/7-12/19 | Sat. | 5    |
| Rec Sports       | Recreational Basketball                     | 11/9-12/17 | Mon. | 12   |
| Special Olympics | Special Olympics Basketball                 | 11/9-1/11  | Mon. | 12   |
| Youth            | Turkey Trot & Treats                        | 11/9       | Mon. | 11   |
| All Age          | Open Gym                                    | 11/12      | Thu. | 6    |
| All Age          | Sunday Morning Movies                       | 11/15      | Sun. | 5    |
| Adult            | Adopt A Plant                               | 11/18      | Wed. | 11   |
| Adult            | Breakfast Travelers: Family House           | 11/18      | Wed. | 8    |
| All Age          | Crafting Through the Holidays: Thanksgiving | 11/19      | Thu. | 6    |
| All Age          | Cake Decorating for the Holiday             | 11/23      | Mon. | 6    |
| Teen             | We Rock the Spectrum Day Trip               | 11/23      | Mon. | 11   |
| Adult            | Holiday Shopping & Dinner                   | 12/1       | Tue  | 9    |
| All Age          | Starbucks Holiday BINGO                     | 12/2       | Wed. | 7    |
| Adult            | Santa's UNO Show Down                       | 12/8       | Tue. | 9    |
| Adult            | Breakfast Travelers: Berry and Butter Cafe  | 12/9       | Wed. | 8    |
| All Age          | Crafting Through the Holidays: Christmas    | 12/10      | Thu. | 6    |
| All Age          | Sensory-Friendly Dinner with Santa          | 12/10      | Thu. | 7    |
| Adult            | Holiday Shopping & Dinner                   | 12/12      | Sat. | 9    |
| Teen             | Jingle Bell Olympics                        | 12/14      | Mon. | 11   |
| Adult            | Tour of Lights                              | 12/15      | Tue. | 9    |
| All Age          | Rocking Around the Christmas Tree Dance     | 12/17      | Thu. | 7    |
| All Age          | Sunday Morning Movies                       | 12/20      | Sun. | 5    |
| Youth            | Parents' Night Out: Santa's Workshop        | 12/21      | Mon. | 11   |



# 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL G R E A T MOUSE R A C E



**Sat., Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Bill Spriggs Civic Auditorium**  
803 S 8th Ave,  
Kankakee, IL 60901

Choose your champion  
mouse and cheer them on at  
this fun-filled event supporting  
River Valley Special Recreation  
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