



WINNEBAGO COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT & SUNNYVIEW EXPO CENTER MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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COVID-19
UPDATE

Schedule of Events

No events taking place on park properties during the month of April 2021 due to COVID 19.

A message from Winnebago County Emergency Management



The sun is shining, birds are singing, early flowers are beginning to peek through winter's brown grass. Spring will soon be here, and it is especially welcome after a long, difficult winter dominated by COVID-19.

Along with spring in Wisconsin comes an increased risk of severe weather, and the annual Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week. In 2021, this preparedness campaign will take place during the week of April 12–16. Does everyone in your family know what to do when severe weather threatens? This is an excellent time to talk about it.

- ✓ Start with a review of important messages from the National Weather Service. Make sure all family members know where to turn for current news and information – local TV or radio stations, a NOAA

weather radio, and smart phone apps can keep you informed.

- ✓ Talk about what makes a shelter a safe place, and where that could be if you're at home, at school, at work or outside.
- ✓ Discuss a family plan that includes an emergency meeting place, so you all know how to reach one another if you are not together when a storm hits.
- ✓ Register your family's cellular phones to receive emergency phone calls and text messages about impending disasters and emergencies in Winnebago County. For more information about this service and

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to sign up, go to www.co.winnebago.wi.us/emergency-management If you do not have access to a computer or need assistance registering, call 920-236-7460.

https://readywisconsin.wi.gov/wp-content/uploads/Be_Informed/PDF/Thunderstorms-Tornadoes.pdf

- ✓ Learn more about emergency preparedness from these websites:
www.co.winnebago.wi.us/emergencymanagement and
<http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>



Severe Weather Occurs Every Year in Wisconsin!

- Have a plan for different scenarios.
- Stay informed! Have multiple ways to receive forecasts and warnings.
- Take action!

<i>If you are:</i>	<i>Then:</i>
Inside a building without a basement	Move to a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and put as many walls as possible between you and the storm. Stay away from windows.
Inside a car, mobile home, or trailer	Leave and go to the designated storm shelter or the lowest floor of a sturdy nearby building.
On open water	Get to land and find shelter immediately
Outdoors with no shelter	Find a low area, lie flat and cover your head with your arms.
Anywhere you feel your hair stand on end (which indicates that lightning is about to strike)	Squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands over your ears and your head between your knee. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground – DO NOT lie flat on the ground.



NATIONAL KITE MONTH

How to fly a kite

<http://www.nationalkitemonth.org/how-to-fly-a-kite/>

Kite Flying is great fun and it's easy if you know some of Professor Kite's secrets. So grab your kite and join in the fun. The sky is big enough for EVERYONE!

The first thing you need to do is pick a kite. Fliers carry different types of kites for different winds. Kitefliers enjoy the different experiences each type offers.

Be sure your kite is put together correctly, or it may not fly.

Deltas, Diamonds and Dragon kites fly well in light to medium winds (approximately 6-15 mph) while Box Kites and stickless Parafoil kites fly better when the winds get a little stronger (approximately 8-25 mph).



Professor Kites General Rules for Picking Kite Days:

Because we don't control the wind, we learn to watch for the right kite flying conditions.

Wind that is too strong or too light is difficult to fly in. A flag or windsock is handy to help you see the wind. About 5-25 mph is best for most kites (when leaves and bushes start to move, but before it really starts to blow).

Flying is most fun when the wind is medium so you can do more than just hold on. You can make your kite dance across the sky by pulling in and letting out the line.

Flying Space should be a clear, open area. Stay away from roads, power lines or airports. Open fields, parks and beaches are great for flying kites. The more room you have, the more line you can let out.

Remember that as the wind goes over and around trees and buildings, it gets bumpy and difficult to fly kites in. Watch out for kite eating trees!

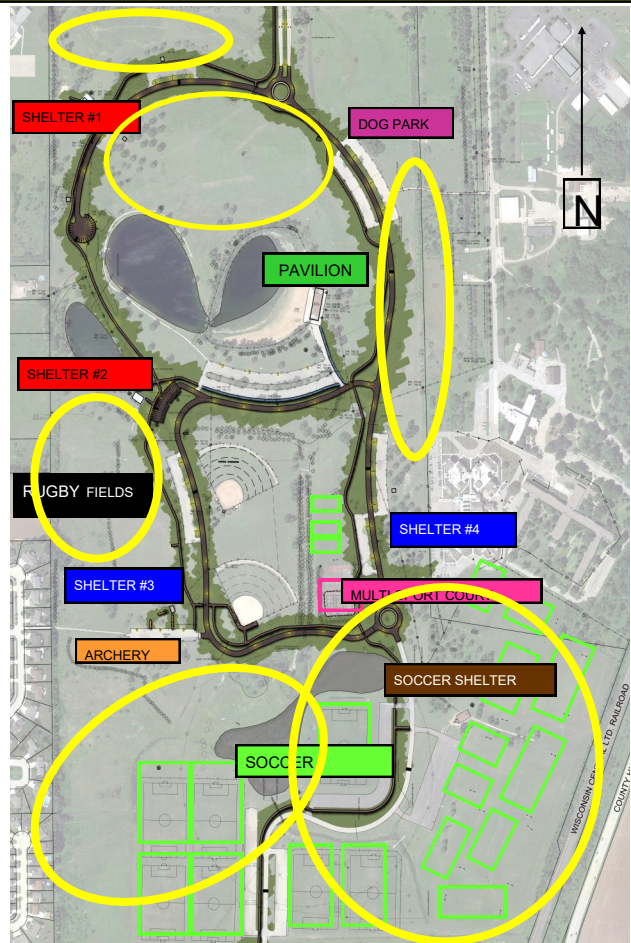


No Storms: Never fly in rain or lightning. Electricity in clouds is attracted to damp kite lines and foolish kite fliers.

Don't Experiment – Fly Safe!

Where can I fly a kite in Winnebago County Community Park?

The soccer and rugby fields when not in use are excellent areas for kite flying. When teams are playing on the fields there's several open grass areas away from trees and power lines that are open for kite flying. Stay clear of the dog park, multi-sport court, disc golf tees/holes, archery range and playground equipment.



Professor Kite Explains “How to Get Your Kite to Fly”

Kiters know that a kite has no “spirit” until it has been flown. Even if your kite is only for decoration, it should be flown at least once.

Single Line Kites:

Stand with your back to the wind. Hold your kite up by the bridle point and let the line out. If there is sufficient wind, your kite will go right up. Let the kite fly away from you a little, then pull in on the line as the kite points up so it will climb. Repeat this until your kite gains the altitude necessary to find a good steady wind.

Light Wind? Have a helper take the kite downwind and hold it up. On command, the helper releases the kite and the flier pulls the line hand-over-hand while the kite gains altitude. Practice this high-launch technique.

No Helper? Prop the kite up against a bush, post, or wall. Reel out enough line for altitude and simply pull the kite aloft.

If the kite sinks tail first, there might not be enough wind. If it comes down head first or spins, there might be too much wind. Different kites fly in different winds.

Bridles: If your kite has an adjustable bridle, move it higher (nearer the top) in higher winds, and lower (towards the tail) in lower winds. (Adjust no more than 1/2” at a time.)

Tails: Adding tails to your kite helps it remain stable in stronger winds. Use light-weight materials so you can use lots! Looks great!

Acrobatic Sport Kites:

The Safest Start: Lay out your stunter and lines completely before you launch. Check all connectors, un-snarl and straighten lines and tails.

Check the Bridles: Be sure they are adjusted correctly for the present conditions.

Enough line? Use at least 60’ – 100’ – so you have enough time to react. Be sure your flying lines are even. If one line is shorter, your kite will think you are pulling on that line and spin in that direction.

To Launch: Step backwards and pull both handles to your side. Be sure to check behind you for obstructions or hazards before backing up.

Control: Pull the left line to make the stunter turn left. Pull the right line to turn right. Hold them even to fly straight. Try not to over-control. Learn to “fly loops” instead of just spinning tight circles.

Lift and Speed: The more to the side of the wind the stunter flies, the less lift and speed it has. While learning to fly, keep the stunter downwind. As you get better, explore the more subtle levels of performance.

Safety: Always stay away from spectators or passers-by. You are responsible for the safe operation of your stunter. Sport Kites should never be flown in crowded areas.

Professor Kite says:

“Never be a danger to yourself or others. Most of all...Slow down, take it easy, and enjoy!”

Many wonderful people just like you, enjoy the pleasures and fellowship to be found at the end of a kite line. Sharing seems to make the fun even greater.

See You In the Sky!

Professor Kite and the Secret of Kites is available as a PDF file from the **AKA**.

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National Kite Month

National Kite Month is a not-for-profit venture co-founded by the American Kitefliers Association and the Kite Trade Association International. Kite events around the world help introduce people to the fun of kite flying, the rich history of kites, the stunning artistry of kitemakers, and how kites can be used as educational tools.

Professor Kite's Helpful Hints
(and a few common sense safety rules)

- Always fly kites away from airports, away from power lines, and never over roads.
- Always fly away from other people.
- Remember to be considerate of others.
- If you tangle lines with another kite, don't yank the line or it might break. Fliers should walk together and the tangle will slide right down the line to where you can unwrap it.
- If you think you're getting good... Offer to help a friend. Flying is fun... Pass it on.
- As a kiteflier, you are responsible to think about safety and what you are doing.

Spending Time Outdoors?



Be Aware of the Forecast Before You Head Out




Know How You Will Receive A Warning If One Is Issued



Know Where The Nearest Shelter Is Located



When Action Needs to be Taken, **DON'T WAIT!**

weather.gov/thunderstorm 



Weather Safety ON THE LAKE



KNOW THE FORECAST BEFORE HEADING OUT



HAVE A PORTABLE WEATHER RADIO OR AN AM/FM RADIO IN THE BOAT



IF SKIES TURN THREATENING, HEAD TO SHORE!



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April 12 - New Moon. The Moon will be located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This phase occurs at 02:32 UTC. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere.

April 22, 23 - Lyrids Meteor Shower. The Lyrids is an average shower, usually producing about 20 meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by dust particles left behind by comet C/1861 G1 Thatcher, which was discovered in 1861. The shower runs annually from April 16-25. It peaks this year on the night of the 22nd and morning of the 23rd. These meteors can sometimes produce bright dust trails that last for several seconds. The nearly full moon will be a problem this year. Its glare will block out all but the brightest meteors. But if you are patient you may still be able to catch a few good ones. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Lyra, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

April 27 - Full Moon, Supermoon. The Moon will be located on the opposite side of the Earth as the Sun and its face will be fully illuminated. This phase occurs at 03:33 UTC. This full moon was known by



early Native American tribes as the Pink Moon because it marked the appearance of the moss pink, or wild ground phlox, which is one of the first spring flowers. This moon has also been known as the Sprouting Grass Moon, the Growing Moon, and the Egg Moon. Many coastal tribes called it the Fish Moon because this was the time that the shad swam upstream to spawn. This is also the first of three supermoons for 2021. The Moon will be near its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual.



Radiant point of the April Lyrid meteor shower, active each year around April 22

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Spring has sprung and April is a great month to get outdoors and enjoy the many parks in Winnebago County. I hope that everyone had a nice time getting out and taking pictures at Shangri La Point Nature preserve last month. On April 22, we celebrate Earth Day, a day to learn about, and take action to help improve the natural health of our planet. In honor of Earth Day, which was started in Wisconsin, my prescription of parks for April is pick up trash to improve the health of our parks and our planet. Three park areas in the Winnebago County Parks System

are specific priority areas for the Fox-Wolf Watershed clean-up project on May 1st, but it is good to get a jump on this in the month of April. Asylum Point, Waukau Dam and along the Wiouwash Trail there are areas hosting cleanup activities from 9 a.m. to noon on May 1st. Please go to <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/20wcle/> to sign up. One of the major forms of trash that poses a significant risk to environment is plastics. While people usually think of the ocean when they think of plastic pollution, plastic bags, bottles and broken pieces of outdoor equipment often find its way into our local lakes and

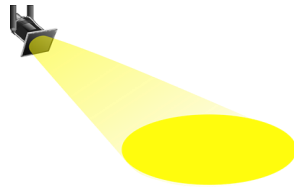
rivers. When larger plastic materials break apart, they are called microplastics. Microplastics are often swallowed by fish, birds, and other animals that make their homes in these watersheds. People also consume microplastics that are in the water supply and in foods we eat. Microplastics can contain chemicals that impair digestion, cause cancer and impair the ability of both people and animals to successfully reproduce. So simply picking up a plastic bottle or bag during a walk through a park or on a trail, can prevent microplastics from entering the environment and our bodies.

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Spotlight On



2021 EVENT ETTIQUETTE

With the opening of the Community Park and Sunnyview Expo Center for events next month there are a few necessities to take into consideration.

1. All event holders are required to provide a Covid Social Distancing Plan for Health Dept. approval prior to their event.
2. Though not unnecessarily restrictive, these plans are required in case of a 'worst case scenario'.
3. Participants, attendees, guests, and spectators for all events are expected to adhere to the guidelines required by the individual event's Covid Plan. Plans shall be made available onsite for information.
4. Law Enforcement has been notified of the

Covid Plan requirement and will respond if necessary for non-compliant violator complaints.

5. If there is any question as to the Covid Plan in place for an event, contact the individual event promoter for more information. Contact information can be found for all events on the Parks web page under the event calendar tabs.

It is important to be courteous to everyone attending or participating in events and comply with the Covid Plans in place by the event promoter. It is understood that there may be some minor inconveniences to endure, however the reopening of events is monumental progress from where we were as a community last year at this time.

Stay Safe, and Have Fun!



SOCCER SATURDAY



OSHKOSH CHARITY HORSE SHOW

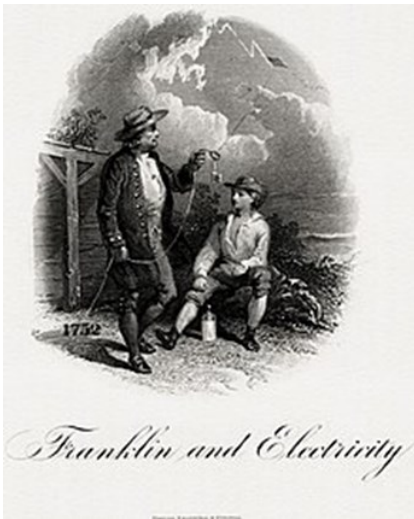


MIGHTY PIGS YOUTH RUGBY

KITES AND SCIENCE

and thunderstorms too

Franklin's kite experiment was performed in Philadelphia in June 1752, according to the account by Priestley.[6] Franklin described the experiment in the Pennsylvania Gazette in October 19, 1752,[7][8] without mentioning that he himself had performed it.[9] This account was read to the Royal Society on December 21 and printed as such in the Philosophical Transactions.[6] A more complete account of Franklin's experiment was given by Joseph Priestley in 1767, who presumably learned the details directly from Franklin, who was in London at the time Priestley wrote the book.[6]



The BEP engraved the vignette Franklin and Electricity (c. 1860) which was used on the \$10 National Bank Note from the 1860s to 1890s.

According to the 1767 Priestley account, Franklin realized the dangers of using conductive rods and instead used the conductivity of a wet hemp string attached to a kite. This allowed him to stay on the ground while his son assisted him to fly the kite from the shelter of a nearby shed. This enabled Franklin and his son to keep the silk string of the kite dry to insulate them while the hemp string to the kite was allowed to get wet in the rain to provide conductivity. A house key belonging to Benjamin Loxley was attached to the hemp string and connected to a Leyden jar; a silk string was attached to this. "At this key he charged phials, and from the electric fire thus obtained, he kindled spirits, and performed all other electrical experiments which are usually exhibited by an excited globe or tube." The kite was not struck by visible lightning; had it been, Franklin would almost certainly have been killed.[10] However, Franklin did notice that loose threads of the kite string were repelling each other and deduced that the Leyden jar was being charged. He moved his hand near the key and observed an electric spark, [6] proving the electric nature of lightning.[11]

The kite experiment was described in The Pennsylvania Gazette on October 19, 1752 as follows:

Franklin's Statement

Philadelphia, October 19, 1752

As frequent Mention is made in the News Papers from Europe, of the Success of the Philadelphia Experiment for drawing the Electric Fire from Clouds by Means of pointed Rods of Iron erected on high Buildings, &c. it may be agreeable to the Curious to be inform'd, that the same Experiment has succeeded in Philadelphia, tho' made in a different and more easy Manner, which any one may try, as follows.

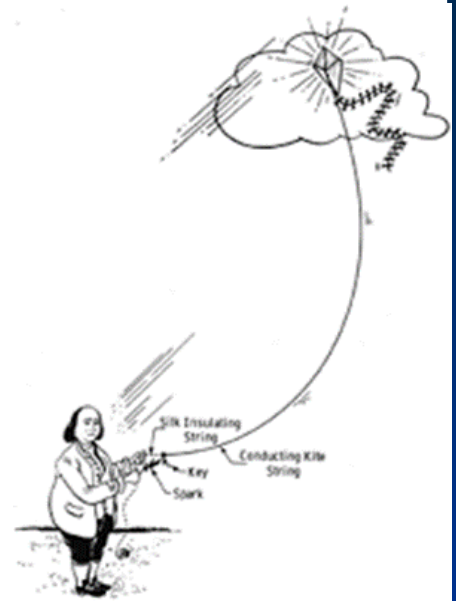
Make a small Cross of two light Strips of Cedar, the Arms so long as to reach to the four Corners of a large thin Silk Handkerchief when extended; tie the Corners of

the Handkerchief to the Extremities of the Cross, so you have the Body of a Kite; which being properly accommodated with a Tail, Loop and String, will rise in the Air, like those made of Paper; but this being of Silk is fitter to bear the Wet and Wind of a Thunder Gust without tearing. To the Top of the upright Stick of the Cross is to be fixed a very sharp pointed Wire, rising a Foot or more above the Wood. To the End of the Twine, next the Hand, is to be tied a silk Ribbon, and where the Twine and the silk join, a Key may be fastened. This Kite is to be raised when a Thunder Gust appears to be coming on, and the Person who holds the String must stand within a

Door, or Window, or under some Cover, so that the Silk Ribbon may not be wet; and Care must be taken that the Twine does not touch the Frame of the Door or Window. As soon as any of the Thunder Clouds come over the Kite, the pointed Wire will draw the Electric Fire from them, and the Kite, with all the Twine, will be electrified, and the loose Filaments of the Twine will stand out every Way, and be attracted by an approaching Finger. And when the Rain has wet the Kite and Twine, so that it can conduct the Electric Fire freely, you will find it stream out plentifully from the Key on the Approach of your Knuckle. At this Key the Phial may be charg'd; and from Electric

Fire thus obtain'd, Spirits may be kindled, and all the other Electric Experiments be perform'd, which are usually done by the Help of a rubbed Glass Globe or Tube; and thereby the Sameness of the Electric Matter with that of Lightning completely demonstrated.

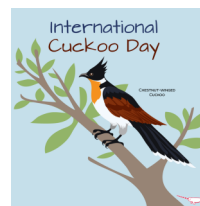
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kite_experiment



This and That,

In England there are many cuckoo festivals. The arrival of the cuckoo bird in April is a signal that spring has arrived.

No Foolin'?! Good to know.



<https://www.ducksters.com/history/aprilinhistory.php>

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WINDSOCK

Designed to indicate wind direction and relative wind speed. Windssocks typically are used at airports and at chemical plants where there is risk of gaseous leakage. They are sometimes located alongside highways at windy locations.



Listen for the whole story.



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Make it a Point to Visit Asylum Point Park this Spring

Situated on the shores of Lake Winnebago, Asylum Point Park is a tranquil area featuring miles of hiking trails, great fishing and a historic lighthouse. Park users are welcomed by beautiful landscapes of scenic lakefront, marshland and prairie.

Tall shade trees and the sound of waves along the shore make Asylum Point Park an ideal spot for a picnic. Wildlife is abundant in this area as many people have reported seeing deer, turkey, pheasants, eagles and foxes among other animals.

Anglers will enjoy fishing in the calm waters of Asylum Bay and quick access to Lake Winnebago. A boat launch, seasonal restrooms and shoreline fishing

make this an ideal place to catch walleye, small-mouth bass and white bass. It is also a popular spot for ice fishing in the winter and kayaking in the summer.

Hikers may be surprised at what they find while walking the trails of Asylum Point Park. The north end of the park is bordered by the Winnebago Mental Health Institute, formerly the Northern Asylum for the Insane. There is a museum located at the institute, which is occasionally open for tours.

Another unique area within the park is the Winnebago Mental Health Cemetery. There are 244 graves at this site. Some of the graves are marked with a small stone set in the ground; however, most graves are unmarked. This cemetery is closed to the public and park users are asked not to

cross the rope.

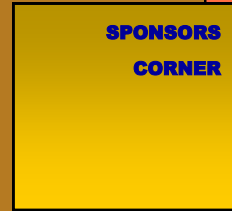
The Asylum Point Lighthouse sits on a small island in the bay. There is currently no foot access to the island and the lighthouse is closed to the public. It still remains a great place for photo opportunities and one of the best spots in the area to see the sunrise (and the sunset during the right time of year).

The park is located in the northeast corner of Oshkosh, about a half-mile east of County Road A near the intersection of Sherman and Snell Roads. A parking lot and hiking trail can be found at this intersection. Traveling south on Sherman Road will lead park users to the boat launch, park, hiking trails and lighthouse.



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LIVE MUSIC FEATURING
MIKE MALONE TRIO
FRIDAY APRIL 2
5:30-8:30PM



Mike Malone is a percussionist based out of Oshkosh. He has toured with the Glenn Miller Orchestra, Five By Design and Ray Brown Jr. He performs throughout the midwest with a variety of groups including The Pocket Kings, Water City Jazz Orchestra, Stuck On Blue, Salsa Manzana and more. His trio is filled out by top musicians based out of the Fox Valley. They play a mix of jazz standards, along with original compositions and arrangements.

Select your favorite wine, cider, or Knuth Brewing Company craft beer, custom order a wood fired pizza, and sit back and enjoy the music. **Wood fired pizza is served from 4pm - 8pm.**

FOR MORE APRIL EVENTS:
<https://vinesandrushes.com/events-list>

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