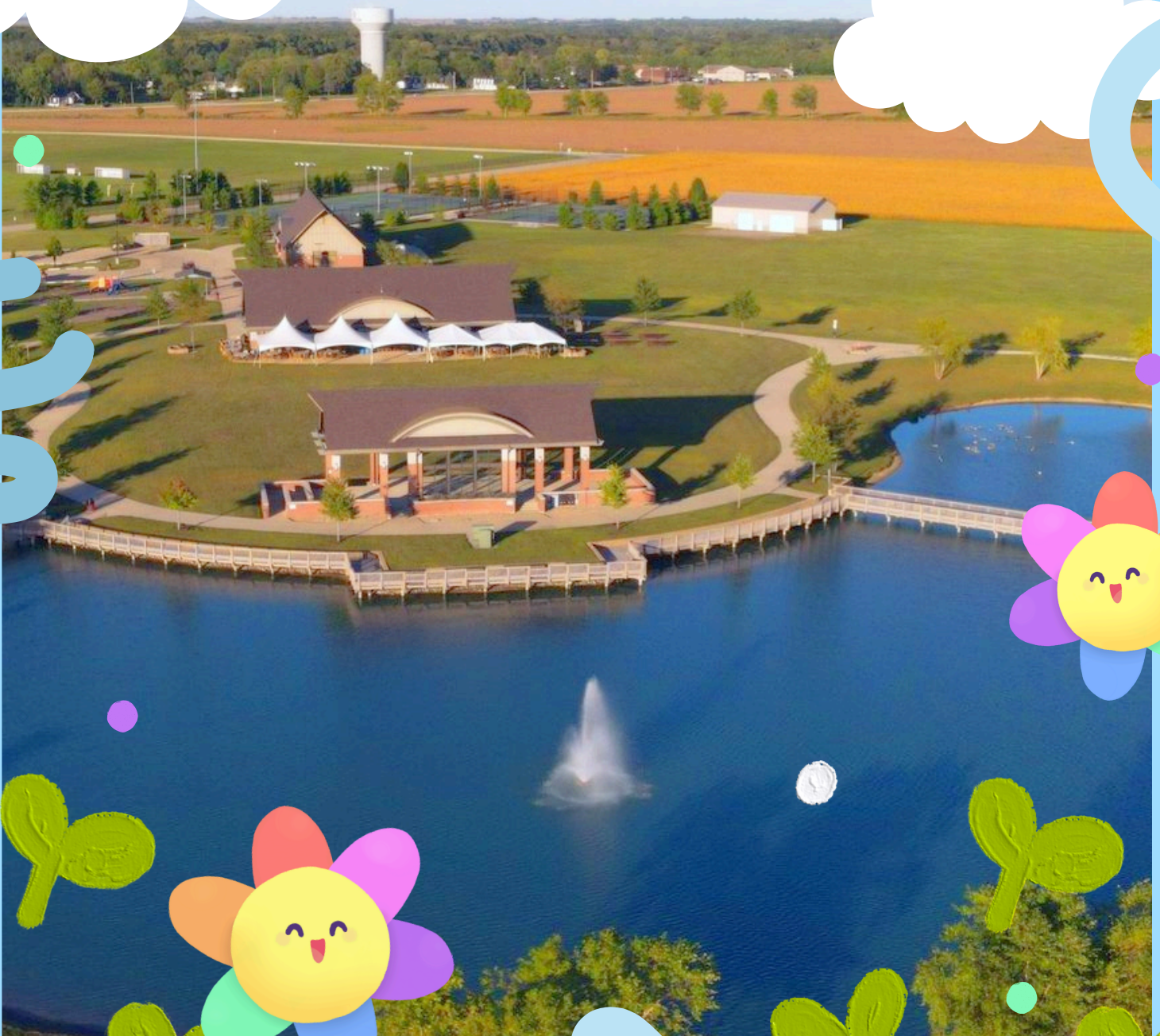




# 2024 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS



# MAKE TIME FOR FUN

The Mt. Zion Parks and Recreation Department would like to welcome and invite you to participate in our 2023 Summer Programs. Registration for any of the recreation classes may be sent by mail, or walk-in at Village Hall, 1400 Mt. Zion Parkway, Mt. Zion, IL 62549, beginning on May 13, 2024.

Registration forms can be found in this brochure, at Village Hall or from our website.

If the Recreation Department cancels a class, you will be notified one week prior to the class (if possible). If the class is cancelled, a full refund will be processed. Please allow 30 days for return of registration fees.

Most classes do not have a maximum number for registration but do have a minimum requirement. Please call prior to the class to make sure it has not been cancelled.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Village Hall at **(217) 864-5424**, or by emailing **[t\\_wilson@mtzion.com](mailto:t_wilson@mtzion.com)**.

Thank you for your interest in making time for fun this summer with the Mt. Zion Parks & Recreation Department!

## Office Information:

**Mt. Zion Village Hall  
& Convention Center  
1400 Mt. Zion Parkway  
Mt. Zion, IL 62549**

**Telephone: (217) 864-5424  
[www.mtzion.com](http://www.mtzion.com)  
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Monday - Friday**





# Youth tennis clinics for ages 3 - 18 years old starting after Memorial Day!

Join at any time for a great way to enjoy tennis at multiple locations including Mt. Zion, Forsyth, and the DAC! Spaces are limited! Taught by Cory Sandgren, a 30+ year USPTA expert!

- *a sport for ALL ages!*
- *FUN, FUN, FUN!!*

Tennis is a great cross-training sport that helps with balance, agility, hand-eye coordination, problem solving, and self-reliance, all while having fun & making friends. Appropriate court size and equipment make for a more successful start into this great game!

For registration & all other tennis needs,  
please contact Cory Sandgren

E-mail: [sandgren25@comcast.net](mailto:sandgren25@comcast.net)

Cell Phone: (217) 972-2133 (texting or calling)

Individual lessons available for kids & adults!



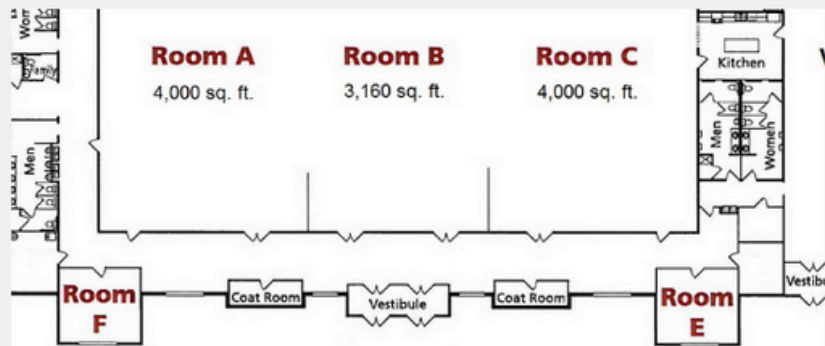


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# MT. ZION CONVENTION CENTER

Modern in design and technology, we serve Mt. Zion and our surrounding community as a destination for all types of events!



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**Tiffany Streibich**

*Event Coordinator*



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t\_streibich@mtzion.com



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SUMMER  
FRESH



## MT ZION PARKS AND RECREATION - ILLINOIS BRAZILIAN SOCCER SUMMER CAMP

Expert coaches, exciting games, and loads of fun will help spark your kid's love for soccer.

**Get ready for a summer of unforgettable adventures!**

**Ages:** Specific programs from 4 to 14 y.o.

**Date:** June 3rd to June 7th

**Location:** Goodwin Park - 1030 North Court, Mt. Zion, IL 62549

**Investment:** All Day: 9am to 3pm - \$235

Half Day: 9am to 12pm - \$189

Future Stars: 3pm to 4pm - \$99

**Free Jersey for early registration by May 15th**



Information and Registrations:

[www.brazilianunited.com/mt-zion-parks-and-recreation-il/](http://www.brazilianunited.com/mt-zion-parks-and-recreation-il/)

**Mt. Zion Parks & Recreation**

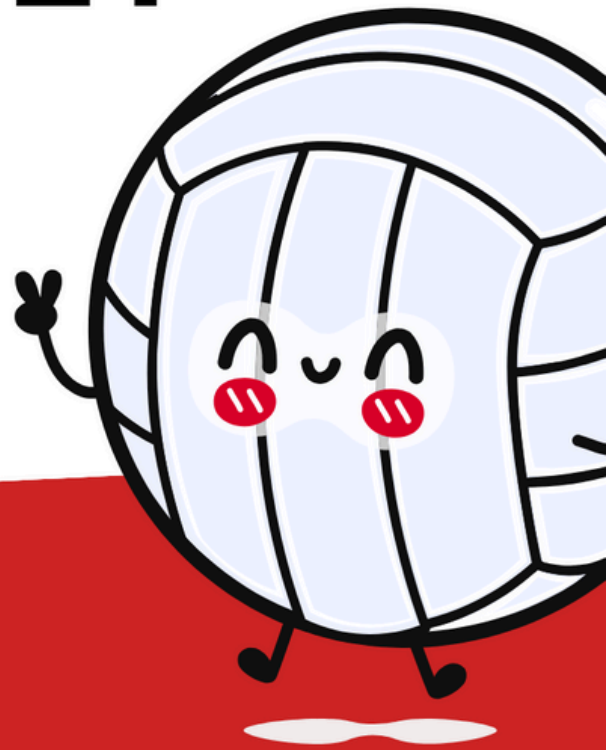
# **VOLLEYBALL CAMP 2024**

**JULY 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>**

@ Mt. Zion High School  
Field House

**2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE**  
9 am - 11 am

**4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE**  
11 am - 1 pm



**Camp participants will either be introduced to fundamentals or, the experienced can improve their skills at this camp, instructed by Mt. Zion Volleyball Coach, Traci Dyer-Townsend and high school players.**

**Stop by or contact Mt. Zion Village Hall to register!  
(217) 864-5424 or [t\\_wilson@mtzion.com](mailto:t_wilson@mtzion.com)**

**\$50**

**\*includes  
t-shirt!**



# SLITHERING SNAKE

AT FLETCHER PARK

MONDAY,  
JUNE 17  
@ 10 AM - 12 PM

KINDNESS  
ROCKS!

Assist us in making our Fletcher Park Slithering Snake grow the longest it can! Stop by & paint a rock with a beautiful design or nice words to add to the tail!

If you have a name suggestion for the Fletcher Park Slithering Snake, please visit our website to submit!

Voting for submissions will take place the week before the event on our Facebook page!



**FREE!**

\* pre-registration & waiver required!

MT. ZION PARKS  
& RECREATION

2024

# park play days at Fletcher Park

CLICK  
HERE FOR  
GOOGLE  
FORM



Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
from 10 am - 12 pm! + a limited time  
Wednesday bonus class\* from 1 pm - 3 pm!  
Two hours of exciting summer fun!

Supervised play & activities include crafts,  
snacks, stories, team games,  
and group activities!

\*Wednesday bonus class will be the  
same activities as the morning!

Participants  
must pre-  
register in  
advance & sign  
a waiver prior  
to the start of  
the event.

Children 8  
years &  
under  
must be  
accompanied  
by an adult!



Register via  
Google Form  
today!



## Theme Weeks Include:

Green Thumb Week ☆ June 4 - 6

Let's Go Camping ☆ June 11 & 13

Fishing Derby ☆ June 12 (limited spaces)

Pioneer Days ☆ June 18 - 20

NASA Week ☆ June 25 - 27

Patriotic Week ☆ July 1 & 2

Flight Week ☆ July 9 - 11

Summer Olympics ☆ July 16 - 18

Under The Sea ☆ July 23 - 25

End of Summer Picnic ☆ July 25

To register:

(217) 864-5424

t\_wilson@mtzion.com

www.mtzion.com/parks-programs



2024

MT. ZION PARKS & RECREATION

# FISHING DERBY

a park play days event

## READY TO CATCH A BIG ONE?

Come & join us at the Fletcher Park pond, where kids will learn all about casting, fish safety, and catch-and-release!

Two Mt. Zion Anglers will have their boats on display & kids will get a chance to learn about boat safety and much more!

**EVERY CHILD will get to catch a fish!**

Goodie bags for all kids. Door prizes & much more!

**Wednesday, June 12**

**@ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Fletcher Park Pond**

*Limited spaces available.  
Must pre-register by June 1.*



**Ages 6 & up!**



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A 2024 FREEBIES AT THE PARK EVENT



**\$3**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 28**

**@ 10 AM - 11:30 AM**

**FLETCHER PARK REC CENTER**

**Let the colors dazzle you & create a tie dye masterpiece!**

**\* Sign-up requested to assure enough supplies & sizes!\***

**PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO INDICATE SHIRT SIZE!**

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**WWW.MTZION.COM**



## DECATUR PARK DISTRICT

# SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION (SRA)

The Decatur Park District's SRA, in cooperation with the villages of Forsyth and Mt. Zion, improves the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities. Through advocacy, awareness and inclusion, the SRA provides recreation programs to promote a successful leisure lifestyle. Programs are led by qualified, caring, experienced staff. Activities, including field trips, concerts, sporting events, shows, and dances are included in a monthly calendar. Call (217) 429-7750 to be added to the mailing list!



## Camp I Can

Swim, create arts and crafts, and visit the zoo in this camp designed for special kids with special needs. Fun activities at Nelson Park, Splash Cove, Scovill Zoo and more!

CODE	AGE	DAY	TIME	DATE
529130-43	6-14	M-F	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	June 3-7
529130-44	6-14	M-F	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	June 10-14
529130-45	6-14	M-F	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	June 17-21
529130-46	6-14	M-F	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	June 24-28

**Location:** TBD

**Fee:** \$70 (\$65 with Decatur Park District resident discount)

## Camp F.I.R.E.

Camp F.I.R.E. (Fostering Independent Recreation Education) is for youth aged 15 and up. Participants in this extension of Camp I Can visit Scovill Zoo, DISC, Overlook Adventure Park, and Splash Cove!

CODE	AGE	DAY	DATE	TIME
529140-43	15-21	M-F	June 5-9	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
529140-44	15-21	M-F	June 12-16	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
529140-45	15-21	M-F	June 19-23	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
529140-46	15-21	M-F	June 26-30	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Location:** TBD

**Fee:** \$70 (\$65 with Decatur Park District resident discount)



## Special Olympics

Athletes can participate in Special Olympics events year-round! Sports include basketball, bowling, track and field, snowshoeing, and volleyball. Participants must be at least 8 years old and have a current medical application on file.

# **SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION (SRA)**

## **Heart & Soul on Stage**

This theatre camp is inclusionary for students with special needs. Participants will work along with their peers in an environment where everyone is encouraged to do their best, have fun, make friends, and enjoy their theatre experience!

Camp is great for building self-esteem, confidence, communication skills, social skills and team building. Concluding with a Musical Performance of "School Daze" performed at the Devon Lakeshort Amphitheater on July 19 & 20!

**Days:** Monday - Thursday

**Date:** June 10 - July 18

**Time:** 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Poage Arts & Recreation Center

**Fee:** \$20

## **Heart & Soul Choir**

Heart & Soul Choir in its 4th season with the Decatur Park District. The Choir provides a place where people with special needs are able to express themselves through the musical art of singing. Heart & Soul is an apt name for the group because they sing with all their Heart. They involve themselves totally in the activity.

When music is expressed in an honest and genuine manner, it speaks to the Soul. Heart and Soul has performed at Trees on the trees and as special guests at the Greater Decatur Chorale's concerts in the past. Caregivers are required to attend rehearsals and participants must be able to be engaged in a 60-90 minute rehearsal.

**Days:** Wednesdays beginning September 11, 2024

**Time:** 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Scovill Banquet Facility  
(3909 W. Main Street)

For more information, please contact Megan Dickerson at [mdickerson@decparcs.com](mailto:mdickerson@decparcs.com) or (217) 619-8042.

**Call (217) 429-7750 with any questions!**





# 2024 Mt. Zion Parks & Recreation Department

# Summer

## FREEBIES AT THE PARK

Join us in the park for crafts & activities! All Freebies will be held at Fletcher Park in the Recreation Center or Large Pavilion, & are FREE (unless noted at the bottom: i.e. Tie Dye & Slime)!

If rain is in the forecast the morning of, please check our Facebook or call the Village to be notified of cancellations or location changes.

Freebie staff are not responsible for participants. School age children must be accompanied by an adult. All Freebies are drop-in during the time frame indicated. Most activities will not take up the whole duration of time. Please be respectful of your time, so that all kids can have a chance at participating!

**Some Freebie's require pre-registration\***. Please be mindful in letting us know if you're attending, so that we can prepare enough supplies for everyone! Please call for clarification on any activity or event.

### PAINTING & DOT ART

**Wednesday, June 12**  
@ 10 am - 12 pm

Come paint a canvas with a creation from scratch or use our series of Dot Art pieces to inspire a matching speckled piece of your own!

### SLITHERING SNAKE KINDNESS ROCKS

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### TIE DYING

**Friday, June 28**  
@ 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Let the colors dazzle you & create a tie dye masterpiece! \* Sign-up requested to assure enough supplies & sizes!\*  
Fee: \$3.00  
PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO INDICATE SHIRT SIZE!

### COLORING PARTY

**Monday, July 8**  
@ 10 am - 2 pm

Stop by & set your imagination into motion!

Pick out & complete coloring pictures from our collections of themed pages!

P.S. You can color & submit a picture to be displayed at Village Hall. Make sure to write your name & number.. a winner will be awarded a prize at the end of Summer!

### SLIME MAKING

**Friday, July 19**  
@ 10 am - 11:30 am

Create your own slime to take home!

\*Sign-up requested to assure enough supplies!\*  
Fee: \$3.00

### CHALK THE WALK

**Monday, July 15**  
@ 10 am - 12 pm

Stop by & design your own square of the sidewalk! Help us cover Fletcher Park!

Freebie's will provide chalk from 10 am - 2 pm, but feel free to create all through the day with your own!

### REGISTER VIA GOOGLE FORM TODAY!



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### CLAY DAY

Friday, July 26  
@ 10 am - 12 pm

Let's use our summer imaginations to design & build with colorful clay, whatever our brains can visualize!

Make a strawberry, a lion, a summer pool! Whatever you can envision, you can bring to life in clay!

Leave your creation with us while it sets & come pick it up at any remaining Freebie's event, or by emailing to make other arrangements!

### SCRAPBOOK & STICKER PARTY

Tuesday, July 30  
@ 10 am - 12 pm

Swing in to the Rec Center & set your passion into motion!

Select a surprise pack of stickers & trade with fellow crafters! Draw your very own sticker & add it to your new collections!

All participants will receive (1) surprise sticker pack, (1) blank book, and will be able to use Freebie's Craft Supplies to create their own scrapbook during this party!

All supplies will be provided - but feel free to bring anything extra of your own!

### SPLASH PAD SUNDAY PARTY!

Thursday, August 1  
@ 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Grab your swimsuits & come hang out with us for some Splash worthy treats & sunny fun!

An ice cream bar will be served at 10:30 am, until supplies last! Pick your own toppings & enjoy a refreshing snack before joining in the waterfilled fun!

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# MT. ZION FLETCHER PARK

One-stop location for your  
next meeting, reunion,  
wedding, party!

**CALL NOW!**




## AMENITIES:

- ✓ playgrounds
- ✓ tennis courts
- ✓ walking paths
- ✓ fishing pond
- ✓ Splash Pad
- ✓ & so much more!

## CONTACT:

 Tiffany Wilson

 (217) 864-5424

 [t\\_wilson@mtzion.com](mailto:t_wilson@mtzion.com)

**323 Fletcher Park Blvd., Mt. Zion, IL 62549**



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THE VILLAGE OF MT. ZION & THE MT. ZION TOWNSHIP



# BLUE RIBBON



== *Night* ★

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2024

GATES OPEN @ 5:00 PM  
LIVE MUSIC @ 6:15PM - 9:15 PM  
FIREWORKS @ SUNDOWN



Mad Dog Concessions ★ Lemonade Factory Fair Food Truck ★ Taqueria La Perita ★ Notorious P.I.G. ★ Del's Popcorn ★ Knights of Columbus ★ Ladies of the Knights ★ Swingsations ★ Les Femmes ★ Passion Community Church ★ & more!



*Stereotypical*

ALCOHOL FREE EVENT!  
NO COOLERS!

323 FLETCHER PARK BLVD., MT. ZION, IL 62549



# SLIME

## MAKING

a 2024 FREEBIES AT THE PARK EVENT



*Friday, July 19*  
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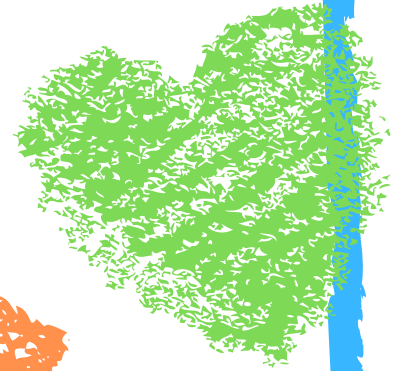
MT. ZION RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024 • ALL DAY!

FLETCHER PARK

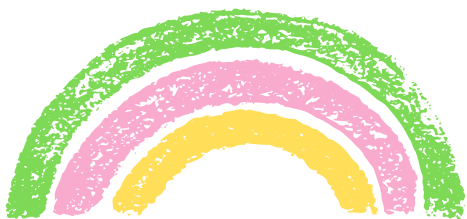


# CHALK THE WALK



SHOW OFF YOUR ARTISTIC SKILLS BY  
HELPING US COVER THE SIDEWALKS OF  
FLETCHER PARK IN CHALK

CHALK WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM  
10 AM - 12 PM, BUT FEEL FREE TO BRING  
YOUR OWN THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND  
HELP US SPREAD OUR ARTWORK AROUND



*See you  
there!*





# CRAFTER'S PARADISE 2024 EVENTS

## ALL CRAFTERS ARE WELCOME

at our no-frills, open crop style, 3-day event!  
Bring your craft supplies & create with like-minded people  
in a fresh environment, with no day-to-day distractions!

Each crafter gets their own 6-ft or 8-ft table with power!  
WiFi & full kitchen available for your convenience!

**\$20**

per person  
whether attending  
1, 2, or all 3 days

# SUMMER

June 7 - 9

Mt. Zion Convention Center

1400 Mt. Zion Parkway  
Mt. Zion, IL 62549

July 12 - 14

Mt. Zion Convention Center

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Aug 9 - 11

Mt. Zion Convention Center

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Pizza will be  
provided at 5:30 pm  
on Saturday  
evenings.  
Bring your own  
drink!

## DINING, LODGING, SHOPPING

### Hawthorne Suites by Wyndham

2370 Mt. Zion Road, Decatur, IL 62521  
(217) 864-9311  
2.2 miles

### Hampton Inn

4855 Evergreen Court, Decatur, IL 62521  
(217) 864-3297  
2.3 miles

Restaurants within walking distance.

Hobby Lobby  
12.4 miles

Fast Food  
1 - 3 miles

All days are 9 am - 9 pm.  
Building locked securely  
for items left overnight!

[d\\_reynolds@mtzion.com](mailto:d_reynolds@mtzion.com)  
(217) 864-5424

# CRAFTER'S PARADISE IMPORTANT INFO

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Crafter's Paradise is a no-frills, open crop style, 3-day event. Events begin at 9am and end at 9pm each day. You can come and go as you please and create as you wish. The building is locked securely for items left overnight.

Crafter's Paradise Events are held at the Mt. Zion Convention Center (1400 Mt. Zion Parkway) and at Fletcher Park Recreation Center (323 Fletcher Park Blvd.) as facilities are available. Dining, lodging and shopping are within walking distance to 5 miles from the facilities.

Each crafter is provided with a 6-foot or 8-foot banquet table with power. Seating is open and on a first come, first served basis. Due to placement of power cords, we ask that tables do not get moved. Carts, wagons, side tables, etc. are allowed.

WIFI and a full kitchen available for use. Pizza provided on Saturdays at 5:30pm, bring your own drink!

## COST, CANCELLATION & REGISTRATION

Events cost \$20 per person whether attending 1, 2, or all 3 days.

Cancellations received by email at least 24 hours prior to the first day of the event will be issued a credit to use at a future event. Please note that Crafter's Paradise events are subject to cancellation if the minimum requirement of 10 crafters is not met. Cancelled events will be notified by email 3 days prior and credits issued to all registered.

To register, please email [d\\_reynolds@mtzion.com](mailto:d_reynolds@mtzion.com) or call Village Hall (217) 864-5424. Payment must be made at least 2 days prior to the event. Money will not be exchanged at the event.



## FREEBIE TABLE

We will have a designated FREEBIE table at each event. Bring new or used supplies that you no longer need and grab a supply that maybe you've been searching for.

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

credit card by phone  
cash/check/credit at Village Hall (Mon-Fri 7:30am-4pm)  
cash/check by after-hours secured drop box



[D\\_REYNOLDS@MTZION.COM](mailto:D_REYNOLDS@MTZION.COM) OR (217) 864-5424





Mt. Zion Convention Center

**2024**

# HARVEST FEST

*Craft Show*

**AUG 23 & 24**

**FRIDAY @ 7 PM - 9 PM**

**SATURDAY @ 9 AM - 3 PM**

**FOOD FOR PURCHASE**

**50+ VENDORS**

1400 Mt. Zion Parkway  
Mt. Zion, IL 62549

**FREE  
ENTRY!**



## Mt. Zion Parks & Recreation Department Program Registration Form

Participants Name	Gender	Age <i>(If applicable)</i>	Grade <i>(If applicable)</i>	Class Name	Shirt Size <i>(If applicable)</i>	Fee
<b>Total Payments</b>						

### Waiver & Release of All Claims and Assumptions of Risk

All participants of Mt. Zion Recreation Programs will be required to complete a registration form and liability waiver. All participants must be registered by the deadline as space may be limited in the programs. Full refunds will only be given in the event that a class is cancelled by the Recreation Department. Refunds will be issued if the participant becomes ill or is injured prior to the start of the class or program. A doctor's excuse will be required. No refunds will be issued to participants once classes are completed. Requests for refunds due to extreme or unusual circumstances will be left to the discretion of the Director of Parks & Recreation. An administrative processing fee will be deducted from all refunds requested by participants. Please allow 30 days for the issue of a refund. Participants may be moved to different levels if the program instructor feels that he/she is performing above or below his/her ability. Instructor and supervisors have the right to remove from any program, without a refund, any participant who is disruptive, violent, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

This waiver and release of all claims is provided to the Village of Mt. Zion and Mt. Zion Community Unit School District #3 (School District) in consideration of enrolling the participant in one of more of the following programs. This waiver will be in effect for the duration of each program organized and/or operated by the Village of Mt. Zion, including programs that are scheduled to meet on the property of the Mt. Zion Community Unit School District #3.

The enrollment is hereby acknowledged; the undersigned hereby releases, acquits, and forever waives and discharges the Village of Mt. Zion and School District, its Officers, Board Members, agents, servants, and employees from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, damages, cost, expenses, and compensation claimed to have been received by the undersigned, or the undersigned's minor child, as a result of participating in any Village of Mt. Zion program. This release is valid for any and all programs the participant enrolls in after the date set forth below.

The undersigned recognized that a participant in the above-mentioned program(s) may be exposed to certain risks of injury. The undersigned agrees to be fully responsible for all injuries, including death, and financial losses, sustained by the undersigned as a result of participating in the above program(s).

The undersigned agrees to waive and relinquish all claims the undersigned may have as a result of participating in the above-mentioned program(s) against the Village of Mt. Zion, School District, and its Officers, Board Members, agents, servants, and employees.

The undersigned further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the Village of Mt. Zion and School District and its Officers, Board Members, agents, servants, and employees from any claims resulting from injuries, including death, damages, and losses sustained by the undersigned and/or the undersigned's dependents that arise out of in connection with or in any way associated with the activities of the program.

I have read and fully understand the above waiver and release of all claims.

**Signature** (18 years or older or Parent/Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** (Parent/Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_