



2025 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 2025 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 16, 2025.

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**.

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
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday**



This program is a joint effort between Forsyth, Mt. Zion, the USTA,
and the Macon County Area CTA.



Local Youth Tennis Program

Forsyth and Mt. Zion!

SWING, HIT & ACE is a fun & instructional program geared towards players aged 3-18 years old of all abilities!

All programming is led by USTA SafePlay™ approved provider Cory Sandgren, who is also a USPTA Certified Teaching Pro of 30+ years and has run these programs for 15+ years.

Register by:
Sunday June 1, 2025

If you miss the deadline,
contact Cory for options!

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.



There will be optional travel play events to participate in, too!!

Enjoy a big water fight on the last day of tennis!



An easy way for kids to get started in the world's healthiest sport!

For registration & all other tennis needs (youth or adult),
please contact Cory Sandgren

E-mail: sandgren25@comcast.net

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

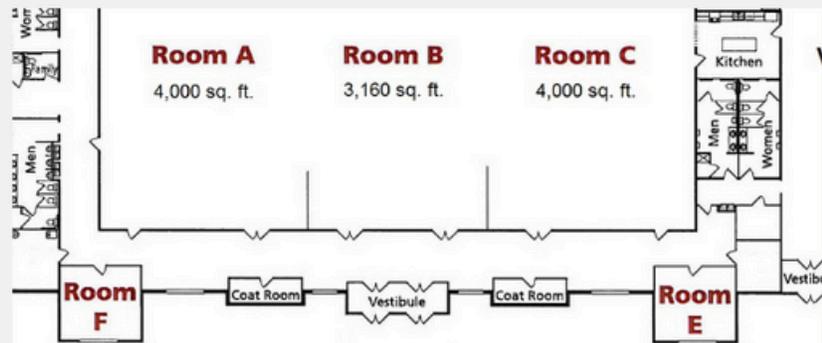


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convention
center



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!



BOOK NOW

Tiffany Streibich

Event Coordinator

(217) 864-5424 t_streibich@mtzion.com

www.mtzconventioncenter.com

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A WAVE OF SOCCER + FUN



MOUNT ZION

Experience a summer camp where soccer fun, expert coaching, and skill development come together for a safe and enriching adventure that builds character and life skills.



BRAZILIAN SOCCER CAMPS

9AM - 3PM FULL DAY AGES 9 TO 14

9AM - 12PM HALF DAY AGES 7 TO 14

3PM - 4PM FUTURE STAR AGES 4 TO 6



Date: Monday through Friday, starting June 9th

Location: Goodwin Park - 1092 Woodland Dr.

**CLAIM YOUR SPOT
HERE AND LEVEL UP
THIS SUMMER!**



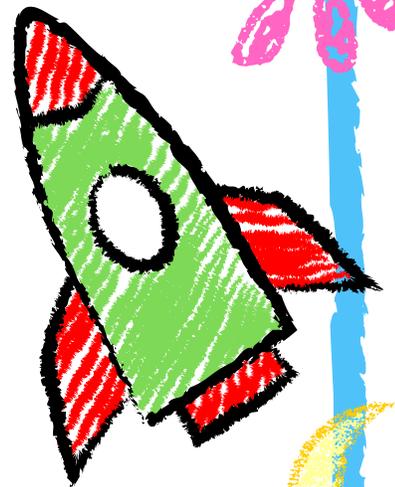
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MT. ZION RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025 • ALL DAY!
FLETCHER PARK

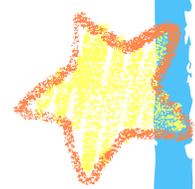
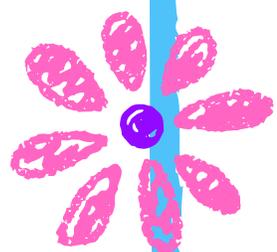
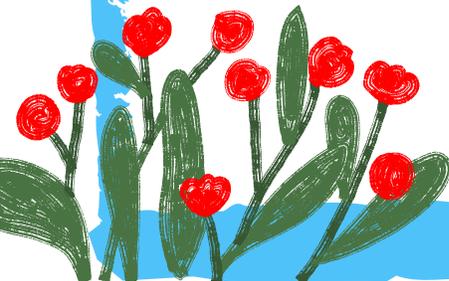
CHALK THE WALK



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

CHALK WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM
10 AM - 2 PM, BUT FEEL FREE TO
BRING YOUR OWN THROUGHOUT THE
DAY AND HELP US SPREAD OUR
ARTWORK AROUND

SEE YOU THERE!



FREE!

Mt. Zion Parks & Recreation

MT ZION PARK PLAY DAYS



**Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday!
10 am - 12 pm**

Each play day includes crafts, snacks, stories, team games & group activities! Everyday is different!



Children must be accompanied by a guardian. Participants must pre-register in advance & sign a waiver prior to the start of the event. Please fill out the Park Play Days Google Form or request a physical form.

PLEASE NOTE: You are not fully registered until you receive a confirmation email. Please allow at least 48 business hours for confirmation.

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. If you cannot attend, please be mindful & let us know!

**GOOGLE FORM
REGISTRATION**



Theme Weeks Include:

- Walking With Dinosaurs ☆ June 3 - 5
- Great Outdoors ☆ June 10 - 12
- Life on the Prairie ☆ June 17 - 19
- Circus Week ☆ June 24 - 26
- Patriotic Week ☆ July 1 & 2
- Down on the Farm ☆ July 8 - 10
- Arctic Animals ☆ July 15 - 17
- Hometown Heroes ☆ July 22 - 24
- Under the Sea ☆ July 29 & 30
- End of Summer Picnic ☆ July 31

*all dates are currently full, though you can still fill out the Google Form to be placed on the waitlist 😊



To register:
(217) 864-5424
t_wilson@mtzion.com

<https://forms.gle/MzCqjuHryMsDF6tRz>

SUMMER 2025

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!

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.

FREEBIES 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!

All FREEBIES require pre-registration. Fill out the Google Form or request a physical version by e-mailing t_wilson@mtzion.com

Please be mindful in letting us know if you are cancelling!

CHALK THE WALK

Monday, June 9
@ 10 am - 12 pm

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

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

INSECTS OF OUR WORLD

Friday, July 11
@ 10 am - 11 am**

Learn about insects through an indoor presentation. Then, catch and release invertebrates with nets and examine them with a magnifying glass!

**after our visit from Macon County Conservation District, everyone will adopt & name their own pretend insect friend to take home with them in a DIY decorated bug lodge!

STICKER SOIREE

Friday, July 25
@ 10 am - 2 pm

Stop by & set your imagination into motion!

Pick out stickers from our growing collection to decorate your own scrapbook, adorn your own art page, bulk up your sticker collection - anything!

All participants will be able to use FREEBIES Craft Supplies to create their own art during this party! Feel free to bring anything extra of your own!

PAINT PARTY

Friday, June 13
@ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Let the colors dazzle you & paint your own canvas from scratch!

You can also use our series of Dot Art pieces to inspire a matching speckled piece of your own!

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Friday, July 18
@ 10 am - 2 pm

Chirp, chirp. Tweet, tweet. A little birdie told me it's time to learn about our avian friends & their cool characteristics!

Don't chicken out.. get your ducks in a row and fly like an eagle over to this fun learning party with the Macon County Conservation District!

3D PAPER DOLL HOUSES

Monday, July 28
@ 10 am - 12 pm

Design, color, cut, & paste your very own story, as we decorate & construct paper doll houses!

GOOGLE FORM REGISTRATION

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2025

MT. ZION PARKS & RECREATION

FISHING CLINIC

a park play days event

READY TO CATCH A BIG ONE?

Come & join us at the Fletcher Park pond, where kids will learn the basics of fishing - rigging, bait, lines, casting, and so much more!

Participants will get a chance to open fish with one-on-one assistance from seasoned anglers!

Monday, June 9

@ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

📍 Fletcher Park Pond

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



Ages 8-14!

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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
529130-47	6-14	M-F	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	June 2-6
529130-48	6-14	M-F	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	June 9-13
529130-49	6-14	M-F	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	June 16-20
529130-50	6-14	M-F	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	June 23-27

Location: TBD

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

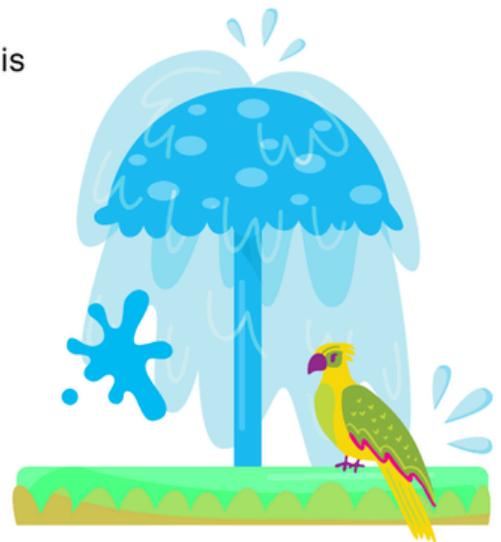
Camp F.I.R.E.

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, Overlook Adventure Park, and Splash Cove!

CODE	AGE	DAY	DATE	TIME
529140-51	15+	M-F	June 2-6	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
529140-52	15+	M-F	June 9-13	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
529140-53	15+	M-F	June 16-20	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
529140-54	15+	M-F	June 23-27	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. Participants must be at least 8 years old and have a current medical application on file.

Dances at the KC Hall

A night of music, dancing, and snacks! Dances are held the first Wednesday of every month from 6 - 8 p.m. at the KC Hall.

SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION (SRA)

Heart & Soul Programming

Heart & Soul provides a valuable opportunity for individuals with disabilities to express themselves creatively, build confidence, develop essential skills, and foster social connections, contributing significantly to their overall quality of life. Art forms like music, drama, and dance provide a powerful platform for individuals with disabilities to express their thoughts feelings, and experiences - especially when verbal communication is challenging! No disability can exclude an individual from participating because there is always a way for inclusion. Participating in a group art program can foster social interaction, build relationships, and promote a sense of belonging among peers.

Heart & Soul on Stage

This theatre camp gives participants the opportunity to be an active participant with a specific role in a live musical production. Participants work together with supportive peers and adult aides through acting, singing, and dancing!

Days: Monday - Wednesday

Date: June 9 - July 16

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Poage Arts & Recreation Center

Fee: \$20

Performance: "Go Fish" performed at the Devon Lakeshore Amphitheatre on July 18th & 19th



Heart & Soul in Motion

This class gives students the opportunity to dance and express themselves through movement. Students will learn the basics of jazz and tap. Every class begins with a fun, energetic warm up, followed by across the floor movement. Class finishes with a short dance routine.

Days: Monday

Date: September 8, 2025 - May 4, 2026

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Poage Arts & Recreation Center

Fee: \$20

Performance: Spring Dance Recital
May 8 & 9, 2026



Call (217) 429-7750 with any questions!

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Heart & Soul Choir

This choir does more than just help its members engage in the arts. While it's members learn singing skills, like how to project their voice and sing clearly, they also become more confident and take pride in their accomplishments.

Days: Wednesday
*choir does not meet the 1st Wednesday of the month
Date: September 10, 2025 - May 21, 2026
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Location: Scovill Banquet Facility
Fee: \$20
Performance: Multiple Performance opportunities throughout the season

Call (217) 429-7750 with any questions!

Heart & Soul in Color - NEW!

Art serves as a unique medium of expression when words may not suffice. Through the strokes of paintbrush, the line of a pencil, or the tactile experience of mixed mediums; completing an art project instills a sense of accomplishment.

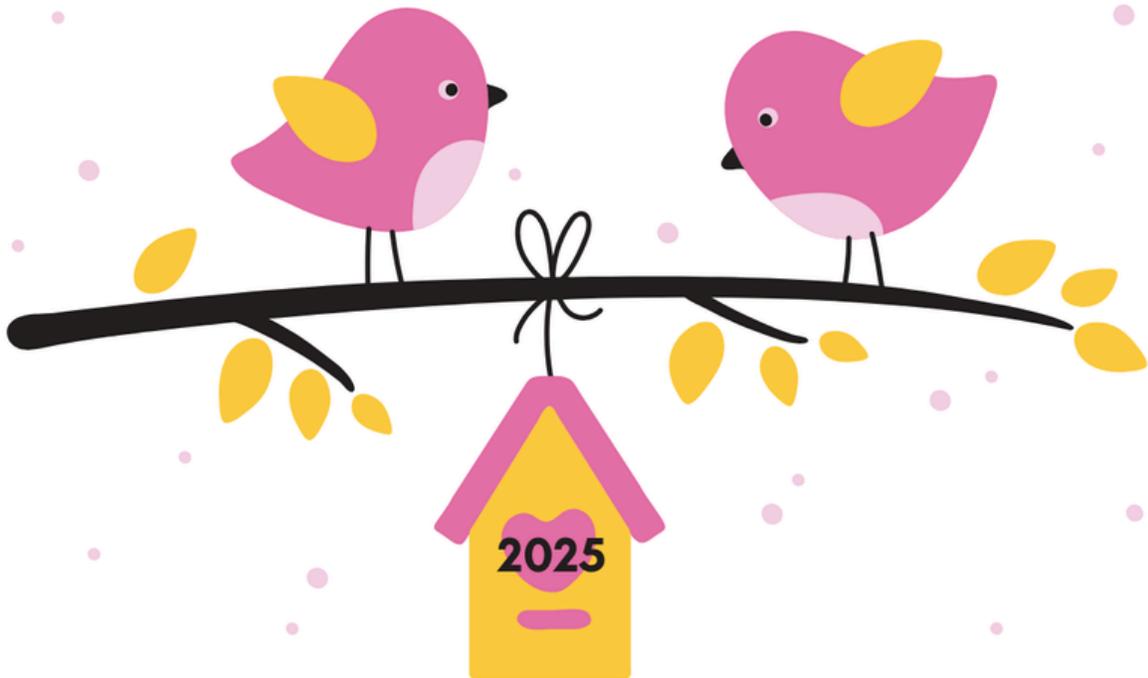
Days: Thursday
Date: First Thursday of the Month
Time: 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Location: Scovill Banquet Facility
Fee: \$10/per month



\$18

JUNIOR

Bird Houses



MONDAY, JUNE 23

at 10:00 AM

Follow along in building your very
own wooden bird house!

Ages 8 - 14

Limited spaces available!

Waiver & pre-payment are required!

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323 Fletcher Park Blvd.

ROCKET LAUNCHER

3-2-1 Blast OFF!

Come join us for a fun DIY rocket launcher & paper rocket!

Kids will design and make their launcher & rocket to enjoy at home!

**Monday,
June 30**

@ 10:00 AM

Ages 8 - 14

**Limited spaces
available!**

**Waiver & pre-payment
are required!**

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\$9

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CRAFTER'S PARADISE

2025
FIRST HALF

3-DAYS, NO FRILLS, OPEN-STYLE CROP

Bring your craft supplies & create with like-minded people in a fresh environment with no day-to-day distractions!

Each crafter gets a 6-ft table with power and Wi-Fi.

Seating is on a first come, first served basis.

Wagons, side tables, etc. are allowed. A FREEBIE table is set up for attendees to donate and shop.



FRI • SAT • SUN

9 AM - 9 PM

building secure
over night

\$20

**PER
PERSON**
per crop

CROPS HELD AT:

**MT. ZION
CONVENTION CENTER**
1400 Mt. Zion Parkway
Mt. Zion, IL 62549

Dining and lodging are within walking distance - 3 miles.
Snacks and bottled water provided!

TO REGISTER:

(217) 864-5424
d_reynolds@mtzion.com

PAYMENT ACCEPTED:

by phone • (217) 864-5424
in person or via mail •
Village of Mt. Zion
1400 Mt. Zion Parkway
Mt. Zion, IL 62549

DUE 2 DAYS PRIOR TO CROP

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- Cancellations received by email at least 24 hours before the crop will receive a credit.
- If for any reason a crop is cancelled, registrants are notified by email and issued a credit.

(217) 864-5424 • d_reynolds@mtzion.com

MT. ZION
PARKS & RECREATION

VOLLEYBALL CAMP 2025

MT. ZION HIGH SCHOOL
FIELD HOUSE

JULY 7TH - 9TH

1 - 3 GRADE

9 AM - 11 AM

4 - 6 GRADE

11 AM - 1 PM

Camp participants can be introduced to the fundamentals or improve their skills at this camp, instructed by seasoned volleyball veteran, Traci Dyer-Townsend and experienced high school players!

 (217) 864-5424

 t_wilson@mtzion.com

\$50

*includes t-shirt!

*waiver required to register

Mt. Zion Parks & Recreation

JUNIOR COOKING CLASSES

Join us in learning basic cooking skills
while we prepare our own meals!

2025

**PLEASE
AGES 8-14
ONLY!**

June 16

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fletcher Park Recreation Center

**Let's Make
Tacos**

\$18

Learn how to make tacos &
handmade salsa, all on our own!

July 14

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fletcher Park Recreation Center

**Breakfast
From Scratch**

\$18

Who says you can't have breakfast for
lunch? Learn how to make waffles,
biscuits, and gravy - from scratch!



Village of Mt. Zion & Next of Kin are offering

Christmas In July

THURSDAY, JULY 17

@ 6:30 PM

BYODrink & join us in
prepping your holiday decor
early this year!

*Must sign-up & pre-pay (REQUIRED) to
reserve spot!
Limited spaces available!

Clark Snowman

10½" H x 5¼" L x 4" W

TO REGISTER:

t_wilson@mtzion.com

(217) 864-5424

\$39



WINOS (WOMEN IN NEED OF SANITY)

Recreation Center | 323 Fletcher Park Blvd.

JUNIOR DIY SPA JARS

\$9

MONDAY, JULY 7
@ 10 AM



Come join us as we make 3 DIY Spa products that
you can use to pamper yourself!

sugar scrub ★ body lotion ★ chapstick

AGES 8 - 14

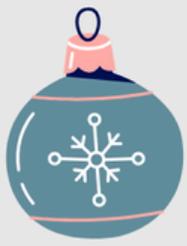
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!

WAIVER & PRE-PAYMENT REQUIRED!

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JUNIOR
CHRISTMAS
GIFT JARS

MONDAY, JULY 21
@ 10:00 AM

IT'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

**JOIN US IN LEARNING HOW TO MAKE
THREE DIFFERENT HOMEMADE GIFTS IN
A JAR TO PREP FOR THE HOLIDAYS!**

AGES 8 - 14

**LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!
WAIVER & PRE-PAYMENT REQUIRED!**



\$12

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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

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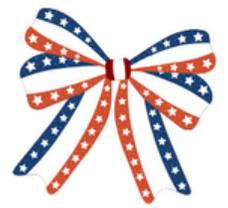
BLUE RIBBON



THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2025



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



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MT. ZION, IL 62549

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!

ALCOHOL
FREE
EVENT

NO
COOLERS!

MUSIC BY:

Corey Wise



FIRST NATIONAL



93.1 THE PARTY 106.3 THE GAME 94.3 DYNAMIC 94.5 MILTY 98.1 NEWS 101 JACK FM FOX

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"The Quality Bank"

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Darrell W. Beck
Council 577
Decatur, Illinois



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS

Bulky Item Pick-Ups

Starting in 2025, Sparkle & Shine has been discontinued.

In its place, residents needing to dispose of large bulky items such as appliances, chairs, couches, etc. can contact Waste Management either by phone or through their customer web portal.

Waste Management will provide bulky waste pickup to all residential cart-based service recipients up to six (6) times each calendar year, one (1) item per collection, at no additional charge.

Additional item pick-ups are subject to an additional fee, as set forth below. Bulky waste items must be properly prepared and placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m., on the agreed upon collection day.

APPLIANCES \$10/per item

- REFRIGERATORS
- DISHWASHER
- WATER HEATER
- WASHER
- DRYER
- MICROWAVE

OTHER ITEMS \$10/per item

- TOILET (separate into 2 pieces for removal)
- BATHTUB OR SINK
- CARPET (4 ft square bundled with rope, strap, etc.)
- SMALL LAWN MOWER

FURNITURE \$10/per item

(up to 250 lbs)

- COUCH
- HIDEAWAY COUCH
- LOVESEAT
- RECLINER
- ANY SIZE BOX SPRING
- ANY SIZE MATTRESS
- LARGE TABLE

BAGS OF TRASH (outside of what is required to take) \$5/bag

ANY ITEM NOT LISTED (over 250 lbs) price negotiated with contractor

1-800-796-9696

Call with any questions or to schedule!



For items not accepted, visit www.macongreen.com for a list of disposal options.





Mt. Zion Convention Center

2025

HARVEST FEST

Craft Show

AUG 22 & 23

FRIDAY @ 6 PM - 9 PM

SATURDAY @ 9 AM - 2 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
Total Payments						

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** _____