

Godley
Park District



Winter Brochure 2023/2024

Welcome to Godley Park District!

Just a short jog off Route 66, we are tucked away in the Southwestern corner of Will County in the Village of Godley. Our facilities, grounds, programs & events are open to visitors from all communities.



The Community Center is open Monday through Friday, from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. We are closed on Sundays. The grounds are open daily 6:00 am - 10:00 pm.

Our Community Center houses a gymnasium, fitness center, game room and child-care center. Our beautiful grounds include two large playgrounds, two softball/baseball fields, basketball & sand volleyball courts, various pavilions/gazebo, a pond, 1-mile paved walking path, and two off-leash dog parks.

Unique to our Park, is our Barn area behind the Community Center. There you can visit our donkeys, deer, horse, llama and sheep any time the grounds are open. Per doctor's orders, please refrain from feeding our furry friends.



Child Care & Preschool

Our Child Care Center offers a safe and educational environment to care for your children. Our secure facility operates from 6:00 am - 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Classrooms Offered:

- ◆ Infants & Toddlers (6 weeks - 2 years)
- ◆ Busy Bees (2-3 years)
- ◆ Early Childhood (3-5 years & potty-trained)
- ◆ Preschool - Terrific 3s & Fabulous 4s
- ◆ Before/After School Program (Kindergarten-12 years old from Reed-Custer Elementary & Middle Schools & Braceville Elementary)
- ◆ Summer Camp (school aged students)

Please call Jill Hook-Vollmer at (815) 458-6129 x5 for more information.

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We have a fun winter season lined up! If you would like to become a sponsor of any of our annual special events, please contact us.

Annual Craft Show Saturday, November 18 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Looking for the perfect way to jump start your holiday shopping? You're sure to find a special and unique gift here!

Santa's "Ugly Sweater" Shindig Saturday, December 9 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Mrs. Claus was cleaning out Santa's closet and found the ugliest sweater! He decided to wear it to our Shindig this year! Can you make or find a sweater (shirt or sweatshirt) uglier than Santa's to wear to dinner? We can't wait to see how "ugly" your outfit will be!

Fee: \$6 ages 1-12; \$10 ages 13-adult
Register/Pay by November 27; Pre-registration only. No walk-ins.

Tree Lighting Celebration Saturday, December 9 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Come celebrate with us as we begin the holiday season with the lighting of our giant tree! Our Tree Lighting Celebration will be complete with hot chocolate, inflatables, and much more in our warm, cozy gymnasium.

Free admission for all ages

Winter Carnival Friday, January 12 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Get out of the cold and join us for a fun carnival game night. The kids will enjoy earning tickets at various carnival games that they'll trade in for prizes. We'll also have hot dogs, popcorn and inflatables.

Ages 6-12 years, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian
Fee: \$6 pre-registration through January 11; \$8 day of event or at the door

Wee Winter Carnival Friday, January 26 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

The same carnival fun but for the "wee littles".

Ages 2-5 years, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian
Fee: \$6 pre-registration through January 25; \$8 day of event or at the door

Sweeties Dance* Saturday, February 10 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

This annual dance for kids is always a good time! Concessions will be available.

Grades 1st - 8th grade
Fee: \$5 per child at the door

**For security purposes, a parent or guardian must come into the Community Center after the dance to pickup child(ren).*

Special Events

Programs

Family Bingo Nights

Take a Friday night off from cooking! Let us feed you and your family while you all enjoy playing bingo for prizes! Pre-registration only. No walk-ins.

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Ages: 5 to Adult

Fees: \$6 ages 5-12, \$10 ages 13+

Taco Bingo: January 19

Register/Pay by January 12

Karate

Learn the basics of traditional Japanese style of karate, known as Shorei Goju.

Students are taught flexibility exercises combined with the kicking, punching and self-defense techniques of karate workouts. **Must have been enrolled in Session 1 to attend future sessions.**

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Ages: 5 years - Adult

Fees: \$44 one day per week per session

\$64 two days per week per session

Session 2: November 7 - January 4
(no class November 21 & 23)

Register/Pay by November 7

Session 3: January 9 - February 29

Register/Pay by January 9

Circle Jam

Do you play a musical instrument and want to join other musicians for a jam session? Give Circle Jam a try! This FREE program is held at the Rec Hall (next to the water tower). **Saturdays, December 9, January 13, February 10 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

Gong Meditation

We will begin & end with a brief guided meditation in order to draw you deeper into the experience. Cory Flanigan will play the gong for an hour. Wear layers of comfortable clothing that do not constrict the body, allowing for deep abdominal breathing and warmth. Bring a mat to lie on as well as a pillow and blankets as needed. Arrive early to allow yourself time to settle into the space.

Friday, December 1 & February 2 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)

Fees: \$25 per person

Call to pre-register & pay up until the day of class. Maximum of 25 participants per session. Walk-ins are welcome if maximum has not been met. *Cash/check only at the door.*

Youth Basketball

Saturdays, January 6 - February 24, 2024

This camp is designed to teach basic basketball fundamentals, such as dribbling and passing. Students will put these practices to trial in friendly scrimmage games.

1st - 3rd grade 9:00 am - 10:00 am \$35

4th - 5th grade 10:00 am - 11:30 am \$50

6th - 8th grade 11:30 am - 1:00 pm \$50

Register/Pay by: January 3, 2024

T-shirt size needed upon registration



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Fitness Center

The Park District Fitness Center offers state of the art fitness equipment. The Fitness Center is available during the hours that the Community Center is open. A fitness membership entitles the member to the access to the gymnasium (for no extra charge) during open gym times. Yearly, monthly & daily memberships are available.



Payment of membership fees and completed waiver is required before you are permitted to use the Fitness Center. Fitness members ages 13-17 are allowed but MUST be under direct supervision of a legal guardian who is also a fitness member. Locker room/shower facilities are available. Rates can be found on our website. Godley residents must show current proof of residency to receive resident rates.



January Fitness Center Special!

Keep your New Year's Resolution to get fit with a yearly membership to our Fitness Center! New members & those who have not had a membership in the past 12 months will receive 50% off our regular annual membership fees during the month of January.

Membership fees must be paid in full at the time of registration. Excludes "Additional Family Member" rates. Valid January 2 - January 31, 2024.

Fitness Center Amenities Include:

- ◆ Weight Machines
- ◆ Free Weights
- ◆ Kettlebells
- ◆ Cardio Equipment
- ◆ TVs
- ◆ Locker Rooms
- ◆ Water Bottle Refill Station

Gymnasium - Open Gym Time

Patrons from all communities are welcome to use our gymnasium during open gym times. Please call ahead for availability or check the calendar on the board outside the gym. Open to all ages. The fee for ages 18+ is \$2.

Outdoor Walking Path, Basketball Court, Volleyball Court

A 1-mile, paved path throughout the park is available for walking or biking. There is an outdoor basketball and sand volleyball court on the grounds that are free to use.



Fitness

Rentals

Start your 2024 party planning now and host your next event with us!

We have a wide range of options for both indoor and outdoor parties, events, sports practices & activities.

INDOOR

Rec Hall - Our Rec Hall is great for smaller parties such as a birthday party or baby/wedding shower. Maximum capacity is 80 people.



Gymnasium - Our Gymnasium can be booked two different ways. Hourly bookings are great for things such as a sports practice. Banquet bookings are available for bigger events such as a wedding, fundraiser or sports banquet. Maximum capacity for gym rentals is 450 people.

Inflatables in the Gym - Not sure what to do for your child's birthday party? Host a party in the gymnasium with our inflatables! We'll set up our bounce castle and slide for your child and their friends to enjoy for at least 2 hours.



Batting Cage - Did you know we have a batting cage and pitching machine? Now you do! Rent our batting cage by the hour to get in that pre-season practice.

OUTDOOR

Gazebo - Our gazebo can fit up to 60 people for a smaller outdoor event.

Large Pavilion - Our large pavilion offers the perfect shelter for an outdoor event. It is close to our pond which provides a lovely background for pictures. The pavilion can seat up to 250 of your closest friends & family.

Softball Fields - When you're ready to move baseball/softball practice outside, we have two fields that are available for hourly rentals. This is also a great option for a child's baseball/softball themed birthday party.



Gazebo (60 people)



Large Pavilion (250 people)

Seniors ALIVE!

Hey Seniors! Let's play some bingo and enjoy a delicious lunch with friends! Those 55+ are invited to join us the first Tuesday of every month for a morning of bingo, lunch, laughter and friendship. Food menu changes monthly.

Bingo starts at 10:30 am. Fee is \$10 per date.

November 7 Register/Pay by October 31
December 12 Register/Pay by November 28
January 2 Register/Pay by December 26
February 6 Register/Pay by January 30

Godley Resident Luncheon

Adults 21+ from the Village of Godley can join us for a complimentary luncheon. Bingo starts at 10:00 am and lunch is served at noon. Come have fun with your neighbors!

November 16 Register by November 9
December 21 Register by December 14
January 18 Register by January 11
February 15 Register by February 8

Lunch Out & About

Come join the laughter and fun as we venture to different restaurants. Fee is \$6 for transportation. Lunch is on your own. All trips depart at 10:30 am.

Date:	Where to:	Register/Pay by:
November 22	The Country Farmhouse (Morris)	November 15
December 20	Family House Restaurant & Bar (Bradley)	December 13
January 24	Turtle's Tap (Morris)	January 17
February 28	La Mex Fine Mexican Cuisine (Morris)	February 21

Branson Holiday Extravaganza



Enjoy this 5 day/4 night trip to Branson, MO, with admission to special holiday shows, plus 8 meals (4 breakfasts & 4 dinners).

Dates: Monday, December 4 - Friday, December 8, 2023
Departs at 8:00 am on December 4th.

Fees: \$775 per person for double occupancy
\$910 per person for single occupancy

Payment due upon registration.

The Ark Encounter & Creation Museum, Williamstown, Kentucky

Enjoy this 5 day/4 night trip to the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum. You'll bear witness to a life-size replica of Noah's Ark, a massive ship with 3 decks depicting the Biblical account. Trip fee also includes 8 meals (4 breakfasts & 4 dinners).

Dates: Monday, April 22 - Friday, April 26, 2024
Departs at 8:00 am on April 22nd.

Fees: \$779 per person for double occupancy
\$958 per person for single occupancy

Sign up now with your \$75 deposit!
Final payment due January 25, 2024



Adult Programs & Trips

For questions or more information regarding trips, contact Angie at (815)458-6129 x2.

GPD Board Meetings

Our board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month beginning at 5:00 pm in the Community Center conference room.

The next meeting dates are: November 14, December 12, January 9, February 13

GPD Building Closures

The Community Center will be closed on the following holiday dates:

November 10 - Veteran's Day
November 23 & 24 - Thanksgiving
December 22 - Closing at 1:00 PM

December 25 - Christmas Day
January 1 - New Year's Day

For emergency closing information due to weather, please follow our Facebook page and check our website often for the most up-to-date information.

Save the Date

March 2 - Melissa's Closet

March 23 - Easter Egg Hunt

Exciting News!

We're expanding! A new kitchen addition is being built onto the existing building. Upon completion, this kitchen will be the new home for our special events concession stand and our annual Friday night fish fry dinners will be back in full swing. Follow us on Facebook for updates.

GPD staff has made every effort to prepare this brochure as accurately as possible. However, errors can occur. Circumstances may require that adjustments be made to programs, fees, schedules, etc. GPD reserves the right to make any such adjustments. The District apologizes for any inconvenience these errors or adjustments may cause.



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