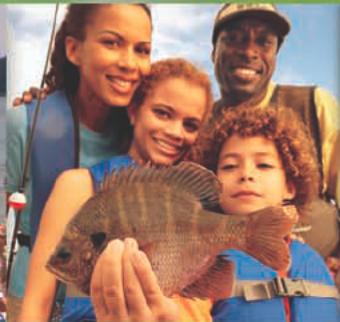




PORTAGE

A Natural Place to Move

PARKS AND RECREATION 2014 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS



www.portagemi.gov
(269) 329-4522

RAMONA PARK BEACH

8600 S. Sprinkle Road, ½ mile south of Centre Avenue

OPEN WATER SWIMS JUNE 24 AND JULY 15

7:00 P.M.

AT RAMONA PARK BEACH

250 meter, 500 meter and 1 kilometer distance swims offered on this marked course and open to all ages. Pre-registration required and additional details at 2kopenwaterswim.com



Ramona Park beach offers a sandy swim area with lifeguards, picnic areas, fishing dock, beach volleyball, concessions, playground, changing rooms and much more!

Vehicle permits for entry into Ramona Park can be purchased on site near the park entrance during regular beach hours.

Beach hours:

Monday – Thursday 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.
Friday – Sunday & Holidays 10:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Open Daily:

May 23 – 26
May 31, June 1
June 7 – September 1

City Resident Daily Permit	\$ 5
Non-Resident Daily Permit	\$10
City Resident Annual Permit	\$25
Non-Resident Annual Permit	\$45
Group Bus Daily Permit	\$50
(for 15 or more people)	

GET ACTIVE PORTAGE! 2014 SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 AT RAMONA PARK

YOUTH TRIATHLON

9 a.m. Check in begins at 7:30 a.m.



Spirit Racing LLC, based in Kalamazoo, is staging this exciting event. While the young triathletes will be timed and awards presented for top finishers in each age group of 6-9 years and 10-13 years, participation is the primary goal. All courses are within Ramona Park and closed to vehicle traffic for the race duration enabling a very safe and controlled environment. Complete course maps are posted at the event web site. Take time with your kids this summer to do the courses in advance. All athletes must be pre-registered using the online system linked at the event web site.

www.kidsgetactive.us

RAMONA PARK HEALTH FAIR

9 a.m. – 12 noon FREE!



Now is the time to learn about a healthier lifestyle. Visit booths and participate in activities provided by local health and wellness vendors. Interested vendors who wish to be involved should contact timearl@aol.com or charleslaura@gmail.com

Try out a kayak or stand up paddle board, courtesy of Lee's Adventure Sports, or join in on a great outdoor workout with expert instruction from Jazzercise Portage Fitness Studio!

Parking coupon on back of program.



YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

YOUTH RECREATION SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE! Call 323-1942 To Apply

Portage youth, ages 18 and under, living in a household meeting the established income guidelines may be eligible for financial assistance through the Youth Recreation Scholarship Program established by a partnership between the Portage Community Center and City of Portage. Eligible youth may receive financial assistance with the following recreation programs:

     Youth Sport Camps  School of FISH Day Camps  Ramona Park Beach Annual Pass

SCHOOL OF FISH DAY CAMP at Ramona Park on Long Lake

Day campers will experience all the joys associated with fishing and environmental conservation. During this unique adventure, youth will have the opportunity to explore the outdoors and learn all the skills necessary to start their own fishing memories. Professional instruction and guidance is provided as youth participate in many hands on activities, and of course...GO FISHING! Space is limited.

Little Lunkers

Ages 7–12 \$85*
July 14–17 Mon–Thurs
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Beginner camp will focus on:

-  Fish Identification & Habitat
-  Knot Tying & Rod Rigging
-  Casting Skills & Safety
-  Tackle Crafting
-  Aquatic Conservation
-  Catching and Rigging Live Bait
-  Shoreline Fishing

* Registration fee includes a spinning rod to use and take home!



Advanced Anglers

Ages 9–14 \$85*
August 11–14 Mon–Thurs
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Advance Anglers will learn:

-  Fishing Techniques such as Jigging
-  Advanced Knots
-  Artificial Lures
-  Intro to Fly Fishing
-  Boater Safety
-  Fishing from a Canoe
-  Lure Making
-  Wilderness Survival

* Registration fee includes a spinning rod to use and take home!

Register at Portage Parks & Recreation, 7719 S. Westnedge or download a registration form at www.portagemi.gov/parks/seasonalrecreation

KINGDOM SKATEBOARDING CAMPS at South Westnedge Park

Ages 7–14

Jon Zomer, with over 10 years skateboarding experience, will instruct these fun and educational camps.

Session 1	Beginner	June 23-26	Mon-Thurs	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	\$89
Session 2	Beginner	July 28-31	Mon-Thurs	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	\$89

Register at Kingdom Indoor Center, 226-2000 or www.kicsports.net

YMCA YOUTH TENNIS CAMPS at Oakland Drive Park

Participants will acquire basic knowledge of all strokes with an emphasis on playing points by scaling down court size and utilizing developmental balls. Match situations will be introduced. Bring a snack/beverage each day.

Session 1	June 9-12	Mon-Thurs	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	\$62*
Session 2	June 16-19	Mon-Thurs	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	\$62*

*Includes camp gift. Please note: Friday is make up day in case of inclement weather.

Register at Portage YMCA, 324-9622 or www.kzooyymca.org



MINI MUSTANGS VOLLEYBALL CAMP (Incoming Grades 4-6)

at CHS Stable

Girls Code: 514202A July 14-18 Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. \$60/5 days

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSTANG VOLLEYBALL CAMP (Incoming Grades 7-8)

at CHS Stable

Girls Code: 514203A July 14 - 18 Mon-Fri 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. \$80/5 days

FRESHMAN MUSTANG VOLLEYBALL CAMP (Incoming Freshman)

at CHS Stable

Girls Code: 514201A July 7 - 11 Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. \$80/5 days

NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOL CO-ED BASKETBALL CAMP (Incoming Grades 1-8)

at NHS Dog House

Huskie Co-ed Code: 710101A June 10 - 13 Tues-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$100/4 days

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP (Incoming Grades K-4 & 5-8)

at CHS Stable Code: 710301A/710302A

L'Ii Stang Boys Grades K-4 June 16 - 19 Mon-Thurs 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. \$64/4 days

L'Ii Stang Boys Grades 5-8 June 16 - 19 Mon-Thurs 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. \$64/4 days

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP (Incoming Grades 3-5 & 6-8)

at CHS Gym Code: 710201A/710202A

Jr. Mustang Girls Grades 3-5 June 16 - 19 Mon-Thurs 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. \$60/4 days

Jr. Mustang Girls Grades 6-8 June 16 - 19 Mon-Thurs 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon \$60/4 days

GIRLS LACROSSE FUNDAMENTALS (Incoming Grades 3-5 & 6-8)

at 12th Street LAX Field Code: 516101A/516102A

Girls Grades 3-5 June 16 - 19 Mon-Thurs 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. \$35/4 days

Girls Grades 6-8 June 23 - 26 Mon-Thurs 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. \$35/4 days

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL DAY CAMP (Incoming Grades 7-12)

NHS/P-FIELD Code: 710401A July 22 - 25 Tues-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. \$50/4 days

CHS/P-FIELD Code: 710501A July 28 - 31 Mon-Thurs 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. \$70/4 days*

*Lunch will be provided.

Register for camps at PPS Community Enrichment Office, 8107 Mustang Dr., 323-6700 or www.ppscomm.ed.org

PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY

The City of Portage encourages all individuals to become involved in these recreation activities. Reasonable accommodations will be made to allow individuals with special needs the opportunity to participate in Parks and Recreation activities. Please call the Parks & Recreation Division at 329-4522 for more information.

YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS CONTINUED



Kalamazoo Kids on Stage at 12th Street Elementary School

Directed by David Ortega and experienced staff, camps are designed for youngsters interested in musical theater and drama. Learn skills such as voice projection, theater makeup, stage movement, pantomime and improvisation.

Primary Camp *Disney's The Aristocats, Kids*

Full Day Session	Grades K-2	July 7-25	Mon-Fri	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	\$420
Half Day Session	Grades K-2	July 7-25	Mon-Fri	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	\$210

Elementary Camp *Disney's The Little Mermaid, Junior*

Full Day Session	Grades 2-5	July 7-25	Mon-Fri	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	\$420
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Middle School Camp *Disney's Shrek the Musical, Junior*

Full Day Session	Grades 5-10	July 7-25	Mon-Fri	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	\$420
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Register at PPS Community Enrichment Office, 8107 Mustang Dr., 323-6700 or www.ppscommmed.org

JUNE 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1  = Ramona Park Beach open	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	8 YMCA Tennis Camp Basketball Camp	9 YMCA Tennis Camp Basketball Camp	10 YMCA Tennis Camp Basketball Camp	11 YMCA Tennis Camp Basketball Camp	12 YMCA Tennis Camp Basketball Camp Discovery Program	13 Jazzercise in the Park Standup Paddle Board	
	  	  	  	   		 	
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	22 Skateboarding Camp Lacrosse Fundamentals	23 Skateboarding Camp Lacrosse Fundamentals Open Water Swim	24 Skateboarding Camp Lacrosse Fundamentals	25 Skateboarding Camp Lacrosse Fundamentals	26 Skateboarding Camp Lacrosse Fundamentals Standup Paddle Board	27	28
	  	  	  	   			
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JULY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
	6 Volleyball Camp Kids on Stage	7 Volleyball Camp Kids on Stage	8 Volleyball Camp Kids on Stage	9 Volleyball Camp Kids on Stage	10 Volleyball Camp Kids on Stage	11 Jazzercise in the Park
Celery Flats Music Fest	13 Little Lunkers Volleyball Camp Kids on Stage	14 Little Lunkers Volleyball Camp Kids on Stage	15 Little Lunkers Volleyball Camp Kids on Stage	16 Little Lunkers Volleyball Camp Kids on Stage	17 Volley Camp Kids on Stage	18 Kayaking
	20 Kids on Stage Discovery Program	21 Football Camp Kids on Stage	22 Football Camp Kids on Stage	23 Football Camp Kids on Stage	24 Football Camp Kids on Stage	25 Kayaking
	27 Football Camp Skateboarding Camp Discovery Program	28 Football Camp Skateboarding Camp	29 Football Camp Skateboarding Camp	30 Football Camp Skateboarding Camp	31 Football Camp Skateboarding Camp Standup Paddle Board	

AUGUST 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	3	4	5	6 Standup Paddle Board	7	8 Youth Triathlon Ramona Park Health Fair Jazzercise in the Park Kayaking and SUP Demo
	10 Advanced Anglers	11 Advanced Anglers	12 Advanced Anglers	13 Advanced Anglers	14	15
	17	18	19	20	21	22
	24/31	25	26	27	28	29



PORTAGE PARK DISCOVERY PROGRAMS



FREE to the public

These programs are a cooperative effort between the Kalamazoo Nature Center and the Portage Parks & Recreation Department. Generous support provided by the Portage District Library.

Lunch and Learn: "Our Earth, Can You Dig It?"

June 12, 2014 at 11 a.m.–12 noon

Meet at Celery Flats Amphitheatre

Join the Kalamazoo Nature Center as we dig deep into the world beneath our feet. Meet Earthworms, Roly-Poly Pill Bugs and their soil neighbors and discover how they survive. As we dig deeper into what makes soil and how it is different from dirt, we will see some of the treasures found buried deep.

Exploring Celery Flats with a Naturalist

June 16, 2014 at 7–8:30 p.m.

Meet at Celery Flats Interpretive Center

Explore the rich natural world encountered along the trail and around the historic buildings of Celery Flats. You and your family will be amazed at all the living things that can be found close to home. Discover ways you can explore nature around your own backyard.

Reading Nature Around the Library

June 30, 2014 at 7–8:30 p.m.

Meet at Portage Public Library (program will begin indoors and then move outdoors)



Learn how to read the landscape. What is the history it is telling us? What stories are being revealed? Are they stories of survival or of invasion? Learn about the books and resources you can read to discover more about the world around you. Don't forget to bookmark this date.

Haverhill Has Homes and Habitat

July 21, 2014 at 7–8:30 p.m.

Meet at Haverhill Park

This park, alongside Haverhill school and on the Northwest Portage Bikeway, is a great example of how Portage Parks brings nature to our neighborhoods. Observe local nearby nature around the park and adjacent bike trail. Come see what you can find with the help of a Kalamazoo Nature Center Naturalist.

Wandering the Wetlands at Westlake Nature Preserve

July 28, 2014 at 7–8:30 p.m.

Meet at Westlake Nature Preserve

At Westlake Nature Preserve, beyond the pavilion, is a path that leads through the forest towards a gem of a bog. Join Naturalist Dan Keto on a walk to the bog, with other nature discoveries along the way. Encounter seasonal highlights as we move from forest to bog. Observe the plants and animals that call this unique place home.



Lee's Adventure Sports Kayak Lessons and Demos at Ramona Park



Stand Up Paddle Demo	June 14
Stand Up Paddle Yoga	Thursdays starting June 19
Intro to Kayaking lesson	June 21, July 19 & August 24
Advanced Kayaking lesson	July 26
Kayak and SUP demos at Get Active Portage!	August 9

For additional information or to sign up for lessons and demos please visit: Lee's Adventure Sports at 311 W. Kilgore or call **381-7700**.

Jazzercise in the Park

When you love your workout, results come easy! The modern day version of the original Jazzercise combines Jazz aerobics with strength training, yoga, pilates and kickboxing movements into fun routines set to all the hit music! You may want to bring along a towel/mat to sit on, hand weights and water. All levels welcome. Time to start something new!

June 14	Celery Flats Historical Area	9:00 a.m.
July 12	Celery Flats Historical Area	9:00 a.m.
August 9	Ramona Park at the Get Active Portage!	9:00 a.m.



CELERY FLATS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sunday, July 13 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Celery Flats Historical Area, 7366 Garden Lane
Admission: donation to the Friends of the Park, Portage

Enjoy an afternoon of Bluegrass and Americana music in beautiful Celery Flats Historical Area. This is the kick-off event for the new Friends of the Park and is sponsored by the Portage Park Board and the K'zoo Folklife Organization. Performers include: Schlitz Creek Bluegrass Band, Deadwood Bluegrass Band, Great Lakes Grass, The Crescendo Fiddlers, Joel Colburn, Patricia Pettinga and Bill Willgeng, The Rysenga's, Carrie McFerrin and Steve Barber.

Food concessions will be available. Be sure to bring your family to this awesome show! Concert will be held in the grassy common, so bring a chair or blanket.



Get Active Portage! RAMONA PARK

VEHICLE PARKING PERMIT
VALID AUGUST 9, 2014
UNTIL 1PM



8600 S. SPRINKLE RD
CORNER OF ZYLMAN & S. SPRINKLE RD,
JUST SOUTH OF THE FIRE STATION

THIS PERMIT MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE GATE ATTENDANT UPON ENTRY. PERMIT MUST BE PLACED ON THE PASSENGER SIDE DASH AND VISIBLE THROUGH THE WINDSHIELD.