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JULY/AUGUST 2020 PROGRAM GUIDE

REGISTRATION BEGINS JULY 7

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What is SOAR?
SOAR is a community therapeutic recreation program serving individuals unable to successfully participate in traditional recreation programs. Leisure, social and developmental skills are emphasized to promote the highest level of recreation participation possible. SOAR is jointly sponsored by the City of Bloomington and Town of Normal Parks and Recreation Departments.

Most individuals with disabilities are eligible to participate in SOAR activities. Persons from youth to adults who are in special education classes, workshops, nursing homes or who have leisure needs not met by traditional recreation programs are eligible. This includes individuals with developmental, physical or learning disabilities; sensory, genetic or behavior disorders; autism or emotional difficulties.

Mission Statement
The SOAR program exists to maintain and enhance the quality of life for individuals with disabilities through comprehensive, specialized recreation programs, activities and special events.

Americans With Disabilities Act
Special Opportunities Available in Recreation (SOAR) will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which prohibits discrimination in the provision of services, programs or facilities to individuals with disabilities. SOAR will make reasonable accommodations in recreation programs to enable participation by an individual with a disability who meets essential eligibility requirements for that program. The ADA requires that recreation programs offered by SOAR be available in the most integrated setting appropriate for each individual. Call (309) 434-2260 if you have any questions about the SOAR policy regarding the ADA or believe you have been unfairly discriminated against by SOAR.

Questions/Information
Please contact the SOAR office with any questions regarding eligibility, registration procedures, scholarships, transportation or the SOAR program in general at (309) 434-2260. TDD for the hearing impaired at (309) 829-5115. Fax: (309) 434-2483. Web site address is www.bloomingtonparks.org/soar. Hotline: (309) 434-2386.

Coronavirus Precaution Tips
1. Wash your hands frequently
2. Wear a mask
3. Cover your mouth with sleeve or elbow
4. Maintain social distancing
Inclusive Programs
SOAR recognizes that every individual with special needs and abilities does not always require a SOAR program. The SOAR staff are available to assist and advise participants concerning appropriate placement in SOAR, Bloomington and/or Normal Parks and Recreation Department programs. SOAR staff will contact the appropriate recreation department staff and work with the instructor to assure the participant a smooth transition if they wish to be integrated into a recreation department program.

Program Legend

= participant will need to bring money to program

Full-Time Staff
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Volunteers, Summer & Saturday Day Programs, Mailings, Fitness/Sports Programs, Special Olympics Programs

Seasonal & Part-Time Staff
SOAR is fortunate to have a number of qualified and talented seasonal and part-time staff. Thank you to the following winter/spring session staff for their continued support, dedication and fine work!

Kaitlyn Bauman
Rachael Belsaas
Beth Clark
Bob Clark
Sally Clark
Katie Clothier
Breanne D’Costa
Ritchie D’Costa
Rhonda D’Costa
Kim Denton
Tom Dittrich
Doug Dowell
Michele Evans
Miranda Henson
Eric Velling
Bethany Keith
Larry Kotowski
Linda Kotowski
Mariah Lamberti
Randi Meyer
Tom Mittler
Annabel Petersen
Sydney Pinder
Conner Polley
Holly Polley
Mark Rutenbeck
Rachael Shropshire
Julie Smith
David Suarez

Attire at SOAR Programs
Participants should dress comfortably for all programs and special events. Please keep in mind what the weather is like, if the program will be held inside or outside and what the program will involve. Wear clothes that can get dirty and stained to all craft and cooking programs. Sometimes accidents happen and new/good clothes can get ruined! Dress for activity and comfortable movement in all Special Olympics, sports and exercise programs. Athletic shoes and athletic clothing are required. Do not wear blue jeans to any sports programs or practices! Special attire requirements are often suggested in memos sent out for special events.

Volunteers in Action
SOAR uses a wide variety of volunteers to assist in weekly programs and special events. Volunteers help with program activities and events and work closely with participants to provide an enjoyable and quality leisure experience. Past volunteers have been community residents, college students and community service groups. Thank you to all the individuals who helped make the fall program session a success by volunteering their time to assist with one or more programs. SOAR is currently accepting volunteers for summer programs. If you are interested in volunteering, please call (309) 434-2260.

Medication Dispensing
SOAR staff may dispense medication to participants during extended programs and trips. In order for SOAR staff to do this, a parent/guardian will need to complete a medication dispensing form and complete a dispensing procedure each time medication is needed. SOAR staff may not perform an injection or any other medically or physically invasive procedure. Please call the SOAR staff at (309) 434-2260 if you have any questions or would like a copy of any of these forms: permission for medication dispensing, medication dispensing procedures and invasive procedure policies.

Photo Policy
On occasion, SOAR staff may photograph or videotape participants at programs, special events and facilities. These photos are for SOAR use only and may be used in publications, brochures, Facebook, pamphlets, flyers or video productions. If you do not want your photo published contact Maggie or Nicole.

Insurance
Individual accident and medical insurance for program participants is not provided by SOAR, Bloomington or Normal Parks and Recreation Departments.

Staff Ratio
SOAR currently staffs most programs with one staff to every four participants. If a participant will need more assistance or won’t be able to participate within this structure, please let staff know at registration so appropriate staffing may be secured (if possible). Please note in brochure write ups any exceptions to this 1:4 ratio.

Code of Conduct:
Participant Guidelines
Equal Access - No participant shall on the basis of race, gender, creed, national origin or disability be denied equal access to programs, activities, services or benefits or be limited in the exercise of any right, privilege, advantage or opportunity.

Behavior - Participants are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times. The following guidelines have been developed to make SOAR programs safe and enjoyable for all participants. Additional rules may be developed for particular programs as deemed necessary by staff.

Participants shall:

- Show respect to all participants and staff.
- Refrain from using foul language.
- Refrain from causing bodily harm to other participants or staff.
- Show respect for equipment, supplies and facilities.

Discipline - A positive approach will be used. SOAR reserves the right to dismiss a participant. Each situation will be evaluated on its own merit.
Late Pick-Up Policy

Please double check the pick-up time and be prompt! Program instructors would appreciate your consideration because they have additional work responsibilities after the program and sometimes have another program to lead.

Families/staff of participants who are not picked up promptly will be sent a letter the first time to remind them of this concern. If the situation happens again, a late fee will be assessed. After a 5-minute grace period, a $5 fee will be charged for every 15 minutes or portion thereafter.

Registration for other programs will not be accepted until all outstanding late fees are paid.

Special Thanks to Our Volunteers who helped with Winter/Spring Programs

Tammy Alsene
Raven Arrington
Mya Bartell
Gina Barkus
Justin Bean
Radiique Blackmon
Joe Boston
Abbie Bowman
Vanessa Campos
Kendrique Coats
Amy Crumpley
Darzie Dawson
Jennifer Diamond
Christian Dowell
Abbi Edmaston
Sarah Esparra
Kelli Esposto
Ryan Fishel
Flying Dragons Center
Jacob Foster
Sarah Garvin
Ellie Graham
Emma Guevara
Flint Greil
Kalleigh Harris
Todd Haynes
HCC Soccer Team
Jenna Heaser
Joe Heaser
Brittany Henson
Chad Hoffer
KIM Hoffer
Humaira
Fiona Iljazi
Illinois Wesleyan Titans
IOAA artists
Mary Jo Johnson
Brian Jome
Vaughn Jones
Brian Lahr
Courtney Lahr
Sophia Lahr
Hailey Levertone
Chareen Lakebrink
Jim Lilienthal
Sherry Lilienthal
Matthew Majeski
Harrison Martin
Mariely Martinson
Matt Martinson
Rachel Matug
Emily McCauley
Audrey McWhorter
Brennan Mitchell
Caleb Mitchell
Julia Murray
NSSLHA - ISU
Maggie Orick
Sarah Orozco
Kristin Papanicolas
Amanda Parisi
Sophie Parson
Kelsie Pate
Sydney Pinder
Paola Prado
Fantasia Price
Megan Rechisen
Amanda Regez
Irene Robles
Madeline Rogers
Alyssa Roll
Aleisha Rosson
Buffy Ryan
Dennis Sapp
Verlinda Sapp
Michael Schoeninger
Debbie Schultz
Shelley Schultz
Megan Schummer
Taylor Serratt
Jennifer Sharp
Koren Sharar
Hannah Simonovic
Cassady Smith
Kyle Shulzhinde
Nick Suria
The Dancing Queens

Special Information

Paperwork...Paperwork...

“You want me to fill out this entire form?” Have you ever said or thought this? Most of us have! The demand for information and paperwork is tremendous in our society today. While our initial reaction is sometimes frustration, we need to step back and consider why information is requested. SOAR asks that an annual information form be completed, with a seasonal sign-off that all information is still correct. Why ask the questions and why persist in acquiring updated information? Listed below are some of the reasons:

- We take our responsibility for participants seriously.
- We care about each person’s health and safety.
- We care that each person’s physical, emotional, social and developmental needs are being met.
- We want each person to feel satisfaction from program involvement.

Asking for information does not guarantee personal success or safety, but the information is invaluable as we do our best to provide safe and satisfying leisure activities. We thank you for taking the time to provide the requested information.

Cell Phone Policy

SOAR requests that participants do not bring cell phones to program unless there is an emergency situation they need to be aware of or if they need to call for a ride when the program ends. Participants are not to use their phone during programs and are asked to keep their cell phone in a pocket, purse, bag, etc. during the entire program. SOAR can’t be held responsible if a participant loses his or her phone. If a participant uses a cell phone during a program or the phone becomes a distraction to the participant, SOAR staff will hold the phone for the duration of the program. The phone will be returned when the participant leaves. This policy will be enforced for the respect of other participants and staff during a program.

Participant Expectations

SOAR provides healthy community leisure opportunities for individuals with disabilities. While participating in our programs, we stress socialization skills, appropriate behavior and personal appearance. For the dignity and acceptance of individuals with disabilities, and for their overall self-esteem and enjoyment at community outings, the staff has several expectations of participants. We ask that you assist us in fulfilling these basic guidelines. The participant guidelines were developed for the betterment of our participants, their self-esteem and normalization.

Please dress for all programs in clean clothing that is appropriate for the specific activity. Participants should be clean and display good hygiene skills.

Program Times

SOAR staff and instructors are at the facility for the designated program time only. Individuals providing transportation for participants should make drop-offs and pick-ups at the listed times. Please do not leave a participant at program/program site unless there is a staff present. We know that emergencies arise, but try to let staff know if you will be early or late!

Parent Observation Guidelines

Parents are encouraged to leave the program area during events so participants can give their full attention to the instructor. Thank you.

Check Out Our Web Site

www.bloomingtonparks.org/soar.
Registration for Special Olympics Volleyball will begin on August 4.

Special Olympics Volleyball:
We offer two levels of Volleyball: Modified and Unified. We will do a Volleyball Assessment night to determine appropriate placement of each athlete to the correct level of play. You can certainly note your preference, but placement determination will be made by the coaching staff following the assessment night.

Special Olympics Modified Volleyball
Individuals with basic motor and cognitive skills appropriate for learning volleyball match play and competition are eligible for this program. Modified Volleyball uses a smaller court and a “trainer” ball for play. Rules are modified for learning volleyball team play. A minimum of three matches will be scheduled before the September volleyball qualifier.

Special Olympics Unified Volleyball
Individuals with basic motor and cognitive skills appropriate for volleyball match play and competition are eligible for this program. Athletes should have previous volleyball experience and may need to be at a higher level of play for this program, which will be determined at the Assessment Night.

This program will team Special Olympics athletes and athletes without intellectual disabilities (Unified Partners). The goal of this program is to provide an opportunity for athletes to grow and develop from peer encouragement at practice and during competitions. A minimum of three matches will be scheduled before the September volleyball qualifier.

These are Special Olympics sports training programs. A valid Special Olympics Application for Participation (medical) valid through October 2020 must be on file at the SOAR office by July 6 to participate. Teams who successfully complete these programs and advance beyond the September 27 qualifier will be eligible to compete in the Fall Games on October 24 - 25 in Rockford. Advancing teams will have additional practices scheduled.

Who: Ages 12 and older
When: More information regarding Assessment night will follow.
   MODIFIED: Tuesdays, August 11 - September 22
           5:30 - 7:00 pm
   UNIFIED: Thursdays, August 13 - September 24
           5:30 - 7:00 pm or 7:00 - 8:30 pm (depending on team assignment)
Where: Lincoln Leisure Center, gym
Cost: $38
Limit: Minimum 8; Maximum 12/team

Special Olympics & Recreational Bowling Information will be Available in August.
## Youth Summer Day Programs

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### SOAR for Starters

This program is targeted to youth that are too young for most other SOAR programs. A variety of activities including games, music, dance, fitness, crafts, and social activities will be provided. A 1:2 staff to participant ratio will be provided. Development of fundamental motor skills and eye-hand coordination will be emphasized. Dress in clothing for activity and wear tennis shoes. Since some activities involve things like paint, participants should also wear clothes that can get messy! **Two time slots are offered to accommodate more participants, please choose only one class time.**

**Who:** Ages 4 - 7  
**When:** Mondays, July 13 - 27  
10:00 - 11:00 am  
**OR**  
1:00 - 2:00 pm  
**Where:** Lincoln Leisure Center, room 208  
**Cost:** $24  
**Limit:** Minimum 3, Maximum 5

### Make Some Art!

Join us for some hands-on activities and crafts with a nature theme in mind – fun stuff inside and out, and maybe bringing the outside in! Be sure to wear clothes that don’t mind a messy activity!

**Who:** Ages 8 - 21  
**When:** Tuesdays, July 14 - 28  
1:00 - 2:30 pm  
**Where:** Lincoln Leisure Center, Room 208  
**Cost:** $16  
**Limit:** Minimum 4, Maximum 6

### Make Some Music!

Participants will engage in music making experiences including, but not limited to, movement, song writing, interactive instrument and ensemble play and relaxation strategies, that focus on each individual’s strengths and targets their needs. Interventions and activities will focus on communication, attention span/attention to task, building relationships and peer interaction all while participants have fun, laugh, play and make music. A Clinician from Developing Melodies will lead the first hour of this program.

**Who:** Ages 8 - 21  
**When:** Tuesdays, July 14 - 28  
3:00 - 4:30 pm  
**Where:** Lincoln Leisure Center, Room 208  
**Cost:** $24  
**Limit:** Minimum 4, Maximum 6

### In the Park

Movement games, mini sports activities, a walk...maybe yoga! Anything that gets our hearts pumping, our blood flowing and our feet moving! Dress to be active with lots of movement! Plenty of water will be provided.

**Who:** Ages 8 - 21  
**When:** Wednesdays, July 15 - 29  
3:00 - 4:30 pm  
**Where:** Miller Park Pavilion, lower level  
**Cost:** $16  
**Limit:** Minimum 4, Maximum 6

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Youth Summer Day Programs

**Explore Outdoors**
Hikes, outdoor games, even fishing could be the adventure of the day as we meet at a different park in Bloomington and Normal each week. Dress to be active and maybe get dirty! Water and a light snack will be provided.

**Who:** Ages 8 - 21  
**When:** Thursdays, July 16 - 30  
1:00 - 2:30 pm  
**Where:** location varies each week  
**Cost:** $16  
**Limit:** Minimum 4, Maximum 6

**Around the World!**
Join us for some hands-on activities and crafts with a different country and culture in mind each week - fun stuff inside and out, and maybe bringing the outside in! Be sure to wear clothes that don’t mind a messy activity! A light snack will be provided or made that day. *Two time slots are offered to accommodate more participants, please choose only one class time.*

**Who:** Ages 8 - 21  
**When:** Fridays, July 17 - 31  
1:00 - 2:30 pm  
**OR**  
When: Fridays, July 17 - 31  
3:00 - 4:30 pm  
**Where:** Lincoln Leisure Center, Room 208  
**Cost:** $16  
**Limit:** Minimum 6, Maximum 6

**Summer Club**
Teens and young adults: join us for a week of daily activities. We’ll be cooking, getting active outside, creating art and playing some games. Be sure to wear clothes that are comfortable for exercise and can get dirty.

When: Monday - Friday, August 3 - 7  
1:00 - 2:30 pm *(ages 13 - 19)*  
3:00 - 4:30 pm *(ages 20 - 26)*  
**Where:** Miller Park Pavilion  
**Cost:** $25  
**Limit:** Minimum 4, Maximum 6

**Cardio Fitness**
Get fit with SOAR! This program will focus on exercises designed to get our heart rate up and improve cardiovascular fitness. Participants will complete a variety of exercises each week as well as participate in health-related educational activities. Activities will be geared to the health level of each individual with a target goal of improving health, fitness, and well-being.

**Who:** Ages 22 and older  
**When:** Mondays, August 3 - 24  
6:15 - 7:15 pm  
**Where:** Lincoln Leisure Center, room 202  
**Cost:** $8  
**Limit:** Minimum 4; Maximum 6

**Craft Variety**
Summer means bright colors, sunny days and fun decorations. We’ll tackle a variety of summer themed projects including a wreath, string art and a 4th of July craft. Please wear clothes that can get messy as we’ll be using lots of paint and glue.

**Who:** Ages 22 and older  
**When:** Mondays, August 3 - 24  
7:30 - 8:30 pm  
**Where:** Lincoln Leisure Center, room 107  
**Cost:** $16  
**Limit:** Minimum 4; Maximum 6

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**NO Transportation Services will be offered this summer.**

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**Weekly Programs**

- **Mondays** -

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**Where:** Lincoln Leisure Center, room 107  
**Cost:** $16  
**Limit:** Minimum 4; Maximum 6

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- TUESDAYS -

Cooking on a Budget
In need of some cheap eats? We will be cooking up a full dinner that won't break the bank. Our challenge each week will be to not only prepare a low-cost meal, but make sure we include some fresh ingredients too. Each week, the participants will help chop, cut, mix or bake to help prepare our meals.

Who: Ages 22 and older
When: Tuesdays, August 4 - 25
6:00 - 7:30 pm
Where: Miller Park Pavilion, lower level
Cost: $20
Limit: Minimum 4; Maximum 6

- WEDNESDAYS -

Seat to SOAR
Get off your seat and soar with the SOAR walk/run club! This program encourages the lifetime fitness activities of walking and running. By using a progressive training program and walk/run mentors, you will be able to increase fitness and endurance at your own pace. The ultimate goal of this session is to be ready to enter some of the local fun run/walk races in the area. Two time slots are offered to accommodate more participants, please choose only one class time.

Who: Ages 22 and older
When: Wednesdays, August 5 - 26
5:00 - 6:00 pm
OR
When: Wednesdays, August 5 - 26
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Where: Miller Park Pavilion, lower level
Cost: $8
Limit: Minimum 4; Maximum 6

- THURSDAYS -

Pickleball
Pick up and tune up your Pickleball game playing a few doubles games. Loaner equipment available. Minimal instruction provided.

Who: Ages 22 and up
When: Thursdays, August 6 - 27
5:30 - 6:30 pm
Where: Miller Park Tennis Courts
Cost: $8
Limit: Minimum 2, Maximum 6

- FRIDAYS -

ZOOper Fridays
Calling all animal lovers! Each month, we’ll meet at the zoo to learn about a specific animal. We’ll also have a themed activity to go with what we’ve learned about. Wear your walking shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. Please wear a mask to enter the Zoo facilities.

Who: Ages 14 - 35
When: Friday, July 10
9:00 - 10:00 am
When: Friday, August 7
9:00 - 10:00 am
Where: Drop off/pick up at front entrance to Miller Park Zoo
Cost: $12 for each date
Limit: Minimum 4, Maximum 8
Special Events

**Foot Golf**
Learn the new game on the links! This will be an instructional night to learn about and play a little Foot Golf. You'll get to try your foot at the sport, walk the course, get to use a practice area for learning to get the ball into the hole and score! One good leg is all you need to be a part of this game! We will offer a 4 week “league” in the Fall so now is the time to give it a try!

Who: Ages 16 and up  
When: Friday, July 17  
5:30 - 7:00 pm  
Where: Highland Golf Course  
Cost: $6  
Limit: Minimum 4, Maximum 6

**Just Dance**
Ready to move? Grab your dancing shoes and your moves! We’ll use the Wii to get moving to some popular songs. **Two time slots are offered to accommodate more participants, please choose only one class time.**

Who: Ages 14 and up  
When: Friday, July 24  
5:30 - 6:30 pm  
**OR**  
When: Friday, July 24  
7:00 - 8:00 pm  
Where: Lincoln Leisure Center, room 107  
Cost: $6  
Limit: Minimum 2, Maximum 6

**Plant and Paint**
It's all about flowers in this program. First, we'll paint a floral print on a canvas. While our paint dries, we'll prepare a large pot for planting some flowers. You'll take home both to decorate your home. Be sure to wear clothes that can get dirty. **Two time slots are offered to accommodate more participants, please choose only one class time.**

Who: Ages 16 and up  
When: Saturday, August 1  
10:00 - 11:30 am  
**OR**  
When: Saturday, August 1  
1:00 - 2:30 pm  
Where: Lincoln Leisure Center, room 107  
Cost: $20  
Limit: Minimum 2, Maximum 6

NO Transportation Services will be offered this summer.
Backyard Battles
A fundraiser benefiting SOAR hosted by DESTIHL Brewery

Sponsored by

AUGUST 30 @ DESTIHL BREWERY • 1 - 4 PM
Destihl Brewery is located at 1200 Greenbriar Dr., Normal, Illinois

Teams of two will compete in a battle of classic backyard games for a prize from Destihl Brewery! This unique experience will feature several outdoor games, music, art sales and Destihl’s own “DUB-PUB” mobile taproom. Have fun while raising awareness and funds to provide recreation opportunities for people with disabilities in our community through the SOAR program.

Cost: $15/person • Register at BloomingtonParks.org

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Summer 2020 SOAR Program Registration Form

Please return the completed form along with the fee to the SOAR/Bloomington Parks and Recreation Office, PO Box 3157, Bloomington, IL 61702-3157. For further information, call (309) 434-2260.

Participant’s Name ______________________ Gender __________
Address ___________________________________________
City ________________________________ Zip __________ Home Phone ____________________
Age ___________ Birthdate ___________ Disability ______________________
Primary Emergency Contact ___________________________ 1st Phone ____________ 2nd Phone ______________
Secondary Emergency Contact(s) ___________________________ 1st Phone ____________ 2nd Phone ______________
T-Shirt/Jersey size ___________ Shorts/Pants size ___________ (only if registering for Special Olympics - adult sizes only)
E-Mail Address ________________

To help S.O.A.R. provide safe and satisfactory participation in programs, please list any changes in medications, behaviors, living situations or other issues that may effect participation in S.O.A.R. programs:

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Program Name: ___________________________________ Program Fee: $__________

Publicity Statement:  
I Do ☐ Do Not ☐ give my permission for pictures to be taken of the participant to be used by SOAR for the purpose of agency promotion and education.

Emergency Treatment Permission
I know that SOAR does not carry medical or accident insurance. My own health insurance must assume responsibility in the event of injury. I understand that every precaution is taken to protect the safety of each person.

I Do ☐ Do Not ☐ agree to emergency treatment by a physician or hospital in the event that I can’t be reached.

Signature of parent or legal guardian: ___________________________ Date: _____________

(participant needs to sign if own legal guardian)

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Name of Cardholder: _______________ Charge Amount: $__________

Authorized Signature: ___________________________
We have a new website and registration system.

Make your new household account today!

- Go to our NEW website BloomingtonParks.org
- Click on the "Register" button located at the upper right corner of your screen
- Top right hand corner hit "Create Household Account"
- Fill in all information listing PRIMARY contact first
- Your email address is required and becomes your "Username"
- Create your own password noting the password requirements
- After password verification add all additional household members by clicking "Add Member"
- Fill out all necessary information for each household member and click on "Continue" and "Add Member" until entire household is added to your account
- Hit "Submit" when finished. You will be logged in and can begin to register!

309-434-2200 • 115 E. Washington St.
BloomingtonParks.org

Procedures

Other ways to register - Return the seasonal registration form on page 19 and payment at the time of sign-up to the Bloomington Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts office. Registration may be done on-line, in person or through the mail. Registration may be done in person between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, or it may be mailed. Send to:

SOAR Program Registration
PO Box 3157
Bloomington, IL  61702-3157

Notification of Acceptance - SOAR will notify you only if you have not been accepted into a program. Once the registration procedure has been completed and accepted by SOAR staff you are registered. Please attend the program as scheduled in the brochure. Reminder memos are only sent for those events that state in the brochure...”reminder memo will be mailed.”

Program Cancellation
1. A program will be cancelled if the minimum number of participants needed is not met. SOAR staff will notify people by mail if this situation arises.
2. In cases of bad weather, participants should call the SOAR office at (309) 434-2260 or the Bloomington Parks and Recreation HOTLINE at (309) 434-2386 after 3:00 pm to see if a program has been cancelled.

Typo, Human Errors, We Goofed...!?
Occasionally there may be an error in days, times, registration requirements or fees in the brochure. If so, the staff will do everything possible to correct the situation promptly. Thank you for your patience and understanding should any of these situations arise.

Where Are We?
We are located in the Government Center building at 115 E. Washington St., Bloomington. Visitor parking is available across the street on the corner of East and Washington Streets.

Registration Deadline - Online registration begins at 7:00 am on July 7. Registration won’t be accepted for a program that has already begun. Registration deadline for all special events is one week prior to the date of each event if openings are available. Please register early; many SOAR programs fill quickly!

Payment Plans - Full payment of program fees should be included with the registration form. However, payment plans can be arranged for those individuals who need to spread their payment out over several months. Payment in full must be received in the SOAR office prior to registering for a new program session. Payments for special events must be paid in full at the time of registration. No payment plans will be set up after July 13.

Financial Assistance Policy - Partial financial assistance is available for those who need it in order to pay the program registration fees. Those requesting assistance need to fill out a Scholarship Request Form (available at Bloomington Parks and Recreation Office) and submit it to Nicole along with a completed registration form. Financial assistance is not provided for bowling fees or special events with contractual or admission costs. The deadline to request assistance for programs is July 13.
Refund Procedures

1. A full credit or refund will be issued if a program is cancelled by SOAR.

2. To be eligible for a requested refund, the request must be made no less than three business days prior to the start of the program.

3. A refund minus a $5 service charge will be issued to participants withdrawing from a program.

4. Refunds of special event/program fees for which SOAR has incurred a cost due to ticket purchase, deposits, rentals, etc. will only be made if SOAR is given 48-hour notice and the vacancy caused by the cancellation is filled. A $5 service charge will be deducted.

5. A pro-rated refund may be given if a program is deemed inappropriate for an individual.

6. Credits for future registration costs will be issued for all refunds of $20 or less.

7. Refunds will be issued by check on a monthly basis after being approved by the Bloomington City Council. Please allow at least three weeks for the processing of refunds.

Questions/Information

If there are any questions regarding eligibility, registration procedures, scholarships, transportation, or the SOAR program in general, feel free to contact the SOAR office at (309) 434-2260. TDD for the hearing impaired at (309) 829-5115. Fax: (309) 434-2483. Web site address is www.Bloomingtonparks.org/soar. Hotline: (309) 434-2386.

nkohler@cityblm.org
mrutenbeck@cityblm.org

Please...don’t call/leave messages for SOAR staff at Lincoln Leisure Center. This isn’t our office. All calls should go to (309) 434-2260.

Facility Directory

Highland Golf Course
1613 S. Main St
Bloomington, IL 61701

Lincoln Leisure Center
1206 S. Lee
Bloomington, IL 61701
(309) 434-2819

Miller Park Pavilion
1122 S Morris Ave
Bloomington, IL 61701
(309) 434-2255

COVID - 19

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Governor’s Plan to Restore Illinois, program modifications to class size and participant to instructor ratios have been made. In addition, all program participants will be required to wear face coverings and practice social distancing during their participation, until the orders expire.

As we move through the various phases outlined in the Governor’s Plan to Restore Illinois, we will continue to evaluate programming to determine what modifications and additions can be made to provide recreational and entertainment options for the community, so please expect updates as we go.

Please follow the posted signage when using city parks and trails this summer.
S.O.A.R. special opportunities available in recreation

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